

With the Editor

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duce a few more but we didn't get enough for the big personals section we had planned.

In our material were some items, which would have made interesting stories if they had been more complete. However, they omitted new addresses, or the names of old and new firms, or type of new work. On the other hand most of the items sent in by alumni were carefully and thoughtfully written, some by one-time editors, we feel, for they were written in just the right form for publication and are published here without any important changes.

We have always read all the news notes in E & S but have never before gotten as strong a feeling of the importance of the work Tech Alumni are doing. Perhaps this is the result of checking many of the items for completeness and accuracy and trying to decide how best to present them, or perhaps those items with insufficient information to warrant publication added to the total effect. Anyway after we had finished the task of preparing the news notes we had a more profound respect for the contribution of Tech men to present day science and industry.

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We don't know exactly how to approach the last item in this column—an explanation of our lateness in getting out the June and July issues. Prior to the June issue we of the staff were proud of our record. We had made up a schedule and had followed it quite well. Then came the June issue on

Palomar. Believe it or not we started preparations for that issue back in 1947. We had put out several special issues so we thought we knew how to schedule this one. We know now that we didn't. The main difference was that in other special issues, as the geology and biology issues, the material came to us very nearly ready for publication. In the case of the Palomar issue, we had to produce many of the articles—and they took a lot of work in addition to their writing. Our Managing Editor did most of the work although George Hall of the Institute staff produced a number of the articles.

Getting behind on the June issue put us behind on the July issue, of course. Frankly, if it weren't for the normal two-months summer breather, we don't know what we would do to catch up. We have plans and hopes, in spite of a cloudy near future, to get back on schedule with the October issue.

Letters

I would like to say for the benefit of the ENGINEERING & SCIENCE editors that I have enjoyed the recent issues and would like to see the same general tone continued.

J. T. Harlan Jr. '41
San Rafael, Calif.

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The work in Saudi Arabia which has been undertaken by Americans has been seriously endangered by recent political moves which apparently overlook justice.

The Arabs have possessed Palestine for more than 1225 years, longer than the U.S.A. has been a nation. Morally they have every right to hold possession of their country. Economically, the Arab states have vast oil reserves that are vital to every American's protection through national defense. These are facts.

Scientists and engineers have generally steered away from politics in the past. The past has been filled with disastrous results caused by political inadequacy. Since the advent of atomic power, every scientist and engineer should more than ever before interest himself in the falsehoods of politics as well as those occurring in the fields of science and engineering if we are to uphold freedom and justice for all men. Therefore, in keeping with "The Truth Shall Make You Free", let us work together.

Philip H. Benton '46
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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I have been meaning to drop you a note for quite a while concerning ENGINEERING & SCIENCE. Despite a horde of magazines which I have to look at in my profession, this is one that I have to read from cover to cover each time it comes. I had a wonderful feeling, similar to viewing the family album, when I read the number devoted to Kerckhoff's biology activities—being where I spent much of my time in Tech. I enjoy the scope of material which you cover throughout the year. Of course, I am very much interested in seeing what happens to my old classmates.

Keep the magazines coming my direction!

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