

# PERSONALS

1919

*Fred A. Marshall*, ex '19, has become San Francisco representative for Carter & Co., Pacific Coast Distributors of National Securities and Research Corporations Series of Investment Funds. His territory extends north from Bakersfield to Canada, east from Bakersfield to Albuquerque, east from Seattle to include North Dakota, and then south to Albuquerque. For the previous five years he worked the same territory for another investment fund wholesale distribution company.

1924

*E. Harold Gandy*, Sales Engineer for Sterling Electric Motors in L. A., reports two new additions to the Gandy clan. On September 1 son Bob, now a senior at Occidental, was married to Jean Marie Sanderson. On September 7, son Dick and his wife became the parents of a baby boy—the first Gandy grandchild.

*Robert S. Ridgway*, now in his "anniversary year" (25th) with Standard of California, had a six-week business-and-pleasure trip with his family this summer,

which took them by plane to Detroit, by car through Canada and New England, then down the East Coast and back home. Bob is the Mechanical Engineer for the Natural Gasoline Department of Standard of California. He has a daughter 17 and a son 12.

*F. Douglas Tellwright*, who has been Assistant Vice-President of AT&T in New York for the past year, has returned to California as Vice President in charge of Public Relations for Pacific Tel & Tel in San Francisco.

1927

*Dave Gardner* writes that he's still Assistant Division Engineer with the Santa Fe Railway at Winslow, Arizona. His son Bill is a sophomore at Tech this year.

1928

*Col. Kenneth R. Crosher*, USAF, is presently assigned as Senior Air Instructor to the 62nd Fighter Wing of the California National Guard. He's stationed in Burbank.

*Richard C. Armstrong*, M.D., has recently been appointed Assistant Professor

of Ophthalmology at the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles. It's a nice job, he says—part-time and no salary.

Incidentally, Tech students who complain because faculty members can't see well enough to recognize the right answers on exam papers might be interested in the rumor that some of these staff members receive their eye care from Doc Armstrong, who practices Ophthalmology in Pasadena.

*Ernest E. Sechler*, M.S. '30, Ph.D. '33, Professor of Aeronautics at Caltech, was recently made a member of the Subcommittee on Aircraft Structures of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. He's also in the throes of building a new home in San Marino.

1930

*Norris Johnston*, Ph.D., was married on August 17th to Janet Elizabeth Spicer, in Dallas, Texas. The Johnstons are now at home at 10403 East Bexley Drive, Whittier.

1932

*Howard W. Finney*, C.P.A., is Assistant

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*Worrel F. Pruden*, M.S. '33, who has been with the Consolidated Western Steel Corporation and its predecessors for 16 years—during which time he advanced to the position of Chief Engineer—was transferred last month to another subsidiary of U. S. Steel. In the new position of Assistant Chief Engineer of the Columbia Steel Corporation, his headquarters will be moved from Los Angeles to Oakland.

#### 1935

*Nelson P. Nies*, M.S. '36, research chemist for the Pacific Coast Borax Company in Pasadena, comes up with a late news bulletin: the Nies' had a daughter, Nancy Allison, born on June 18, 1949.

#### 1936

*Willard L. McRay*, M.S. '38, Ph.D., '40, is Associate Professor of Chemistry currently doing a stint as Chairman of the Department of Physical Sciences at the University of California's Santa Barbara College. With a colleague, he has an ONR grant to study the metabolism of *T. cruzi*, the organism that causes Brazilian sleeping sickness.

#### 1937

*Charles K. Alexander*, Ph.D. who had been Professor of Mathematics at Occidental College since 1936, died at his home in Altadena last month. He was 39 years old.

*Wendell B. Miller* was transferred last month from the Alhambra office of Pacific Tel & Tel, where he was Senior Engineer in the Outside Plant Department, to the Chief Engineer's Office in Los Angeles, as a Senior Engineer in the Inventory and Costs Group.

*Theodore M. Bolen*, M.S., USAF Ret., is now living in Spanaway, Washington, working as a salesman for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

*George M. Dorwat*, M.S. '39, writes that he is now working as a Petroleum Engineer for Standard of California in Taft.

#### 1939

*Col. Townsend Hills*, USAF, M.S., has been transferred from Randolph Field to the Perrin Air Force Base in Texas. He's Wing and Base Commander at this Basic Flying Training School.

*Philip E. Smith* was married on June 10 to Barbara Mallotte in Forest Hills, N. Y. The Smiths are now living in Bayside, Long Island, and Phil is still serving as manager of the Eastman Kodak Processing Lab in Flushing, N. Y.

#### 1940

*Eric G. Laue*, M.S. '46, and his wife are proud parents of a son, *Thomes Maxon*, born in San Gabriel on September 26. Young Tom has a brother Douglas, who is 3½; and their father, formerly research engineer for the A. O. Smith Corp., is now at J. P. L.

*Bob Grigg* writes to say that with the arrival of Gloria last May 20 the Grigg offspring now total three—two girls and a boy. Bob is still with Pacific Tel & Tel in Los Angeles, where he is chiefly concerned with microwave propagation studies and engineering of radio systems.

*Fred Brunner*, M.S. '41, lays claim to a new record for the class of '40 with his four sons. The latest, Chris, was born on July 21. The others are Fred, 7, John, 5, and Tom, 2. Fred Sr. has been with C. F. Braun & Co. in Alhambra for the past five years, is now district sales engineer in the Alhambra office.

#### 1941

*George B. Harr*, still living in Pasadena, is working for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in Los Angeles, where he's in charge of technical aspects of the Industrial Products Division. George has been pretty active in skiing and mountaineering in recent years. He belongs to the National Ski Patrol and skis every skiable weekend in this area or in Sierra. He's a member of the Rock Climbing Section of the Sierra Club too. He climbs in the Tetons in Wyoming, and in Yosemite as well as locally, and has made several first ascents in the Canadian Rockies and the Sierras. Still a bachelor, he says, adding—after handing us all the above information—"obviously."

*James R. Garrett* is now Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

#### 1942

*Jack Alford* has been rocking along at a pretty lively clip lately. On May 25 his daughter, Margaret Ann, was born. On June 9 he received his Ph.D. from Tech. On June 15 he became a Research Fellow in Engineering here. And on the same day the Alford clan moved into a new home in Arcadia.

*Lt. Warren Gillette*, USN, received his M.D. from George Washington University in June, is now an interne at the Naval Hospital in New Port, Rhode Island.

*J. C. Schwarzenbach*, M.S., is president of his own company, U.S. Propellers, which not only makes aircraft propellers, but an electronic piano and a good deal of wind-tunnel equipment as well. He's married, lives in Altadena, and has two children, but still manages to ski and climb some mountains.

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1943

John R. Spencer writes from Austin, Texas that he's Assistant Professor in the Petroleum Engineering Department of the University of Texas, and also the father of a son, Stuart, born on June 10. At the time of writing, Stuart was three months old and tipped the beam at something like 17 pounds and 5 ounces, which was causing his happy old man to mumble something about future Tech football material.

George T. Felbeck, Ph.D., was married in September to Mary Elisabeth Nichols in Dedham, Mass. By now the Felbecks should be settled in their new home in Wernersville, Pa.

David E. Shonerd is at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory GALCIT as a Research Engineer in the Air-Fuel Combustion Section. He received a Guggenheim Jet Propulsion Fellowship for Graduate Study at Tech this year.

Kenneth L. Powlesland writes from San Leandro that he's been transferred by Standard of California to a newly-formed company, the California Research and Development Co., in Livermore. Ken's present parental status: two diaper-bearing children.

1944

Richard E. Kuhns writes that he works for the L. A. County Engineer in the Sanitation Division, lives in Alhambra Terrace, has a new baby daughter named Cathy Lee, and belongs to Pasadena Volunteer Construction Battalion 11-3.

William P. Blair left U. S. Rubber in June and took a six-week summer course at Occidental College, then spent four weeks as counselor at a Boy Scout Camp before returning to Occidental as a Gradu-

ate Special Student majoring in Sociology and Psychology.

Joseph M. Phelps, M.S. '47, is working as a design engineer for C. F. Braun & Co. in Alhambra. He's a registered civil engineer in the State of California, a Junior A.S.C.E., married and has two children.

Maurice Rattray, M. S. '47, is now an Assistant Professor at the Oceanographic Laboratories of the University of Washington in Seattle.

Fred W. Morris Jr., who has been on the USC faculty for the past three years has now resigned to take a permanent civilian appointment with the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories in Monmouth, New Jersey as an Electronic Scientist. He has been a consultant for the Army Signal Corps for several years. Incidentally, Fred is co-author with Rodney D. Lewis of a textbook *Electrical Circuits*. It's being published by D. Van Nostrand in New York. And not at all incidentally, Fred was married last year to Nancy Thompson, an artist, in Los Angeles.

1945

William T. Collings has recently moved from Long Beach to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is designing engineer for Khig and Smith, engineers and contractors for industrial buildings. Daughter Christine is now a year old.

John Dill McKenney was married on September 16 to Joan Sawyer in Pasadena.

Charles M. Davis is now Graduate Fellow in Electrical Engineering at the University of Iowa, where he's working for his doctor's degree.

1948

Irwin Louis Markowitz was married in Alhambra recently to Mabel Bell, who has

been working as a nurse at the Huntington Hospital in Pasadena.

Thomas Lang is now working as a stress analyst at North American Aviation in Los Angeles.

1949

Donald E. Hibbard of South Pasadena and Maritza Medina were married in Mexico City last month. The bride is a graduate of the Anoaikia School for Girls.

Robert L. Fisher spent the past academic year in the graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. This year he's continuing his studies at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla.

1950

William Freed and Peggy Barney of Pasadena announced their engagement last month. They plan to be married in January.

William C. Culbertson is working as a geologist with the Coal Resources section of the Fuels branch of the U. S. Geological Survey in Miles City, Montana. Right now he's engaged in a project to try and determine the amount of strippable coal in southeastern Montana, in connection with the Missouri River Basin project.

Don Baker and his wife are spending the year in Norway, where he's doing graduate work at the University of Oslo.

Pete Howell writes that he had a summer job at the Navy Test Station in China Lake, went home to Des Moines for a short visit, then headed for the University of Minnesota and graduate work in chemistry. Two other Techmen of the class of '50, Myron Arcand and Floyd Humphrey, are also at Minnesota. All three have teaching assistantships in the Chemistry Department.

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