

ALUMNI NEWS

Howard B. Lewis

HOWARD B. LEWIS, one of the Institute's most active alumni, died of a heart attack at his home on Lido Isle on November 28. He was 57 years old.

Howard Lewis became a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association in 1946. The same year he was appointed chairman of the Alumni Fund Study Committee, and in 1947 he played the leading part in launching the Caltech Alumni Fund. Under his guidance, the fund organization gave Caltech its Alumni Swimming Pool in 1953 and by 1957 had endowed four 4-year Alumni Scholarships. He was elected vice president of the Alumni Association in 1947-48, and president in 1948-49. He became chairman of the Alumni Fund Council in 1955, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was a loyal friend of the Institute, and had been a member of the California Institute Associates since 1947. Mrs. Lewis is also an Associate. He was a contributor to the Caltech Sailing Club and to the Clinton Judy Fund. He also established the John C. Lewis Memorial Fund for his older brother.

Howard Lewis was born in Riverside, California, on April 18, 1900. He entered Caltech in 1919 when it was still Throop College of Technology, and received his BS in 1923. He got his ME degree at Cornell University the following year, then spent a year as a teacher of physics in the Riverside, California, High School. In 1925 he went to work as an experimental engineer at the Hughes Tool Company, and in 1926 became manager of the Hughes Development Company, and general manager and assistant to the president of Multicolor, Ltd. (a laboratory which processed motion picture film).

In 1931 he joined the Thompson Manufacturing Company as chief engineer, then, from 1932 to 1938, worked as an independent consulting engineer. He was president of the Product Service Company from 1938 to 1940. Since 1941 he had been a partner in the Lewis-Larson Company of Los Angeles, which is a consulting engineering firm.

In 1949 he was elected a member of the Caltech chapter of Tau Beta Pi because of his outstanding achievement in engineering since graduation. He was a consultant to the Secretary of the Navy in 1953, and also served on the Navy's Plant Review Board.

Howard Lewis had for many years been active in yachting circles. He had been Staff Commodore of the Lido Isle Yacht Club, secretary of the Southern California Yachting Association, and a director of the Newport Ocean Sailing Association.

Besides his widow, Howard Lewis leaves three sons

—John, Howard, Jr., who was graduated from Caltech in 1948, and Richard—and 5 grandchildren.

In a tribute to Howard Lewis, President DuBridge said, "His passing is a stunning blow to his friends and to Caltech. His devotion to the welfare of the Institute has endeared him to the faculty and administration. His counsel, encouragement and friendship will be sorely missed."

Dinner-Dance

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER-DANCE will be held this year at the Candlewood Country Club at 14000 Telegraph Road in Whittier on Saturday, February 22. This is an opportunity to relax in intimate nightclub surroundings while dining or chatting with friends over cocktails. You can take a spin on the dance floor both during dinner and after. Notices will be in the mail late in January—so be sure to save this date for a gala evening.

—James C. Crosby, Chairman

Jerry Geisler



JERRY GEISLER, who was the defense attorney in the White Flame murder case, the Pantages case, the Errol Flynn case, and many other outstanding trials, will be the speaker at the Alumni Dinner Meeting to be held at the Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles on January 16. Mr. Geisler's talk—"The Chain of Life as Forged by Fate"—will be

based on a full storehouse of colorful stories about famous trials in which he has been involved. Mr. Geisler's career since his graduation from the University of Southern California Law School, and his earlier association with Earl Ragers, well known criminal lawyer, has been one of distinction. He has been chairman of the California State Horse Racing Board, chairman of the California State Athletic Commission and a governor of the State Bar of California.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., preceded by cocktails at 6 p.m. Reservations should be made with the Alumni Office as soon as notices are received. The Program Committee firmly believes that the alumni, their wives and guests will enjoy this outstanding affair—so mark the date: January 16.

—Donald D. Mon, Chairman