

Personals

1924

SYDNEY F. DUNCAN, BS '24 ME, BS '25 EE, MS '39, died of leukemia on April 14 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. He was 60. He has served as director of research and development for the Farr Company in El Segundo since 1951. Shortly after graduation, Mr. Duncan worked with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, and the Bailey Meter Company in Cleveland. He returned to teach mechanical engineering at the University of Southern California in 1929 and was made a full professor in 1947. He became head of the mechanical engineering department in 1948 and held that position until he joined the Farr Company.

He leaves his wife; a son, Alan; and a daughter, Mrs. Janice Thomas.

1925

ALBERT CHAPMAN is still on the manufacturing staff of the plant engineering office of the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich. He is responsible for worldwide company maintenance. In the past two years he has visited plants in London, Antwerp, Cologne, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen. Mr. Chapman is currently chairman of the Detroit Section of the ASME.

1928

NICHOLAS A. D'ARCY died on March 7 at a Los Angeles hospital. He was 58. He was a manufacturer's representative and was affiliated with the Registered Mechanical Engineers Association; the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, as well as many other organizations.

Mr. D'Arcy was an Eagle Scout, a Scout Master, and an honorary life member of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers. He was also a member of the board of the Neuropsychiatric Foundation and a former member of the Governor's Safety Council. He served as Alumni Seminar Chairman in 1947 and on the Board of Directors in 1948-50.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Anthony; and a daughter, Mary.

1932

LYNN H. RUMBAUGH, PhD, died of a heart attack at his home in Bethesda, Md. on March 11. He was a senior staff member and research director at the Research Analysis Corporation in McLean, Va. At the time of his death, he was engaged as scientific advisor in a high-priority program affecting U.S. Army tactical operations.

He was an expert in harbor defenses and undersea warfare, and served as scientific advisor to the Allied Naval Forces in the Southwest Pacific in 1941-42. In 1942 he was named chief of the Navy's research and torpedo engineering division, and in 1945 he became chief of the Navy's research department, and a deputy technical director in 1948.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Jeffrey and Philip; and two daughters, Carolyn Gehring and Susan.

1933

ROBERT C. KENDALL, MS, has been appointed senior staff geophysicist in the exploration department of the Shell Company's New Orleans exploration and production area. He was formerly chief geophysicist for the company in Denver, Colo. He has been with Shell since 1936. The Kendalls have two children; a son, Second Lt. Robert M. Kendall, stationed at Fort Hood, Tex.; and a daughter, Elizabeth, who plans to teach in Colorado.

1941

ROBERT G. COOPER has been appointed resident director of the Upper School of the Ojai Valley School.

JOSEPH W. LEWIS, vice president of Beckman Instruments Inc., in Fullerton, has been appointed to the San Marino, Calif., Board of Education.

1942

HENRY W. MENARD, MS '47, professor of geology at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, was one of the speakers at a symposium on "The Oceans" at the Municipal Auditorium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 3. He has been a leader or member of numerous expeditions to the deep Pacific and Atlantic.

1944

W. MILTON SWANSON, MS '48, ME '51, has been appointed chairman of the mechanical engineering department at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He has also been made professor of mechanical engineering. He has been at Washington since 1960 and, prior to that, he taught at the Case Institute of Technology. The Swansons live in Brentwood with their three children.

1945

ROBERT E. LEO writes that he "is on leave of absence from Montana State College to be technical director of the Stanford Research Institute Bangkok Communications R&D Laboratory in Thailand. We are doing research on communication problems, ionospheric physics, satellite reception, helping to solve Thai

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MERRITT A. WILLIAMSON, MS, dean of the College of Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University, was the key speaker at dedication ceremonies for the new Charles River Campus building and facilities of Boston University's College of Industrial Technology on Feb. 27.

1946

COL. JOHN C. NICKERSON, MS, was killed on March 1 in a two-car crash at Alamogordo, N.M. His wife also died and two sons, Danny, 12, and H. R., 9, were injured. Two older children also survive.

Col. Nickerson had been stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso since 1960. In 1957, he drew national attention for accusing Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson of jeopardizing the national defense program by limiting the Army to development and use of short-range missiles. Because, in supporting his views, Col. Nickerson allegedly released confidential information, he was accused of espionage and perjury. At the time, he was stationed at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala. The charges were later reduced to disobedience and he pleaded guilty at a

court martial. He was fined \$1500 and suspended from rank for one year and publicly reprimanded. His punishment, equivalent to banishment, sent him to assignment in the Panama Canal Zone.

In 1958, the Army restored his full security clearance, and in 1960 returned him from the Panama Canal assignment to Texas.

1948

ARTHUR O. SPAULDING, MS '58, petroleum administrator for the City of Los Angeles, writes that in 1949 he joined the Shell Oil Company as an exploitation engineer, and worked for them until 1957 in California, Texas and New Mexico. He received his MS in geology from Caltech in 1958, and then became an administrative geologist for the City of Los Angeles. In 1959 he was employed by the State Board of Equalization as a senior petroleum and mining appraisal engineer to appraise mineral deposits throughout California for property tax purposes. He returned to the City of Los Angeles in 1962, and is now concerned with leasing and development of lands owned by the City for the exploration of oil and gas.

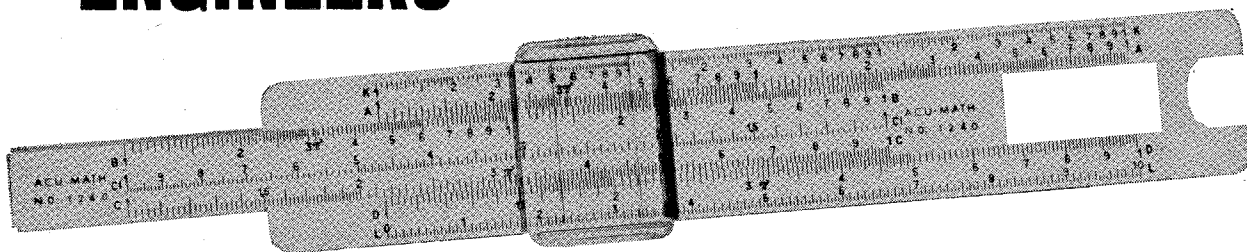
JAMES C. FLETCHER, PhD, founder and chairman of the board of the Space-

General Corporation in El Monte, has been named eighth president of the University of Utah, effective July 1. Dr. Fletcher is also vice president of the Aerojet-General Corporation of Azusa, which owns Space-General. He serves as a consultant to the Federal government and has taught science at UCLA, Caltech, Harvard and Princeton. The Fletchers have four children.

LEONARD F. HERZOG II, founder and president of the Nuclide Corporation, Nuclide E. Analysis Associates, and Radionuclide at State College, Pa., and Boston, Massachusetts, was the recipient of one of the 12th annual 1964 American Success Awards presented by the Free Enterprise Awards Association in April. The awards are given to ten men who rose from the ranks to own or head giant industries — examples of the success possible to all people under America's democracy.

RICHARD G. PLATZEK, MS '49, is now director of the microelectronics laboratory at the Autonetics Division of North American Aviation, Inc., in Anaheim, Calif. He had formerly been manager of Data Systems' components engineering dept. He has been with North American since 1949.

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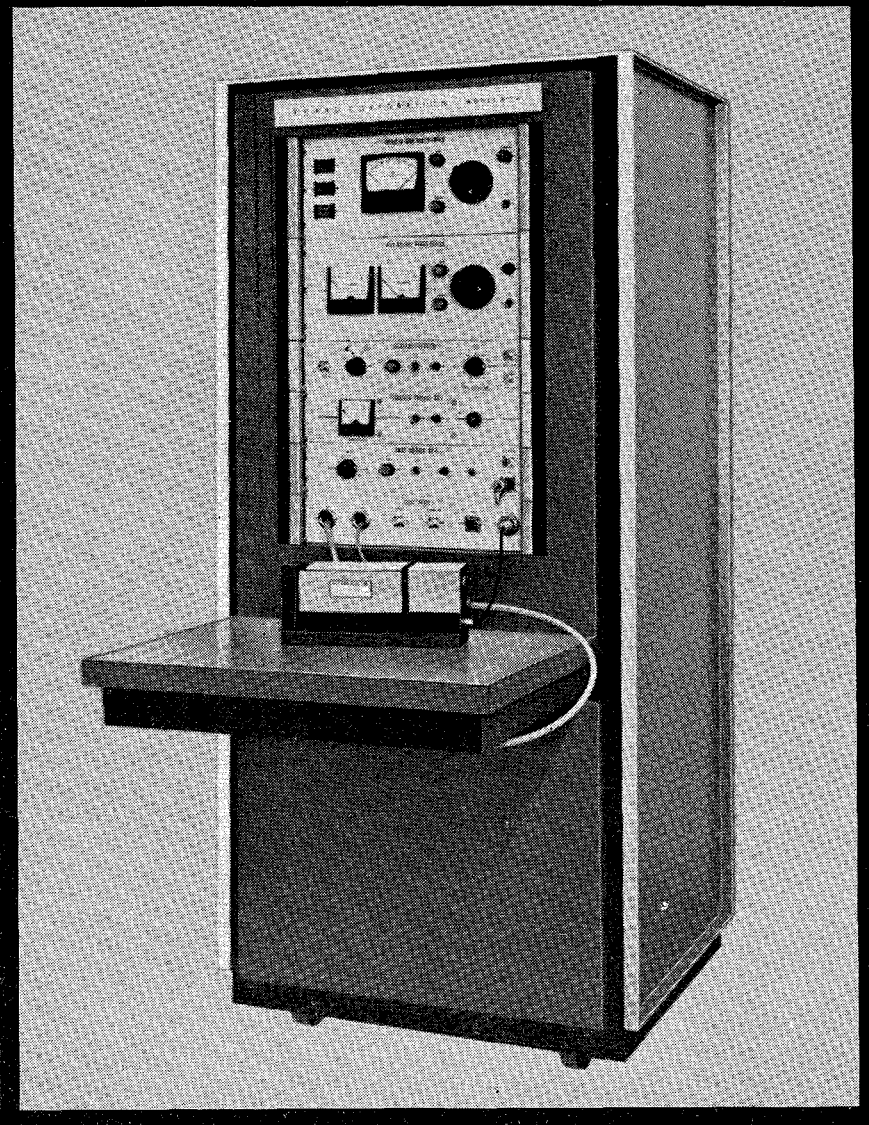
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1949

TORU IURA, MS, PhD '53, has been named head of the propulsion department at the Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles. He was formerly head of the propulsion and analysis section at TRW/Space Technology Laboratories before joining Aerospace in 1960. The Iuras and their three children live in Northridge.

RADOY W. HEGGLAND, division exploration manager for the Continental Oil Company, has received a 1964-65 Sloan Fellowship at MIT. He has worked for Conoco since 1949.

JOE DOBROWOLSKI is now vice president and engineer in charge at the Brandley Engineering Laboratories in Sacramento. He was formerly associate highway engineer for the California Division of Highways.

HEINZ G. PFEIFFER, PhD, has been appointed a liaison scientist in chemistry in the liaison and transition section of the research application department of the General Electric Research Laboratory in Schenectady. He was formerly manager of the dielectric studies unit at General Electric.

1950

EDWIN REINECKE, president of Febco, Inc., manufacturer of lawn and turf irrigation equipment, has announced that he will run for United States Congress as a conservative Republican in the California 27th Congressional District. Active in local Republican activities for several years, he has served as an alternate member of the California Republican State Committee, and assistant Congressional District Precinct Chairman.

1952

MOISES LEVY, MS '55, is now assistant professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts and Sciences.

1958

HAROLD S. BRAHAM, PhD, is now group director for manned orbiting laboratory (MOL) studies at the Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, Calif. He was formerly group director for study programs in the systems research and planning division. MOL is the nation's newest space project and consists of a modified Gemini spacecraft and a pressurized cylinder about the size of a small house trailer in which astronauts may stay aloft for up to a month.

1963

JANIS VASILEVSKIS, PhD, is now on the research staff of the Shell Development Company's Emeryville, Calif., research center as a chemist in the physical chemistry department.