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The San Francisco Chapter meets weekly for lunch at the Fraternity Club, 345 Bush Street, on Thursdays.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

A THE MEETING held on September 21, 1948, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association unanimously voted to amend the By-Laws of the Association to provide for the creation of a perpetual fund made up of the total of all existing and future life membership fees paid to the Association. Prior to this amendment, the By-Laws provided for the maintenance of a fund equivalent only to the total of fees paid by living life members.

The amendment as adopted reads as follows:

"The last sentence of Section 2.04 'Life Membership' which reads 'However, in the event of the death of a life member, an amount equal to the life membership fee paid by that member may be withheld from the next membership funds available for deposit and placed by the Association in

its general fund.' is hereby repealed from the By-Laws."

Present and future life members of the Association are now assured that fees paid by them will be held in trust as an enduring and growing fund. The income from this perpetual fund will be available for the support of the Alumni activities carried on by the Association.

Your life membership now means much more than pre-paid annual dues. Your life membership fee now not only pays for your membership as in the past but, beyond that, it makes you a donor to a perpetual fund dedicated to the continued well-being of Caltech and our Association.

#### PALOMAR FIELD DAY

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Field Day at Palomar Mountain on October 2 turned out to be one of the most successful alumni functions in recent years. Though 150 to 200 people were expected, more than 1,000 alumni and their families rolled in.

Edison Hogue, in charge of the outing, shifted his strategy on the spot. Instead of splitting up the visitors into small groups, for guided tours of the Observatory—as planned—he stationed men at the main points of interest to explain the workings of the Observatory. The Palomar staff proved to be fine hosts, worked overtime pushing buttons and demonstrating the operation of the instruments to the crowd, from 10:30 in the morning until the last stragglers left at 5:30.

# HONORS AND AWARDS

Page 5, a number of Caltech alumni were recently honored by the government for their wartime work. Dr. Joseph David Foldare, '30, and Dr. Edwin Woolman Paxson, B.S. '34, Ph.D. '37, were awarded the Presidential Certificate of Merit at the ceremony held at UCLA last month. The Certificate was also awarded posthumously to Dr. John McMorris, Ph.D. '33. Foldare is now Associate Professor of English at the Santa Barbara College of the University of California. Paxson is in the Engineering Division of the Douglas Aircraft Company.

At the same ceremony, War-Navy Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

Dr. Warren N. Arnquist, Ph.D. '30, Office of Navy Research

Dr. William H. Corcoran, '41, Ph.D. '48, Director of Technical Development, Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley

Quentin Elliott, '41, M.S. '42, Chemical Engineer, U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern

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