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## SABINE TO JOIN DEEP SPRINGS FACULTY

### CUSTODIAN'S MEETING, FEBRUARY 14-15

The Custodians met at the Cornell Branch on Feb. 14 and 15, with Balderston, Burchard, de Beers, Olin, Sproull, and Todd attending. V. W. Cochrane, President of the Telluride Association, was present, as were Fred Laise and Harvey Mansfield of the Permanent Financial Advisory Committee. Permanent Finance Committee members and many Branch members participated in the sessions, which alternated with meetings of the Telluride Council.

It was decided that the PFC should estimate current and future income and compare estimates made last year with actual income. Since the "pegs" on US Treasury bonds have been lowered during the fall and winter, market values have dropped to par in the long term issues. In response to advice from Parker Monroe, the possibilities for investing in corporate bonds, as against governments, were reviewed. It was proposed that we increase our holding of Canadian National Railway bonds if they prove satisfactory upon further investigation. DeBeers reviewed the maturities of our bond holdings, and it was decided to investigate the possibility of securing optional payment in U. S. funds of bond interest on our Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan bonds.

Balderston reported on the current state of the Timing Plan Fund, which now totals \$510,432 in market value. Because of Balderston's departure for the South, Olin will take over the management of TPF. Todd led a discussion on insurance stocks, with special reference to a comparison of fire with casualty insurance companies. Sproull presented a brief report on chemicals. The Permanent Finance Committee reported on the common stock holdings now in our portfolio. Burchard and Sproull, as a committee, presented their idea as a system of amortization of bond premiums and received approval from the Custodians. A final proposal with sample entries for present bond investments will be prepared before Convention. Burchard reported on the Telluride Power Company and mentioned the voluntary rate reduction made at the last Director's meeting.

The next Custodians' meeting is scheduled for May 2 or 9, in Ithaca.

### CONVENTION PREFER- MENT PROCEDURE

Pres. V. W. Cochrane has approved the recommendations of the Committee on Convention Preference Procedure as to the method of interviewing applicants at the 1948 Telluride Convention. The committee, consisting of Chairman D. E. Claudy, L. Grant, and E. M. Johnson, was appointed by Pres. Cochrane to set up a plan whereby men applying for Telluride membership or for preferment at Cornell Branch could be interviewed and evaluated for the benefit of the Association.

The problem of interviewing is acute this year, because of the Association's decision to hold Convention at Deep Springs. A large porportion of applicants live on the East Coast and will not be able to attend Convention. It is necessary to enable as large a section of Telluride membership as possible to interview the applicants while in Ithaca. The necessity for duplication of interviews must be avoided. It is felt, furthermore, that an attempt should be made to give an accurate appraisal of each man's work at the Branch during the past year.

The following is, in outline, the projected system for the conduct of interviews:

Present prospects indicate that there is every possibility of completing all Ithaca interviewing before the start of Cornell examinations on May 31. The  
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### CORRECTION

The Telluride Convention at Deep Springs will convene at 8:00 P. M. on Monday, 21 June 1948, instead of at 8:00 A. M. as was announced on the proxy forms sent out to members of the Assocation last month.

Friends and alumni of the Association will be welcomed at the Convention. However, the Arrangements Committee would appreciate hearing immediately from any friends or alumni who expect to attend, since plans must be made for the accomodations at Deep Springs. If you plan to attend, please notify the Arrangements Committee, Telluride House, Ithaca, as soon as possible.

Association members are requested to make haste in turning their proxy forms in to the Arrangements Committee.

### Noted Educator, Philosopher, Will Retire This Year From Cornell Faculty

The Deep Springs faculty will have an important addition next year in the person of Dr. George H. Sabine, Susan Linn Sage Professor of Philosophy at Cornell and a renowned scholar in the field of political theory.

Dr. Sabine plans to teach at Deep Springs for at least one term during the school year 1948-1949. He has not yet reached a decision as to which of the two terms will be more convenient. He is expected to offer courses in ethics, logic, and various aspects of political philosophy.

An educator and scholar of wide experience, Dr. Sabine received his A. B. and Ph. D. at Cornell in 1903 and 1906. Seven years of teaching at Stanford were followed by a chair in philosophy at the University of Missouri in 1914 and at Ohio State University in 1923. He has been teaching at Cornell since 1931 and has been holder of the Susan Linn Sage chair in philosophy since 1941.

In addition to his teaching at Cornell, Dr. Sabine has been from time to time Dean of the Graduate School, Vice-President of the University, temporary director of the Department of English and faculty representative on the Cornell University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Sabine is the father of Telluride Association member George B. Sabine, who attended Deep Springs in 1929-1930 and became a member of the Association at the 1931 Convention.

Dr. Sabine's visit to Deep Springs is made possible by his retirement from the Cornell faculty, effective this summer. Dr. and Mrs. Sabine plan to drive West by automobile.

Arrangements for the addition of Dr. Sabine to the Deep Springs faculty were made by E. M. Johnson, with the cooperation of Bonham Campbell, Asst. Director of Deep Springs. Mr. Johnson was requested by the last Convention to cooperate with the administration at Deep Springs in procuring faculty for the school. In pursuance of this request, Mr. Johnson has embarked upon a policy of contacting well-known educators who are retiring from their regular teaching positions or are going on a sabbatical leave, to interest them in teaching for a short period at Deep

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### THE DRIVE FOR NEW FUNDS

To date, the New Funds Committee has received \$2,300.67 from forty individuals in its 1947-1948 campaign. This represents 46% of the \$5,000 dollar goal set by the 1947 Convention and 64% of last year's total contributions. However, we still have a month to go and perhaps a short history of the Committee's past activities and present aims will encourage more members, alumni, and friends to contribute.

In 1930 Cornell University raised funds to build a memorial dormitory. This committee was able to contribute a room in honour of two Telluride war dead. Shortly after this, money was raised for a much needed cottage at Deep Springs and then for the George Lincoln Burr Scholarship. This scholarship pays tuition at Cornell University and board and room for a resident of Cornell Branch for one year.

Since the war, the funds contributed to the New Funds Committee have been used largely for current expenses and have not been put into the Trust Fund. This has been done not only because of rising costs, but also because of the additional expenses involved in establishing our new Pasadena Branch. This summer Pasadena Branch will offer a series of courses of its own with the help of a part-time staff of five. Contributions are urgently needed if we are going to be able to give this and future ventures adequate support.

If you wish to contribute to the New Funds Committee without specifying the use to which your contribution will be put, it will be used by the annual Convention as a part of current income. However, if you wish to make a specific contribution to Pasadena Branch, Deep Springs, Cornell Branch, the Trust Fund or any other particular project, you may indicate that in your contribution and it will be put in the proper account.

#### COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

It is planned to Litho Print the Convention Minutes this year to save both time and expense.

This process will require the submission of the reports by standing committees and officers to the Secretary by May 10, if possible. It is hoped that all reports, while complete, will be kept as short as possible.

### SIZE OF CORNELL BRANCH

by T. R. Palfrey

At the last two Conventions Cornell Branch has tended to take on a size dictated by the situation of the moment rather than by any consistent policy. I should like to take this opportunity to recall some aspects of the arguments for a small, as opposed to a large Branch.

The Branch could return to housing 30 or fewer persons; or it could expand to as high a number as 38 with use of the basement apartments. The main argument for expansion is that it makes the most expeditious use of physical facilities and that it permits more variety of experience and interaction among the residents. Furthermore, it offers greater possibility for individuality within the group.

The central argument for a return to a smaller Branch is that the influences of the members and of the ideas of the Association become too diffuse in a large group. It is possible in the present Branch to exist rather than to take active part; therefore it can be said that the present Branch is too large. It is indeed so large that some of the members tend to withdraw into subgroups.

In a Branch composed of exceptionally strong persons, of course, the argument in favor of a small size breaks down. Such would be an unusual circumstance, however, and, in view of the necessarily limited nature of what TA is financially able to undertake, it seems likely that as a rule the arguments for a small Branch should receive heavy consideration.

In a small group each member is more personally responsible for the activities of the whole, for the proper physical functioning of the Branch, and for its efforts to accomplish what it is designed to do. It is reasonable to assume, that if, as is now the case, it is possible for individuals to come and go relatively unnoticed, then the Branch is not functioning as it should, and that it is oversize.

The writer realizes that some rough equating of cost and feasibility against useful accomplishment is necessary. At any rate, it is the problem of the Convention, and more precisely of the Cornell Branch Committee, to evaluate the Branch at least in part in terms of its effectiveness as a function of its size and to suggest some size consistent with the maturity and ability of the probable membership of the Branch, so that, during the voting on preferment candidates, Association members will have a more precise notion of where they want to stop, and why.

### PASADENA WORK PROGRAM

The following is a copy of a letter sent by the Work Committee of Pasadena Branch to the Telluride associates in the Los Angeles area. As well as giving an account of the present activities of the Pasadena group, this letter indicates the extent to which the associates of Telluride Association in that area are helping the Pasadena Branch in the implementation of its policies.

Since we were so bold as to approach you on the possibility of jobs for the men at this Branch, we thought you might be interested in the results of our efforts. We talked with as many of you as we could find phone numbers for. All were very anxious and willing to help, many had very good reasons why they could not do much at this time. With the help of Telluriders, with contacts through the Pacific Oaks parents and Associates, and by dint of individual effort all men are placed now in jobs which they think have some significance. The amount they will get from the job will vary in individual cases, but we think the general effect of this work term will be quite valuable.

Two men, Ogan and Christenson, are working for the U. B. Eray Company, a small chemical engineering and oil by-products plant. Dr. Bray became interested in our project when he heard of it through Harold Sanders and John Rockfellow of Union Oil. These men are getting a good experience of the friendly, informal relations in a small plant as well as the necessity of rapid and efficient output.

Cowdrey and Ellison are working in the laboratory of Dr. E. G. Anderson, who is nationally known for his research in the genetics of corn. Some of the research that he is carrying on is in connection with exposure of corn to atomic explosion at Bikini. Dr. Anderson was contacted by one of the students on the Work Committee through Pacific Oaks connections. He came and talked to our group about his experiments and later offered two jobs. Most of the work is fairly routine, but it gives an excellent opportunity to participate in and learn from really thrilling research.

Tupp Turner is set-up man at CBS broadcasting studio. He secured this through his own efforts and is finding it valuable experience, especially for one who is interested in radio.

Walt Coppock, having worked for some time as a carpenter, is now having an entirely new experience in a citrus packing plant. This job came through Tellurider George Lyon, who, in addition to law, is influential on a committee to secure agricultural laborers.

Philip Howard has been working in a fascinating job of social and legal research on restrictive covenants for

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has been interviewing at the House all year, has promised that it will be ready to present its list of final selections for Convention interviewing by May 7. All applicants will be available before examinations, and with twenty-five Assoc. members available in Ithaca, committees appointed now should finish their work well before the westward trek begins.

**Interviewing in Ithaca**  
From the twenty-five members in Ithaca and from those members available in the East, the appointment of the following committee arrangement for Ithaca is suggested:

### Ithaca Interviewing Committee I

Preferment for new men—"outsiders."

This category would contain from ten to fifteen men, depending upon the final selections of the UGC. This committee's report would have to be integrated with the preferment report of Committee II.

### Ithaca Interviewing Committee II

Membership; Preferment for TA men

This committee would interview Association members applying for preferment and Housemen and Deep Springers applying for membership. We could expect about twenty-four men in this group.

This year it is highly desirable that as many people as possible see the applicants first-hand and for this reason we suggest two, and therefore larger, committees. Larger committees would give more complete interviews and reports. Committee I would bring out a report ranking and recommending preferment applicants. Committee II would bring out two reports: one on membership, the other - to be combined with Committee I's report - on TA men applying for preferment.

Under this plan there would be no need of duplicating interviews for "insiders". People applying for both membership and preferment would see but one committee - II - which would result in a single report on the man - to be used first for membership deliberations or, if not elected, for preferment purposes. If there is a sufficient number of capable men available to insure large committees, the president might prefer breaking committee II in two: to consider TA men and membership applicants separately.

### Interviewing at Deep Springs

For DS interviewing the appointment is suggested of one committee to interview applicants for preferment and membership. For purposes of continuity, the membership of this committee should include members of the Ithaca interviewing committees.

This committee would first interview those at DS applying for membership, work their report into that of the Ithaca group and that present a single membership report to Convention.

## CORNELL BRANCH NOTES

Residents of the Branch returned on April 5 from a week-long Easter vacation to find a pleasant surprise waiting for them. Sam Pierce came back to Ithaca a married man. He was married to Dr. Barbara Wright in St. Episcopal Church in New York City on April 1. A graduate of Columbia University medical school, Dr. Barbara Pierce is now a resident physician at Harlem Hospital.

Under preferment granted Feb. 25 two more students have joined the Branch for the Spring term. They are:

Joel Allen Chaseman, a senior majoring in English, whose home is in Mount Vernon, New York. Joel is 22 years old and plans either to work in the field of radio or to become a teacher of English.

Walter B. Van Gelder. Although a sophomore in the College of Architecture, Walt already has his A. B. from Washington and Lee College in Virginia. His home is in Washington, D. C. These additions bring the total Branch membership to 36.

A number of men have received appointments to academic posts for the 1948-49 school year. Bill Rose will be an instructor in English at Williams College in Massachusetts. Having recently passed his Ph. D. oral exam, Bill is hard at work on his thesis. Bill Skinner has accepted an assistantship in anthropology. He will work with Dr. Morris Opler, Harvard anthropologist coming to Cornell next fall. Melvin Kohn, in addition to gaining admittance to graduate school, has been appointed an assistant in sociology. In graduate work Mel will major in sociology, minor in industrial psychology.

John Darley has won a new 1948 four-door de Luxe Ford through the persistent efforts of his contest-entering mother.

One of Charles Purkhart's short stories has won a place in Cornell Professor Baxter Hathaway's new anthology "Writers For Tomorrow," now being published by the Cornell University Press. A sociological study, Purkhart's story concerns a Japanese family in California and the problem of interracial marriage.

John Mellor won a seat as representative-at-large on Cornell's Student Council in the campus-wide elections held April 13.

President Barber Conable, in collaboration with three other law students, has written an article appearing in last November's issue of the "Cornell Law Quarterly." The work is entitled "Some Reflections on Nation-wide Service of Bankruptcy Process."

K. C. Chao now holds the presidency of the Cosmopolitan Club, Cornell's principal international, inter-cultural organization.

The Permanent Finance Committee, after discussion with Bob Sproull, is

preparing industry reports for the next custodian's meeting scheduled for either May 2 or 9 in Ithaca.

Norton Dodge, Bob van Duyne, and Alfred Harding are participating in the reorganization of the Cornell Civil Liberties Committee—a group promoting observance of civil rights on the campus and in the town. Dodge is writing a constitution; van Duyne has recently been elected secretary; and Harding is serving as the Committee's dissenting prodger.

The Branch's scholastic average for the fall term was approximately 87.

Joel Chaseman, Bob Gatie, Al Whiting and Ed Wesley are all active in WVBR - Cornell's undergraduate-managed radio station. Chaseman has been elected program director of the New Empire State Network soon to operate between Ithaca and Rochester. It will be the first regular, wired, college radio network in the country.

K. C. Chao, Norton Dodge, and Jean Pourgeois helped establish the Co-ordinating Committee on International Affairs, whose function is to harmonize and eliminate duplication in the programs of the many internationally minded organizations on the campus. Ex-Deep Springer Cyril Stelzenmuller has charge of radio publicity.

John Darley has won theatrical acclaim locally for his performance as C. K. Dexterhaven in the Cornell Dramatic Club' presentation of "Philadelphia Story"

"Cosmopolitan Magazine" devoted seven pages of print and pictures in its April issue to life at Cornell University. The article is written by Ralph G. Martin, who was a guest of the Branch while compiling his material in February. Besides quoting extensively the remarks of K. C. Chao and "long, lanky Johnny Mellor," Martin writes near the end of his article:

"...at Cornell anyway, sports are secondary to studies. Probably more students want to belong to Telluride than to run races. Telluride is a distinctive association of 35 students picked for scholarship and social leadership and given free room and board. It represents the thin's Cornell is best known for — the melting pot, the extreme range of study and activity, the broadest kind of freedom."

Roger Baldwin is chairman of the Cornell Student Council's Survey Committee. With lengthy questionnaires, he and his assistants have surveyed 500 students to find information of value to the University administration and campus organizations. Results are busily being tabulated.

The Branch has been privileged to have as its guest four days this month Sir Richard Livingstone, famous British educator, author, and classicist, now visiting in this country. In honor of Sir Richard, a tea was held at the Branch on Sunday, April 11. About

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the American Friends Service Committee.

Helmut Boenhlem, with an enterprising spirit, sold the Telluride program and himself to the Crown City Plating Company, and now finds himself tied to an elaborate buffing machine turning out from three to five thousand pieces per work period.

Robert Richter is working in the Pacific Oaks Nursery School where he has an excellent opportunity to observe psychology in action and study human relations in less sophisticated states.

Warren Seulowitz finished one job of drafting for an architect and is now hot on the trail of an assignment with an animated cartoon company, which will provide a varied and interesting experience. The contact came through a Tellurider, Drayton Bryant.

Starting on the first of June we hope to have our own faculty here at the Branch for a term which will run through the middle of September. This program promises to give a rigorous workout on the academic side.

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fifty prominent University officials, professors and their wives attended.

From March 15 to 27, Dr. Erich von Kahler resided at the Branch while delivering a series of six lectures on "The Crisis of the Individual" in modern society. Author of "Man the Measure" Dr. Kahler is now teaching at Princeton. He has recently aided Chancellor Hutchins' committee at the University of Chicago to prepare a draft for a world constitution.

Among other guests at the Branch during the last two months were these: T. V. Smith, professor of philosophy at the University of Chicago; Larry Kimpston, former Dean of Deep Springs, now at Stanford; Josh White, popular American folk singer, who delivered a concert at Cornell on March 13; Abraham Fellers, General Counsel to the United Nations; Robert Denham, counsel to the NLRB; Ignatz Slytowski, Polish delegate to the UN Atomic Energy Commission; John Maktos, an international lawyer now with the State Department.

With the coming of Spring, special attention is being given to Branch premises under the guidance of property committee chairman Sam Pierce. Worn and damaged furniture has been repaired and restuffed. An attempt is being made to clear much of the material in the attic. Former residents are being asked to claim the possessions they have stored there. The brickwork on the front of the House is being pointed. And finally plans are afoot to roll the lawn and refit the tennis court as soon as the spring rains subside.

## ALBERT M. JOHNSON

by F. C. Noon

Albert M. Johnson, known to every generation of Deep Springs students, died subsequent to an operation, at Los Angeles on January 7th.

Albert attended Cornell and graduated from Sibley College. There he met Bessie Penniman, a California girl, whom he married after his graduation.

The power plant at Nunn's, Provo Canyon, was built primarily to supply power to the gold mines at Mercur, Utah. In the course of time, Mr. Nunn became the owner of the Salt Lake and Mercur Railroad, which operated between the towns of Fairfield and the gold camp, Mercur. In 1878 he desired to sell a small bond issue on this railroad and invited Mr. Johnson, Sr. to meet him in Telluride to discuss a purchase of the bonds. On that trip, Mr. Johnson was accompanied by his son, Albert. While returning from Telluride to Chicago, and before a decision was made as to purchase of the bonds, Mr. Johnson, Sr. was killed in a railroad accident at Salida, Colorado. Albert, who was then 27, was injured to such an extent that he was practically helpless for years and physically handicapped throughout his life. In the course of his long convalescence, he went to Death Valley and there formed his now famous acquaintance with Death Valley Scotty. Out of this connection grew many of the romantic experiences and stories with which Deep Springs students are familiar.

In the course of Mr. Johnson's travels in the desert, he discovered Deep Springs. In 1915 he, with Messrs. Nunn, Dr. Fuller, Suhr, Sidney Walcott, and I, visited the ranch. Messrs. Nunn and Johnson carried on unsuccessful efforts to purchase the place at a reasonable price, but two years later Mr. Nunn closed a deal for it.

The widening difference in business and religious philosophies between Messrs. Johnson and Nunn caused their paths to diverge. Mr. Nunn believed that if some service needed to be done and was well performed, the reward followed as a matter of eternal law. So he gave little thought to securing money. Mr. Johnson, on the other hand, approached a business enterprise with the profit motive in view. Mr. Nunn was a deeply religious, broad, tolerant liberal who believed that revelation is a continuing process in every field. Mr. Johnson did not believe in evolution, and held the theological idea that all revelation stopped with Christ. So these two men, friends for many years, kept their mutual respect but, as the years passed, found little reason for maintaining close association. Mr. Johnson's visits to Deep Springs in recent years have been rare. He devoted his attention primarily to his evangelistic activities and established a foundation to carry them forward.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. Harry E. Redeker has returned after an absence of eight years to his old job in the department of chemistry at San Mateo Junior College. He is a Captain in the Naval Reserve and was head of the Chemistry Committee, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Ralph D. Comer is doing pre-medical study at the Univ. of Kansas. After completion of his training at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco, Comer stood a hitch in the Maritime service.

Robt. P. Fairbanks, 67, died in his sleep at his home in Hollywood on Feb. 22. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lorie Eggertsen Fairbanks, and by two daughters. Fairbanks, who was graduated from Cornell in 1903 with a master of science degree, did much work for Mr. Nunn prior to 1917 in Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and Mont. One of his minor jobs was supervision of the decoration and furnishing of Telluride House in 1910. A brother of the late Douglas Fairbanks, he went into the motion picture business in 1918 as a production manager for the Fairbanks Co. and was instrumental in the formation of United Artists, and he supervised the construction of the first United Artists studio. He was a charter member of the Motion Picture Academy. From 1934 to 1939 he was construction engineer for 20th Century-Fox Studios. He was generally regarded as a leader in scientific and technical developments in the film industry.

He was a Constitutional Member of Telluride Association and the first President of the Telluride Association Alumni.

## BIRTHS:

Barbara van Meter Hinman, at Johns Hopkins Hospital on March 5. First child of Doctor C. J. and Mrs. Hinman.

Nathaniel Tablante, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the College Cooperative Store of the College at Laguna, Philippines, was recently appointed Asst. Manager by the Board of Directors. For two months this spring, Tablante will conduct a farm-management survey of abaca-Manila hemp-farming in Southern Luzon, one of a series of research projects he has undertaken for the Agricultural Economics Department of the College.

Bruce Johnston, present Chief of the Foods Branch of the Economic and Scientific Section in Japan, has applied for admission at the graduate school at Stanford to resume his interrupted study.

Robt. Boochever, formerly Asst. U. S. Attorney, First Division, Territory of Alaska, became on Feb. 1 a member of the firm of Faulkner, Banfield & Boochever, Juneau, Alaska.