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## DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

*By Ned Bedell*

Relieved of the strain of Christmas vacation and semester exams, those at Deep Springs have settled down to the work of the new semester with more than the usual amount of spring-term enthusiasm and vigor.

### New Horse Barn

On the labor front the chief item of interest is the building of our new horse barn. The eight-foot rock walls, which were built of rocks dynamited off the hill north of the dairy barn, have been completed, and the carpenter work has begun. With good fortune the barn should be ready for inspection about the first of April. The general work crews, assisted by Jimmie Nevears, have done and expect to do most of the work of the project. To date this has consisted mainly of the actual construction work on the wall and of hauling tremendous amounts of rock and sand. The Driving Committee of the Student Body has contributed its share by trucking many loads of cement and lumber from Lone Pine.

Those of the work crews not occupied in the work of the barn have been kept busy feeding hay to two hundred range cows and calves in the big cornfield on the extreme north end of the ranch, to thirty bulls in the corrals, and to nearly fifty horses in various places. The usual jobs of sawing wood and spreading manure are continued from time to time, the latter being even more enjoyable than ever because of our acquisition of an unusually capable and comfortable manure spreader. It is perhaps worthy of note that the familiar winter job of hauling firewood from the woodpile and sliding it down into the basement is no longer indulged in because of the installation of our oil-burning furnace.

### Farm Chores

The special jobs are being carried on with characteristic Deep Springs finesse. The dairy maids report that their fifteen cows are giving 550 pounds of milk per day and that they are shipping a 90-pound can of

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## PERMANENT FINANCE

### COMMITTEE REPORT

*By Bonham Campbell*

In Resolutions 9 and 11, the 1938 Convention directed the Custodians to investigate further the purchase proposed by the Finance Committee of Affiliated Fund and Republic of Panama bonds. The subsequent inquiries failed to satisfy the Custodians who therefore decided that these securities were not suitable for purchase by the Association.

The transfer of \$17,000 United States Treasury Notes from the operating account to the Trust Fund occurred during July in accord with Resolution 10. The sale of the Du Pont holdings and purchase of stock in Christiana Securities effected Resolution 14.

In 1933-'34 the Association acquired 600 shares of Consolidated Investment Co. stock plus warrants for an additional 875 shares at \$30 per share as a result of the reorganization of Kidder Participation No. 2. The Custodians have never exercised the privileges of these warrants because the stock has not risen above \$30. The warrants were sold early last summer before they became void on August 1st. Material improvement of the Trust did not seem probable and therefore the Custodians concluded their activities for 1938 by ordering the sale of the 600 shares and the purchase of 216 shares of North American Co. stock, 50 shares of United States Steel stock, and 130 shares of Westinghouse Airbrake Co. stock. These securities were selected in the belief that they still had good prospects for appreciation and in order to round out previous holdings in these companies.

The plan for the reorganization of Commerce Building Properties, Inc. (mentioned in the *News Letter*, February, 1938) obtained judicial approval and in October, 1938, Custodians signed an authorization to accomplish the exchange of \$25,000 p. v. of International Commerce Building Bonds for \$18,750 p. v. of Income Bonds and 250 Voting Trust Certificates representing 250 shares of Common Stock of the Eleven

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

*By Vincent Cochrane*

In most of the supposedly civilized nations of the world today, education has become merely one of the devices of propaganda utilized by the State. In America, we are proud of the fact that we possess a relatively free, relatively tolerant system of education. While this is probably true in general, we forget that there is little to recommend our educational plan except its comparative independence from special pleading. This negative virtue does not compensate for the patent fact that the system is definitely not even trying to produce citizens capable of understanding and living in modern society. Without entering into any detail, it might be salutary to devote some space to a rapid consideration of a few of the most common defects in our present educational scheme.

### Secondary School Deficient

Leaving out of the picture the complex and highly important problems involved in teaching children in elementary schools, the situation in secondary schools may be cited as an example of the inadequacy of our pedagogical techniques. In the first place, what is the purpose of the high school? Is it simply a preparatory school for college? Is it a vocational and industrial training school? Is it to be aimed at fitting the adolescent for his future social environment? No one knows; most high schools are sterile hybrids of the first two principles mentioned; few or none can be said to even approach the last-named idea. As a consequence of the enormous increase in college enrollment in the last half century, in most cases the secondary school curriculum is designed to give some preparation for college work. The student who does not go on to college has wasted his four years; he has neither a vocation, nor a unified impression of modern civilization, nothing but vague hints of Latin, Plane Geometry, Civics, and so on. He is, briefly, still uneducated. No attempt has been made to instill in him a critical attitude. He has

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CORNELL BRANCH  
ENTERTAINMENT

The winter formal dance was held on December 3rd. Decorations consisted of evergreens and a tall Christmas tree with colored lights. A dinner party and informal dance was the program for the Saturday evening party following the first week of exams.

Recent Sunday evening programs have included a talk by Bob Gorrell on "Traditions of the Elizabethan Stage," a showing of moving pictures taken at Deep Springs by Bob Sproull, and a talk by Professor Laube entitled "Morals and the Law."

A tea was given February 26th, in honor of Professor and Mrs. George P. Adams. Nearly 200 persons attended.

Guests of the Branch have included: Professor and Mrs. Harold Clayton Urey (Dr. Urey is Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University and was at Cornell as a Baker Lecturer); Dr. Edgar J. Fisher, Assistant Director of the Institute of International Education; Mr. and Mrs. James Mosely; Robert M. Rust and Wallace Cook. George B. Kistiakowsky, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Harvard, is our guest at the present time. He is giving the Baker lectures in Chemistry while here at Cornell. Professor and Mrs. George P. Adams arrived February 19th, and will be our guests during their stay at Cornell. Dr. Adams is Professor of Philosophy and chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the University of California. He is giving the Messenger Lectures on "Ethics and Modern Life." Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Waldo were the guests of the Branch on February 20 and 21.

More recently the members of the House have been hosts to Austin Kiplinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kiplinger of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Kiplinger is editor of the "Kiplinger Washington Letter."

TED RUST HEADS FINE ARTS  
DEPARTMENT AT WILLIAM  
& MARY

Edwin C. Rust was recently appointed to succeed Leslie Cheek, Jr., as head of the Department of Fine Arts at the College of William and Mary. Ted has been with the college since the founding of the department in 1936.

He was at Deep Springs for 3 years, from 1929 to 1932, and was a resident at Cornell Branch during the following 2 years that he studied at the Cornell College of Architecture. He then spent two years at the Yale University School of Fine Arts, from which he graduated in 1936 with the degree of bachelor of fine arts.

Ted spent last summer working with Harry Camden, New York sculptor, on designs for the Federal building at the New York World's Fair. He is now at work on a fountain for the Virginia room in the Court of States.

Since going to William and Mary, Ted has designed and executed the wall fountain in the Fine Arts Building at the college, medals for the president's aides, a bronze door, and several portrait heads and busts. He will assume his new duties as head of the department at the opening of the college session in September.

Recently Ted was elected to membership in the National Sculpture Society.

## BURR MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE UNDER WAY

Contributions from twelve persons have raised the total in the George Lincoln Burr Memorial Fund to \$113.50, and the Endowment Committee is expecting further additions to the Fund in the next few weeks. It is hoped that any persons who feel that they can contribute will do so as soon as possible so that we may have a substantial sum accumulated for the consideration of next Convention.

The Committee has also received an assignment of dividends of \$150 from an insurance policy taken out by Edmund Zalinski. This will be paid to the Association in 1948. The method of giving by means of insurance presents a great many very interesting possibilities and the Committee hopes to include insurance plans in its program for increasing the endowment of Deep Springs and Telluride Association.

The Endowment Committee's work on plans for a future fund-raising campaign is considerably hampered by

the disappointing response to its requests for means of contacting prospective donors. This information is essential to the work of the Committee and to the success of any fund-raising attempt. It is hoped that readers of the News Letter will suggest the name of any person that occurs to them who might be interested in adding to the endowment of Telluride Association or Deep Springs.

The twelve contributors to the George Lincoln Burr Memorial Fund are:

Donald D. Matson  
W. D. Whitney  
Edwin C. Rust  
Duane J. Carnes  
Robert M. Rust  
J. G. Miller  
Miso Kunic  
Albert E. Arent  
Charles S. Schaaf  
Parker Monroe  
Raymond G. McKelvey  
John H. Burchard

Endowment Committee of Telluride Association  
Charles C. Collingwood, Chairman  
Ithaca, N. Y.  
Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is my contribution of \$..... to the George Lincoln Burr Memorial Fund. It is understood that the Endowment Committee of Telluride Association will hold all contributions to this fund pending action by the 1939 convention.

(Name) .....

(Address) .....

(Kindly make checks payable to ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE OF TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION.)

**CORNELL BRANCH NOTES**

Fred Bird was elected to the Freshman Governing Board during the term and has been active in freshman affairs. He is also a compet for the Cornell Daily Sun.

Music has been Bruce Netschert's main interest this past term; he is a member of the Instrumental Club and University Orchestra, and plays the library chimes every day.

Vincent Cochrane and Walter Barlow have been elected to Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholastic society.

Bill Bowman was a member of the Freshman Advisory Committee. He also had a part in the play "Excursion," given by the Cornell Dramatic Club.

Bob Sproull is a member of the Cornell debate team.

John Edgerton has helped the cause of the Spanish Loyalists through his work on the Spanish Aid Committee. Recently he spoke for 15 minutes over the radio, giving his interpretation of developments in Spain. John has been elected to the editorial board of the **Areopagus** for next year.

Paul Swatek is one of Bonnie Campbell's henchmen as a member of the committee which will present the Engineering Show on Cornell Day. In his capacity as art editor, Paul has done much work for the **Areopagus**. He has been elected to Chi Epsilon, honorary society for civil engineers.

Earle Henley is now writing for the **Cornell Law Quarterly**.

In addition to his duties on the Student Council, Austin Kiplinger has been active on the committee which is considering the optional ROTC drill question. "Kip" has also been busy in his capacity as editor of the **Areopagus**, the Cornell Journal of opinion.

Bonnie Campbell is chairman of the Engineering Show to be presented on Cornell Day in early May. He has also been active in other engineering activities, being secretary of Tau Beta Pi and president of Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary society.

Bob Gorrell is hard at work on his doctor's thesis **Popular Drama in England from 1600-1642**.

Ward Goodenough has been active in campus politics as executive secretary of the American Student's Union and as chairman of the Campus Peace Council.

**NECROLOGY**

Charles S. Ruffner died January 21, in Fort Myers, Florida, after having been in failing health for two years. Born in 1880, Mr. Ruffner began his work in the electrical field with the Telluride Power Company, at Telluride, Colorado, as supervisor for the construction of transmission lines. In 1904 he was transferred to the Utah division as Assistant General Superintendent, and later he became General Superintendent with headquarters at Olmsted. At the time of his death, Mr. Ruffner was regarded as one of this country's leading utility construction engineers, and was high in the direction and management of several of the greater power corporations of the East. In addition to his engineering interests, he was active in banking as chairman of the board of directors of the Schenectady Trust Company.

Mr. Ruffner is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hazel Wesson Ruffner. Many messages of condolence and flowers from older Association alumni were sent to Mrs. Ruffner. The funeral was held at the Ruffner home in Schenectady.

**ENGAGED**

Miss Ruth Bissell and Professor Philip E. Mosely have announced their engagement, and will be married early in April. Miss Bissell is the niece of Professor C. K. Burdick, former Dean of the Cornell Law School. Professor Mosely has been living this year at Cornell Branch, and is teaching in the Department of History at Cornell.

Gordon Kiddoo is a member of the freshman swimming team, and has taken part in several meets this season.

Irving Merrill is a member of the Instrumental Club and University Orchestra. He was on the Instrumental Club's annual tour during Christmas vacation. He also appeared in the Dramatic Club's production of "Excursion."

Teh-Chang Koo was recently elected vice-president of the Cornell student section of the American Association of Mechanical Engineers. He has also been active as president of the Cosmopolitan Club, which has over two hundred members.

Morrison Rutherford is working out with the varsity baseball squad.

**SIBBETT IN ARABIA**

Morgan Sibbett, working for the California Arabian Standard Oil Company on Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf, finds life there a stimulating experience in spite of some disadvantages. He writes of the intense activity: the building of pipe lines, tanks, houses, and buildings; the outfitting of exploration parties; hydrographic work; and the drilling of "wildcat" and producing wells. Morgan feels that there could be no better opportunity for varied experience. He does not know whether he will be returning to America this next May or the following February.

**LAYTON TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

Association member Dr. W. C. Layton has received an appointment beginning next July at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia as Medical House Officer. Doctor Layton, at present an interne at Abington Memorial Hospital, is specially interested in pediatrics.

**ZALINSKI DOING WELL**

E. L. G. Zalinski, who began work last August with the New York Life Insurance Company at the close of his study at Harvard Business school, appeared on January 1 in the company records as one of the 25 leaders in the Eastern Department for number of applications paid business.

**REICH'S NEW BOOK PUBLISHED**

Dr. Herbert J. Reich, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois, has just had his 670-page **Theory and Applications of Electron Tubes** published by the McGraw-Hill people. Reich has presented a copy to the Association for its records. This important book, authoritative in its field, represents five years of work by Reich. It is designed "to give the student a sufficiently thorough grounding in the fundamental principles of electron tubes and associated circuits to enable him to apply electron tubes to the solution of new problems." Reich became a member of the Association in 1919 at the close of his period of study at Deep Springs.

The following reprints from scientific journals have been added to the Association files by Reich: **Electronic Circuits for the Measurement of Time and Speed; Dynamic Characteristics of Glow Discharge Tubes; New Vacuum Tube Counting Circuits.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT***(Continued from Page 1)*

Moore Street Corporation.

Sometime last autumn the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. announced that they could no longer meet their fixed charges. Rather than undergo the tedious and expensive process of reorganization, the company asked that bondholders agree to an eight-year reduction in these fixed charges. Original fixed charges were to be paid in full if earned. The requisite number of bondholders concurred and thus the interest on each of the various bond issues were reduced according to priority of lien. Characteristically the Association held the junior issue; our interest was reduced to 20% of the original rate—or to 1%.

The most recent action of the Custodians will result in the sale of the \$10,000 p. v. of Tennessee Electric Power Co. Bonds which have recently been called.

A subscription to the service of Investographs, Inc. has proved a valuable aid in providing information on many of our present holdings and on proposed investments. This service makes available curves which chart pertinent ratios and facts concerning individual companies, industries, and general business conditions. It should be of great help in carrying out the financial policy established by Convention.

**STEWART AT CORNELL BRANCH**

George Stewart has returned to Cornell Branch this February to accept the preferment granted him at the 1938 Convention. George is continuing his university work in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**FATHER ED MEEHAN SAILS**

Father Edward J. Meehan, TA alumnus, sailed for Europe on the Italian liner *Vulcania* at noon on February 25th.

Father Meehan will disembark at Trieste, Italy, but his boat makes calls at the Azores, Gibraltar, Algiers, Palermo, and Patras (Greece).

He plans to remain in Italy for a little while, see something of Europe, and then visit Spain. Those who wish to reach him may do so through the American Express, Rome, Italy.

Father Ed has been ill for some time with a gastric ailment, and last winter underwent an operation in San Diego.

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learned history in the style of Parsons Weems, English literature in the style of the Ladies Aid literary committee. He has no intelligent opinion on current social and political problems.

**Colleges Lax**

The situation of the average high school graduate might be tolerable if colleges were turning out every year a large group of well-trained, intelligent, and informed young people. If such were the case, the group would be large enough with present college enrollment, to furnish a substantial haven for the mass. If we face the facts, we must admit that colleges are doing no such thing, and that probably they are of themselves doing little to train and equip leaders. It is impossible to enumerate the many facets of the problem of higher education. Two aspects are particularly prominent; the poor quality of the entering college student and the poor quality of the college instruction.

Low standards of admission combine with the necessity of meeting college expenses to insure that the average college freshman class is made up of good and poor students in the same proportion as the average high school senior class; in other words, colleges receive, not the pick of the high school crop, but the field run. In the effort to make silk purses from sows' ears the college faculty is forced to neglect superior students; the sows' ears remain the same in spite of all the attention that is lavished upon them. Even the good student has been so poorly trained in high school that he usually spends his first year getting ready to handle college work, instead of plunging directly into it.

**Curriculum Not Integrated**

The college curriculum is overburdened with special courses on every imaginable subject and cursed with a paucity of general, comprehensive courses; there is no coherence, no unity, no attempt to give the student a broad view of the past or present of the society in which he lives. Students are either allowed to specialize too early or are allowed to drift from course to unrelated course for four years. The vicious examination and grade system compels the student to devote most of his time to nonessentials, to details.

Finally, as in the secondary schools, no one knows whether the college should teach its students how to live or how to make a living; here again, it usually teaches neither.

**Revision Needed**

It is impossible in this brief space to buttress the bald and arbitrary statements above with reasons, examples, or other supporting evidence. And it is not the purpose of this essay to suggest specific reforms or improvements in the educational system. But there is no question as to the need of a radical revision of the system, a revision that will adapt education to the existing social order. A horse and buggy political system may be an impediment to progress; a similarly antiquated educational system is an even greater obstacle.

That educators are not insensible to the necessity of change is evinced by the various experimental schools of all grades that exist today. The so-called progressive education in the lower grades, segregation of poorer students in both high school and college, special college curricula, extensive financial aid to superior students, and many other plans are being tested every year in this country. The number of these experiments is, however, pitifully inadequate in relation to the need for them.

**Problem of Education is Ours**

Telluride Association is primarily an educational institution. We sometimes—too often—lose sight of that fact in our concern over political and social problems. Important as these problems may be, a solution of them is impossible if education lags behind neglected. How long can a Utopian scheme of collective security among nations endure in a generation of men and women the mass of which lacks even the rudiments of an intelligent attitude toward society? It is a truism that civilization in a democratic society can advance only if the intellectual level of the mass rises rapidly enough to keep pace with the achievements of the gifted few. If those holding political power have no conception of the intellectual basis of civilization, it will not be long before that power will be misused.

**DeBEERS ENGAGED**

John S. DeBeers, TA member now in Washington, D. C., recently announced his engagement to Miss Dorothy Hill, also of Washington.

**MATSON GETS INTERNESHIP**

Association member Donald D. Matson, in his last year at Harvard Medical School, is President of Alpha Omega Alpha, scholarship fraternity of the upper 10% of the class. Matson recently received the most coveted hospital interneship, the combined Peter Bent Brigham and Children's Hospital surgical service, such as Member Charles Dimmler now has. Matson begins work on the interne-ship on July 1. Matson has been exercising his old Deep Springs public speaking, since he lately introduced Doctor James Mansfield's old New York Hospital chief, Dr. E. F. Du-Bois, at a lecture sponsored by A. D. A.

**J. MANSFIELD STARTS PRACTICE**

Doctor James Mansfield on January 1, opened his office for the practice of internal medicine at 6 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Through Dr. George Minot he has obtained an appointment in the newly organized Harvard service in the medical out-patient department at the Boston City Hospital. On February 1, Dr. Mansfield began a part-time teaching job in the second-year course in clinical pathology in the Harvard Medical School. In addition to his teaching and other work, he is taking a graduate course in electrocardiography at the Mass. General Hospital. For his private patients he has an appointment on the associate staff at the Faulkner Hospital.

**DR. STRAHL IN NORTH DAKOTA**

Willard W. Strahl, graduate guest at Cornell Branch in 1929-1930, is now minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Minot, North Dakota. The membership of his church numbers about 1200, which makes it the second strongest church in the Dakotas.

**BETHE WINS PHYSICS PRIZE**

Professor Hans Bethe, of the Department of Physics at Cornell, and a resident at Cornell Branch in 1936-37, was awarded the Morrison prize of \$500 for the "best paper on solar and stellar energy." Professor Bethe's paper was on "Energy Production in Stars." The prize is given by the New York Academy of Sciences and Affiliated Societies from funds donated by A. Cressy Morrison, New York chemist and president of the academy.

**PACE AT NORTH CAROLINA**

Anderson Pace writes from the University of North Carolina, where he began work last fall: "Although first year graduate students are eligible for only one fellowship (\$300), a new one blew in over the holidays. I now have a private lab, access to any and all equipment I desire, and the possibility of getting a doctorate two years from June. Also I'll have \$1,000 coming to me between now and September, with my fees and tuition being paid besides."

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

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 Dusenberry, Frank, Box 198, Hyrum Utah.  
 Huffcut, R. J., 1704 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.  
 Joyce, R. P., American Legation, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.  
 Kunic, Miso, 121 Lincoln Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Levering, S. R., The Hollow, Virginia.  
 Lindsay, D. C., Air and Refrigeration Corp., 11 West 42nd St., New York City.  
 Mansfield, R. H., 2009 Blanche St., Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Nelson, D. J., 420 Lexington Ave., New York City.  
 Pace, Anderson, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of N. C., Chapel Hill, N. C.  
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 Sullivan, W. F., 10 Chestnut St., Amsterdam, N. Y.  
 Yaggy, Bradford, 4022 Berry Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

Please communicate with the editors of the **News Letter** if you can give any information as to the present addresses of the following men:

Bailey, J. B.  
 Blair, Frank E.  
 Bradley, E. K.  
 Haury, H. A.  
 Hayes, George  
 Holser, F. L.  
 Monk, G. W.  
 Pijoan, Jose  
 Sherwood, Frank  
 Shirk, D. H.  
 Squires, J. C.  
 Sweeney, L. A.  
 Van Eette, J. C.

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cream to the Minden, (Nev.) creamery nearly every week. They also have fourteen calves to look after. The chicken-and-pig man has proudly announced recently the arrival of two litters of pigs, and he expects two more litters. The venerable matron, Mother Machree, came through with her customary large litter, this time of twelve pigs. Twenty shoats were sold in the Owens Valley for nearly \$200, which of course makes the Hog account look quite prosperous for the year. The meat-cutting job, which was done by the cooks for the most of last year, has again been returned to the amateur skill of the Boarding House man. So far the most notable result has been a badly mutilated thumb, suffered in a conflict with the meat grinder. Innovations on the laundry job have been speed, fairly good ironing, and paper shirt-bands.

**Snow Sufficient for Water Needs**

The winter weather has been comparatively mild thus far. There has been enough snow, especially in the mountains, however, to assure a good head of water for next spring and summer. Shortly after Christmas, a heavy snowfall blocked up the cement ditch just below the headworks, and soon the main ditch all the way through the ranch was clogged with snow. For the best part of three days most of those on the ranch were engaged in attempts to flush out this snow, a job which entailed wading in the icy water for hours at a time.

The new filtering and furnace systems, which are getting their first tests this year, have been functioning excellently except for minor difficulties with the burner in the Boarding House furnace. Three of the mechanically-minded members of the Student Body have taken the care of the filtering and furnace systems upon themselves as an extra job which is done on their own time. Daily check-ups and occasional adjustments make up the bulk of their work.

**Visitors and Lecturers**

Visitors and lecturers have been numerous recently, and we have engaged, at least tentatively, an average of one lecturer for every two weeks until the end of the school year. Most recent lecturers have included: Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, progressive educator and former

president of Amherst College and of Wisconsin Experimental College; Mr. Robert Littler, San Francisco lawyer, who for the past several years has figured prominently in the west coast labor situation and who has served as arbitrator in the San Francisco hotel strike arbitration; Father Meehan, who has given us several inspirational talks on Mr. Nunn and his conception of Deep Springs; and Mr. Chandler Bragdon, a graduate of Cambridge University.

#### Dean Kimpton Away

The Dean left on his annual winter applicant-hunting trip February 20. His schedule includes points in practically all sections of the country except possibly the South and Southwest, and he will be gone from the ranch for a period of two months. He will spend the week of March 18-25 at the Telluride House in Ithaca. In his absence from Deep Springs Mr. Hayes will serve as Acting Dean and Mr. Kelly as Acting Director.

#### Student Body Active

The Student Body organization has been very active and is functioning smoothly. Officers for this term are: President, Cronk; Labor Commissioner, Jackson; Student Body Trustee, Bedell; Advisory Committee, Cronk, Chm., McConnaughey, Lawrence, Olin; Secretary, Granger; Treasurer, Gustafson; Parliamentarian, Beal. Student Body meetings have been lively with debate, which although too often misdirected, is entered into with encouraging interest and enthusiasm. Committees are busy, many of them having taken up valuable projects. As an instance, the Library Committee is preparing a long-needed subject index for the library. The Applications Committee continues its many duties such as contacting applicants and high school principals, answering inquiries from them, and arranging in minute detail a schedule for the Dean on his trip east. The number of applications received to date far exceeds the number received by this time last year, and prospects for next year's first-year class are indeed encouraging. A newly-formed Faculty Committee acts as the agent of the Student Body in faculty matters, particularly in the selection of new faculty members. The Public Speaking Committee has injected new life into the public speaking program by experimenting with a series of thirty-minute talks and occasional debates. The Budget

Committee maintains an eagle eye on the budget expenditures of the various ranch accounts. The candy concession is run this year by the Phonographic Committee which has already earned enough money to buy a new record cabinet, three complete record albums, and ten individual records. The Rooming Committee, in conjunction with the Dean, is carrying on an extensive clean-up-your-room campaign. The sprinkling system which the Student Body installed last fall on either side of the front porch has been tested and found to be extremely satisfactory; grass will be planted this spring as soon as weather permits. Our next hoped-for step in the beautification of the campus is a lawn in the circle. The rejuvenation of the museum room has been completed. The artistic effects attained are delightful only to the thoroughly aesthetic; but nevertheless, the increased attractiveness and comfortableness cannot help being appreciated.

#### Daily Paper at Deep Springs

An activity partially financed by the Student Body but carried on as independent work by some of the students is the publishing of the *Voice of the Valley*, a daily newsheet which appears on the breakfast tables and which brings to the ranch up-to-the-minute radio news of the world. The paper was started by two members of the Student Body who deplored the prevalent lack of knowledge and interest in national and international affairs at Deep Springs; the immediate popularity gained by the paper necessitated an increase in its staff until now it has six instead of two editors.

#### Week-end Trips Taken

Week-end horseback, hiking, and even motor trips are the rule at Deep Springs this year rather than the exception, as was the case last year. One Sunday early in February a hastily planned expedition of nearly twenty members motored to the Fishlake Valley petrified forest, stopping in at the interesting Kellog Ranch on the way. Chocolate Mountain, Eureka Valley, White Mountain, Roberts, the lake region, the Queen Copper Mine country, Paradise Springs, and other points of interest have been visited, in some instances many times, this year. A four-day trip to Death Valley sponsored by the Entertainment Committee is scheduled for sometime late this month. Official plans for the

#### ADDITIONS TO ASSOCIATION FILES

The Association has added to its files *Welded Tuff in Eastern California*, by Dr. C. M. Gilbert of the Department of Geology of the University of California. This study appears in Vol. 49, Bulletin of the Geological Society of America. Deep Springs men may be interested to learn that the area covered in Gilbert's study lies between Mono Lake and Bishop, Calif.

The Bibliography of the Publications and Reprints of Dr. Michel Pijoan, Medical Associate in Surgery at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, has been received by the Association files. There are 32 items on the list of publications. In 1935-38, Pijoan was a Research Fellow in Medicine at Harvard; in 1936-38, he was Harvey Cushing Fellow, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Fellow Harvard Medical School. He is secretary of the American Medico-Legal Assn. His *History of French Renaissance Medicine*, a 448-page volume is now in publication by the Johns Hopkins Press.

#### ROBLEY WILLIAMS WINS AWARD

Association Member Robley Williams, instructor of astronomy at the University of Michigan, has just been awarded the Edward Longstreth Medal of the Franklin Institute for his work in the application of coatings to astronomical mirrors. In October, Williams supervised the coating of the 82-inch mirror destined for the McDonald Observatory in Western Texas. This is the second largest mirror in the world.

spring trip have not been made yet, but the itinerary will very probably include the San Francisco Fair and Yosemite National Park.

To destroy any ill effects of exam week, a Saturday afternoon trip to Bishop was planned for that weekend. Half of the attending members enjoyed a warm swim at Keough's, while the other half engaged in a knock-down basketball game at the Bishop High School gym. In the latter, the ragged form of the upperclassmen counted too heavily against them, and the Frosh managed to eke out a 39-36 victory. After dinner those who could still move despite blistered feet and aching muscles attended a movie.