

NEWS OF CLASSES

1913

R. W. Parkinson, Chief Engineer for the Caribbean Petroleum Company, has returned to his old home in Santa Monica for a vacation from his work in Venezuela.

1915

Herb Holt, secretary of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, was the victim of a spectacular accident on the Pasadena Parkway several weeks ago, although he managed to escape without personal injury. While driving to town during the rush hours, a rear wheel came off his car, dropping the rear of the car and bursting the gasoline tank. Sparks from the dragging axle ignited the gasoline and the car burst into flames, tying up traffic for some time.

1918

A. E. Davidson is designing high-voltage electrical equipment for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. He is a line officer in the Reserve Corps of the United States Navy, and is president of the local officers association. He recently returned from a period of active duty on the East Coast.

1920

Russell M. Otis recently joined the staff of Lane Wells, to be in charge of electrical

CHAPTER NEWS

COLORADO

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am enclosing several news items about Cal-Tech alumni in Colorado which I thought you might like to print in the next issue of the Alumni Review.

I wish to call particular attention to the news item in regard to the election of Cecil Killgore as Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado Chapter of Cal-Tech Alumni. Will you please see that he is listed on the alumni records as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado Alumni Chapter? His address is "U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado." He succeeds the writer in the office of Secretary-Treasurer; I have held that office for the past several years. Mr. Killgore is very capable, and I predict that he will be a good man for the job.

We have a group of about 15 active members in Colorado. We have not been meeting at regular intervals, but have been meeting from time to time on special occasions such as the night of the annual football banquet. At different times, a number of dinners have been given in honor of men who were leaving Colorado or in honor of professors who were passing through this part of the country.

I regret to say that we do not have a very good record in paying dues. Most of the men feel that the dues are too high for non-resident members. I hope we will have a better record in the future.

I have been well pleased with the issues of the Alumni Review that I have seen. If I can be of any help to you by sending in more news items or by helping in some other way, let me know.

Wishing you continued success in the publication of the Alumni Review,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Tom Noland, '29.

research, working on special technical problems. For the last few years he has been an independent research counselor and patent attorney.

1923

Basil Hopper was recently appointed Manager of Refineries in charge of all refinery operations for the Union Oil Company. Hopper had previously been Supervisor of Process Research for Union.

1924

Fred Groat recently left the Consolidated Edison Company (Brooklyn) and is now with the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D. C.

1926

W. Stuart Johnson, Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors was recently awarded a Captain's Commission in the Army Air Corps, Procurement Division. Johnson completed an intensive course in aeronautical engineering given at the Institute last summer, and will report for duty at Santa Monica, October 16.

Jack Fahs is still employed by the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware.

1927

Dr. Thurman S. Peterson has completed a textbook on "Elements of Algebra" to be published by Harper and Bros. about December 1941.

Major Theodore C. Combs is currently chief of the Construction Equipment Control Unit, Construction Section, Purchase and Contract Branch, Office of the Under Secretary of War, in Washington. He writes that his office is in the newest and reputedly the finest building in Washington, but that the air conditioning is not working very well yet. Combs is remembered as a former editor of the Alumni Review and President of the Alumni Association.

Captain James Boyd is on duty with the Army and Navy Munitions Board, Office of the Under Secretary of War, in Washington, working on problems in strategic minerals. He is on leave as Professor of Geology at the Colorado School of Mines.

Robert T. Ross was voted by undergraduates the most popular assembly speaker during the entire 1940-41 year at the Institute. Ross, now in the psychology department at Stanford, was the author of an article on "The Validity of Personality Tests" in the Alumni Review for March, 1941.

1928

Baker Wingfield, formerly with the Bureau of Standards, is now with the F.W.A., still in Washington, D C

1929

Bob White has been confined to his home for several years. He will welcome visitors at 630 South Oxford, Los Angeles, where he is convalescing.

Kenneth Kingman is now Superintendent of Distillation at the Union Oil Company's Oileum Refinery.

Homer Reed has recently been promoted to the position of Supervisor of Process Research for the Union Oil Company, being located at the head office in Los Angeles.

Nicholas M. Oboukhoff, Ph.D., '29, was the subject of a recent feature article in the Oklahoma City Times for his contribution

NEWS

Have you any bit of news about yourself or fellow Tech men? Marriages, births, promotions, job change, papers published, or new honors received are all items of interest to the rest of us so write your information on a penny postcard and address it to the Editor,

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as a Russian-born engineer to American technology. Dr. Oboukhoff, now research professor of electrical engineering at Oklahoma A. and M. College, had a career in Russia, before coming to this country, serving on the faculties of the University of Irkutsk, the Institute of Technology of Tomsk, and as dean of the electro-mechanics division of the Harbin Polytechnic Institute. He came to the United States in 1927, and after receiving his doctorate in 1929 has been associated with the Oklahoma school.

Dr. Oboukhoff has presented numerous papers before the Oklahoma Academy of Science meetings, some of which have later been published. He was elected a vice-president of the Academy for the current year. Another paper was presented at the annual winter meeting of the American Mathematical Society held last year at Baton Rouge, its title being "On the Validity of the Total Differential as the Principal Part of an Increment of a Function of Two or More Independent Variables."

1930

Fred S. Scott was recently transferred from the Research Division to the Division of Economics and Planning at the head office, Union Oil Company.

Roland Hodder has come to the Coast on business several times in the past year from Houston, Texas, where he is working with the Brown Geophysical Company.

Deane Carberry is on active duty as a Lieutenant in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy, with headquarters in San Francisco. He is on leave of absence from the Denver office of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation where he is an associate engineer.

1931

Jeff Wineland is the proud father of a pretty baby girl, Judith Laura, born April 28, 1941. She is known in Denver circles as "Miss America of 1961".

Everett Trostel has been appointed Conservation Engineer for District 5 (Pacific Coast area) for the Conservation Division of the Office of Petroleum Coordinator. His headquarters will be in the Subway Terminal Building, Los Angeles. Trostel was formerly engaged in petroleum engineering work for Union Oil.

1932

David Wong, now head of the designing department of the Burma Road, has the duty of keeping this famous artery open for the transportation of supplies.

Wong says the traffic becomes more of a

problem every day. The road was designed for 10-ton trucks and bridges have been strengthened to handle 15-ton trucks.

"Our records show an average of 300 trucks a day starting on the 600-mile road and that will soon be increased to 600 a day."

Wong describes some of the difficulties encountered in keeping the road open. There is one suspension bridge that has been bombed by the Japanese 18 times. Once the entire floor fell into the river, but the longest period of broken traffic across the Mekong River, spanned by the bridge, was 15 hours.

Wong was called in 1939 to work on the road and in 1941 was appointed head of the designing department of the road.

Cecil Killgore was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Colorado Chapter of Cal-Tech Alumni.

J. H. A. Brahtz, Ph.D. '32, is on active duty as a Lieut-Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy. He is on leave of absence from the Denver office of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation where he is director of the photo-elastic laboratory.

1933

Louis Goss has been working on airport design for the U. S. Engineers office at Los Angeles since last January when he re-designed his position in the South Pasadena Engineering Department. On May 10, he and his wife, Edith Ann Goss, became the parents of a 7½-lb. baby boy.

1934

N. A. Christensen, M.S. '34, is now Dean of Engineering at the Colorado State College in Fort Collins, Colorado.

1935

Charles Thomas sends the following letter from Dayton:

"The June 1941 issue of the Alumni Review has just reached me here, apparently delayed because I have not previously notified you of my change of address.

"I am now living at 176 Willowood Drive, Dayton, Ohio, and my present position is factory representative for Lockheed in charge of the Dayton office. As you probably know, Dayton is the location of Wright Field, which is the headquarters for all the engineering work carried on by the Material Division of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and you can well imagine we have a great deal to do with that these days.

"I occasionally see some other Cal. Tech. men here, both those who are stationed here permanently and those who come in to visit. At the Division, I have seen Roscoe Mills, who is working in the Propeller Lab. and also Major Howard McCoy, who has just completed his second tour of duty at Cal. Tech. for further research in aeronautics. Also established at Wright Field now is Captain Paul Dane who was in my class as an undergraduate and who has just completed a year of graduate study on an assignment by the Air Corps. Bill Harris was in visiting several months ago and I understand is now working for one of the Pump Companies in this area.

"I read Dickinson's article on air transports in the June issue with considerable interest."

Norman B. Dewees and wife Sally Redington Dewees announce a special first edition of "The Dewees Twins in Pasadena" in two small volumes, "Donald Norman Steps Out," and "Mary Katherine Follows." The twins were born August 12. Since

April, Dewees has been working for the Lyman Mfg. Co. in West Hollywood.

Dr. Arthur Engelder writes from Tucson that after having been in the practice of medicine and surgery for a year, he has had more babies, and more other patients, than he dreamed possible. In addition to his regular practice he has been in charge of medical examinations for the NYA in the Tucson area, and is chief medical examiner for the Selective Service Boards in Pima County

1936

Walfred E. Swanson, assistant area engineer with the U. S. Engineers at Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, was elected first president of the Utah post of the Society of American Military Engineers which was organized recently at Salt Lake City.

Frank Davis, Tech football captain in 1934 and 1935, is now Chief Test Pilot for Vultee Aircraft. He was at the controls of the first Vultee Vengeance dive bomber completed for the Royal Air Force as it took to the air after its christening by Lord and Lady Halifax at the Vultee plant in July.

Victor Veysey and his wife Janet are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Ann, born September 11 in Pasadena.

Hugh Colvin, Review editor, moved into his new home at 2425 West Blvd., Los Angeles, September 1, and is now engaged in extensive landscaping operations in the back yard.

Maurice Sklar was married last June 7 to Miss Jimmie Marie Burrowes of Beaumont, Texas. He is working in West Texas as an assistant seismologist for Shell.

Theodore Vermeulen is now employed by the Shell Development Company at Emeryville, California.

The following letter was received from Clarence Goodheart, who is an instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Texas A. & M. College:

"In order to maintain my ancient rights to criticize all and any editors, I enclose \$2.50 for dues for the coming year. Really though I have nothing to kick about.

"I am still trying to teach electrical engineering to Aggies, and to educate the population in general with regard to the glories of California. So far no great success has been secured except in the case of one little girl, who married me."

1937

Holloway Frost is now employed by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, C. A., and is working on a seismograph crew in eastern Venezuela.

William Fielder, M.S. '37, was recently married. He is a geology instructor at Carleton College, Northfield.

Tom Harper is now a junior in the Medical School of the University of Colorado. He is active in tennis, and ranks among the best players in Colorado.

1938

John D. Farneman is now associated with Edward S. Sievers, Southern California representative for the Weston Electrical Instrument Corporation, with offices in Los Angeles.

1940

Walter Larson is now an Army Aviation Cadet at Montgomery, Alabama.

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