

# Personals

1915

*Herbert B. Holt* died of a stroke on August 31 at the age of 70 in Pasadena. He was vice-chairman of the board of directors of the Bekins Van & Storage Company.

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, he came to California in 1906. He married Ruth Bekins in 1920 and, two years later, joined the Bekins company as a clerk. Mr. Holt was a life member of the Caltech Alumni Association and in 1941-2 served as secretary, membership chairman, and chairman of the committee on placement and campus relations.

1918

*Noel Pike* writes that he has been electric power advisor with the U.S. Operations Mission, which is the local agency of A.I.D. in Saigon, Vietnam, since August 1961. He retired in April 1961 as managing director of the Colombian electric properties of the American and Foreign Power Company. Noel is due to stay in Vietnam until August 1963; after that he talks of settling on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, or perhaps building a boat and having it shipped back to the Pacific Northwest or Canada. Noel's daughter is married to a captain on Continental Airlines and they live in El Paso with their three children. He also has a married son who is a lawyer in Mexico City.

1920

*George O. Suman* retired on May 31 from the Tidewater Oil Company in Los Angeles after nearly 42 years of service. He was San Joaquin Valley district production manager. The Sumans live in Kern City with their five children: Robert, 16; Dorothy, 15; Clinton, 14; Karyn Lee, 11; and Anne, 9.

*Howard D. Hoenshel, MS*, retired last spring as product manager for nylon intermediates in Du Pont's polychemicals department in Wilmington, Delaware. He had been with the company since 1926.

1929

*Dallas E. Cole* is now chief engineer of the Colorado River Board. He was formerly assistant. The Coles, who live in San Gabriel, have twin daughters—one of whom is married to *Ronald Dettling '57*.

1931

*George Langsner*, assistant state highway engineer for the California Division of Highways in Sacramento, has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the Highway Division, American Society of Civil Engineers. His son, Robert, graduated from Caltech last June.

1937

*At the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1937 in June of 1962, the alumni present furnished the following personal information:*

*Walter L. Moore*, chairman of the department of civil engineering at the University of Texas, was unable to attend the 25th reunion but wrote:

"Since 1947 I have been teaching at the University of Texas and have raised one native Californian and three native Texans. The native Californian is a girl and will be ready to enter college a year from this September. We have two girl Texans, ages 15 and 8½, and one boy Texan, age 7. The three girls, at least, are showing up with excellent scholastic records, but the boy, who is now in the first grade, has not yet determined his academic bent. He is, however, doing a lot of reading and may tune-up his academic abilities.

"We have enjoyed a few brief contacts with the LeVan Griffises since they moved to Houston, with Bob Mahoney during visits to New York, and with some of the Californians during our visits there. I would like to have a chance to visit the other CIT'ers of the '37 vintage, and invite any who are passing through Austin to stop by for a visit."

*George Mann* has three girls and one boy, ages 1 to 18 years. He is now teaching mechanical engineering at Los Angeles State College. His first job out of school was at Lockheed, after which he started a small company in which he is still active.

*W. Gordon Wylie* has been with the U.S. Weather Bureau since September 1937. The last 3½ years he has spent in Wichita, Kansas. Previous assignments were in Fresno, Burbank, at UCLA for graduate work in meteorology, Seattle, and Honolulu. Gordon has a son Bruce, 22, a daughter Karen, 19, both in Kansas State University. He also has two other daughters, Joanne, 14 and Anita, 10.

*Hugh Warner* is married and has two children, one of each. He is production manager of the Data Processing Systems Branch of Librascope Division, General Precisions, Inc., in Glendale, California.

*Jim Seaman* has been engaged in electrical engineering for the Southern California Edison Company for 25 years. He has a 21-year-old son in the Navy at Pearl Harbor, serving as an electronics technician with hopes of being admitted to Caltech. His daughter is starting San Marino High. His wife is president of the Oxy Alpha Sorority Alumni Association.

*Ted Fahrner* graduated in electrical engineering but has worked principally in mechanical engineering. He is now a nuclear engineer with E. H. Plesset Associates in Los Angeles. Ted has been

married for 20 years and boasts 5 children; 3 boys and 2 girls, ages 18 to 5.

*R. Bruce Lockwood* is engaged as a geologist in consulting engineering work.

*Mac McSparran* attended Harvard Business School from 1937 to 1939. He has been with ALCOA since 1939, starting with the ALCOA Vernon Works, where he spent 6 years in industrial engineering and production control. Since 1945 he has been engaged in sales. Mac's wife, Lora, of Glendora, is a native Californian. They have three children.

*Thomas Davis, ex 37*, is the southern California engineering representative for the Boeing Company. Tom lives in Altadena, and is married to Mildred Anna Edmonson from Akron, Colorado. The Davises have a daughter, Margaret, age 8, sons Thomas, 4 and James, 17 months. The latter is a third generation Californian.

*Martin H. Webster* is a partner in the law firm of Webster and Abbot, in Beverly Hills. Familial encumbrances include a wife and 2 children, ages 13 and 11.

*Dan Gerlough*, after many years on the faculty at UCLA, joined Ramo-Wooldridge in 1959. Dan is in charge of group study applications of computers for traffic control. He is married and has one daughter.

*Chuck Woolsey* is married with two children, a boy, 20, and a girl, 14. He is an applied chemist turned metallurgist. When he first got out of school, he helped General Electric develop and build flatirons in Ontario. During the war he was engaged in project work at Tech. He was with Food Machinery Corporation on the Watt Buffalo job for awhile. For six years after the war he was at NOTS. Chuck is now with Atomic International as Assistant to the Director of the Fuels and Materials Department.

*Virgil Erickson* is in the manufacturing business. He is married and has five children, one in college this fall, 2 boys and 3 girls.

*John P. Selberg* is married and has three children, a daughter 16, starting college in 1962. John's son is 15, a 6-footer, and wants to go to Tech. The 12-year-old son is in junior high. John is working for Standard Steel Corporation.

*Joe Axelrod* is with Lear, Inc., in Santa Monica. Joe was formerly at Hughes in x-ray diffraction, and earlier with the U.S. Geological Survey working on the physics and chemistry of minerals. Joe is presently engaged in growing crystalline thin films of semi-conductors.

*Carl Johnson* is a consulting structural

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engineer in the firm of Johnson and Nielson, Los Angeles and Riverside. Carl and his wife, Margaret, have three children, David, 12, Christine, 16, and Ann, 21, who graduated from Occidental College in June.

Wendell B. Miller is college relations supervisor for the Pacific Telephone Company. Wendell lives in Arcadia, is married and has four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. He has worked for Pacific Telephone since graduation and has lived in Arcadia since 1941.

George Carroll operates a "1½-man" structural engineering office. George lives in Pasadena and is married, with one 9-year-old daughter.

Irv Ashkenas is vice president of Systems Technology, Inc., in Inglewood. Irv has three boys and lives in Beverly Hills.

Bob Campbell has been with Southern California Edison since graduation. He lives in Arcadia with his wife Barbara. His daughter Barbara is at the University of California at Riverside, and Bonnie is a senior at Arcadia High.

Carl "Swede" Larson is projects manager for Emil R. Wohl Construction Company. Carl has been married for 23

years and has three boys, Carl, 21, Robert, 9, and James 7, and two girls, Mary K, 16 and Kristine, 14.

Ed Price received his PhD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950. He married Margaret Muckleston in 1942. Margaret and Ed have five children. Ed's present position is professor of geography at Los Angeles State College.

Wilbur F. Snelling lives in Portuguese Bend, California, with his wife Theodora. His son, John, is at Claremont Mens College and his daughter Sally at Chadwick School. Wilbur is executive vice president of North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles Division. He reports that he took up skiing at age 45—one broken leg. He took up tennis at age 46—no casualty as yet.

Al Zimmerman is living in San Gabriel and working for American Pipe and Construction Co. Al has been married for 20 years, has one daughter, age 18, who graduated from high school in June.

Paul Schaffner is assistant vice president of the insurance brokerage firm of Marsh & McLennan-Cosgrove & Company of Los Angeles. After graduation he was with the Board of Fire Underwriters for the Pacific for one year, and

has been with his present employer since then. Paul and his wife Eunice live in La Canada and have two daughters, Vicky, 16, and Diana, 13.

Walton A. Wickett lives in Atherton, California, and is with the Menlo School and College in Menlo Park.

—Paul C. Schaffner  
1937 Class Secretary

1941

R. Carroll Maninger is now on the staff of the electronics engineering department of the University of California's Radiation Laboratory in Livermore. The Maningers, who live in Palo Alto, have three children.

1948

Jesse R. Singleton, PhD, died of cancer on July 7 in a New York hospital. He was teaching in the department of biological sciences at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, where he had been for eight years. A short time before his illness and death, he had received a large grant from the National Science Foundation to develop an institute at Purdue where his new method of teaching biology would be used on graduate students.

Jesse leaves his wife, Dr. Katerina Singleton, who teaches Russian at Purdue; his son John, 9; his mother, a brother and two sisters.



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