

CHAPTER NEWS

New York

A high spot in entertainment was the illustrated talk on mountaineering which the California Tech Club of New York was privileged to hear at a dinner meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. The subject was presented in an interesting and graphic manner by Dr. William R. Hainsworth (MS '18) who illustrated his talk with colored motion pictures he had taken on the successful ascent of Mt. Robson, Canada, and the Matterhorn. Dr. Hainsworth who has at least sixteen first ascents to his credit, held the group spellbound by tales of his various exploits. His modesty as well as his excellent talk impressed an eager audience in an unforgettable way.

An added feature of the evening was a series of motion pictures of Caltech and the Pacific Coast, ably taken and described by Mr. Paul R. Ames ('22). Mr. Ames' pictures, also in color, showed a real talent for filming as well as a practiced and artistic eye. A movie short taken by B. F. Fredendall ('29) showed last summer's Caltech Yachting party held on the placid waters of Long Island Sound — prime pictures proclaiming precious portrayals of plain people in playful pose and polite portrait giving proof the project was prudently planned to produce personal pleasure.

The club was privileged by the presence of Mrs. R. W. Sorensen who entrained for California shortly after the meeting adjourned. A number of new members were greeted and Mr. Ted Coleman ('26) brought greetings from the parent association. The gathering was one of the few "mixed meetings" held during the year and was eminently successful with a large and enthusiastic turnout.

B. F. Fredendall, '29.

San Diego

As Secretary-Treasurer of the San Diego Chapter of the Cal Tech Alumni Association, I received your letter to Perry Boothe with the enclosed check and the request for news items. The mention of the deadline of March 1st sure helps in knowing when to send in items. I am, therefore, submitting the following news items for this deadline.

Elections were held last December by postcard the results of which were:

President . . . Lee Pratt, '31
Sec.-Treas. . . John Gates, '36

Also, last December a Dinner Dance was held at the La Mesa Country Club and was enjoyed by all attending.

M. E. Czamanske married Miss Rae Oronen in Yuma during the Christmas holidays.

In January our former president Perry Booth was called into the Service as Civil Engineer, U. S. Navy, on drydock construction at the Bethlehem Steel Works, Shipbuilding Division. His address is 930 Walker Street, San Pedro, California.

On January 26 the writer was presented with a future Cal. Teacher by his wife. This makes it even up. One for an Oxy coach dressed in green and one to yell "to Hell with Oxy."

Our new president Lee Pratt just recently moved into the new home he built on Mt. Helix. His address is Box 1226 Route No. 1, La Mesa, California.

Lee Pratt and I have gotten together and

have outlined a program calling for meetings in March, May, July, and October. We have purposely avoided calling a meeting in June so that those who wish to may attend the Alumni Association Annual banquet at Pasadena. We also hope to work in a picnic, and a beach party. For one of the meetings we are considering inviting the wives and girl friends to the dinner and meeting and then having a dance afterwards. The meeting in March is scheduled for the 21st when we expect to have each member tell a little something of his work and the problems involved. After the meeting we will provide cards for those who wish to stay and play.

I have just completed a master card index of all the men who have ever been on any of our membership lists and expect to send questionnaires to all of them with notices of our next meeting, asking for their present address and job. In this way we can keep a running record of the members in San Diego and keep in touch with those that have been here. By the way this list of men who are here or have been in San Diego numbers over 60. We ought to get an active chapter out of that many men.

John Gates, '36.

San Francisco

Thanks for the dues to carry on our local work. At our last meeting on January 10th, 1941, the following officers were elected for the calendar year of 1941:

President . . . Louis Erb, '22
Vice-President . . . Art Allyne, '26
Secretary . . . Francis Wyatt, '34

Because Wyatt has to be in Los Angeles for the next two months I have decided to pinch hit for him at the secretary's job.

The meeting on January 10th was to celebrate the annual football banquet. We had about 20 present and installed the new officers. For amusement we smoked cigars, told stories and played bingo on a percentage basis for the purpose of balancing the budget.

We were favored with a short speech by Jack B. Sturgess, '30, telling us of the alumni activities over in Honolulu, Hawaii. Jack was on his way to South America to continue his sales engineering work in that part of the world.

A telegram was sent to the gathering in Pasadena expressing our hope for improved interest in intercollegiate football and other sports.

Manley W. Edwards, '26.

Defense Post

Dr. Albert A. Lombard, Jr., '28, assistant professor of aeronautics and mechanical engineering at Caltech, has been appointed chief of the production unit in aircraft of the United States Division of Production.

At present Dr. Lombard is on a leave of absence for government duty.

Dr. Lombard received his degree in aeronautics at Caltech. He has done aeronautical research work for the Curtis-Wright Corporation, and is the author of several technical papers on airplane design.

The appointment was announced by John D. Biggers, director of the Division of Production.

News of Classes

1915

Earl A. Burt, recently passed second in the test for the \$7,200 yearly salaried position of Los Angeles County road commissioner. As a result of his showing in the civil service tests, Burt is expected to be named permanently as assistant road commissioner of the county.

1918

Frank Capra, noted screen producer-director, passed out the cigars for the third time February 12. A 6 and three-quarter pound baby boy was the reason. The Capras have two other children, Frank, 7, and Lucille, 3.

1922

Ben Benioff, Captain in the U. S. Army Engineer Reserves, was called to a year of active duty with the Construction Quartermaster at March Field, California, commencing January 30, 1941.

Jack Shield, Captain in the U. S. Army Engineer Reserves, was called to 2 years of active duty and sailed on January 24, 1941, to Honolulu on an Army transport from San Francisco.

Glen I. Miller, Major in the U. S. Army Coast Artillery Corps, has been called to a year of active duty and is stationed at Fort MacArthur, California.

Captain Douglas C. Mackenzie, Engineers Reserve Corps, has been ordered to active duty at Savannah, Georgia.

1925

Captain Percival T. W. Scott was killed in the crash of a T.W.A. airliner in St. Louis, January 23.

Alfred Newton was the author of a series of articles on beach erosion in the Santa Monica Bay area, recently published by agencies interested in beach conservation in that area.

1926

Directors of Northrop Aircraft, Inc., at the regular meeting January 28, elevated Theodore C. Coleman from the position of secretary to vice-president in charge of sales.

Joe Matson has resigned as County Engineer of Hawaii and has accepted a position as Civil Engineer for the Waialua Agriculture Company on the Island of Oahu.

Ted Combs has been transferred from his post at the Presidio to the Office of the Secretary of War in Washington, D. C., to assist with the Army's construction projects.

1928

Ed Joujon-Roche, who is a 1st Lieut. in the U. S. Army Engineer Reserves, was called to active duty December 28, 1940. Ed is stationed at Fort Ord, California, with the 19th Engineers and has moved his family up to Monterey.

Moe W. Gewertz is resident engineer for the California Division of Highways on bridge construction near Brawley.

1929

Larry Lynn who is a Reserve Captain in the U. S. Army Engineers was called to active duty on December 10, 1940. He is stationed at Fort Ord, California, with the 19th Engineers.

Al Dunn, a Captain in the U. S. Army Engineer Reserve, was called to a year of

THE SPIRIT OF

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by JOHN CLINTON



From now on you can call me Shock-Proof John. I've seen everything! Because the other morning

when I was driving past the Union Oil station on the corner I almost fell out of my Hispano-Plymouth at what I saw.

There, drawn grandly up to the pumps was a horse and wagon! "This, I gotta see!" says I, and turned back. And when I returned I got the 2nd shock, for what do you think the hay-burner was doing?

Well sir, the driver had put four old auto wheels on his wagon, and he was having the tires filled with air! While he was doing it, one of the boys had put a bucket of water down for Dobbin to drink! It was the most unusual sight I've seen for years!



And while the situation was, to say the least, amusing, the boys at the station were doing their stuff with perfectly straight faces. I'm not sure just what the entire significance of this little drama was, but it certainly proves that the Union Oil boys are gentlemen from way back!



So, in addition to inviting you to drive your car into a Union Oil station for service, I'm now in a position to invite all horse-and-wagon operators to do likewise. It's really too bad that Union can't think up some way for horses to use 76, or Triton Motor Oil, because somehow I think life would be more picturesque (if less convenient) if we had more horses galloping by. Don't you?

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active duty on February 1, 1941, and is stationed at Fort Ord, California, with the 341st Depot Co.

Tom Evans, besides complimenting the Review, added the following personal items in a recent letter.

"I have been promoted to Associate Professor of Engineering at the University of Virginia this year, and am Chairman of the Committee to Improve Surveying Practice of the Virginia Section of the A.S.C.E. I am also Chairman of the University of Virginia's Committee on Engineering Defense Training. This job is going to take some time since we are setting up evening classes here and in many other centers in the state. So far we are the only school in Virginia to have a course approved by the U. S. Office of Education. Best wishes for a good year."

1930

Bob Bungay, a Captain in the U. S. Army Coast Artillery Corps, has been called to a year of active duty and is stationed at Fort Scott, California.

Jack Sturgess spent a week in Los Angeles the middle of January. Jack has been transferred from Honolulu to Columbia, South America, by the Worthington Pump Co.

1931

J. C. Harker is now associated with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation at Redding, California.

William M. Cogen and Miss Joan Grossberg of Houston, Texas, were married in the Texas city January 16. Mrs. Cogen is a Stanford alumna.

Perry Boothe has taken an extended leave of absence from the San Diego Electric Railway Company, and is now on active duty as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Civil Engineer Corps, U.S.N.R. His present job is supervision of plant expansion at the Bethlehem Steel Company's ship building division at San Pedro.

Alfred S. Voak is the proud father of a baby son born last November in Atascadero.

1932

Henry Bland Pownall, engineer for the York Ice Machinery Company, was awarded the 1940 Wolverine Outstanding Publication Award at the annual meeting of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers in New York City. The award was for the best paper published during the year in the Society's magazine.

Chet Keachie is the author of "Military Service Provisions of Union Agreements", a monograph recently published by the Stanford University Division of Industrial Relations. Mr. Keachie is a research assistant at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where he is completing work on the Ph.D. degree.

1933

James Clifton Spade was married to Miss Helen Sue Stalker of Los Angeles, January 23, in Los Angeles.

Edwin Russell Kennedy announces the birth of a daughter on February 13 at the California Lutheran Hospital. The baby, the Kennedy's first, was named Virginia Louise, and weighed 7 pounds, 5½ ounces at birth.

K. V. Keeley attained a near-perfect score of 99.4 percent on a recent civil service exam for CO of Los Angeles' police radio station KGPL. Keeley is at present

radio faculty instructor for National Schools.

Trent R. Dames, '33, is Secretary of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is the author of an article, "Practical Shear Tests for Foundation Design" appearing in the December, 1940, issue of "Civil Engineering."

1935

Victor Willits, now with Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati, received a cherubic Christmas present last December 25 in the form of an 8 pound, 6½ ounce baby son, who was named Victor William Willits.

1936

Frank Wilbur Davis and Miss Frances Pfeiffer were married in San Marino on March 15. Davis is a test engineer for Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

W. E. Swanson is now assistant area engineer for U. S. Engineers in the State of Utah, stationed at Ogden.

Tyler Thompson is now at 42 Barker Road, Singapore, S.S., Methodist Mission.

Hugh Colvin is an instructor in the Industrial Organization course now being given at the Institute as part of the Engineering Defense Training program.

Perry Polentz is now a foreman in the extrusion department of the Aluminum Company of America's Vernon plant.

1937

Holloway H. Frost was married to Miss Katherine Oliver of Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 24, 1940. Since graduation Holloway has worked for Mott-Smith Corporation in the 'States', Egypt, and now Venezuela where the company is doing contract work for Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.

Patricia Louise, daughter and second child, was born in Billings, Montana, on January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mahoney.

1938

Edward Frisius and Miss Raymond Urwand, of Cairo, Egypt, were married the later part of December. Frisius is now a soil mechanic at Berkeley.

Harper North has finished the Student Engineering Course at General Electric and has accepted a position in the Schnectady Research Laboratories. He will be working on acetylene generation.

Hernan Tejada is in charge of the technical department of the Compania Internacional de Radio Boliviana, a company affiliated with the International Telephone and Telegraph. Most of the work is to keep the equipment running on schedule, both radio-telegraph and radio-telephone. His working hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He must also work when anything goes wrong. Two days before Christmas, when telegraph traffic was very heavy, lightning struck a high tension line and put it out of service. "I must say that we had a lot of fun, if fun can be called, working on the Altiplano (the Andean Plateau) at over 13,000 feet and with very cold weather especially at night. . . ."

Al Pabst is now employed by Garlinghouse Brothers, suppliers of contractor's equipment, in Los Angeles.

1939

R. B. Kimball recently transferred from the Testing Department to the Induction Motor Engineering Department at the Schenectady Division of General Electric.