TELLURIDE NEWS LETTER

CONVENTION AT ITHACA

The 1942 Convention, set forward by the President, met at Ithaca on May 25th instead of the usual mid-June date. The War changed many Convention plans, and procedure was shaped to fit the necessities. Long before the opening of Convention, it had been decided to devote the opening days to intensive committee work and to hold the important discussions and to transact the important business during the closing days of the week when peak attendance would be present. Members unable to leave army stations and emergency jobs for the entire week were able to assemble for three days of high-pressure work. Accordingly, committee work and informal sessions occupied the members present until the afternoon of the 27th when roll call showed a quorum on hand. The Convention was hard-working and serious minded, fully aware of the chaos through which they as individuals and trustees must pass during the coming years. Any officer's or committee's report, selected at random, expresses grave concern and emphasizes the necessity of strong support of the purpose and ideals of the Association. The session with peak attendance showed 42 members present in person and 55 represented by proxy.

Officers Elected

J. R. Withrow, Jr., New York lawyer, was re-elected President, and F. S. Laise succeeded J. H. Burchard in the Vice-Presidency. J. R. Olin, Cornell E. E. '44, was elected Secretary to succeed R. L. Sproull, graduate student in physics, Secretary for three years. The Custodians: J. R. Withrow, Jr., F. S. Laise, J. H. Burchard, J. S. deBeers, R. L. Sproull, and Bonham Campbell. The News Letter staff will be headed by W. C. Boyne. J. H. Burchard was elected for his third term as Director of the Telluride Power Co.

Committees Elected and Appointed


Cornell Branch Guest Committee: E. M. Johnson, Chairman; S. N. Whitney, and the members of the Advisory Committee of Cornell Branch.


A special Committee was appointed, composed of J. R. Withrow, Jr., F. S. Laise, S. N. Whitney, and Parker Monroe, to find some man who might fill at the Cornell Branch the place vacated by the death of Professor Burr.


DEEP SPRINGS

"The Committee feels that both Deep Springs and the Association are extremely fortunate in having acquired the services of a man with the idealism and leadership of Simon N. Whitney," said Chairman Tucker in his Deep Springs Committee report. "The selection of Doctor Whitney, together with the fact that this year's Student Body at Deep Springs appears far above average, leads all of your Committee to believe that we can be optimistic as to the future of Deep Springs." Tucker pointed out that there would be little value in a detailed criticism of mistakes made at Deep Springs during the year.

"The main difficulty at Deep Springs during the past year," continued Tucker, "the source of almost all trouble, seems to have been an independent attitude on the part of the Student Body and the administration and faculty. This independence often led to stubbornness on both sides and an unwillingness to cooperate on various matters. Both the students and the administration found it necessary to engage in correspondence on many of the questions of dispute, certainly an undesirable attitude. This general lack of cooperation between students and faculty is not in keeping with the ideals of Deep Springs, and both sides seem now to realize this fact. During our Committee hearings at this Convention many misunderstandings were corrected, a thing that could and should have been done at Deep Springs itself. Doctor Whitney has expressed his desire to talk over any problem with the students, and the general feeling seems to be that cooperation will develop satisfactorily at Deep Springs this coming year. Much of the difficulty arose from the Student Body's somewhat extreme interpretation of the meaning of student responsibility and self-government. In many cases they have admitted that the extremeness of their demands was unwarranted. In general, however, the Committee feels that this spirit of responsibility on the part of students, though sometimes carried to excess, is to be commended. The students at Deep Springs have evidenced a sincere desire to carry their burdens as trustees; this is certainly the desired attitude, and a welcome improvement over the indifference shown by many students in the past. We further feel that much good has been obtained from discussions on this subject during Convention.

"A further problem at Deep Springs has been a definite lack of any community spirit on the part of both students and faculty, Picnic, 'crashes,' and the Sunday evening entertainments were poorly attended. There are evidently several possible causes for this lack of unity: first, the lack of understanding between students and faculty; second, the effect of the war which led some students to concentrate on the completion of their individual work; and third, the feeling of some that group activity was not so valuable as individual study. Near the close of the year this lack of community spirit was realized, and steps were taken to correct the situation. Most students seem to feel

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MEMORIAL FOR SWENSON

The Convention discussed a proposal to appropriate funds for the erection of a fitting grave-marker for Olof Swenson. It appeared to the members more desirable and appropriate, however, to make personal contributions toward the purchase of a marker, and various members started a fund. During the 37 years that Olof Swenson worked for Mr. Nunn and the Telluride organizations, he made many close friendships, and the fund was started by men of this group. Should other Telluriders wish to join in the purchase of the grave-marker, it is suggested that checks be sent to E. M. Johnson, Telluride Association, Ithaca.

ENDOWMENT

Chairman Tucker of the Permanent Endowment Committee reported that, during the eleven months between Conventions, the Burr Memorial Fund had collected $2,111.70. The Convention matched this sum dollar for dollar, and the Burr Fund at the close of Convention contained $9,281.40 of the fifteen thousand expected. The Committee suggested that the Burr Fund be completed before new endowment work is begun. During the early summer, the Committee will send out a second letter to over four hundred individuals, and a first letter to about one hundred individuals, asking them to join in building the Burr Fund. These people are former friends, students, and colleagues of Professor Burr and have had no connections with the Association. Most of the money collected during the past year has come from these people.

Since we actively started raising additions to endowment, there has been question as to the legality of naming Telluride Association beneficiary in wills, insurance policies, etc. Chairman Tucker stated that Telluride lawyers seem convinced that, by making policies and wills payable to the Custodians, as trustees of the Association, there would be no question as to the law. The Committee suggested that a complete statement of this problem and the necessary forms be prepared for use in endowment work.

The Committee suggested a joint endowment effort between Deep Springs and the Association, and this brought about the appointment of the Endowment Advisory Committee which includes in its membership representatives of all Deep Springs-Telluride Association groups. E. M. Johnson is Executive Secretary of the Committee. F. S. Laise and R. L. Sproull are members of the Association; President Withrow is a member of both the Association and the Association Alumni; J. G. Laylin is a Trustee of Deep Springs and member of the Alumni Association; and P. P. Ashworth and Chester Dunn are members of the Alumni Association; the Deep Springs Student Body has been asked to elect one of its members to serve on the Committee. Illustrative of the work that might be done by this Committee is Chester Dunn's proposed "Buck of the Month Club," the procurement of funds for the Deep Springs library, the provision of a research fund for Deep Springs faculty, and other concrete ways which would aid the two institutions to function with more effect.

Tucker suggested encouragement of the purchase of Defense Bonds in the name of the Association. "In this way," said Tucker, "those persons who have felt it more important to give donations directly to the war effort could do so, and still be adding to the Association endowment."

Recent reports from many educational institutions indicate that the present is propitious, despite high taxes and charitable necessities, for raising the endowment, and the Committee suggested that the Convention take definite action toward a continuous endowment campaign.

Tucker said that the most immediate need of Deep Springs is additional funds for the library and for a small sum to enable faculty members to leave for short periods to do research. His Committee recommended that the endowment raisers direct their first efforts for Deep Springs toward raising $1,000 for these two purposes. "As a preliminary to raising money for Deep Springs," said Tucker, "the Committee should undertake to inform a wide circle of friends and prospective donors of the past performance, present operation, and future plans for Deep Springs. A publication to furnish such information has been suggested in previous years and in at least two other reports to this Convention. We urge that the Permanent Committee encourage the Deep Springs Student Body to take active part in the preparation of this information. We also believe that public relations would be improved if the Student Body, with the aid and guidance of the Committee, sent a special letter of appreciation to the contributors to the Deep Springs Cottage Fund.

"A careful canvass of the needs of Deep Springs should be another preliminary step to any extensive campaign. Some prospective donors, especially among our Alumni, have not been convinced of the real need for funds in the past, and the Alumni members of the Permanent Endowment Committee should play an important part in the preparation of this list."

MANSFIELD WITH OPM

H. C. Mansfield was made Associate Price Executive of the Consumers Durable Goods Section of the OPM on May 2nd. On leave of absence from Yale where he is Asst. Professor of Government, Mansfield has since early in the year been an administrative officer in the Consumers Durable Goods Section.

WESTVACO ENGINEER UPPED

J. G. Miller, Assistant Manager of Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp. at South Charleston, has been elevated to the chairmanship of the West Virginia Section of A.S.M.E.

BOYNE NAMED NUTT SCHOLAR

William Campbell Boyne was designated by the Convention the holder of the J. R. Nutt Scholarship for the next academic year. Boyne, a student in the classics, has just completed his second year at Cornell.
NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Lieutenant Kuder of the National Emergency Committee pointed out that, so long as a national emergency threatens to prevent the annual convening of the Association, provision must be made for continued conduct of our business by available members. A few minor changes were made in the National Emergency Resolutions passed by the 1941 Convention. Resolutions passed:

1. Be it resolved, that in the event Telluride House located at Ithaca, N. Y., shall be requisitioned or occupied by the U. S. Government or the State of New York or any agency on behalf of either, the Custodians are empowered to make expenditures from the appropriations for the Cornell Branch and from the Reserve Fund to provide cash scholarships for any or all of those persons awarded preference at the Cornell Branch by the 1942 Convention of Telluride Association, to enable them to continue their courses of study through the spring term of 1943; provided, however, that no single scholarship shall exceed $500.

2. Be it resolved, that the President of Telluride Association may, with the written concurrence of four other Custodians, turn over the Telluride House to the Government of the United States or the State of New York, or any agency acting on behalf of either, for use during the national emergency on such terms as the President and four other Custodians shall deem advisable.

3. Be it resolved, that in the event it shall appear to the President that there may not be a quorum at the next annual Convention as called, he is authorized to fix a substitute date or place upon consultation with the Custodians, notice of which shall be mailed to all members at least one month in advance of the meeting; and that such authority may be exercised by the President from time to time until a Convention is held.

4. Be it resolved, that there is hereby created a Central Advisory Committee of Telluride Association, to function until a Convention is held, consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Custodians of Telluride Association, and such other members of the Association, not less than ten in number, as the President shall appoint for each meeting.

5. Be it resolved, that the Central Advisory Committee shall meet at such times and places as the President of Telluride Association shall designate to deliberate upon any problems connected with the business of the Association which said Committee desires to consider, and in the event a Convention is not held prior to May 28, 1943, said Committee shall convene at such times and places as the President shall designate, to direct disbursements as authorized by Resolutions 6 and 7 hereof.

6. Be it resolved, that in the event a Convention is not held prior to May 28, 1943, a majority of the Central Advisory Committee is authorized to direct the Treasurer to expend up to $25,000 annually from the Reserve Fund to continue all or any part of the Activities for which appropriations were made by the 1942 Convention, and the Treasurer is authorized to make such expenditures upon such direction; provided, that if the President finds that a meeting of the Central Advisory Committee cannot be held the Custodians are authorized so to direct the Treasurer and their action shall be deemed to be final.

7. Be it resolved, that in the event a Convention is not held prior to May 28, 1943, a majority of the Central Advisory Committee is authorized to direct the Treasurer to give not more than $10,000 annually from the Reserve Fund, and to lend from current income funds, on terms they deem advisable, not more than $15,000 annually, to the Trustees of Deep Springs for operation and maintenance of Deep Springs, and the Treasurer is authorized to make such expenditures upon such direction; provided, that if the President finds that a meeting of the Central Advisory Committee cannot be held, the Custodians are authorized so to direct the Treasurer and their action shall be deemed to be final.

8. Be it resolved, that in the event a Convention is not held prior to May 28, 1943, the Custodians are directed to continue the employment of E. M. Johnson as Chancellor, Simon N. Whitney as Dean, and W. L. Biersach as Treasurer of this Association; and that this authority and direction be continued for each succeeding year until a Convention is held.

9. Be it resolved, that until said authority is terminated by a Convention the Custodians are hereby authorized to convert the assets of the Association into property of such kind, or to take such other measures, as in their judgment will best conserve the value of such assets.

10. Be it resolved, that until the next Convention be held, vacancies among the Custodians due to death or inability to serve shall be automatically filled with Alternate Custodians from the following panel in the order stated: Mansfield, Levering, Arentz, Olivo, Bedell, Williams, Whittle, Sheridan, Swatek, Fairchild, Cronk, Kelly, Hayes, Aird, and Wellman. Should any Custodian or Alternate Custodian so replaced later become able to serve again, his name shall be placed on the panel at the head of the list remaining.

In the event of the exhaustion of this panel, vacancies shall automatically be filled from the remaining members of the Association, in alphabetical order; and be it further resolved, that for the purpose of this Resolution and pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution, the fact of inability of any Custodian to serve, or of his ability to resume service, shall be determined by the written concurrence of any four Custodians. These Custodians shall file with the Secretary forthwith a statement of the basis of their determination.

11. Be it resolved, that in the event the President and Vice-President are absent or unable to act, the duties of the President shall be performed, pursuant to Article III, Section 2, of the By-Laws of the Association, by the Custodians in the following order: Burchard, Sproull, de-Beers, and Campbell, and thereafter by the Alternate Custodians in the order stated in Resolution 10.

12. Be it resolved, that in the event of vacancies in the positions of Chancellor, Dean, Business Manager, and Treasurer, or any of them, the President may appoint a member of the Association to serve without compensation until the next annual Convention as Acting Chancellor, Acting Dean, Acting Business Manager, and Acting Treasurer, respectively.

13. Be it resolved, that for the period in which the foregoing Resolutions shall have force and effect, the provisions thereof shall supersede any By-Law of the Association in conflict therewith to the extent of such conflict.
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that with an effort toward this needed unity the problem will not arise this coming year.

Deep Springs Budget

“One important point of discussion by this Committee was the budget, which originally called for an estimated expense of about $57,000 covering operation of the school next year under the new three-semester plan. At the insistence of the Trustees this amount was cut by about $7,000, leaving a deficit of approximately $10,000, including reinvestment of 10% of the 1941-42 income and an allowance of $3,000 for the settlement of Doctor Saunders’ claim for replacement of his destroyed books. As a result, the actual deficit for expenditures at Deep Springs is only $4,000.”

The Convention included an item of $10,000 in the budget for Deep Springs for the coming year.

“This Committee feels strongly,” continued Tucker, “that a new attitude and procedure should be adopted in preparing the Deep Springs budget. It is suggested that next year the Director of Deep Springs should submit a budget which is entirely within income, listing any additional items which he feels are practical and necessary. The cost of these items should be indicated so that the Association can decide which, if any, it desires to support. It seems to the Committee that such procedure will prove more satisfactory, both to the Association and to Deep Springs; also, it will enable the Trustees, Director, and Student Body to economize wherever possible. The aim should be that some day Deep Springs can operate completely on its own income, including the reinvestment of 10% of annual income.” Tucker warned that any attempts to economize should not lower academic standards and expenditures that the academic side should be constantly improved.

Turning to the academic, Tucker commended the efforts of the faculty to improve the curriculum. He stated that the faculty had proposed a broad, integrated program, designed to offer all students training in a variety of fields, and Richard Ament left in January and March respectively.

Deep Springs Candidates

“Your Committee discussed the prospect of inviting younger men to attend Deep Springs,” said Tucker, “perhaps juniors in high school who would attend before completion of their senior year. Although the year-round program has done much towards graduating a student before being drafted, a lowering of the draft law to include men of 18 might necessitate further action.” Tucker pointed out that the admission at Deep Springs of men to continue their high school work would be permitted by the educational laws of California, and he discussed the question of whether younger men would receive as much and give as much at Deep Springs as older men. He pointed out that the earlier system of inviting younger men had worked as well if not better than the policy of admitting only graduates from high schools, and that the students of earlier years were probably more impressionable than today’s high school graduates. It was the belief of the Committee that younger men should be admitted to Deep Springs, “with the understanding that each individual applicant should be examined carefully so that he will possess the necessary maturity and development to benefit from Deep Springs.” The incoming group of men at Deep Springs includes one who has just finished his junior work, and probably the war will make necessary the appointment of younger men.

The Committee suggested the invitation to Deep Springs of more and better qualified guest lecturers, and considered this one of the most valuable and efficient ways of improving the academic work. It was recognized that the library at Deep Springs requires additional books to give it efficient coverage in essential fields of interest, and it was recommended that a professional librarian be asked to make an authoritative survey of the books needed.

DS-TA Cooperation

The Convention provided for consultation and cooperation between Deep Springs and the Association on all matters of mutual interest by continuing the Committee to Cooperate with the Trustees of Deep Springs. President Withrow, Parker Bailey, H. G. Hayes, and F. S. Laise are the members of the Committee. The Convention thanked the Trustees for their cooperation and their invitation of officers and members of the Association to attend Trustee meetings, and it passed a resolution recommending that President Withrow or his appointee attend at least one of the Trustee meetings during the coming year.

Arrangements have been made for Chancellor Johnson to conduct work in English at Deep Springs during the semester which opens in October. The work will include extensive reading and discussion of novels, copious writing, and classes for first-year men in etymology.

CORNELL BRANCH

The broad fundament of Cornell Branch, often the target of the Convention boot, was this year the object of more kicks than usual. In his report, Branch President Tucker indicated that the chief reasons for the sub-standard Branch was the youth and mediocre quality of the men, the lack of leadership on the part of the older and more experienced, and the effect of the War. David Spalding and David McConnaughey, who were to have lived at the Branch, were inducted into the army; Charles Ennis joined the Canadian Air Force in October, and Henry Beal and Richard Ament left in January and March respectively to join the army. The absence of these five older men made larger the ratio of new to older men in the Branch, and hampered House activities throughout the year. As President Tucker said, “We older members failed to provide the needed mature and intellectual leadership in a House composed of almost all new men.”

Student Body Management

“During the past year,” said Chairman Bowman of the Convention Cornell Branch Committee, “the Branch was distinguished for its almost complete lack of intellectual stimulation. This criticism has been leveled in the past, but at no time have we heard such unanimity and forcefulness of opinion as was expressed among both Branch residents and faculty. Perhaps the principal reason for this has been too few older and experienced men with varied intellectual interests in proportion to younger men in the House. Another reason seems to have been the unwillingness of a majority of House members to make a concerted effort to take advantage of the unique opportunities open to them for intellectual development. There was altogether too much self-satisfaction on their part and an apparent immunity to criticism.” The Committee recommended that the Preferment and Membership Committees “use extreme care and sound judgment in the selection of men for next year’s Branch.”

After Olof Swensson’s death on May 3rd, the functions formerly performed by the Steward were assumed by Branchmen. The kitchen and waiters were under the super-
vision of J. R. Olin as Steward; the house and ground boys and institution laundry were under the direction of Howard Turner as House Manager. After a thorough discussion of the stewardship, made vacant by the retirement of Bernt Olsson and the death of Olof Swenson, the Convention directed the members of the Branch to employ a steward, preferably an advanced student of the University School of Hotel Administration. Investigation indicated that such a man could be gotten, for his board and room and a nominal cash salary, to attend to details of operation under the direction of the members of the Branch and thus relieve the latter of routine work.

This year the Assistant Treasurer took over the collection of laundry and cleaning bills formerly done by Bernt Olsson. A set of books was started to handle the transactions with local merchants for work done for students in the House, as well as to take care of all intra-House transactions. This central control seems a definite improvement over past collections by individual committees.

**Branch Open Year-Round**

The Convention Cornell Branch Committee discussed the problems of keeping the House open during wartime, probably during a period when there will be no annual Conventions, and brought out strong reasons for continued operation. Chairman Bowman brought out in his report the following points: In the absence of Conventions, the Branch will be the principal means of carrying out the purpose of the Association and its chief means of continuity; it is fully as important to train men to face the problems of post-war society as it has been to train men to face the crises of today. The Central Advisory Committee, the Custodians, and similar emergency-created bodies can, along with the Dean and the Chancellor, handle all normal problems of Branch operation, including the selection of new men, financial appropriations, and the function normally served by the Convention Cornell Branch Committee; the Branch can and should be operated with 15 or fewer residents.

**Branch Personnel**

The Convention decided to operate the Cornell Branch not only during the next regular academic year but to remain open during summer school. During the summer there will be at Cornell several sessions of varying lengths in different colleges, and there will consequently be varying numbers of men at the Branch, somewhere between eight and a dozen. The Convention granted preferment to the following men to reside at the Branch: F. E. Balderston, chemical engineering, with two years at Deep Springs; P. G. Beal, pre-medical student, with three years at Deep Springs; W. C. Boyne, classicist, 1944; V. W. Cochran, graduate student in plant pathology, summer session only; Armando d'Ans, Argentine architect invited by the Graduate Guest Committee; A. A. Duncan, C. E. 1944, with three years at Deep Springs; Joseph Faith, freshman in chemical engineering; James Godfrey, chemical engineer, with one year at Deep Springs; H. A. Gustafson, C. E. 1943; Alfred Harding, freshman in Arts College, invited by Graduate Guest Committee; F. T. Kirkham, pre-medical student, with three years at Deep Springs; L. J. Klein, junior in pre-law; Dr. Victor Lange, Cornell Facultyman invited by Graduate Guest Committee; A. J. McTaggart, Arts 1945; M. K. Morris, pre-medical student, probably with sophomore standing; A. R. Morrow, freshman in architecture; J. L. Murray, Arts 1943; J. R. Olin, E. E. 1944; B. L. Peterson, probably a junior in political science and government, with three years at Deep Springs; Pedro Pi-Suner, C. E. 1944; R. L. Sproull, graduate student in physics, summer session only; and P. H. Todd, senior in plant pathology. Of the 22 residents named, nine have had one to three years at Deep Springs; all but six have had either Deep Springs or previous Branch experience, and eleven are Association members.

**Branch Hospitality**

The Convention re-extended the hospitality of Cornell Branch to members of the Association, Alumni, the Trustees and Faculty of Deep Springs, and members of the Deep Springs Student Body upon their visits to Ithaca. Those contemplating a visit at the Branch should, if possible, communicate with the Secretary. The Convention renewed the authority of the Cornell Branch "to invite, by action of three-fourths of the members of Telluride Association residing at Cornell Branch, scholars not members of Telluride Association or members of Telluride Association not denied the privilege of Telluride House by this Convention, to live at Telluride House during the academic year 1942-43, provided that the appropriation for operation and maintenance of Cornell Branch for said academic year shall not be exceeded."

**"To Select and Invite"**

The Convention authorized three committees to work in connection with the selection of residents for the Cornell Branch.

The Graduate Guest Committee, composed of Chancellor Johnson, Dean Whitney, the President of Cornell Branch, and Professors L. C. Petry and W. H. French, was authorized "to select and invite at its discretion two graduate scholars to reside at Cornell Branch during the academic year 1943-44." This Committee was further authorized to continue this selection and invitation of graduate guests year after year until the next Convention is held, provided it has the authorization of the Central Advisory Committee.

A second committee, composed of President Withrow, Dean Whitney, F. S. Laise, and Parker Monroe, was authorized by the Convention "to select a mature scholar" with the intent that he may become a permanent resident of the Cornell Branch.

The third committee, composed of the Chancellor, the Dean, and the members of the Cornell Branch Advisory Committee, is known as Cornell Branch Guest Committee. This Committee was authorized to cooperate with the officials of Cornell University in the selection and invitation of an entering freshman, to reside at the Telluride House during 1943-44, and to receive his tuition from the University; the Committee was further authorized to select and invite one other student to reside at Telluride House during 1943-44, but it was stipulated that this student should not be in attendance at Cornell University and not be a man once rejected by the Association. In the event of failure of Convention to meet, this Committee was commissioned to select each year two such students, with the authority of the Central Advisory Committee, until a Convention is held.

**Touchstone for Branchmen**

In his report for the Preferment Committee, Chairman Levering discussed the goals the Branch should seek. Said Levering, "First, the best possible education, in the broadest sense, for each member. Second, the promotion of the ideals of the Association. Third, the successful operation of the Branch itself.

"The best possible education of each member. This means full development of spirit, mind, and body. What is needed for full development varies with each member, but it always involves far more than taking courses and gain-
ing knowledge in one's profession, than performing routine Association duties, far more also than filling the mind with information on subjects of general interest and discussing them with one's fellows. It involves all those things which build the stature of full and complete manhood. Clear, deep, and true convictions on values and personal standards, a conscience which has taken on itself the burden of the world's suffering and needs, courtesy, kindness, sympathy, understanding, tolerance, integrity, sense of humor, emotional stability, humility, clarity and force of spoken and written expression, breadth, knowledge, judgment, imagination and practicality; wisdom, health, drive, energy—these are elements of complete manhood. Much education toward these qualities often comes from the example of one's fellows, from the inspiration received from wise and deeply spiritual men, from kindly advice and counsel. It also comes from application and effort. To obtain full education in this sense is the chief goal of Cornell Branch.

"Promotion of the ideals of the Association. This is the basic goal for Association members. At Cornell Branch it must be subordinated to that of obtaining an education, but it is nevertheless important. One learns by doing. This, as well as the good accomplished is an important reason why Branch members should actively promote the ideals of the Association within the Branch and particularly in groups, activities, and contacts outside. Actions are more valuable than words in building wisdom, understanding, and tolerance.

"Successful operation of the Branch. This is a necessary mechanism to achieve the goals already discussed. It is not an end in itself and must be kept in proper perspective."

Levering then listed some Branch attitudes and practices thought not conducive to the accomplishment of the goals discussed: Lack of sympathy, sarcasm, "wise-cracks," making someone look or feel foolish, too much reverse criticism; the attempt to force everyone into the same mold; hyper-intellectualism, too much emphasis on facility of discussion as compared with other attainments; ingrowing snobbishness toward outside people or activities; pursuit of a "good time"; lack of dignity, good taste, courtesy, and self-respect; failure to take advantage of educational and intellectual opportunities; and failure to give members opportunity to discuss Telluride purposes and methods. He re-emphasized the fact that the educational process varies with each individual and that the practical choice of activities should fit individual needs, always returning to the central goals and keeping in harmony with them.

**CORNELL BRANCH GUESTS**

Dr. Victor Lange, Associate Professor of German at Cornell, has been reinvited to reside at the Cornell Branch for the coming academic year. Doctor Lange was the guest of the Branch during 1939-40.

On authority of the Convention, the Graduate Guest Committee has invited Sr. Armando d'Ans to be a Branch guest during the coming year. He is 30 years old, chief architect for the City of Buenos Aires, and proposes to do graduate study in air-conditioning and acoustics. He is much interested in U. S. architecture and building materials, plans to travel during recesses and longer vacations.

R. L. Sproull and Miss Mary Louise Knickerbocker were married on June 27th at Morris, Ill. Sproull, Research Assistant in Physics, will continue his work at Cornell.

**MILITARY NOTES**

L. R. Fournier is now a Major of Infantry with the 2nd Battalion of the Utah State Guard. He also carries his full responsibility as General Superintendent of the Telluride Power Co.

First Lieutenant Morgan Sibbett is at present doing work connected with the International Aid service.

Charles Ennia of the Canadian Air Force visited the Cornell Branch briefly in early June while on furlough.

On the eve of Convention came a letter from member Teh-chang Koo, complete with proxy, airmailed from Lashio on March 13th. "Things here have been very much unsettled," writes Koo. He reports that he is well and that "it will not be too long before our side will take the upper hand."

Robert Jackson (DS 1937-39) joined the U. S. Coast Guard last August and is at present stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Michael Barton, British guest of the Cornell Branch during the school year 1937-38, is a 1st Lieutenant in the Artillery, stationed up in Yorkshire. Barton has seen Charles Collingwood several times and reports that Professor Sidgwick is "looking as well as ever."

1st Lieut. Wayne Bannister is the executive officer of the Pioneer Company of the 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion, with headquarters at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Ambulance-Driver Christopher Morley, Jr., last reported at Tobruk, has not been heard from since the fall of that Libyan city.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Convention admitted to membership in the Association six new men and declared vacant the memberships of four. At the close of Convention the Association had 76 members.

**New Members**

William Campbell Boyne, 20, of East St. Louis, Ill., has just completed his sophomore year at Cornell, his first at Cornell Branch. He is majoring in the Classics; ranking scholar in the Branch and holder of the J. R. Nutt Scholarship. Elected News Letter Editor.

Frederick E. Balderston, 19, of Drexel Hill, Pa., has just completed his second year at Deep Springs, to which he went upon graduation from Westtown School. Balderston will spend the summer at Deep Springs; in the autumn, he will take up chemical engineering at Cornell and will probably go into business administration or industrial relations work.

Frederick Theodore Kirkham, Jr., 20, of Kansas City, Mo., has completed his third year at Deep Springs and enters Cornell this autumn to begin his pre-medical study.

John Luckett Murray, 21, of Brooklyn, N. Y., entered Cornell Branch as a freshman upon his graduation in 1939 from Erasmus Hall High School. He is at present combining his last year in the Arts College with his first year in the Cornell Law School.

Pedro-Augusto Pi-Suner, 23, born at Barcelona, Spain. Pi-Suner was in attendance at the University of Barcelona when the revolution began; he served as a second lieutenant in the medical corps until the defeat of the Republic. He has just completed his second year at Cornell in Civil Engineering. He was a guest of the Cornell Branch last year.

Arthur Dana Wiser, 23, born at Naini Tal, U. P., India,
has just completed his junior year at Cornell, his first at the Agricultural College, he plans to continue in rural community rehabilitation work in the South.

New Alumni

The Convention declared vacant the memberships of the following:

Harold E. Atkinson, landscape architect; Duane J. Carnes, lawyer; James H. Moore, administrative engineer; and Paul H. Reinhardt, M. D.

Membership Committee Reports

"In evaluating candidates for membership," said Chairman Laise, "your Committee has kept in mind three fundamental qualities which we deem prerequisite for an Association member. We believe a potential member should be possessed of a high degree of personal integrity, definite moral and social principles, and genuine intelligence. Further considerations under these headings are, of course, as multifarious as the types of individuals, and must be observed through the planning of each interview to bring out the qualities of a given applicant. We feel strongly that a deficiency in any of these three fundamental qualities should, of itself, be sufficient to bar an applicant from membership. These are points upon which the Association cannot compromise. Furthermore, a desirable candidate should, in our opinion, exhibit these characteristics convincingly enough so that no doubt as to their existence should remain with the Committee. Many members have been inclined, in borderline cases, to give the individual the benefit of the doubt. However, it is our conviction that, in the event of scepticism concerning these basic qualities in the applicant, the Association should invariably have the benefit of the doubt. We cannot tolerate such fundamental flaws in a member without seriously endangering the work and structure of this organization.

Man Looketh on Externals

"In general, it might be observed that the Association, in choosing its members, faces two distinct problems which recur so frequently as to appear almost perennial. The one question—that of discerning potential ability in the person of a candidate who may scarcely exhibit such promise; and the other—that of penetrating the front of an intelligent and personable individual whose character and principles are not what we are searching for. "It seems highly improbable that any committee can arrive at the correct judgment of all applicants. The hurried attempt to sift factual information and the relatively short time spent in interviews are not conducive to the soundest reasoning. Consequently, your Committee feels that great attention should be given to the opinions of a candidate's intimates, when the large majority of such opinion is substantially in agreement. This is not to say that such opinion is to be the sole criterion of membership, but rather that the presence of it should be a signal which the Committee should bear in mind in pointing its interview. "It would be presumptuous for this Committee to lay down hard and fast rules for interviewing an applicant. Obviously, an interview must be adapted to each person appearing before the Committee. However, there are certain principles of general procedure which your Committee has found helpful, and which may be worth recording here. Ask the applicant the type of question which will be challenging, rather than leading. Attempt to develop these questions so that the applicant must exhibit reasoned and logical answers. Do not cut short any answers by overhearing criticism or sarcasm; rather draw the man out, so that he may be sure to give full expression to his ideas. When touching on the subject of the purpose and plan of Telluride Association and its many ramifications, phrase the question in such a way that a glib repetition of noble intentions and high ideals will not suffice as an answer.

"It has been said of many Membership Committees that anyone familiar with the Association could coach an applicant for an hour and put him through the Committee interview with flying colors. Whether this criticism is justified, we do not know, but it is clear that intelligent planning on the part of the Committee is vital to its success. We heartily agree with a remark made by our Chancellor—'Our committeemen, as individuals and as a group, must take into the committee meeting probably even more than they expect from the candidate.'

"The experience of this Committee has been that, in order to discharge its responsibilities most effectively, a certain amount of pre-Convention preparation has been most helpful. In March, the men at the House filled out questionnaires on each applicant and forwarded them to the Committee for study and classification. Late in April, reports were received from Deep Springs on the men applying from there. All the files of the candidates were reviewed by members of the Committee before Convention, thus leaving our time in Ithaca entirely free for interviews. Although much of this preliminary work was done because of the threat of only a few days of actual Convention proceedings, it has worked out so well that your Committee strongly recommends a similar procedure to future Committees.

"Anything that adds to the efficiency of this Committee is surely all to the good. Experiments and improvisations from year to year should help in building up a general procedural background from which future Committees will benefit. A method of insuring the continuity of this work from year to year might well receive the consideration of the President, through the appointment of one or two Committee members from one Convention to serve again the following year. Anything other than the most careful preparation on the part of the Membership Committee is inexcusable. Our work, however imperfect it may be, is unquestionably a vital function. The character and effectiveness of Telluride Association in the years ahead lies in our hands."

FRED REINHARDT WRITES

From Kuibyshev, U.S.S.R., Fred Reinhardt wrote on March 26 to President Withrow:

"About two years ago when I was stationed in Estonia I sent you a check for $50 as a contribution to the Burr Fund. After many months I learned that the mail sent at that time never reached its destination, so I am sending you a new check to replace the lost one.

"It will soon be three years since I was home last and it would be good to have some leave. But it is hardly the moment to expect that sort of thing. I came down here from Moscow about a month ago and am learning rapidly about life in a provincial Russian town. It has taught me to understand the closing lines in Chekov's Three Sisters. Although quite hopeless in the winter time, everyone says that the summer is not too bad with swimming in the Volga and lots of sunshine. One feels rather far away from the lares and penates in this place and what little news we get other than from the BBC is literally months old."
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A member of the Deep Springs Student Body will later be added to this Committee.

Permanent Endowment Committee: R. L. Sproull, Chairman; Theodore Kirkham, Vice-Chairman; E. M. Johnson, Executive Secretary; J. R. Withrow, Jr., F. S. Laise, W. J. Bowman, V. W. Cochrane, A. A. Duncan, F. E. Balderston, J. L. Murray, and Alfred Harding. Harding is a non-member Cornell Branch freshman.


Permanent Judiciary Committee: E. B. Henley, Jr., Chairman; A. E. Arent, Parker Bailey, W. B. Kuder, and H. R. Wellman.

Suspension Committee: Teh-chang Koo and R. J. Huffcut.

1943 Convention

The Convention voted to convene the 1943 Convention at Telluride House, Ithaca, at 10:00 a.m. on May 24th. However, should it appear to the President that there may not be a quorum at the time indicated, he is authorized by resolution to fix a substitute date or place after consultation with the Custodians, but a notice must be mailed to the members one month in advance of the meeting.

**FINANCIAL**

Treasurer Biersach presented a preliminary financial statement covering eleven months, to serve Convention as a basis for appropriations necessary to carry on the work of the Association. However, he later prepared the usual report covering the fiscal year ending May 31st, and the Association income for 1941-42 was $57,478.82. The Finance Committee estimated next year's income at about five thousand dollars less.

**General Investment Policy**

Parker Monroe in his report for the Permanent Financial Advisory Committee stated that his Committee met with the Custodians at approximately quarterly intervals. At Monroe's suggestion, the Convention readopted a quintet of 1941 resolutions pertaining to the general investment policy of the Association. It was voted that the Association's holding of high-grade bonds or their equivalent should represent a major part of our portfolio; that investment in corporations should be restricted to those outstanding ones about which comprehensive information is easily obtainable and whose securities have a ready market; that the Association should whenever practicable appropriate 20% of its income to the Trust Fund rather than only the 10% provided for by the Constitution; and that the Association holdings in the power company and the fire clay company should be constantly reviewed and that the nature of these investments be borne in mind in any consideration of our general investment policy.

Further in connection with financial policy, the PFAC agreed with resolutions passed by the two preceding Conventions that the Association should take progressive annual steps to move a percentage of its holdings into safer types of investment. "There is," said Monroe, "as there always must be, some diversity of opinion as to just what are, at any time, 'safer' investments. But definite moves should be taken regularly and with basic objective of safety as the dominant consideration." He suggested not only the annual review of previously established investment principles, but a review of the actions taken by the Custodians and the Finance Committee to determine how their actions conform to the substance of the general investment policy and to determine whether modifications should be made in procedure.

The Committee anticipates a lower dividend on stocks as a whole. "Dividend income will fluctuate from year to year, as it always has," said Monroe, "and it would be wise to give serious consideration to a 'dividend equalization fund' to meet these inevitable variations. This feature could well be added to the Association's commendable practice, understanding, of course, that it is proper for a group of our age to have such a review under way, and we recommend that it give special thought to the declining dividend trend already in evidence." Out of a total investment of $132,500.00 in 29 building-loan associations, the Convention ordered redeemed $12,500.00 invested in four.

**Finance Committee Report**

"Telluride Association should consider itself fortunate to have the valuable assistance of the Permanent Financial Advisory Committee," said Chairman Campbell in his report for the Finance Committee. "Its members have given so generously of their time and knowledge that although it was formed but two years ago, it has become a vital part of our permanent organization. We feel that the functioning of this group should satisfy those who have urged us to employ investment counsel in order better to preserve our trust fund and to facilitate endowment programs."

Campbell related how his Committee had considered ways of promoting among members a more general understanding of Association finance; he pointed out that we can no longer depend upon chance to supply us with new members who can become Custodians only because they happen to choose careers related to finance and investment. Our present policy has resulted in most of the financial burden falling upon a few of the older and more highly specialized members. Should several of this group suddenly be unable to perform their duties, serious results would follow. "A better understanding of our financial problems cannot be injected into members in one or several shots, but must be developed over a period of years," continued Campbell. "For this reason, we must realize that the Association has so long overlooked this phase of our educational program that we cannot hope to enlist the services of our elder 'non-finance' members. Instead, we intend to facilitate training.
of our younger members—in fact, we have already begun
to do so through the Permanent Finance Committee."

To carry out further the educational proposals of the Committee, Campbell suggested that the Custodians more
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scholarships; $1,200
expense; $6,000 for Chancellor's salary and expenses;
$900 for Treasurer's salary; $700 for
Power Co.; in case of his inability to act, however, the
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designate some other member to serve on the Board.
Political and Social Science at the annual meeting on May
Southwest Academy, a center of the American Academy of

directly to vote, on behalf of the Association, the shares of
Telluride Power Co. and Utah Fire Clay Co. at stockholders' meetings, or to execute a proxy for the voting of the Association's shares. Burchard was selected Association representative on the Board of Directors of the Telluride Power Co.; in case of his inability to act, however, the President and three other Custodians were authorized to designate some other member to serve on the Board.

McKelvey RE-ELECTED
R. G. McKelvey, professor of political science at Occiden-
tal College, was re-elected President of the Pacific Southwest Academy, a center of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at the annual meeting on May 16th.

Ned Bedell, graduate from Cornell in February, began
work in Washington for the OPM on March 4th.

HUFFCUT WRITES FROM CORREGIDOR
Robert Huffcut on May 3rd wrote the following letter
to Chancellor Johnson. No word has been received from him
since the fall of Corregidor.
"I am enclosing this note in a letter I hope to get
out to my mother in a day or two. I say "hope" be-
cause our mail service from out here is something
less than regular. You have heard in one way or an-
other, I assume, that I am now ensconced on Corregi-
dor with a bunch of Jeeps on all sides. I expect the
brethren are all pretty well scattered now, so I
thought I might send in a report from this outpost.

"Somebody was reported in the States-side press
as saying that life on Corregidor was like living on a
bull's-eye. That is not bad except that a bull's-eye
usually gets things thrown at it from only one direc-
tion; we get it from all sides. I have not been
scratched so far—principally because I have a very
well-sheltered place of duty. It is getting a little
boring wondering when the long-promised American
aid will get here, however.

"I would certainly like to set in for a few minutes
on a gathering of some of the boys. I feel a little
sorry for some of our 'non-interventionist' friends—
someone seems to have intervened on their compact
little world. I had it easy out here; there was no
choice to be made—I was in the mess whether I liked
it or not. The only catch was when the High Com-
missioner got permission to take his staff out of here,
but that seemed pretty clear to me.

"Say hello to all the boys for me—here's to the
day when the Association may again be able to take
up the good work, whether it be social reform or
'broadening the field of knowledge'."

RAY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY
Hoyt E. Ray, Idaho Falls lawyer and former U. S. District Attorney for Idaho, has announced his candidacy for Attorney General of Idaho at the Republican primaries on August 11th.

Prof. Walter Welti of Utah State Agricultural College
Department of Music directed a chorus of 150 voices in the
presentation of the oratorio Eliah on May 28th as a fea-
ture of the College commencement. Each spring for many
years Welti has directed an oratorio or a Cantata.

LEVERING PRACTICES TRUSTEESHIP
S. R. Levering led a series of daily discussion groups
at the Fifth Annual Institute of International Relations at
Greensboro, N. C., June 19-27, under the auspices of
the American Friends Service Committee. Levering's general
topic was Problems of Post-War Reconstruction. The six
sub-topics: How areas customarily settling their disputes
peacefully have been established, maintained, and en-
larged; Reconstructing world economic life; Restoring poli-
tical order (in the transition period); Proposals for
permanent world order; Human problems in the post-war
world; and Our responsibilities as a nation and as indi-
viduals.

Earlier in June, Levering spent a week at a Quaker
camp for young people. While there, he taught a course
of two hours daily on "Building a Better World" to 35
college-age and older folk. Problems connected with
the elimination of war, poverty, and ignorance were the basis
of the discussions. He lectured one evening to the whole
camp on "The Obligations and Opportunities of Citizenship
in the World Community."
Dr. Robert H. West is a Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Harper Hospital in Detroit. Dr. West is married and has one small child.

Richard W. Wheatley (DS 1931-32) is Outside Plant Engineer for the Southern California Telephone Co. He was married on 14 Feb. to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Woodin. He resides at 4224 Alpha St., San Diego.

Bruce Johnston continues his work with the Surplus Marketing Administration, at present in the field operations section of the regional office in the mid-West.

Kaare Roald Bergethon and Katherine Helen Lind were married on 4 April at Brooklyn, N. Y. Bergethon was Cornell Branch guest last year.

Kenneth Turner is working 60 hours weekly producing and supervising template layouts for Navy dive-bombers and observation planes. He is a group leader in charge of about thirty men doing sub-assemblies and reports that his work has given him new slants on problems of organization and supervision of work and workers.

Walter and Mrs. Balderston are working with Japanese refugees in Southern California under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. There are about ninety Japanese in the Balderston group, forty of them children of school age.

Fred M. Biersach resides at 12344 LaMaida St., North Hollywood. He has for many years been a sound technician with RKO.

Dr. Harry Caplan, chairman of the Dept. of Classics at Cornell, is on sabbatical leave. He will join the Stanford University staff during the summer session as professor of classics and chairman of the department.

Bonham Campbell left his job with Proctor-Gamble and on 1 April began technical work for the Navy Bureau of Ordnance in Washington.

The historical files have received a reprint from Dr. John Newell of his Review of Chemical Studies on the Allergens in Pollens, a study made possible by the Eleanor Husted Leal Fund. It appeared in the January issue of the Journal of Allergy.

The Association files have just received a reprint from Dr. R. M. Gorrell of “John Payne Collier and The Murder of John Browne” which appeared in Modern Language Notes for June, 1942. Dr. Gorrell teaches English at Deep Springs.

OILMAN SANDERS BOOSTED
Alumnus H. W. Sanders, Treasurer of Union Oil Co. of California, was on May 15th appointed a Director and a member of the Executive Committee. Sanders has been with Union since 1926.

HORACE PETERSON MARRIED
Dr. Horace C. Peterson of the Department of History at the University of Oklahoma and Miss Harriet Edith Williams were married at Oklahoma City on May 29th. They will reside at 220 W. Eufaula St., Norman, Okla.

NEW TA & DS PAMPHLET
The Convention authorized the preparation and publication of a new descriptive pamphlet covering the purpose and work of Deep Springs. Dean Whitney will prepare the pamphlet for which an appropriation of $700 was made.

This pamphlet will be the third issued by the Association. The first, waggishly known as “The Hepatichrome”, was prepared in 1928 by a committee composed of Oliver Clark, Cabot Coville, John Laylin, Daniel Lindsay, and Windsor Putnam. It contained more than a score of illustrations and 43 pages of text and has become a collector’s item.

The present blue pamphlet was prepared in 1938, and the supply will be exhausted during the current year. It contains 30 pages of text, including 10 pages of Association Constitution and By-Laws, and four illustrations. The new booklet will quite likely not include the Constitution and By-Laws.

It has been proposed that the new booklet be more compact, concentrating upon the purpose and work of Deep Springs and the Association and dealing less with their historical development. It will be designed primarily for the information of candidates, giving them full details concerning our aims and answering the questions most commonly brought up by those interested.

SCOTT ON NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
Irvin L. Scott, New York architect with the firm of Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, is Project Manager for the naval training station being constructed on Lake Seneca, New York. The Scotts temporarily reside at Yale Manor Farm, R. D. 1, Romulus, Seneca County, N. Y.

Dr. R. M. Roberts and his wife spent a few days in Ithaca in mid-June. Dr. Roberts has completed his research in chemistry at Harvard.

Parker Bailey began work on June 22nd with the New York City law firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner and Reed. He left the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington to take up his new work. Bailey and his mother, Mrs. S. A. Bailey, reside at 160 Henry St., Brooklyn.

Christopher Prescott Kleps was born at Stanford Hospital in San Francisco on May 18th. Weight: seven pounds, three ounces. Parents: Ralph and Patricia Kleps.

O. J. Sweeting begins work in September as Instructor in Organic Chemistry at Cornell University.

Huntington Sharp, former Advertising Manager of the Autovent Fan and Blower Division, began work on May 13th in the Circulation Department of Montgomery Ward in Chicago.

Mitchell Hutchinson has been for a year managing a farm in Honolulu. His address: 1021-A 6th St., Honolulu, T. H.

Richard Keigley was graduated on June 1st from the law school of the University of Illinois. Keigley takes the Illinois bar examinations in mid-June before entering the Army.

Mrs. John R. Twelves died in Salt Lake City on March 26, aged 90. She was the mother of three old-time Telluriders, Will, Bert, and Murray Twelves. Her late husband was Cashier of the Provo bank during the early developments at Nunn’s and Olmsted.