

# NEWS OF CLASSES

1898

**Harold G. Simpson**, a Pasadena attorney, and charter member of the Gnome Club, recently deceased.

1915

**Earl A. Burt**, who is chief deputy road commissioner of Los Angeles County, is the author of an article describing the construction of the Los Angeles Forest Highway which appears in the March issue of "Civil Engineering".

1918

**Frank Capra**, Warner Bros. film director has gone to Washington, D. C., to report for active service with the Army Signal Corps. Mr. Capra, a chemistry student at Tech, was a private in the first World War and has been a member of the reserves. He completed filming "Arsenic and Old Lace" before leaving for active duty.

**Carlyle H. Ridenour** is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Corps.

1922

**Blake E. Beatty** was recently elected president of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California.

**Jay J. DeVoe**, was called into active service on December 11 and placed in the Signal Corps School at Fort Mon-

mouth, New Jersey. He was transferred to Camp Crowder, Missouri on February 14, 1942 and is now in command of Company "C" of the 35th Signal Training Battalion.

**Major Douglas C. MacKenzie**, is now Chief of the Military Construction Division at Savanna, Georgia in the Office of the United States District Engineer.

1923

**Elmer L. Smith**, assistant engineer of the Pasadena Water Department, is instructor in plane table surveying under the engineering defense training program at the Institute.

1924

**Frederic A. Hough** has been elected a director of the Southern Counties Gas Company. Mr. Hough became associated with the company in 1925 as a chemist, and became distribution engineer in 1931, which position he held until December, 1941, when he was named executive engineer for the company.

**Emmett Irwin** has left his former position as Chief Engineer at the Magnatess Corporation in Long Beach to become manager of the office of the Waugh Laboratories which have recently been opened in the Petroleum Building in Los Angeles.

1925

**Edward D. Cornelison** is on leave of absence from his position of Director of the Pasadena Junior College School of Trades and Technology to serve as training administrator for the ninth area of the Army Air Corps with headquarters at McClellan Field, Sacramento, and will supervise the training of civil and military personnel in all fields of aircraft, including flight and ground crews.

1925

**Edwin Thayer** was again in charge of the annual Christmas Party of the Industrial Advertisers Association of New York. We understand that Ed is an up and coming Squash player.

**John D. Templeton** is now connected with Basic Magnesium, Inc., at Las Vegas, having left the Columbia Steel Company to accept the position.

The February issue of the "Journal of the Patent Office Society" contains a long and comprehensive article by **William D. Sellers**, Patent Attorney for the Hoover Company, Chicago. The article: "The Activities and Functions of the Patent Department in a Manufacturing Corporation".

**Markham E. Salsbury** has recently been appointed Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

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## 1926

**Allan Dunn** has been transferred to Fort Leonard, Missouri.

**Ernest Maag** is a director of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California.

## 1927

**Al Chapman** has been in active duty for about 1½ years, and is now a Captain in the U. S. Engineer's Office in Galveston.

**Dr. John H. Maxson**, noted Caltech geologist now on active duty, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. The scientist-officer is on special duty for the War Department.

**Leonard Snyder**, left Byron Jackson in November to take a position as engineer with Lohman Bros. in Los Angeles.

## 1928

**Major Kenneth R. Crosher**, according to a letter dated November 7, 1941, is in command of the 31st Army Observation Squadron which is an integral part of the Fourth Support Command but is attached for operation to the Fourth Army. He is located at the Salinas Army Air Base at Salinas, California.

**1st Lt. Jean E. Joujon-Roche**, according to word received in the Alumni office the early part of this year, is located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

**Captain E. H. Ross**, is with the 10th Engineers Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington according to a recent report sent to this office.

## 1928

**H. E. Billig, Jr., M.D.**, has been called to Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital for active service in the Navy.

**Joseph B. Ficklen, III**, who has been with the Travelers' Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut is now living at 727 South Oakland Avenue in Pasadena. He is taking graduate work in the Biology Department at Tech preparatory to work on an M.D.

## 1929

**Captain William H. Mohr**, of the Engineer Corps, who has been at Fort Belvoir, is now on duty on the Pacific coast.

**1st. Lt. Leslie O. Scott**, we understand, is now with the 47th Engineers Regiment at Fort Ord.

**Robert J. White**, who has been confined to bed for the last two years with arthritis, is well on the way to recovery. On March 9th he is returning to work with the Baroid Sales Division, National

Lead Company, Los Angeles, on a half day basis. Bob is married and is the father of a 2½ year old daughter.

## 1930

**Ira C. Bechtold**, who is process engineer for the Fluor Corporation, addressed the March meeting of the California Natural Gasoline Association on hydrocarbon hydrates.

**Ernest C. Hillman** was recently elected vice-president of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California.

**Sydney Zipser**, of Technicolor, Inc., has been in Rio de Janeiro for the past two months, and expects to be there for another two months, working with Orson Welles on the film as camera technician. It took the party one week to arrive in Rio, flying from Hollywood to Florida, and from there on the clipper arriving at the South American city in time for the Mardi Gras. Recently the RKO Pictures made arrangement for all wives and mothers to talk to the group by telephone.

## 1931

**William F. Arndt**, left Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., in February to go to Fort Trumbull, New London, Connecticut, where he is now employed by the New London Submarine Research Laboratories.

**Lucas A. Alden**, has accepted an appointment with the War Production Board at Washington, D. C.

**Lieut. Perry M. Booth**, writes us from the Bethlehem Steel Company, Terminal Island telling of the birth of a daughter, Lorraine Marcia, on August 31, 1941. Mr. Booth has just received an extra half-stripe in the Civil Engineer Corps, thereby deserving the rating of Lieutenant.

**Lieut. Maynard Anderson**, his wife, and his fifteen-month old son, Ronald, are now living in Hawthorne, Nevada. Mr. Anderson is supervising several million dollars' worth of Government work at the Naval Ammunition Depot there.

**George L. Bussey** recently returned to Southern California from Fort Wayne, Indiana and is now living at 2518 West 15th Street, Los Angeles. Shortly after their return, Mr. and Mrs. Bussey lost their three year old son.

**George Langsner** who is assistant district construction engineer for the California Division of Highways at Los Angeles, is now on temporary assignment as a right of way agent. He is also teaching a defense training course in highway engineering at the Institute.

## 1932

**Glen Miller** is now a Research Assistant at Caltech after coming from the Southern Counties Gas Company where he was heating and ventilating engineer for several years.

**Howard W. Finney**, who has been in public accounting for the last few years, recently joined the Los Angeles staff of the Hybrand, Ross Brothers, and Montgomery. John V. Chambers is another Tech alumnus with that company.

**Carl F. Lind** is now on the staff of the Maintenance Engineer at the Sacramento headquarters of the California Division of Highways.

## 1933

We understand that **Ray Cromley**, who was the Wall Street Journal correspondent in Tokyo, is very likely interned there now, according to a letter from Stephen Clark.

**Bruce M. Dack** is now employed by the J. H. Davies Company of Long Beach.

**William W. Moore** is secretary-treasurer of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California for 1942.

## 1934

**Lt. (j.g.) Francis Hebel**, was killed at Pearl Harbor, December 7. He was with Fighting Squadron Six, Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor. Mr. Hebel was a Dabney House man while attending Tech.

**John Read**, who took a PhD in Physics, writes from Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex, in answer to the request for payment of dues: "A British Government regulation forbids the sending of currency out of the country during the war period so I regret that I shall not be able to send you dues until the war is over."

**John Romoli**, is now associated with Bardwell & MacAllister in Hollywood as a Mechanical Engineer, having left the California Import Company to accept the new position.

**Jack Desmond** returned from South America about two weeks ago.

## 1936

**Meral Hinshaw**, left the National Supply Company in Torrance to accept a position with Precision Bearings, Inc.

**Lt. Frank Davis** is passing the stogies—only two-time football captain in Caltech's history, is a father. Mrs. Davis and daughter are both reportedly in fine health and spirits. Lieutenant Davis, now chief experimental test pilot for Vultee aircraft, is recovering slowly.

**E. M. Getyman** has just received reclassification as Assistant Civil Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service and has been transferred from the CCC Camp at Sebastopol to the new position at Yreka. The Getyman's now have a six months old Junior Engineer.

**Tyler Thompson**, of Singapore, was last heard from in a letter mailed November 14th, which arrived in Pasadena late in March.

**Simon Ramo** was given honorable mention in the Eta Kappa Nu annual award for outstanding Electrical Engineers who are under thirty-five and have been out of college for less than ten years. Last year Jessie Jobson, Ph.D. '35, won the award. Dr. Ramo was given the distinction for his work and inventions in the field of ultra high frequency at the research laboratories of General Electric.

At 10:30 Saturday morning, May 9th, Dr. Ramo will lecture in 201 Bridge, on the Caltech campus, on the subject "Ultra High Frequency Phenomenom", and all Alumni who can attend are invited.

**Richard C. Lilly**, President of the First National Bank of St. Paul, and a director of the Great Northern Railway, is much interested in some of the research work being carried on at California Institute of Technology. He spent considerable time on the campus during a recent visit to Pasadena.

**Richard G. Casey**, Australian minister to Washington, who spoke at the 1941 Tech Commencement on "The Survival of Democracy", has been appointed by Prime Minister Churchill to be minister of state for the Middle East in the British War Cabinet. This is the first time in history that a dominion statesman has become a member of the British home government.

**Clifford Downey** is the father of a baby girl, Judy Lorean, born January 14th.

## 1937

**Wendell B. Miller**, has a new house at 823 Palo Alto Drive, Santa Anita Village, Arcadia. He is still with the Southern California Telephone Company.

**Captain Richard Brice**, is now working under one of the prominent Ordnance officers. He is in Fire Control which means the handling of carriages, bomb sights for anti-aircraft, optical materials, etc. In connection with his work he has met many representatives of Ford, Gilbert and Barker, Allis-Chalmers, and Snerry Gyroscope.

**Eugene H. Quinn**, who has been with the Weather Bureau in Pomona, is now located in New York City at 119 East 60th Street.

**Walter Wheeler**, is now designer with the Mechanical Engineering Division of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation at San Pedro having left the Byron Jackson Company to take the position.

**William O. Wetmore**, is the proud father of a baby boy, Donald Willaam Wetmore, born February 5, 1942.

## 1938

**Robert S. Custer**, has been transferred from Glendale to the Texas Company in New York City where he is employed at chemical engineer.

**Boyne B. Grainger**, is now living at Ojai, California, and is a Production Engineer for Tidewater Associated Oil Company at Ventura. In August, 1938, he was married to Doris Smith and has a daughter, Darla Arlene, born February 28, 1940.

**Harper Q. North**, is with the Research Laboratories at General Electric in Schenectady as a Physicist. He has recently been doing some work at the Radiation Laboratory at M.I.T., but at the present time is again located in Schenectady.

**Donald S. Taylor**, left the Shell Development Company at Emeryville, California, to take a position as chemist with the Du Pont Company at El Monte in December, 1941.

**Richard Wimpres** and **Carlton Horrine** are back at Tech serving as Research Assistants.

**Bill Nash** is extremely busy these days after adding to his other duties, the instructorship of Physical Metallurgy in the night defense course four times a week.

**Harold Sharp** is now instructor in Metallurgy Laboratory for the ESMDT courses for two of the four classes a week in that subject.

**Arthur C. Ellings** left the Shell Development Company at Emeryville, California to accept a position as Chemical Engineer with Basic Magnesium, Inc., in Las Vegas.

## 1939

**Charles F. Carstarphen**, is, at the time of this writing, an Ensign, serving as acting Personnel Officer in the Production Division of the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington.

**Stephen C. Clark**, writes of his recent experience which resulted from his major in History at the University of Washington. Upon graduation he was selected to go to the Seventh America-Japan Student Conference in Tokyo. That was in 1940, after which he remained in Tokyo to teach school until March, 1941. Fortunately, Mr. Clark writes to us from Seattle, Washington where he is employed as a Physicist in the Degaussing Section of the Thirteenth Naval District Bureau of Ordnance.

## 1940

**Mark M. Mills**, and **Pauline Riedleburg** were married on January 31, 1942. They are now living at 405 Northcliff Road, Pasadena.

**Willys Lemm**, left the Vortex Manufacturing Company last fall to accept a position with Du Pont Company at El Monte.

**P.F.C. Gerald P. Foster**, is attending the Fifth Candidates Class for Commission in the U. S. Marine Corps. He expects to receive his commission on April 25 at which time he will enroll in a three-

month "Reserve Officers School" Course. He is now located at Quantico, Virginia.

**Paul Longwell** and **Bob Alcock** are now Research Assistants at Caltech.

**George Todd** is a research assistant in ME. He keeps very busy with both his Tech classes and ESMDT instruction.

**Lt. Joe Trindle** writes enthusiastically from England that he is thoroughly enjoying his experiences over there, although as yet he has seen no enemy action. When Joe received his commission, he chucked his old job, piled all his possessions into his old Model A, and made a quick trip to Seattle for a short vacation at home before leaving for army life. His mailing address is c/o Mrs. Cornaby, "The Grove," Rawdon, N. Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

## 1941

**Wilton A. Stewart**, was married on February 15 to Anna Kathryn Montgomery.

**Glyn Frank-Jones**, Sub-Lieutenant R.-N.V.R. Special Branch is now located at the British Advisory Repair Mission, 1139 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. He writes from the U.S.N. Hospital and it is hoped that this return address has no serious significance.

**Willis E. Dobbins**, is now in England with Electronic Training Group No. 3, according to a letter received from his mother on December 11. Having safely arrived in England on November 13, he is now taking special work in airplane warning service. His rank is that of Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

**Ensign Donald C. Campbell**, and Miss Janet Partch announced their engagement early in February. No date for the wedding has been set. Mr. Campbell is a member of the United States Naval Reserve, stationed at the David Taylor Model Basin at Carderock, Maryland.

**Bill Wagner** is now among those present on the Caltech campus during working hours in the capacity of Research Assistant. The engagement of Bill to Miss Keitha Downs was announced recently, and they plan to be married in June.

**Dave Wood** has given up his graduate work for the present to take a Research Assistantship at Caltech.

**Lt. Woodburn A. Brown** has been assigned to be an instructor in the ground school at the new Air Corps Basic Flying School, Enid, Oklahoma. In addition to other duties, he is also assistant Post Weather officer. He served a month at March Field, Calif., in the summer of 1941, and then went to Randolph Field, Texas, where he was stationed until he reported to the Enid, Oklahoma field December 1, 1941.

**Stanley Stroud** who was with Colgate, Palmolive, Peet Co., Orange, New Jersey has been transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, and is living at 300 Armour Boulevard.