

TELLURIDE NEWS LETTER

Publication of Telluride Association

VOL. XXIV, No. 1

ITHACA, NEW YORK

NOVEMBER, 1937

DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

By Randolph Newman

On September 9, twenty-one students, three faculty members and their wives, the Ranch Manager and his wife were present for the annual opening banquet. This number of students is a departure from the usual group of twenty. The management and the student body concur in the opinion that this is an advantageous step. It is very difficult for the Dean to obtain a true impression of an applicant's ability and promise through a half an hour's interview and the factual record of an application. In bringing a larger first year class to Deep Springs, the possibilities of gaining an increased number of good men are materially improved; naturally following upon this is the fact that third year classes will be enlarged, a condition that has been sadly lacking during the last few years. The general work crew can also be increased making possible the undertaking of more projects.

The twenty-one fellows are divided into groups of five, five, and eleven in the third, second, and first year classes respectively. The new men are: Henry Beal, Utah, John Deal, Washington, Herbert Gustafson, Illinois, Robert Jackson, Illinois, Lewis Lawrence, Ohio, Francis Peters, Pennsylvania, William Ross, Missouri, David Spalding, New Jersey, Francis Tetreault, Washington, D. C., William Webb, California, Jackson Wells, New York.

President Sproull early made appointments to the Committees, which include the traditional group of Public Speaking, Library, Entertainment, Labor, etc. along with last year's additions, the Applications and Lecture. The Public Speaking Committee has instituted a plan of criticism which has proved highly satisfactory. There is a critic of the evening as usual, and each member of the audience is given a piece of paper upon which to write separate criticisms of each speaker. These papers are collected, and cut into slips—the slips separated into groups of criticisms for each speaker. The

(Continued on Page 3)

CORNELL BRANCH OFFICERS

President: Ralph N. Kleps
Vice-President: Paul Swatek
Secretary: Walter Balderston
Treasurer: Fred Bullen
Assistant Treasurer: Thomas S. Dunham
Advisory Committee Members:
Fred Bullen, Christopher Morley, Jr.
Cat Putter: Charles C. Collingwood

During the summer the Irvin I. Scott vision of Cornell Branch redecorated began to be realized. Old members returning to the House were delighted by the bright appearance of the living room: the new turquoise green rug, the re-upholstered furniture, the four-foot circular mirror, the new wall-covering, and the indirect lighting. The music room seems more comfortable with the old living-room rug, new wall-coverings, curtains, and Venetian blinds. The old office and ping-pong room has been converted into handsome headquarters for Chancellor Johnson and will serve as a new central office for the Association. The arrival of long-awaited new filing cabinets will complete the scheme of modernistic office furnishing and lighting.

Robert Gorrell inaugurated a Sunday evening informal discussion hour by giving a talk on bibliography on Sunday, October 24.

Visitors at the Branch have included: Former President Jacob Gould Schurman; Harrison Brown, free-lance international journalist; Wilfred Bryan, Plant Pathologist from Australia; John Waldo; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheridan; Jane Swatek; Mr. and Mrs. Brickelmaier; Mr. Allan Campbell; Parker Bailey; C. M. Ashley; J. G. Miller.

Professor Edward J. Dent, musicologist from Cambridge University, England, and Messenger lecturer is at present a guest of the Branch.

THE FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE

By Anderson Pace

Directly and indirectly the existence of Telluride Association should and does, we believe, stimulate scholarly activity in order to broaden the field of knowledge. By eliminating the majority of pecuniary difficulties which might disturb its members in pursuing their scholarly activity, the Association effects its purpose most directly. The associations the members make at Cornell and elsewhere should be an indirect method. Whether or not that is true is of no concern here. Other more or less indirect methods by which the Association accomplishes its purpose in part might be cited. The presentation of a relatively new idea is the purpose here, so others will be omitted.

Briefly, the idea amounts to appropriating some interestingly sizeable sum of money to be used in the following way: present this money to some very promising young scholar or even to a recognized one for the express purpose of having him prepare some thesis on a subject in his field; then sponsor the publication of some limited number of these in book form and distribute them as gifts to various interested libraries and perhaps to some individuals.

By doing this, we would be stimulating scholarly activity outside the Association. We would, perhaps, be giving the scholar an appreciable boost professionally and financially. And in addition any publicity attached thereto should not be repugnant to the Association.

To select such a person is undoubtedly the most difficult part of the plan. First of all, it would seem undesirable to have the paper a periodic affair and thus bind the Association to choose someone every year. In order to get a good scholar we should learn through professors, friends, publications, and so forth, of people we might consider. Of course the subject could first be determined by some committee and the following year or two would then be spent in locating the individual. By going about this in a slow and very deliber-

(Continued on Page 3)

TELLURIDE NEWS LETTER

PUBLISHED BY
TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION
ITHACA, NEW YORK

Christopher Morley, Jr. *Editor*

Robert Boochever ... *Managing Editor*

Walter Barlow *Associate Editor*

NOVEMBER, 1937

The *News Letter*, it might be argued, is the sole articulation of Telluride Association. The Association is maintained as an organization by the annual convention, by the work of committees, by Cornell Branch, and by Deep Springs. But in the extension of knowledge and its application to human affairs, the work of the Association is carried on by individuals in different fields of scholarship and with different conceptions of the Association's purpose. The *News Letter* should record our work as an institution of higher education; it should embody our achievement as scholars concerned with the progress of knowledge. The purpose of the *News Letter* is to give the work of the members of the Association a common basis; to show what work is being done by members of the Association; and thus to keep scattered members in communication. This can be partially accomplished by a recital of the details, intimate or occupational, of the lives of various alumni and members and by reports of committees and branches of the Association. But it is an unsatisfactory expression of the Association as an institution working for intellectual advance.

Thus ideally the *News Letter* should consist chiefly of long and thoughtful articles—scholarly research and interpretation, social and educational problems, Association policies. They would not be too specialized for common interest. They might be written in order to bring many fields of knowledge into focus as parts of the Association's activity. In this way the *News Letter* provides a centre of gravity for the work of the different members of the Association, and overcomes, in some degree, the necessary disjointedness of our scholarly endeavor. This is not to say that the *News Letter* seeks for the Association any set system of principles or any single definition of truth. But the *News Letter* can show

scholarship in action; and a file of the *News Letter* over a long period should indicate that the purpose of the Association is to extend knowledge and to use it for a better society.

The student of history sees how perishable are efforts to preserve the dominion of the mind. But of all things words are the most durable. In our striving for significance the *News Letter* is our most powerful instrument. It is our duty to make it reflect the intelligence of our group, for as the *News Letter* is, so is the Association.

PERMANENT FINANCE REPORT

Immediately after Convention the Custodians signed authorizations to effect the sale and purchase of securities in accordance with Resolutions 14 and 15. On July 31 the records of Mr. Biersach showed that the following securities had been sold:

\$30,000 Telluride Power Co. 1st & Ref. Mtg. 6s due 1957
\$8,000 Scovill Mfg. Co. Cons Deb. 5½s due 1945
\$5,000 Canadian Nat. Ry. 4½s due 1945
\$5,000 Commonwealth Edison 4s due 1981
\$5,000 Pennsylvania Ry. Co. 4½s due 1965
20 shares U. S. Steel Corp 7% Pfd. Stock @ \$123
100 shares Raymond Concrete Pile Co. \$3 Conv. Pfd. Stock @ \$44
50 shares American Tobacco Co. B Stock @ \$76
100 shares R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. B Stock @ \$49
50 shares International Shoe Co. Common Stock @ \$41
100 shares J. J. Newberry Co. Common Stock @ \$51

Also by July 31 the Walker Bank and Trust Co. had acknowledged receipt of the following securities purchased for the Association:

100 shares Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co. Common Stock @ \$152
200 shares Kennecott Copper Co. Common Stock @ \$59
200 shares Pullman, Inc. Common Stock @ \$57
150 shares Sears, Roebuck & Co. Common Stock @ \$92
80 shares Scovill Mfg Co. Common Stock @ \$43
200 shares Westinghouse Air Brake Co. Common Stock @ \$43

43 shares Johns - Manville Corp. Common Stock @ \$126
500 shares Am. Radiator & Std. San. Corp. Common Stock @ \$20
100 shares Lone Star Cement Corp. Common Stock @ \$56
30 shares U. S. Steel Corp. Common Stock @ \$116

(The price per share is approximate)

Thus by July 31 Resolutions 14 and 15 had been effected except for the purchase of 79 shares of U. S. Steel Corp. Common Stock. An additional 50 shares of this security were acquired early in August at \$119 per share. By September 22 the 100 shares of General Motors Corp. Common Stock had been sold at \$60 per share in accordance with Resolution 18.

During the latter part of July the Custodians received notice of a stockholders meeting of the Northern New York Utilities, Inc. at which would be discussed a proposal to exchange shares of the 7% preferred stock for new 5% preferred stock in the Niagara Hudson Public Service Corp. The book value of the new preferred was to be increased and the new issue would earn dividends 3.21 times as compared to 2.30 times for the old 7% preferred. The meeting approved the proposal and the Custodians accepted the offer of exchange, receiving 99 shares of the 5% preferred for the 90 shares of the 7% previously held.

On July 28 J. G. White & Co. announced that they had a buying inquiry of 30 cents per share for New York Title and Mortgage Corp. Common Stock of which the Association holds 200 shares. This offer was filled before the Custodians could act but assurance was given that we could dispose of our shares at 25 cents each if we should wish to do so. The Custodians decided, however, that they should have further information before taking action.

At last Convention \$12,000 of the funds of the General Account were invested in U. S. Treasury 2½% bonds due 1955-60. Resolution 13 directed these funds to be invested in U. S. Government obligations or in securities guaranteed by the Government. Mr. Biersach made the exchange this summer as specified and the General Account now has a total of \$32,000 in U. S. 1½% Notes of 1940.

THE FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE*(Continued from Page 1)*

ate manner, our results would undoubtedly be better than otherwise. In this instance we would be interested in results of a person's scholarship rather than in his character. Hence we could undoubtedly avoid many of the difficulties that attend elections to preference and membership.

NETSCHERT SUPPORTS SELF

Bruce Netschert, undergraduate guest at Cornell Branch during 1936-37, has decided to forego his guestship for at least one semester, and possibly for the entire year of 1937-38. Bruce is gainfully employed by Public Service of New Jersey, and he will welcome correspondence with all old-timers on the topic of self-support.

A passage in Mozoomdar's "The Oriental Christ" was marked by Mr. Nunn, reading in part: ". . . as self ebbed away, heaven came pouring into the soul. . . ." Bruce, in keeping self from ebbing away, is thus maintaining harmony with the Creator and avoiding a premature spiritual inundation.

NEW MEN AT CORNELL BRANCH

Robert Anderson, instructor last year at Deep Springs, is working for a Master's degree in Government; he is assistant to Professor Cushman. During the summer he was employed by the Automatic Voting Machine Corporation in Jamestown, N. Y. . . . Walter Barlow, a student for two years at Iowa State University, is an English major. His special interests are journalism and music. . . . Michael Barton, from Oriel College, Oxford, is working for a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics; he plans to go into business in England. . . . Vincent Cochrane, a junior in Agriculture with a major in Plant Pathology, worked for the Vaughan Seed Company in Ovid, Michigan last summer. . . . Charles Collingwood, a graduate of Deep Springs, is a junior in the Arts College with a major in Philosophy. He spent the summer in North Carolina working for the forest service. . . . Ward Goodenough, a graduate of Groton, is a freshman in the Arts College; he intends to major with Professor

Hermannsson in Scandinavian languages and literatures. Last summer he was an assistant at the Groton school camp in Bristol, N. H. . . . Warren Horsfall entered Cornell this autumn as a freshman in Engineering, after three years at Deep Springs. . . . Robert Huffcut, a senior in Economics, spent the summer at a camp in the Algonquin forest in northern Ontario. . . . Austin Kiplinger, from Washington, D. C., is a junior in Government; he is active in the Student Council, the CURW, and the Glee Club. During the summer he worked as a hand on a Washington construction gang. . . . William Spalding, a graduate of Deep Springs, entered Cornell this fall as a junior in the Arts College; he is majoring in Government, but is also interested in archaeology and writing. He travelled in Europe last summer.

OLDER BRANCH MEMBERS

Walter Balderston spent the summer at Cornell Branch while he worked on his doctoral dissertation. . . . Bob Boochever, a junior in the Arts College with a major in Economics, spent the summer as councilor in a boys' camp in the Adirondacks. . . . Bill Bowman, a sophomore in the Arts College, worked last summer for the Telluride Power Company. . . . Fred Bullen worked for a brokerage firm in Pueblo, Colorado, during the summer. . . . Bonham Campbell was an inspector for the Detroit Edison Power Company in Detroit, Michigan. . . . Tom Dunham was employed in the office of the district purchasing agent of the Aluminium Cooking Utensil Company, in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. . . . Bob Gorrell worked for his father's newspaper in Bremen, Indiana. . . . Earle Henley worked for the California Packing Corporation last summer. Bill is a first year man in the law school, having taken his degree in Agriculture last June. . . . Ralph Kleps worked for the New York State Law Commission during the summer. . . . George Manner spent the summer at Cornell Branch working on his thesis and doing research on independent regulatory agencies for Professor Cushman. . . . Chris Morley spent most of the summer travelling in England. . . . John Niederhauser

worked for the United States Department of Agriculture near San Jose, California. . . . Andy Pace was employed as research chemist by the Lehon Cement and Asphalt Products Company in Wilmington, Illinois. . . . Fred Rarig worked for the Cornell Buildings and Grounds Department. . . . Robert Rust spent the summer at Cornell Branch and did horticultural work in Tompkins and Seneca counties. . . . Harry Scott helped the Ohio Power Company recondition eight thousand electric metres which had been damaged in the Ohio valley flood of last winter. . . . Paul Swatek was a ranch hand at Deep Springs during the summer. Paul won the Chi Epsilon prize last year as the most outstanding freshman in the Engineering College.

GOODENOUGH INVITATION

Ward Goodenough, son of Professor Erwin R. Goodenough of Yale University, was invited by the Branch as a guest for 1937-38. The action was taken by the fifteen members of the Association who will reside at the Branch during the coming year, as a result of a poll instituted by Chancellor Johnson and President Bailey during the latter part of August. Ward was offered a tuition scholarship by Cornell, and since it appeared unlikely that he could accept the scholarship unless he were invited to the Branch, it was deemed advisable to seek the votes of the group of members who would under ordinary circumstances have had to wait until their first formal Branch meeting to decide such a question.

DEEP SPRINGS NOTES*(Continued from Page 1)*

Entertainment Committee has sponsored two trips into the Sierras, one a two day's trip up Big Pine Creek, and the second a day's excursion up Bishop Creek. There is a possibility that on some week-end during November the group may travel to Saline Valley. If this does not occur, the trip will probably be made during the spring months, for ten of us recall with pleasure the Saline Valley trip of 1936. The Committee on Applications will again aid Dr. Kimpton in establishing contacts with possible applicants through correspondence. This task proved its worth last year, and the Committee has already begun

its work. The Lecture Committee, originated last year, has arranged for five lecturers to visit Deep Springs during the fall and early winter months. Dr. Charles Coryell, a Research Chemist and instructor at Caltech, spent a week at the ranch, during which time he rehabilitated our Chemistry Laboratory, organized a course in Chemistry for two of the older students, and gave one public lecture. Dr. Russell Story, head of the Social Science Department of Pomona College, will make a three day visit at Deep Springs during November; while Dr. Hugh Miller, Professor of Philosophy at U. C. L. A., has written he intends to come during December. Two graduate Chemistry students from Caltech will also make trips to Deep Springs for the purpose of lecturing. A number of other men and women representing a variety of fields will be invited to lecture at different times during the year. A Boarding House Committee was organized whose purpose is to promote cooperation between the student body and the management of the Boarding House. Mutual criticism will be made through this Committee, and the Committee will assist in planning menus while performing numerous other details of a more minor nature.

When the fellows arrived at the ranch this fall, they found awaiting their pleasure a big third cutting of alfalfa and the biggest corn crop raised during Mr. MacKenzie's period of ranch management. The hard winter of last year provided us with plenty of water throughout the summer—an important factor that has been on the minus side during the last few years. One cloudburst during the summer coming on a well-chosen date—just after the completion of the harvesting of the second alfalfa cutting—resulted in a third cutting that was just as good as the two previous ones. The first year men pitched in with the rest of the group to get their first taste of haying. It really seems an excellent idea having Deep Springs open early enough so the fellows can help with the final cutting of alfalfa. Besides saving the money that would be paid to hired hayhands, this plan aids in eliminating the formality that normally marks the students' relationships for the first week or two. There's no place like the hayfield in which the

fellows can quickly become acquainted with one another. The Deep Springs alumni would be as pleased as Mr. MacKenzie if they could see the size of the haystack. It includes 300 tons; whereas last year's harvest was only 160 tons. The size of the stack is certainly reassuring when the County's Indians are predicting another hard winter. This year we can afford to bring the range cattle in and feed them from our stack if the valley floor remains covered with snow for a month or more. But speaking of range cattle, they didn't appear to suffer from the winter. In fact, the calf "crop" is bigger and better than ever, and we now have approximately 600 head of cattle. Last year four of the dairy cows were sold to a chipped beef factory; so this year two new cows were purchased at a special sale in Southern California. They have certainly bolstered the milk production, for they are both sixty pound cows. The Labor Committee under the chairmanship of Dick Hewitt says it is well pleased on the whole with the physical work being done by the fellows. The Committee has chosen as its project for the fall the erection of a stable at the lower ranch.

A total of sixteen subjects is being taught this year. They include work in three languages, English literature and composition, Chemistry, History, Mathematics, Economics, Geology, and Philosophy. Our faculty consists of Dr. Kimpton, Armand Kelly, and Kenneth Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz is doing work with the fellows in English literature and composition, elementary and advanced French. He is also qualified to give courses in Spanish, Italian, and Biology. Upon completing his undergraduate work at Jamestown College and his graduate work at Yale, Mr. Kurtz was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. After the following three years at Exeter College, Oxford, he returned to the United States to teach at Colorado State Teacher's College and Caltech. We all welcome Mr. Kurtz as an addition to the faculty, for he is an excellent instructor as well as a very likable individual.

During the latter summer months a painter was imported from Los Angeles to do some long-needed redecoration. Both faculty cottages were repainted in the interior; while new furniture was purchased to

supplement that which was still usable. In this work Mrs. Kimpton acted as interior decorator and the fellows unanimously approve her ability as evidenced by the appearance of the cottages. Some work was also done at the MacKenzie's house; while three student rooms were painted and refurnished. (The writer, happening to be one of the occupants of one of the three redecorated rooms, can attest to the increased comfort and pleasure these rooms add to student life). New beds were purchased for all the student rooms; so no more shall the complaint be reiterated by a student that his bed is like a camel's back, high in the middle, low in the ends, or that the reverse is true.

The installation of the new heating system was completed during the early part of October except for a few minor details. Student labor during the latter half of the summer was used for the rougher work such as: digging holes for oil supply tanks and sinking same in the holes, insulation of pipes, etc. The system does not consist of one central unit, but of one boiler and burner for the main building and a smaller combination of the two for the faculty cottages. The boilers were made by the Kewanee Boiler Co., the burners by the Ray Oil Burner Co. Providing domestic hot water as well as the water for the radiators, the system is automatically controlled. It has been tested and found to work very satisfactorily. The buildings will for once be adequately heated during the winter months.

Among other changes, the old Marvel has finally passed out of existence. Built in about 1928 it gave nine years of exemplary service before being replaced this fall by a Chevrolet truck which, by the way, carries the Marvel's seat. The mechanic built the truck from two cars that had been wrecked in accidents. The motor is from a 1932 model; while the body is made up of parts of a 1929 sedan. The alumni will appreciate the fact that this new truck has an electric starter.