

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for September 22nd, and will be interesting and enlightening, as well as being somewhat out of the ordinary for most Alumni. The subject of the meeting is "Geophysical Prospecting," about which most of us could know considerably more than we do. Speakers are Herbert Hoover, Jr., head of the United Geophysical Co., and Dr. Raymond A. Peterson, '31, who is associated with him.

It will be held at the Mary Louise Tea Room, located on the top floor of Barker Bros. Building, Seventh and Figueroa Sts., Los Angeles. Free parking is available on the lot adjoining Barker Bros. on the south. The auditorium adjoining the tea room, in which the meeting will take place, will seat 250, so don't be bashful about attending.

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OXY GAME

Following a custom instituted in recent years, there will be a gathering of Alumni, their wives, sweethearts, and families immediately following the Oxy game which takes place in the Rose Bowl on Saturday night, October 21st. Detailed plans are as yet incomplete, but the gathering will probably take the form of a dance. Arrangements are in the capable hands and fertile brain of past President Ed Kinsey, '26 who may spring anything.

This occasion is a "home coming" to many Alumni, so all that is necessary is to advise them where to get together. When the arrangements are completed you will be advised, — in ample time. In the meantime save the date, October 21st.

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JUNE BANQUET

The annual Commencement Day Banquet of the Alumni Association was held at the Athenaeum on June Ninth and was attended by over two hundred alumni, especially honoring the reunion classes of 1914, 1919, 1924, and 1934.

The results of the annual election of officers for the coming year were announced and the retiring officers were given a huge ovation for the successful program accomplished. Guests of honor included Mr. Allan C. Balch, President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Lloyd Goodmanson, student body president and basketball captain, and the captains of the football, baseball, track and tennis teams.

Prof. Franklin Thomas delivered a talk on the "Report to Engineering Committee of Institute Associates" covering the status of the engineering department which is reported more fully elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. Henry Borsook, professor of biochemistry, addressed the assemblage on "Social Consequences of Biological Engineering." Doctor Borsook described the present status of knowledge in the biological sciences and the implications of the use of such knowledge, especially of nutritional needs and vitamins.

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco chapter has inaugurated the policy of holding regular weekly luncheon meetings held on Mondays at the Fraternity Club in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, which all visiting alumni are cordially invited to attend.

At the time of the recent annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the weekly meeting on June 26th had the largest attendance to date. Those present were Prof. R. W. Sorensen, F. W. Maxstadt, M.S., '25, Ph.D., '31, and F. C. Lindvall, Ph.D., '28, of the faculty, M. M. Barnes, '21, E. Koyen, x'21, L. H. Erb and H. G. Vesper, both of '22, F. J. Groat and D. F. Morrell of '24, W. B. Jones and M. C. Brunner, of '25, D. W. Keech, J. E. Kinsey, M. W. Edwards, S. Parnall, R. B. Bowman, A. B. Allyn and Maurice T. Jones of the class of '26, M. A. Baldwin, '27, A. J. Hazzard, '30, Paul Engelder and K. Pullen, both of '39, and J. H. Keyser, '40.

The San Francisco chapter held its annual Field Day on June 3rd at the Berkeley Country Club, the day being featured by a golf tournament followed by dinner in the evening, and card games.

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WASHINGTON

The Washington group of the Alumni Association met on May Ninth last and were addressed by Lieut. Robert M. Losey, M.S. (My.), '35, M.S. (Ae.), '37, who is now assigned to the office of the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Lieutenant Losey's topic was "Air Power," in which he traced the history of armament until the development of the modern high speed bomber which he said ranks with the invention of gunpowder in changing the character of warfare. After finishing his talk, a round table discussion was held.

Those in attendance at the dinner meeting were C. A. Bercaw, '18, W. Bleakney, Ph.D., '32, R. P. Bryson, M.S., '37, P. Harney, M.S., '35, and T. Southwick, '27, in addition to Lieutenant Losey.

The Washington group is planning to hold several meetings during the coming months, and any alumni near Washington or contemplating a visit there should contact Patrick Harney, 3717 Warren St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

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NEW YORK

The New York group held its Annual Stag meeting at the Western University Club on the evening of June Ninth, the day of the annual Commencement exercises. The meeting was well attended and greetings were forwarded to the Institute, where the Alumni Banquet was being held at the Athenaeum.

Any alumni in the vicinity of New York are requested to contact Rea Axline, '31, The Metallizing Engineering Co., 21-07 41st Ave., Long Island City, as the group is planning a full program of interesting meetings throughout the year.

ALUMNI PROMINENT IN GOV'T. INSTITUTE

Each year the University of Southern California sponsors an Institute of Government which was held during the week of June 12th to 16th of this year. Its objective is to furnish new information to those engaged in governmental service as well as to build higher standards of public administration. Alumni of the California Institute of Technology have always played a prominent part in the proceedings, especially in the technical sections of governmental work.

In the Building Inspection Section, John E. Shield, '22 and Ernst Maag, '26 played a prominent part. Grant V. Jenkins, '24 served as a member of the committee for the Group Work and Recreation Sections. Markham E. Salsbury, '25 and Maxwell F. Burke, '27 were on the program of the Public Engineering Section, while A. P. Banta, M.S., '28 and Richard Pomeroy, '26 were on the program of the Water and Sewage Works Operators' Short Course.

In addition to above named sections, other fields of governmental operation and administration were covered such as Housing, Power Supply and Distribution, Personnel Administration, and Planning. The Institute of Government provided an opportunity for those in public service to improve their work technique, and next year's session is being awaited by those who attended this year.

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In Memoriam GRINNELL

Prof. Joseph Grinnell, '97, director of the University of California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, died on May 28, 1939, at Berkeley, California, at the age of 62.

Professor Grinnell was one of the world's most eminent ecologists, specializing in the birds and mammals of California and Alaska. He was professor of biology at Throop for five years, and had been professor of zoology at the University of California since 1908.

At the time of his death he was editor of *The Condor* and fellow of the American Ornithologists Union, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the California Academy of Sciences.

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STORMS

Charles A. Storms, '23, died of cancer on August 22, 1939, at Rogers City, Michigan, at the age of 39. He is survived by his widow and four children. Until his illness, he was electrical engineer for the Michigan Limestone and Chemical Co. at Rogers City.

Mr. Storms was acquainted with his condition for some time before his passing and faced his destiny with courage as evidenced by a letter disclosing his reactions published in *Time* magazine for August 21, 1939.