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DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

by Adrien Duncan

Deep Springs reconvened Monday, January 12, at six P. M. Refreshed and reoriented by a month of vacation, the student body and faculty feel prepared to tackle the numerous problems of the coming months.

John U. Anderson resigned from the Student Body a few days before the vacation began. During his two and a half years at Deep Springs he was keenly concerned with the matter of Student Body responsibility. He tried in Student Body meetings and discussions, to point out that the students were tending to think of Deep Springs as an ordinary college, a secluded spot to study, and that they were allowing its full possibilities to rot unrealized. He argued that responsibilities not judiciously exercised by the students would fall to the administration, and that such a trend is undesirable since in time it would strip Deep Springs of one of its most unique and valuable attributes. Because he felt that his arguments were ineffectual, Anderson resigned. He is now attending Stanford University.

David C. Richardson resigned from the Student Body a few days before the vacation closed. During his two and a half years at Deep Springs he did pre-engineering work. Although often handicapped in his course of study by the limited range of courses offered here he was convinced that the Deep Springs experience was valuable and worthwhile. But since the United States is now at war Richardson feels that it is desirable for him to take intensive engineering training without delay. At Deep Springs this semester there were no engineering courses for him in which one semester's work would bring one semester's credit at Cornell. Because of the new emphasis on credit-gathering brought by the war, Richardson resigned. He is now attending the University of California.

The problem of finding a dean for Deep Springs must be solved by the end of this semester. The students have been unable to find men from their home towns whom they could recommend, while most of the men who have been mentioned to date are mere names. The Student Body therefore feels that it is incapable of making any valuable decision in this matter. We look to other individuals and groups for advice and information.

Mr. Kelley's spring trip for applicants is to be a short one as his presence at the ranch is almost essential. It is expected that local Deep Springs and Telluride groups will offer substantial aid in the selection of next year's entering class. By wasting no time on unpromising candidates Mr. Kelly will be able to cut many days from his trip.

A major undertaking planned for this spring is the concrete lining of our irrigation ditch from the upper end of the ranch to the lower. Much water heretofore lost by seepage will be rendered useful. One thousand dollars were set aside in the Deep Springs budget to cover the

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1942 CONVENTION

Because of the changes in the Cornell University calendar, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, President Withrow has consulted the Custodians concerning the time of the 1942 Convention. As it is now planned, Convention will convene at Ithaca on the Monday morning, May 25, 1942.

The possibility of a small attendance at Convention makes attention to the "proxy situation" imperative. Proxy forms have already been sent out to members likely to leave the United States before Convention, and forms will be sent to the remaining members within a few weeks. Space is provided on the blanks for listing nine proxies; it is urged that all members try to pick nine representatives who are likely to attend Convention. If any member knows now that he will be unable to attend, he is urged to communicate this fact to the Secretary. This information will be transmitted to other members, in order that proxy forms may not in any case consist of a list of nine members, none of whom can attend Convention.

CORNELL CALENDAR

Cornell, along with many of the other large universities of the country, has modified its program for the remainder of the year in an attempt to expedite the training of men for work in the war effort. The traditional spring vacation has been eliminated and each of the examination periods shortened by one week. Thus, the last day of examinations in the spring will be May 23, instead of June 9, as was originally planned. This will enable the university to give a full semester of work during the summer session, and may very well raise the question of whether or not the Cornell Branch House should be kept open during the summer months.

ENDOWMENT

The Burr Memorial Fund has recently received a number of contributions and is at present three-fifths completed. All Telluride associates are being visited personally or are receiving letters asking them to join in this memorial. Further, several hundred of Professor Burr's former students and colleagues are being asked to contribute to our Fund.

A recent report on three hundred educational institutions indicates that three-fourths of them judge the present a most propitious time to raise endowment, despite high taxes and charitable necessities. The Endowment Committee of the Association has decided to continue its work because it thinks that education and the training of men for future social leadership cannot stop. Trained leaders of character and intelligence are becoming increasingly important to our society.

Contributions should be mailed to the George Lincoln Burr Fund, Telluride Association, Ithaca, New York.

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OUR ROLE

Mr. L. L. Nunn in his conversation and correspondence frequently referred to the development of social leaders as one of the chief purposes of his educational institutions. Even a casual reading of the Preamble to the Constitution or of the Nunn Letters to the Deep Springs Student Body or to older Branches of the Association will reveal his social purpose. As Mr. Nunn in his last year wrote, the purpose of Deep Springs is "the preparation of the student for the broadest field of usefulness which he is capable to fill or grow into."

The world now and after the war offers our Deep Springs and Telluride associates the "broadest field of usefulness," and probably there is not in the country another group with a more imperative obligation. This applies to the youngest student at Deep Springs as well as to the oldest Pinhead. The war and the peace that follows will confront the world with vast and complex problems which will require enlightened, informed leaders, and our response will be a test of our devotion to the ideal and purpose of Deep Springs and the Association.

Already about one-third of the membership of the Association is in the armed forces or at technical work connected with the service, and probably a portional number of our Alumni is thus occupied. This number will increase. This effort to win the war will require our best effort, and so will the peace. It is not merely our optional privilege to work for a just and permanent peace, but our inescapable duty. The peace must be based on such economic and political principles that all men of intelligence and good will can accept it. There is probably a sufficient number of such men in the world who can work together to inform and guide the masses toward ways of international decency and justice, and it would appear the clear duty of the Telluride's to cooperate with them toward the making of the peace. We have over five hundred men scattered across the country. By conversation, by public forum and round-table discussion, by radio address, and by other means, five hundred intelligent men of good will could exert a profound influence in their respective communities in the settlement of post-war problems—and informed communities can make a nation or a world of informed opinion. Smaller groups with less intellectual equipment and with probably less obligation have done memorable things in the affairs of men. The next ten years may open for Telluride men "the broadest field of usefulness" for which the Association has spent a generation in preparation.

—E. M. J.

Christopher Morley, Jr., left the U. S. in early December as a member of an American Field ambulance unit assigned for work in the Middle East.

CABOT COVILLE

Alumnus Cabot Coville is one of the few government officials who recognized in advance what action Japan planned to advance against the United States. Last August when Prince Konoye sent a cable to President Roosevelt asking that they meet at a conference to discuss Pacific problems, Coville and five other advisers to the government on far eastern affairs drafted a memorandum warning that, contrary to the opinion of Maxwell Hamilton, chief of the state department's far eastern division, who had disregarded their advice on this matter, the purpose of Japanese diplomatic negotiations was to consume time while Japan finished preparations for an assault. He and his associates wished to obtain the attention of Secretary Hull and also to be known on the records as having strenuously opposed negotiation of any sort. Although in protest against appeasement, Coville tendered his resignation, Assistant Secretary Berle refused to accept it and transferred him to the Philippines, where he is now serving as special foreign affairs adviser and is being subjected to the attack he anticipated. On December 26, Coville and various other officials evacuated the capital in Manila with United States High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre.

HUFFCUT

A radiogram on 24 December from Robert Huffcut states that he is unharmed and that there is nothing to worry about. Huffcut for two years was an economic analyst with the State Department before he left the country last February to become secretary to U. S. High Commissioner Sayre at Manila. On December 26th, he evacuated the capital with Mr. Sayre and other government and military officials.

BRANCH ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment committee has been busy during the last few months. On October 25, a picnic was held at Buttermilk Falls, and a similar party took place at Mt. Pleasant Lodge on November 18. There also have been a number of informal dances in the House, one of which took place on December 13; and a faculty beer and poker party was held November 29.

Four Sunday evening entertainments have been held recently. On November 2 Professor Hurwitz gave an informal talk on mathematical recreations, and explained several puzzles and paradoxes. Cider and doughnuts were served after the entertainment. On Sunday, November 30, Richard Ament conducted a discussion of the purpose of life at the Branch. On January 17 Professor Watkins discussed the history of the clavichord, its distinguishing features, and the type of music to which it is suited. He illustrated his points by playing several pieces on his clavichord, an instrument resembling a very small piano, which can be heard only if it is played in a closed room, and if everything except the clavichord itself is completely silent. Informal dancing, following by refreshments, followed the discussion.

On December 19 the House gave a Christmas party for under-privileged children of Ithaca. On December 18 a farewell banquet was held for Mr. Bernt Olson, who retired from service at the Branch.

The houseparty, although necessarily limited in extent because of the shortening of Junior Week, promises to be quite as successful as those of other years.

HENRY E. BEAL

Henry E. Beal, a member of the House who had been at Deep Springs for three years, volunteered for the Army Air Corps and left for California shortly after the close of Christmas vacation. Henry had been majoring in government and planned to graduate in 1943. He was chairman of the Recreation Committee, Managing Editor of the Newsletter, and active in many other House functions. This would have been his second year at Cornell Branch.

Ned Bedell graduated in February and has left the House.

PROFESSOR LAUBE

Prof. H. D. Laube, of the Cornell Law School, will reside at the Branch for the spring term of the school year 1941-1942. Prof. Laube was also a guest of the Branch for the school year 1938-1939.

GROUP MEETINGS

Five Association and Deep Springs dinner-meetings were held between November 15th and December 5th. They were held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Highland Park, Ill, and Cleveland. Henry G. Hayes was elected President of the San Francisco group, succeeding A. A. Ross. The new officers for the Utah area are D. H. Beck, President; R. T. Shaw, Vice-President; L. R. Fournier, Vice-President; and W. L. Cone, Secretary. Clayton Grandy was elected temporary Chairman of the Cleveland group.

POWER COMPANY OFFICERS

A recent meeting of the board of directors of Telluride Power Co. authorized the promotion of Mr. H. B. Waters from president and general manager to president and chairman of the board of the company. It was announced that the post of chairman of the board had been created as recognition of Mr. Water's long and excellent service.

At the same time, the announcement was made of the promotion of Mr. Paul P. Ashworth from assistant manager to general manager of the company. Mr. Ashworth will maintain operation headquarters in Richfield, and Mr. Waters will continue with his office in Salt Lake City.

CUSTODIANS MEET

Following a short meeting held in Washington on December 7, a meeting of the Custodians was held at New York City, with Custodians Laise, Levering, de Beers, Burchard, Withrow, Mansfield and Permanent Finance Advisory Committee Members Monroe and Whitney attending. Various problems of a financial nature were discussed during these meetings, but no decision regarding changes in our portfolio were made.

Dr. Donald Matson is in charge of a Mobile First-Aid Unit from the Peter Brigham Hospital in Boston. With six or eight assistants, Dr. Matson's Unit is ready to go immediately to the scene of any bombing to set up a temporary first-aid station and to direct the seriously injured to hospitals. Doctor Matson's family in Honolulu were reported on Dec. 27th as "all right."

NOTICE

With the coming of war Telluride members have taken to moving about the country and changing their residences even more frequently than is their usual habit. Because of the resolution of the last Convention which makes every member a potential Custodian it is perhaps more important than ever before that the list of addresses be kept up-to-date. It would be greatly appreciated if every member would make a point of notifying Chancellor Johnson promptly of any change of address.

POWER PLANT RESTORED

Older Association members and alumni will welcome news of the return to active service after a seventeen year period of inactivity of the Edward Dean Adams hydro-electric power plant at Niagara Falls. The Federal Power Commission has authorized the diversion of 5,000 cubic feet of water from the Niagara River to the plant so that increasing demands of defense industries in the Buffalo area for power can be met.

Architect Earl Ohlinger, working for the Navy, has just started to design the layout for a defense housing project.

FOUNDER'S LETTER

Mr. L. L. Nunn, while enroute from Pueblo to Chicago on the Rock Island train on Nov. 7, 1909, wrote a holographic letter to Telluride Association, at 508 Stewart Avenue, Ithaca. The original letter, transmitted through L. G. Nightingale to what later became the Cornell Branch, is in the historical files of the Association. Mr. Nunn wrote in lead pencil on both sides of a yellow second-sheet; many erasures and crossed-out words are evidence of the care and thought he put into his communication.

"My poor effort failed to direct your thoughts to the work of the Association. Please leave me out and think only of that work. For twenty years members have believed in higher efficiency for all and given much effort to their cause. Lessening man's toil by use of a wire in lieu of transporting coal in sacks, over steep trails on pack-trains, is but one of many results already accomplished. To raise man's efficiency—to reduce man's toil—to give him time and means to love his family, his country, and his soul is the work to be accomplished—through Science, through Society, through Government. To free the rich from the bondage of their riches and the poor from the bondage of their poverty that the soul may receive its own. Not by revolution, not even by struggle but by investigation, thought, truth—that is the work. The statement I sent you respecting the regular undergraduate was only for applicants, not for you to whom it is given to establish traditions for those to come. Your beginning is small and humble which give great advantage. You can add to your members—you can spend money knowing, that which ever you sow, wisdom or folly, the harvest will be as the sowing. Again I say *cut me out*. Do not use my name. Refer no one to me for any cause. Establish the work on broader lines than individual plan or purpose, always having in mind that the benefits ultimately should go to the world and not to a class to the end that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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cost of cement—and possibly the wages of a skilled man—for this large project.

Heavy snowfall in the White Mountains and in the Valley has ensured a sufficient amount of water for irrigation next summer. Since beef prices will remain high for the duration it seems that the range cattle will continue to be profitable during the coming year. Sales this year have exceeded \$8000.

A new Ford truck has arrived to replace the one which burned last summer on Westgard Pass with Dr. Saunders' 2000 volume library. Settlement with Dr. Saunders has not been made to date. Due to the rubber shortage use of ranch cars is being held down to a bare minimum. Trips by auto will be curtailed and trips afoot or on horse will become more frequent. The traditional spring trip may be shortened and made a horse trip.

Four students remained at the ranch during the past vacation to run the dairy. A saving on wages was thus effected. In our employ we have one permanent ranch hand—Mark Mitchell—and one irrigator.

Henry Wensel Jr., a first year man from Washington, D. C. is seriously ill. He was poisoned by carbon monoxide fumes a few days before vacation closed, and will not return to Deep Springs before next month. Roy Pierce of New York City is back after a successful appendectomy which kept him away most of last semester. Fred Balderston has partially recovered from a chronic hip ailment which incapacitated him for several weeks in December. Neither he nor Pierce are able at present to do general work.

Student Body officers for this semester are: President, Philip Beal; Labor Commissioner, Ted Kirkham; Student Body Trustee, Adrien Duncan; and Advisory Committee, Bert Peterson, Fred Balderston, and Ray Munts.

NEW BOOKS FOR BRANCH

Professor Frederick A. Pottle's book, "The Idiom of Poetry" was recently presented to the library by the author. Noted guest at the Branch, Professor Hans Kohn of Smith College, donated his latest volume, "Force or Reason", which was especially welcomed by those interested in foreign affairs. Purchased by the books and periodicals committee were two works, "Modern Democracy" by Carl Becker and "Anthology of the Poetry of William Blake and John Donne". Generous contributions by Association member, Edwin Cronk, and Dr. Pijoan will be expended for books, records, and the News-Letter.

Dr. Charles Dimmler has just been ordered into active duty in the Army Medical Corps. He is a 1st Lieutenant in Base Hospital No. 5 (Harvard University Unit). In early January he reported at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Mail to Doctor Dimmler should be addressed to 48 Moody St., Chestnut Hill, Mass.

James R. Broughton died suddenly in Los Angeles on Dec. 29. He was one of the early Provo Canyon Telluriders. He is survived by his widow, Ethel Noon Broughton, and by his brother William. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif., on Jan. 2.

BRANCH GUESTS

Two well known lecturers have been visitors at the House during the past month. Dr. Basil Matthews, an English exchange professor, currently at Boston University, stayed here while delivering a talk on the Far Eastern situation to the Campus Forum. His major interest lies in world Christianity and he has written several books about his travels in Asia. Author, lecturer, and noted especially for his ability to predict trends in foreign relations, professor Hans Kohn of Smith College was a two day guest of the Branch.

Enjoyed here by the House was a visit of former Association president Simon Whitney and his wife. Mr. Whitney partook in a round table discussion on the hill concerning the question of price control and inflation during the present crisis. Member Sam Levering also stayed here the weekend of January 10. He spoke informally to a gathering of House members on the matter of Telluride students participation in the war and the peace to follow.

Flight Lieutenant Keith A. H. Murray, R. A. F., has sent his holiday greetings to "all members of the Association."

Murray was Cornell Branch guest during 1928-29. For a number of years Murray was with the Agricultural Economics Research Institute at Oxford; about three years before the war Murray was made Bursar of Lincoln College; and at the beginning of the war he worked with the Ministries of Economic Warfare and of Food. Older Telluriders will recall that Murray was proffered the Deanship at Deep Springs at the time Mr. Suhr retired.

Alumnus J. C. Othus, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Oregon State, is now on the City Council of Corvallis.

Association member Ward Goodenough is a member of Company B, 37th Training Bn., Camp Croft, S. C. Goodenough was graduated from Cornell in 1940 and has since graduation been carrying on advanced work at Yale.

WEDDINGS

Mr. Arthur D. Wiser, a guest of the Branch, who is majoring in Agriculture, was married to Miss Mary Raecher, Cornell '38, on December 27, 1941. Miss Raecher was formerly occupied in a Public Housing project in Alabama, where Mr. Wiser was also at one time engaged in welfare work.

Doctor Paul Reinhardt and Miss Ellen Jane Carleton were married at the Plymouth Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on 20 Dec., 1941. The Reinhardts live at 2263 California St., San Francisco.

Katherine Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crutchfield of Beaver Rd., Sewichley, Pennsylvania, and Member Paul Swatek were married at five o'clock in the afternoon, January 3, Member William Bowman serving as "best man." Present at the ceremony, which was held at the Crutchfield home, were Members Todd and Sproull and Alumnus Niederhauser.