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Urban-Scott

Fame and possibly fortune are rapidly approaching Irvin L. Scott due to the unfortunate death in July of his chief, Joseph Urban, internationally known architect and stage designer.

Associated with Urban for the past ten years, architect Scott has been forced to work anonymously due to the importance of the Urban name. With the Viennese genius he has designed the home of millionaire E. F. Hutton at Palm Beach; the Paramount Theatre and the Bath and Tennis Club, also at Palm Beach; the famous Atlantic Beach Club; and in New York City the Ziegfeld Theatre, International Magazine Building, and the widely-known New School of Social Research. His most recently completed work is the Manhattan apartment of popular novelist Katherine Brush. Together, Scott and Urban advised World Fair builders on color and lighting.

Following her late husband's known wishes, Mrs. Urban has turned the firm over to Scott, under the name of Joseph Urban Associates, continuing at 5 East 57th Street. Justifiable fears that Urban's death would mean no future orders were quickly dissolved by pre-Repeal desires of leading hotels for supper rooms with bars. At writing, the Plaza, Savoy-Plaza, and Commodore in New York, and the Congress in Chicago, will install weak-stomach and rubber-leg dispensers to Scott specifications.

Other jobs which keep this handsome, gray-haired alumnus working nights and Sundays at his Hastings-upon-the-Hudson residence are numerous small houses. Newshawks have kept the former Provo schoolboy busy answering questions and metropolitan dailies have published stories and pictures of recent achievements. Son Michael will be three years old on October 11. To quote: "Otherwise there is not much of interest except that we are working like h—."

C. J. B.

To EMJ re JGL from TJM

The above series of initials is copied from a clipping out of the Washington Times, pencilled by TJM. Tom McFadden (for he it is) has voiced certain objections to having the editorial staff of the News Letter use the name of the author of a letter as its heading. It is no doubt unimaginative to do so, and we submit the initialled heading instead. The clipping reads as follows:

(By International News Service)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 31, 1933.
Prof. Adolf A. Berle, member of

the so-called Roosevelt "brain trust," and John Laylin, a Treasury adviser, have been selected as the financial experts to make a survey and report on Cuba's fiscal condition, it was announced by Secretary of State Hull today.

Laylin will leave for Cuba immediately, and Berle will go at a later date.

They will not act as advisers to the Cuban government, but to the American embassy in its efforts to devise a formula for straightening out Cuban finances. The external debt of Cuba amounts to approximately \$160,000,000."

Further particulars of JGL's work in Cuba will be welcomed by the News Letter.

An item (A. P.) clipped by Huntington Sharp from the New York World-Telegram and containing substantially the same information as the Washington item, reached the News Letter desk a few days after TJM's clipping. The editor is very glad to direct attention to this exemplary zeal on the part of two contributors.

Utah Luncheon

From Paul P. Ashworth comes the following account of a midsummer gathering in Salt Lake City:

"Fourteen 'Telluriders' were guests of Ollie Clark at an informal and hurriedly launched luncheon at the University Club on Wednesday, July 28th.

"The 'excuse' for the gathering was the presence in the city of Father Ed. Meehan and several of the boys from Cornell and Deep Springs.

"For some two hours we had a get-acquainted session, learned what has transpired at our 'branches' during the year, and at the Convention, etc.

"We of the Utah group were happy to meet these men and hope that whenever any Association or Deep Springs men or candidates come this way, that they will let some of us know so that we shall have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted. The strength and possible helpfulness of the alumni group depends almost wholly upon its keeping in close contact with the active members.

"Those present at the luncheon were:

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| Armand Kelly | Chuck Gilbert |
| John Waldo | Al Arent |
| Bob Edwards | Ed Meehan |
| Ollie Clark | John Burchard |
| Earl Ohlinger | Lee Farrer |
| Morgan Sibbett | H. R. Waldo |
| Paul P. Ashworth | Walter Balderston |

First Petition - 12

In the News Letter of April, 1927, there appears a short announcement which is worth reprinting in its entirety. It is headed "The Cost of the News Letter," and runs as follows:

"The first issue of Volume 13 of the News Letter cost approximately \$125. Was it worth it? We think so. It went to a mailing list of somewhat over 300 members and friends of Telluride Association. That it was welcome and served to stimulate interest in our problems is evidenced by the response in the current issue.

"The issue which you are reading will probably cost about the same as the first. Our appropriation was \$125 from the Association and \$125 from the Alumni Association. A total of \$250. It's spent!

"We want one more issue of the News Letter. A pre-convention number in June. We're going to have it though the editors may be forced to go out with a gas pipe.

"Certain members in New York and vicinity have already expressed their willingness to contribute."

The present staff of the News Letter is on a gaspipe policy from the start. By reiterated appeals last year the News Letter was regularly issued, and expenses were defrayed in large part by the contributions of members, alumni, and the gratifyingly large group known as "friends." Only a small portion of the Association's appropriation had to be used. This year the editors hope to present to the convention a statement which shall show that the entire appropriation was turned back. A very small contribution from each member, alumnus, or friend will make this possible, for the cost of each issue is but a fractional part of that indicated in the 1927 excerpt quoted above.

At the 1933 convention enough money was contributed so that the first issue may be safely launched. Any slight deficit will probably be made up by contributions from members at Telluride House who did not ante up at convention. Last year's contributions were as much as five dollars in some instances, but the average was about a dollar. So closes the first petition.

(Make checks payable to E. M. Johnson or to Parker Bailey. For ease in indorsement it is advisable that an individual be named as payee. A few checks last year were made out to "Telluride Association," making it necessary to indorse them by circuitous Telluride methods which are too well known to need description.)

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Personal Notes

Chancellor Johnson has kindly allowed the News Letter to appropriate various excerpts from his letters of this summer. The following passages are from our viscous, volatile ex-comrade, Wayne C. Edmister:

c/o Sinclair Prairie Plant 13
Box 787, Seminole, Oklahoma

"Dear Johnny: . . . Oklahoma has been now but it came in under martial law so that no one would drink any of it till the hour the governor appointed. We are soon going to have a new lake named after the governor and built by the 'made work' program.

"Ben Armstrong and I had some nice visits and talks about Telluride. Somehow I just feel like an old member myself.

"I am in the research department of this company and like the work very much. Here I have opportunities to learn more about the manufacturing of gasoline than if I was starting in the ordinary way."

Frank Monaghan writes of his advancement in a few laconic sentences:

"My dear Jawn, . . . I've been offered a job teaching history this coming year at Yale and I have accepted with great joy. I'm to be an instructor, but with a little more salary and less work than I now have."

Frank goes on to mention his book on French travellers, a review of which is set forth in two columns of the New York Sun for September 1, 1933. The full title of the work is "French Travellers in the United States (1765-1932)," and it is published by the New York Public Library. The reviewer, Edward Laroque Thicker, pays enthusiastic tribute to Monaghan's insight and industry as displayed in this valuable contribution to bibliography.

An editorial in the New York Evening Post for August 1, 1933, speaks with hearty approval of Monaghan's article in the July number of New York History, debunking the well known character of Captain Kidd. Says the writer: "To the question of whether Captain Kidd was a prince of pirates or a gentleman-martyr, Dr. Monaghan answers that he was neither . . . He was, in reality, weak and vacillating, succumbing first to temptation and then to remorse. In Dr.

Monaghan's picturesque phrasing, he was 'a third-rate pirate and a fourth-rate gentleman'."

Our two famed aluminum depositors, George Sabine and Robley C. Williams, are spending time at an isolated pinnacle of the earth's crust somewhere near Flagstaff, Arizona. Together with Professor S. L. Boothroyd of the Cornell astronomy department they are studying ultra-violet spectra of the stars by means of the new aluminum-coated mirrors. They plan to remain in Arizona until about November 1, in order to take advantage of the clear weather.

It will be recalled that chromium-coated mirrors were used by George and Robley in their observations during the New England solar eclipse of August, 1932. Since then, they have been able to deposit aluminum on glass, and this has proved to be a still more satisfactory metal for reflecting the ultra-violet spectrum.

Our esteemed fellow-member, James R. Withrow, Jr., enviously announces the recent marriage of his younger yet bigger brother, David D. Withrow, to Miss Polly Byers of Columbus, Ohio. Jim's envy, of course, is directed toward his brother's status, not toward his spouse.

Immunology

235 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

October 2, 1933.

Dear Parker:

Undoubtedly by this time the school year has begun and the time is ripe for the production of another News Letter. I am writing to let you know that my address is the same as it was last year. At the time of the last convention I was undecided as to future plans since my job was vanishing for lack of funds. However, at the last moment, when I had made all arrangements to move, I was offered a position in the Department of Applied Immunology at the same hospital so that all I had to do was to change my working place to another floor.

I find the work very interesting and, contrary to that of last year, it keeps me busy. I have been spared any routine duties but devote my time to the study of the nature of the substances causing hay-fever and asthma. This work has a particular personal appeal as I have always been troubled by those very conditions. I now get expert advice on the subject and can combine the experimenter and guinea-pig in one.

Let me wish the News Letter a successful year and suggest that during the year it would be very helpful to the members of the Association if it would publish a list of the candidates who are expected to be eligible for election at the next Convention, including, particularly, such informa-

tion as the candidate's previous contacts with Association members and his source of information regarding the Association. This latter would be particularly interesting about non-members who are going to be proposed as guests at the house.

Perhaps, when there is extra space to be filled, the editorial staff could approach the Chancellor with the suggestion that he make out brief summaries of the facts concerning all those persons he would recommend to the Convention. Probably all this has been done in the past but I usually find myself at Convention confronted by innumerable people, a few of whom I have heard of as being students at Deep Springs but regarding none of whom have I the slightest notion as to their Association plans.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN M. NEWEILL

New York Branch

Interest, to put it mildly, filled Telluriders this summer who learned of proposed New York Branch, composed of Julius Brauner, Bill Layton, Don Read, and Bill Sullivan, in alphabetical order. Latest reports have this combination of Law and Medicine operating on an economical scale on the corner of 93rd Street and Madison Avenue, Manhattan, in the Hotel Ash-ton.

Medical students Layton and Read had held forth hopes of settling nearer Cornell Medical School. Cravath lawyers Brauner and Sullivan are afforded direct transportation no matter where they live, but Bill Sullivan, twinkly-eyed Tammanyite, is holding out for rooms about the 15 Broad St. Cravath headquarters and consequent later rising hour.

"Calling all cars . . . Calling all cars . . . Go to 93rd and Madison . . . Stop street fight . . . Calling all cars. . ."

C. J. B.

McFadden's Fortune

T. J. McFadden had a large sized photograph and a long write-up in the August issue of "Fortune." At least two people have seen it: Al Arent in a Rochester lawyer's office, Chancellor Johnson on a newsstand. The latter read the article, replaced the magazine, walked off and informed the News Letter. Extensive investigation has shown that the University Library cannot afford a subscription at \$10 per annum, has copies of 1932 only. In 1934 they will have the issue wanted now. The News Letter cannot afford the single copy at one dollar per. So until someone fortunate enough to possess the August number sends the story to this publication, we present the following: "T. J. McFadden had a large sized photograph and a long write-up in the August issue of "Fortune."

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Cornell Branch Notes

PROF. GEORGE L. BURR is again the senior member of the House. His lively interest in all the branch problems and his unfailing sympathy and understanding once more make a richer and more worthwhile life at Cornell.

There are two graduate guests in the House this year:

HARRY CAPLAN comes to us for the second time, having been a guest in 1931-32. As the erudite professor of classics at Cornell he needs no introduction; more than that, though, he is the severest critic and best friend of those who have enjoyed his company at the House. It is easy to understand the enthusiasm which greeted his decision at the last convention to be with us again this year.

HERBERT SCHAUMANN comes from East Prussia. His illustrious past includes a visit to this country in 1929 as the German representative in the International Oratorical Contest held in Washington. Another appearance in 1930 on the German debating team was followed by a period of teaching in Missouri. At present he is dividing his time between instructing students in his native tongue and working on his doctorate, his thesis being German-American literature. He carries no swastika slingshot.

Of the four undergraduate guests, two come from Deep Springs and the others already have a Cornell past:

WALTER BALDERSTON spent three years on the ranch and comes with enough credit to forego Military Drill. This gives him a bit more time to concentrate on his major, History, and to hold the traditional office of catpuffer.

CHARLES BRUNEEL of New York City is a sophomore in Arts. Majoring in English, he is quickly gaining writing experience as local correspondent for metropolitan dailies. His ability as an actor, shown by many appearances at Deep Springs, will be a distinct addition to the Cornell Dramatic Club.

DONALD BOOTH helps to keep up our quota of engineers by searching for truth inside the ivy-covered walls of Lincoln Hall. To keep his balance, though, he writes for the engineering periodical, sings in the Glee Club and draws dandy cartoons.

ORVILLE SWEETING is again an undergraduate guest in the House. A junior in Arts, he is majoring in Chemistry. He puts in a great deal of time on the Sun board and can be seen any Sunday in the tenor section of the Sage Chapel choir.

Nineteen members of the Association reside at the House this year:

CARL ALLEN continues to be the best-dressed man at the branch. This, however, does not seem to detract from his capacity for work, and the varsity tennis squad, Glee Club, and debating team will probably all feel

his presence. Is a senior in Arts, planning to study law after graduation.

ALBERT ARENT is in his second year of Law. As vice-president of the House he heads the Advisory Committee. It becomes monotonous to mention his anti-militarist campaign, but his activities in this field continue as always. Elected president of the Liberal Club last Spring, he is attempting to carry out the promise of a New Deal.

PARKER BAILEY faces the last year of an illustrious academic career, after which he expects to be a full-fledged lawyer as well as accomplished musician. In the latter capacity he found time this summer to make up numerous songs, one of which looks like the L. L. Nunn Biography theme-song. It is called "Give Us Men," and, being based only on three chords, it is simple enough to be handed down without transcription.

JACK BURCHARD has but one semester between him and a degree. After graduation he expects to continue at Cornell in his chosen field, History. We hope that he will also continue to merit prizes in Public Speaking. At the House he holds the office of Treasurer.

CHARLES DIMMLER, from Berkeley, California, is one of the new members. After two seasons at Deep Springs he spent a year at the University of California where he started pre-Med work. Such transferring has lopped off many a well-deserved credit, but he expects to enter medical school next year.

THOMAS FAIRCHILD makes his debut at the House after two years at Deep Springs, the same period at Princeton, and a summer at home attending the University of Wisconsin. He's a senior in Arts and hopes to be heard in the University Orchestra through the medium of a French Horn.

ARMAND KELLY also has an academic past of some proportions. He is from Salt Lake, where he attended the University of Utah for a year before going to Deep Springs. He is now a senior, majoring in Economics.

SAM LEVERING is taking his last year of graduate work for a doctorate in Pomology. His ability as a financier has already been proven upon numerous occasions and points to the fulfillment of Sid Walcott's threat to take a course in Pomology from Sam in the near future.

DONALD MATSON, of Altadena, California, has convinced the University that his three years at Deep Springs were worth seventy-two hours of credit. He is majoring in Biology, with a medical future in mind. The House is counting on him to help bring home the intra-mural football cup. He has been selected as the Assistant Treasurer.

EARL OHLINGER was elected to membership last June, but this is his second year of residence in the House.

He hopes that by 1936 architects will have more to do than pace the streets. The varsity tennis squad should be better for his ability.

HORACE PETERSON returns to the House after an absence of a year spent at Pebble Beach, California, where he was an instructor in History and Spanish. An A. B. at Pomona and M. A. at Cornell lead to his present study for a doctorate in History. The World War is his particular field.

FRED REINHARDT has finally appeared at the House. His anticipated residence here last semester failed to materialize due to an extended trip around the world. Last winter he graduated from California, majoring in Classics. Now he is doing work in History and Government.

PAUL REINHARDT is beginning his second year as a member of the Association and third in Cornell, where he is taking a pre-Med course. As associate editor of the Cornell Daily Sun he shows no mean ability as a journalist. In the House he has won a place on the Advisory Committee.

RICHARD ROBERTS is a candidate for a master's degree in Physics. By almost unanimous vote he was elected to membership on the Advisory Committee. Music continues to be one of his major interests; under the competent tutelage of Parker Bailey he has in a year made remarkable progress as a pianist.

TED RUST this year holds down the job of chaperone for the itinerant preachers. If all goes well he should have a degree in Fine Arts within three years; sculpture is his field. At the House he writes the minutes on Monday nights.

GEORGE SABINE will start his third year of graduate work in November. With Robley Williams he is at present in Phoenix, Arizona, engaged in photographing the ultra-violet spectra of stars.

ROBERT SHERIDAN is still learning how to build bridges, with two more years before he can claim a degree. He spent a month this summer at the C. E. camp on Cayuta Lake, where he went into training for baseball and Glee Club, his particular outside interests.

MORGAN SIBBETT was elected president of the House by the unanimous support of the members. He is still active with the Liberal Club, a member of Tau Beta Pi, an active debater, and has all the earmarks of a B. M. O. H. Many members of the Association recall happy days spent this summer with Morgan at his home in Provo, Utah.

JAMES WITHROW entered his second year of Law after a profitable and interesting summer in Russia. Having broken all affiliations with the Liberal Club, and local socialist organization, Withrow is on the lookout for free-lance lecture opportunities on most any street corner in Ithaca. Perhaps as chairman of the Public Speaking Committee he will be able to give vent to his feelings.—E. C. R.

Deep Springs Notes

From a letter of Director-Dean Crawford to Chancellor Johnson we extract the following:

"This summer three crops of alfalfa were stacked with as much hay as last year; a span of reliable (sic) mules were secured in trade for an unreliable team of colts; Rudy, the man killer bull, was traded off for sheep, and other trades brought in forty sheep and lambs; a family of five Flemish Giant rabbits were received as a gift, which promises rabbit meat this winter.

"The roofs were treated to a coat of asphalt, oil-burners were installed in the kitchen and laundry stoves, saving fuel expenses. A 6000-gallon tank holds the fuel-oil.

"The water supply was very low; however, two cloudbursts in the mountains helped materially. Several visitors were at Deep Springs for short periods during the summer. Among them were Harvey Mansfield and wife, John and Boardman Burchard, Bill Kuder, Fred and Paul Reinhardt, Morgan Sibbett, and Chuck Gilbert.

Through the courtesy of Ralph Kleps we learn that on the evening of the opening day of school at Deep Springs a banquet was given which was followed by speeches of welcome by Messrs. P. N. Nunn, H. R. Waldo, Walter Crawford, Milton Wright, and Mike Yarrow. "A feeling of optimism and hope was expressed for the coming year . . . the consensus of opinion being that the year should be excellent if it could but live up to its start."

On Sunday, September 24, the Student Body took an all-day trip to Glacier Lodge, above Big Pine.

For its list of periodicals, Deep Springs has been able to secure the following, either by gift or student subscription: Atlantic Monthly, Harpers, Time, Forum, Current History, Reader's Digest, Nation. Says President Kleps: "Mr. Waldo has promised to add to this list if possible, and we should like to take this opportunity of welcoming any other contributions along this line.

"One very welcome sign at Deep Springs this year is the interest that has been aroused in music under the direction of Mr. Wright. Music appreciation classes and a quartet have already been organized, while ambitious plans are under way for the organization of an orchestra."

First Year Students

Frank Anderson, Ithaca, N. Y.
Fred Bullen, Pueblo, Colorado.
George Edwards, Oakland, Calif.
John Niederhauser, Menlo Park, California.

Robert Ross, Salem, Oregon.
Harry Scott, Newark, Ohio.
George Stewart, Norwalk, Ohio.
Paul Swatek, Chicago, Illinois.

"Open Road, Inc."

Dear Parker:

At last after three long years of waiting, I finally reached Russia, not going as I originally intended to go, just as a student, but on a full time job with a movie outfit. My job was to obtain the necessary permissions to take pictures for a theatrical release in this country. The work itself was fascinating, as I spent a great deal of time dickering with the officials of the Soviet Motion Picture Trust and of the Foreign Trade Commissariat.

It may be rather discouraging to future lawyers to know that the reason that an American lawyer was not taken along is that the Russians are afraid of them. It seems that some time in the past that Amtorg got what it considered a raw deal, from some American lawyer, and the Russians have not yet forgotten about it. At any rate, I am quite glad that they have this fear, for otherwise I should not have had the opportunity of going. The dealings I had were on a very friendly basis, and not of the cut-throat variety which is so characteristic of the American film industry.

I shall never forget the afternoon that we signed the preliminary agreement, for the Russians present were as elated as I was. It was their first contract with a foreign movie outfit, and it brought dollars into their coffers, which would help their department make a good showing in their socialist competition with other offices.

Russia itself I found as interesting as I expected. But I came away with the idea that I would try not to paint Russia the paradise that the Communists do, nor yet the terrible place that Riga, and the "Whites" would have us believe. Unfortunately the task of adopting an objective attitude is a very difficult one, for so many of the problems that they are lacking are of such vital importance to all of us. At the same time it is also difficult because Russia is a land of contrasts, and the old, and the new stand out in clear relief. The old filth and squalor of Eastern Europe is to be found right next door to a modern apartment house, or recreation park. And side by side with a new factory well-equipped and well-operated, you will find old methods of production with almost a maximum of inefficiencies.

Go to Russia and you can make out a case for anything that you want to prove and you will not have to exaggerate. You can prove from actual figures in the Communist archives that the system is collapsing, but turn to other pages to figures in different lines of industry or agriculture and you can prove as conclusively by actual facts that the plan is an overwhelming success. Look at one side of the external evidence and you will find an abun-

dance of things to criticize and yet turn your head a little and you will find things to praise and exalt to the outside world.

I must confess that I was quite surprised with what I found in Moscow. Many of the streets were wide and paved with asphalt, and the shop windows were not the dingy, funereal affairs that I had read about in so many books and newspapers. The food shops seemed well supplied with vegetables and other articles of food attractively arranged on the shelves. The drapery and clothing shops had garments and cloth neatly hung out, and though to an American, close examination revealed cheap material, a lack of style in the clothes, and what we consider poor workmanship, there was an abundance and superiority of quality over what I expected that rather shocked me. The inhabitants all assured me that this was the first tangible results of the five-year plan, but they all apologetically would add that I should wait for another five years, and I would find shop windows with goods of the same kind and quality as we have in America.

What I saw in Moscow is typical of Russia. The emphasis has been taken off heavy industry and put on satisfying the material needs of the people. The result is quite obvious, as a very much larger part of the population is now supporting the present regime than at almost any time in the past ten years.

A summer in Russia is a very stimulating affair, and I am eagerly awaiting next summer as it appears that I will have the same job then as I had during the past one. In addition to my regular school work, I am trying to learn a little more Russian so that in the future I will be a more competent observer. One of my few regrets about Russia is its remoteness. Other members of the Association have not visited there to any great extent, yet I am sure that almost everyone would find it as interesting as I did.

Sincerely,

JAMES R. WITHROW, JR.

Obituary

John Thomas Schaaff, father of Charles H. Schaaff, 2nd, died at his home in Washington, D. C., on September 1, after an illness of many months. Mr. Schaaff was an experimental engineer and inventor, holding many patents on electric typewriters and other recording devices. For a number of years he was associated with the International Business Machine Corporation, carrying on extensive research and experimental work.