- CUSTODIAN J. R. WITHEROW RESIGNS -

At a Custodians' meeting in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 7, 1945, the resignation of Custodian Jas. R. Witherow, Jr., was accepted. Witherow, a Naval Lieut. (j.g.) attached to the Office of Strategic Services, will be absent from the country for an indefinite period. The four Custodians present at the meeting — Albert Arment, Frederick Laise, Harvey Mansfield, and Robert Sproul — acquiesced in the determination of Lieut. Witherow's inability to serve as Custodian.

Armand Kelly was named in a resolution passed by the 1944 Convention as First Alternate Custodian, and he has succeeded Lieut. Witherow. Kelly address: Box 1667, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The next Alternate Custodian named in the resolution is Frederick Parig.

In addition to the four Custodians present at the meeting were members Reg. Robert Anderson, Parker Bailey, Major Morgan Sibbett, Francis Tetreault, and John Whittle.

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- PRESIDENT LAISE WRITES ON ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL POLICY -

In a letter to the Chancellor under date of Dec. 14, President Frederick Laise, a Lieut. (j.g.) in the Navy, writes: "Some time during my coming two weeks leave at home, I would like to get the Custodians together and have myself declared 'unable to serve as President of the Association.' You are one of the few persons who will realize what a keen disappointment it is for me to temporarily disassociate myself from an active part in Association affairs. I fear that my so-called 'administration' has been a farce, as far as any personal accomplishment is concerned. However, it should be a real comfort to all of us to know that there is such a loyal and cohesive group remaining to look after Association affairs. Since I will not be present to make a 'President's report' to whatever group meets in June, I should like to make a few informal 'observations' in the paragraphs which follow. These thoughts are not particularly profound or original, and I am sure that some of them are highly controversial, but I offer them as considerations which I feel must be uppermost in the minds of our membership if Deep Springs and the Association are to be of any significant help in meeting the challenge that faces the whole world." Since the minutes of the Custodians' meeting contain no reference to action concerning the presidency, it may be inferred that decision has been deferred.

"Since I have been in the Navy," continues President Laise, "I have been overwhelmed with the amount of ingenuity and downright genius which has produced our formidable war machine. It is positively amazing to see the care, the inventiveness, and the foresight that go into just one of our present-day warships. And, of course, one warship is an infinitesimal part of the whole picture. War, as always, has advanced our technological progress under forced draft.

"Yet, at the same time that our technological proficiency strides forward with seven-league boots, we are already witnessing the dis... (Continued on Page 12)
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MRS. OTTO B. SUHR DIES

Mrs. Otto R. Suhr, long-time friend of our Telluride associates, died in the early winter.

Katherine Searle Suhr was born in Tooele, Utah, Sept. 12, 1872. She went to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., and later took a specialized course in kindergarten teaching. She and her mother went to Provo, Utah, to live with her brother. While there she taught at Proctor Academy, helping to organize one of the first, if not the first, kindergarten in that part of the country. At that time she met Otto P. Suhr, electrical and mining engineer in the employ of L. L. Nunn. The couple were married in 1901 at Hillsdale, Mich. They lived for a time in Provo, Utah, Montana, Niagara Falls, Canada, and other places where the Nuns started electrical power plants. During the last 35 years they lived in Calif. -- five or six years of this time at Deep Springs, and a large part of the remainder in Hollywood and Sierra Madre. Mrs. Suhr died on Oct. 4 at Trona, Calif., after a brief illness. A memorial service was held in Hollywood a few days later. Mrs. Suhr leaves her husband, Otto P. Suhr; her son, Henry B. Suhr of Trona, Calif.; her daughters -- Katherine (Mrs. John R. Spring of Alexandria, La.); Margaret (Mrs. Richard Mee of Los Gatos, Calif.); Ruth (Mrs. Jos. M. Griffin of Hollywood, Calif.); and eight grandchildren.

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PERSONAL NOTES

J. Barnes Abbott, back from the Marine Corps with an honorable discharge, resides at 415 Glen Echo Rd., Philadelphia 19. ... William H. Allen writes on Dec. 10, "I have delayed writing so long because I was somewhat ashamed of appearing in the NL as a 'poor, frightened civilian,' as the euphemism in one of the popular magazines has it. Now, however, I am no longer a civilian by choice, having been found acceptable only for limited service (my eyes) last week, and since they have not been calling limited service people for 3 or 4 months, it looks as if I were going to have to sit out the war. As you can imagine, this does not altogether please me, and I am not at all sure of my future plans. My two quarters at Stanford have been mildly productive and very pleasant -- maybe too pleasant for my conscience. Anyway, I think I'll stay out of school for a while at least and work in some nearby war plant." (1134 Emerson Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.)

Carlyle M. Ashley continues his work as Director of Development for the Carrier Engineering Corp. "We are trying to carry on programs of increased activity without a corresponding increase in manpower with the result that I find myself working perhaps harder and longer hours than ever before. Not the least of the drains on time come from the unsettled personnel situation with the necessity for picking up the work of people who leave the company, interview others (for many jobs men are practically unobtainable today), and train new people. We are trying to make adequate plans for postwar products and at the same time and frequently with the same projects serve the engineering needs of our company for war-time products. In addition I seem to become more and more involved in activities outside of my regular job. Last year I was Chairman of the Research Committee of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers with a budget of $50,000.00 to handle, some 20 sub-committees to appoint and supervise, a new Director of Research to appoint, and a new Research Laboratory to establish. It proved to be a very time-consuming activity, as you can well imagine. This year I am happy to drop back to the less arduous demands of a member of the committee and of the Executive Committee, and I am also member of the Council of the Society. On top of
that I stuck my neck out by agreeing to organize a local chapter of the society, and I am now in the process of trying to find others to carry on the major load after a very successful initial meeting. In addition I have some interest in Amer. Soc. of Refrig. Engs. and A. S. M. E. activities. I am also Vice-President of our Church Board (Unitarian), help run a young people's group, and an Vice-President and program chairman of Torch Club of Syracuse, a discussion group. I still find very few gray hairs and manage to keep an active interest in life. I find little time, however, to advance the preparation of a number of papers which I would like to get off my chest and will some day or bust. I believe that we are facing a very vital and also very difficult decision as to the method of securing an enduring peace. It appears that it needs all the wisdom which can be brought to bear on it. The U.S. is in a unique and perhaps decisive position. None of the other countries can look at the problem with sufficient detachment to choose a truly wise course of action. On the other hand there is grave danger of our supporting a course of action based upon inadequate knowledge, inadequate courage, and sentimentalism. We know that any organization based on force for its support is extremely unstable. We also know that Germany and Japan cannot safely be welcomed back into the family of nations without a complete reeducation which must be accomplished largely from within and which will probably take generations. Somehow this dilemma must be resolved with sufficient justice to all to avoid yet another war. The subject needs all the light and air which we can give it, and I think contributions through the ILU might well be encouraged. In a sense the members of the Assn. are uniquely qualified by training and many by recent experience to make outstanding contributions to the subject." The Ashleys with their four children (Joanne, 15; David, 13; George, 12; James, 6) reside at 22 Lynacres, Fayetteville, N. Y.

Major Wayne Bannister on Nov. 8 writes, "With the departure of the French Government and the principal French Staffs for France, we have folded up the rear Echelon of our Liaison Section in North Africa, and I have rejoined the main Headquarters in Italy to work on Polish and Balkan matters. Fred Reinhardt, Bill Ryder, and Bob Joyce are around here, and we're planning to have a Telluride meeting before long." (Liaison Sec., AFRQ, APQ 512, NY City) .... Norman Parbour is a Pharmacist's Mate, Second-Class, with the 6th Marines off San Francisco way. ... Capt. Henry E. Real of the Army Air Force is home on a 21-day leave (for reassignment to duty). He started combat flying one year ago and recently completed 300 combat hours over Europe. He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. On one day he destroyed two enemy aircraft in the air over Munich. The Captain and Mrs. Real spent a few hours at Dead Springs in late November.

1st Lt. Robert Bear is a finance officer. "One of the many compensations for service overseas in England," he writes, "is the opportunity to visit the famous Universities. I've been to both Oxford and Cambridge so far. The latter is in such a pleasant town that I have spent several short holidays there." ... Lt. H. N. Redell is with an armored infantry battalion but reports little news. "Where I've been," he writes, "little improvement has been made in the living conditions of the civilians — in fact, that's been a keen disappointment, almost disillusionment, and very poor propaganda." He asks an elderly veteran of war for his old French addressbook; "Daughters must grow," speculates the Lieutenant.

Dr. Earl C. Bonnett was on Oct. 24 appointed Chief Medical Director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City. Bonnett has been on the medical staff of the Metropolitan for 18 years. ... 1st Lt. Robert Rooschever and 1st Lt. Lois Colson (Army Nurse Corps) were married on April 22 at St. Johns, Newfoundland. ... W/O (j.g.) William C. Boyne is with the 63rd Infantry Division, overseas. ... The engagement of Ensign Cecil T. Punch and Miss Marilyn R. Wise has been announced. Ensign Punch was graduated from Cornell in 1943, Miss Wise in 1944. Punch is now in the South Pacific. ... Lt. Commander Robert M. Campbell has been transferred to the states after serving two years in the South Pacific.
A/S Benj. Crue, V-12, writes on Dec. 4, "Since I left US, the Navy has moved me around quite a bit. First to Indiana with fifty other pre-meds from Calif. at DePauw, a very small university, we had over 150 pre-meds in the V-12 program. Since my application for V-5 and aviation training had been turned down because I was seven days too young, the Navy put me in the V-12 program when the V-1 folded up. Was lucky enough to be one of the five or six students put in A-classification and upon the completion of three semesters there, and two months as a deck-scrubber at Norfolk Naval Hosp., I was sent here, my first choice." (University of Chicago Medical School, Chicago, Ill.)

John M. Deal has applied for a commission in the Navy. (4527 Whitewood Ave., Long Beach 8, Calif.) ... Dr. Owen C. Dickson is a physician-eye specialist, practicing in Berkeley, Calif. (2824 Benvenue Ave.) ... Lt. John Dieffenderfer, with a fighter squadron in Italy, writes on Nov. 21, "Well, Sherman was right." ... Ensign Arien Duncan, CFC, started an 8-week training course on Dec. 27 on Seabee techniques and equipment. "It looks as though I shall be extremely busy here," he writes. (Bks. E-2, Camp Endicott - USNCF, Davieville, F. I.) ... Sgt. James Clay Elliott, overseas with the 280th FA Pn., writes, "Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day... I have all the NLS I've ever received with me now. Believe it or not, I lugged them overseas with me. They are better than the H. C. "Wells Time Machine for a little trip into the past. Reading of others' experiences there at US always reminds me of my own there, and frequent familiar names bring back a host of treasured memories and friendships." ... Bruce Granger, staffman of the Dept. of English at Cornell, has been elected Asst. Secy. of the Cornell Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. (511 E. Buffalo St., Ithaca, N. Y.)

M/Sgt. Alfred Harding has moved from India to China, according to v-mail of Nov. 20. "We flew over The Hump, my first trip by air of any length," war-horror story: no beer in China. "Still, I think the chow here is the best I've had in the Army, and I always wanted to see China, anyway. I'm saving money like a Scotchman here because there's nothing to spend it on." ... Lt. Stephen Hay writes on Christmas Day, "No sooner does one finish sweating out UGC than he begins to sweat out his orders for overseas replacement. The average officer stays two months at Blanding - training inductees before they go right overseas. So he feels sort of uneasy but thankful that he isn't sleeping in a foxhole yet. As for being a 2nd Lt., Inf., I am in no position to judge anything but the strange feeling of rank and the courtesy it is accorded, something over-stressed at the TRTC. As soon as new troops come in, I start to work in earnest, fighting my way through a jungle of eyewash, red tape, gripes and chews, lecturing to men thinking more about home than anything else, and finding out how much worry it takes just to keep them alive. All of which I look forward to as an invaluable experience. There are a lot of things to do to keep my mind off of pleasanter but futile thoughts. This morning I dug into a musty stock of Field Manuals in the supply room and ferreted out some gems of useful information -- generally on how to save one's neck when the lead is flying. One asset I intend to have as a platoon leader is knowledge of the profession to which my friends and neighbors have elected me. Might as well, anyhow, since we are engaged in a war, not a philosophical debate. I'm still plugging for that AMG angle -- through channels." (Co. F, 192nd Pn., Camp Blanding, Fla.)

E. Wm. Heinrich writes on Dec. 20, "I shall try to make amends for my many hears of silence by giving you a brief resume of my doings since I left US. I spent three years at Iowa State College where I received a B. S. in geology and went from there to Harvard Graduate School (incidentally Bill Spalding was there the second year) where I got an M. S. in mineralogy. I had my exams finished for my Ph. D.
but as you may guess the war intervened, and in June of '41 I left to accept a post with the U. S. Geological Survey. I have been with them ever since, and the position is a very interesting one. I have had assignments in S. C., Wyo., Idaho, Colo., Va., N. C., Ga., Ala., Ark., and N. W. My work has chiefly been with the deposits of pegmatite minerals, i.e., mica, beryl, tantalite,feldspar, lithium minerals, etc. At the present time I am chief of party for the states of Ala., Ga., and southwestern N. C., with headquarters at Franklin, N. C. (Box 366) I have been here almost a year, which is by far the longest I have been in any one place. My interest in geology began at Deep Springs, and you may recall that I had my first course there in it under Armand Kelly. I have made two attempts to get into the army but have been rejected both times. Not being in the army has made me very unhappy at times, but I feel that this job may be of some service to the war effort. I was married in July of this year to a young lady I met in N. M., and we are living in Franklin. After the war I hope to be able to return to Harvard for a year and complete my work for the Ph. D."

Pvt. Richard Julin left DS in Nov. and entered the army on Dec. 5. He writes, "Because of the mathematics I'd taken, I have been assigned to the most technical battery, a survey and instrument battery which in combat controls the fire of the big guns." In mid-Dec. he began a 17-week course for combat duty with the Field Artillery. (R-34-8, 2nd Platoon, FAFTC, Ft. Sill, Okla.) ... Lt. Lloyd Yeain flew across one of the oceans to a battle area on a P-24 bomber on Dec. 19. He is a Navigator with the Army Air Corps. ... Henry Lanz, Jr., is at 109 Gorgas Lane, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

A/S Bruce Laverty writes on Nov. 27, "As have most other men who left DS, I have at last come to a fuller realization of the potential value of DS in affecting the 'purpose'; as is usually - unfortunately - the case, these values are appreciated in retrospect but not in the present...During the last leave - Nov. 1 - I had the fortune to attend a luncheon with the Alumni of TAMS in San Francisco. Also learned a little more of the history and facts surrounding L. L.'s engineering and educational projects." (4555 - 17th N.R., Navy House D, Univ. of Washington, Seattle) ... Lt. (j.g.) Lewis D. Lawrence has finished his train at Harvard Business School. (Address: Naval Supply Depot, Navy No. 128, FPO, San Francisco. Provisions Rldg. 479)

S E/C J. F. MacDonald left DS in May, took boots training at Camp Peary, and was recently sent to torpedo school. He writes on Jan. 2, "I was fortunate in the first place in being sent to any school, since the Navy has a great surplus of rated men and sends a good many qualified men to immediate sea duty. Second, I was lucky to be assigned to torpedo school which, to my prejudiced and uninformed mind, is - with few exceptions - the top branch of the Navy. It's customary for everyone to make the same claim for his particular service, but one has to be a torpedoman to appreciate what it means. After 16 weeks of training, we are qualified for nearly any duty open to torpedomen. I'm afraid my eyes will bar me from any real combat duty, and I expect to spend the rest of my time in the Navy overhauling torpedoes at some shore base." S 2/C MacDonald has met S 1/C Gerrard Pook at the base several times, and he and A/S Henry Jamerson spent several hours together New Year's Day in Milwaukee. (Sect. T-11-8, Bks. 408 US, Service Command, USNFTC, Great Lakes, Ill.)

W/C (j.g.) David McConnaguey, who has recently celebrated his fourth birthday in the Army, writes on Dec. 4, "First I went to Pineville - to which I'm returning tomorrow - a locale notable chiefly for the crew-type haircuts, combat course, and (during the summer) exploded thermometers. I managed to remain inconspicuous for the first month there, sitting in front of the wind machine (by courtesy called an air conditioner) at the radar refresher school, pondering new
or forgotten circuits. The second month was corralled into the notorious officers' combat course, an institution designed to qualify a person in every requirement ever dreamed up by an imaginative headquarters. I even possess now a card stating that I have completed a swimming course including life-saving, swimming through burning oil, etc., etc. - this 0's C. C. is a seven day a week, fourteen hours a day proposition, with Sundays out on the range, firing everything from pistol to bazooka. The second half of the course was spent in bivouac near Yosemite - hiking, foxhole digging, and such, winding up with a cross-country hike of some twenty-seven or so miles, mostly up and down - with packs - I got in with an eager group that got in between eight and half hours ahead of either of the other bunches. Got back to our bivouac area and found that for the past three or four days the silly people in the personnel office at camp had been looking all over the post for me - no notion where I was - orders had been out for several days for me to go to Hamilton Field to learn to be a maintenance and repair officer for airborne signal equipment, a two-month course. So I stayed there a month, hunting the signal maintenance shop, learning as much as possible about supply, regulations, etc., plus a technical familiarity with all sorts of airborne radio and radar. (552nd AW En., Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Calif.)

Lt. Arthur McTaggart was transferred on Nov. 22 from Ft. Sill to 389th H. A. W. Co., Ft. Knox, Ky. ... Pfc. Donald F. Weyer of the Infantry is reported to have arrived safely in England in mid-December. ... Gilbert Miller, who manufactures lethal things deployed by our enemies, writes on Jan. 5: "I certainly envy you the opportunity to inhale some desert atmosphere. Your descriptions give me nostalgia. After all, I was a Deep Springs pioneer. According to my definition, a Deep Springs pioneer is a P. H. that passed over westgard Pass in early 1917 and resided under canvas until the quarters building was finished. We built her, by gum! I will now make a slight correction - Bishop Ashton and his Mormon rock masons built her, but about 20 or 30 P. H.'s contributed in one way or another. On account of the plaster cast, I was the office engineer or boy." (Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp., West Charleston, W. Va.)

Capt. Wendell A. Morgan of the Medical Corps is assigned to Hospital Station Hamilton Field, Calif. ... Dr. Philip Huseley, as deputy of Ambassador Winant on the European Advisory Commission, signed for the U. S. the three-power agreement providing for Allied control of Germany after the surrender.

Lt. Commander McPea Parker writes, "I was called into service immediately after Pearl Harbor. My first assignment was to effect some control of illumination in the cities on the Atlantic Coast with the view to protecting these cities against air raids and the coastal shipping against submarine activities. My duties in this respect took me from Maine to Florida. The work was not only interesting but gave me an opportunity to associate with engineers of the power companies, an experience reminiscent of Olmsted and the "telluride Power Co. ... of my counter-submarine activities I am not allowed to tell. Suffice it to say that they were thrilling. Perhaps some day the story will be told. One particular happy phase of the work was an opportunity to meet army officers, among whom I made several friends. Eventually I was assigned to the Norfolk Navy Yard to tackle the problem which was primarily responsible for my joining the Naval Reserve, rather than the Army in which I served in the last war. The assignment carries the title of Power Superintendent and has to do with the generation and distribution of power and collateral services for this great naval activity. The billet is a particularly interesting one because this shore establishment has grown like Topsy and is now in the process of rehabilitation to a more firm footing. Many warships come into the Norfolk Yard and perchance there may be a Telluride on one of them. If so, I trust he will make himself known to me and let me take him around." (1045 Hanover Ave., Norfolk 8, Va.)

S 1/C Gerrard S. Pook has for about two months been taking boot training. (Co. 2042, Great Lakes, Ill.)
Lt. Harold R. Newman, stationed with the Air Force at Tampa, spent a 25-day leave at home in Oakland over the holidays and, as he writes in romantic vein, "Incidentally, 'for better or for worse...!'" (Permanent address: Mrs. Miles Hudson, 16 Valley View Dr., Orinda, Calif.) ... Bert Nilsson may be reached at General Delivery, Boise, Idaho. In Boise since June, his report on the 1944 ragweed situation is encouraging. ... Lt. Michael Vojan, MC USNRF, writes on Nov. 5, "I am just getting over malaria acquired in the tropics. Otherwise, life ebbs and flows." (Naval Medical Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.) ... Windsor R. Putnam became a member of the law firm of Curtis and Belknap on Jan. 1 with offices at 1 Wall St., New York City 5.

Of the Thornhill Fund Waldo Hall writes on Dec. 9, "It was the custom to have the guest lecturers supplement the Faculty by discussing subjects that were not and could not be taught as courses. However, I feel that it could be just as valuable to have guest lecturers discuss subjects that are being taught as courses. In this way, the subject will probably be of more interest to the students since they will already have had some background knowledge; and it should help also to give the students an added perspective on these subjects which they would be otherwise somewhat denied because of their isolation." Hall married Martha Jane Graham in Sept. He writes, "I was rather surprised to find out, after I had known Jane for some time, that her grandfather, Benj. C. Rachach, was a personal friend of L. L. Nunn's." (600 Michigan Ave., Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Frederick J. Farig, head of the Anti-Trust Div. of the Dept. of Justice in the Los Angeles area, is selecting his staff of 10 lawyers, says he is working hard. He writes, "Leadership by example, according to the precepts of L. L., is a strain on the leader and his domestic life." (1602 W. Court House, Los Angeles, Calif.)

Dr. Herbert J. Reich went on leave in Jan., 1944, from his work at the Univ. of Illinois and is with the Radio Research Laboratory at Harvard Univ. The revision of his first book, "Theory and Applications of Electron Tubes," has appeared on the market, and the DS Library recently received a complimentary copy. The Reichs have bought a home at 39 Dean St., Belmont, Mass. He writes on Dec. 7, "Until fairly recently, my work at the laboratory has been almost entirely editorial. I am now spending part of my time on research. Although the editorial work is a job that has to be done and for which I have had adequate training, the research gives me a much greater feeling of accomplishing something useful, and I am very happy to be engaged in it again. I have also acquired the job of taking charge of our laboratory technical seminars... A couple of months ago, four of us in the laboratory bid on one of the small airplanes put up for auction by the government. We were fortunate enough to have our bid of $711.50 accepted. Although we have had to go out to Framingham, which is about 18 miles away, it is possible to put in enough occasional flying time to keep in practice. The ship is in excellent condition, and we feel that we made an excellent buy. Then we leave the laboratory, I am expecting to buy out the others of the group and take the ship back with me." Reich has flown for a number of years. The Reichs "have spent two enjoyable afternoons with the John Newells." The Reich "Theory and Applications of Electron Tubes" baffles the Editor, but scientists consider it most outstanding. (Second Edition, 1944, McGraw Hill, 761 pp., $5.00)

Lt. Paul Reinhardt, MC USNR, is with Co. C, VII Corps Medical Battalion, III Amphibious Corps F. M. F., FPO, San Francisco. ... Lt. Robert Ross with his Infantry outfit has seen action in the Aleutians, in the South Pacific, and is at present in Belgium. "Here I am," he writes, "chasing Japs instead of sweeting out Japs."

Lt. (j.g.) William W. Ross writes from the Pacific on Dec. 5, "Received another copy of the NL today, and it struck a peculiarly responsive note. "Any names and faces were conjured up out of its pages. Then tonight at dinner the talk somehow
got around to bees, and I found myself speaking from NS experiences with great authority about the little rascals. That is one phase of my NS experiences which sets me quite apart from the rest of mankind. Most have had a casual and ambulatory experience with bees, but few have actually measured wits with them on a commercial scale such as practiced at NS. Eventually in any group thrown together for a sufficient time the talk turns to bees, and then it is that T assume my proper place in the circle of conversation. The absence of factual information about bees and bee-keeping in Naval circles is most lamentable, and it is gratifying to learn now that my months of isolation in Inyo County were not altogether in vain. For a few hours, at least, mine was the chair of authority and judgment... It seems a very short time since I left NS, but by actual count it must be close to five years. And it must be four years, or nearly so, since T have had the pleasure of writing you. Needless to say, the intervening years have been crowded with many reminiscences of days at the ranch, many delightful, some amusing, and a few rather disturbing. The personal contacts of my first year there remain to me a wonderous collection -- Dean Kimpton, Rog Randall, Johnny Myers, 'Poppy Furchford, Hank Heal, Johnny Deal. Somehow all gatherings seem colorless when compared with that list. We used to have some remarkable bull-sessions down in the apple-cellar under the light of a candle stub, where the illegality of our nictinic rites and hushed voices added a special and fruitful solemnity to our utterances. I fear that the apple-cellar has been violated by the foundations of a new faculty cottage, and I am tempted to indulge an allegorical account of how the scholarly spirit of NS is being invaded by the forces of conventional academicism--but I refrain." (Mail address: 411 F. 5th, Sedalia, Mo.)

Ensign Robert M. Rust writes from the South Pacific, "I heartily agree with your sentiment expressed in the '176-letter,' "Mr. 'unn know what he was doing when he built the School here.' You damn well right he did, and the farther I am taken from that sort of living the more sure I am. Stuff and things in Hawaii ain't so hot; life on Eniwetok is depressing; life on Guam was goddamn unpleasant and we were nearly one whole month unloading there because the Japs interrupted our work quite often; and life in New Guinea stunk, natives looked like fuzzy-headed pigmies, and everything was so hot and sticky we could only drink water, eat salt-tablets and atabrine, and wish we were home. Haven't been ashore in this place yet, but don't expect it to be Utopia. Give me Calif. deserts...Today one boy in my Gun Crew received a citation from the Sec'y of the Navy for extraordinary bravery and devotion to duty while in great personal danger. He is the simplest looking, and in most ways the dullest boy I have, but in the tight spot he was the only one who stood his ground and did his work. This event did not occur since he has been on this ship, but happened before I knew him. anyway, we had a little ceremony today and congratulated him...The other night while fighting off mosquitoes and sucking atabrine lozenges, and wondering how I will look if I contract elephantiasis, I read Douglas' "Magnificant Obsession." It's just a love-story novel basically, but Douglas must have had in mind the same sort of thing that L. L. had when he founded a tuition-free institution to promote the 'highest well-being.' I was sort of struck by the parallel...How does water for NS seem to be stacking up for next year?"

Lt. Morrison Rutherford (0478073) of the Medical Corps has been assigned to Station Hospital, Camp Gruber, Okla. ... Ensign Gearey Sailer was assigned on Nov. 17 to Amphibious Training Base, Coronado, Calif. ... Lt. Karl Schmiedler writes on Jan. 5, "I have just completed a 12-week course in radio theory. I imagine the Army considers this to be sufficient in making me into an expert. Suffice it to say that this work is more interesting than tanks. However, I now instruct in radio communication and supervise this in battle training for enlisted men about to leave the States...Lt. Arthur "Caggar is now with the 211th Ordnance Rn. at Knox, and we have been out together - seen some ballet, etc. And Lt. Fenton Sands is a Navigator in the Air Force at Godman Field, Wt. Knox."
Interim report on Kathy Scott, 14-weeks-old Thanksgiving: "She has bright red hair, dark blue eyes, and fair skin, and is growing fat and full of wrinkles." Two teeth, location unspecified. Parents: the Harry Scotts, 1425 - 18th Ave., San Francisco 22... Huntington Sharp, Sales Control Manager of The Herman Nelson Corp., Moline, Ill., writes, "Reading the ML makes me feel that I am woefully to fight this war -- many of us can't help such thoughts when we hear of those who really fight. I'm helping make heating and ventilating equipment. Some of the TA men on far fields across the world may have seen or even used the gasoline-powered heaters and ventilators used to warm up airplane engines, hospital tents, etc. -- or our latest gadget, a remarkable device now being installed on P. T. boats for heating the motor and motor section."

Ensign Geo. Wm. Skinner writes on Nov. 26, "If I knew how to edit a throaty, wolfen goat-cry, I would do so now, for I am overjoyed with the opportunity and the set-up here. I am learning Kuo Yü, the national language of China. As yet the Navy has not indicated how it plans to use me when I complete the 18-month course. The high altitude, the Pockies nearby, and the small classes remind me of DS. And my room -- mansized, livable, and complete with phonograph records -- encourages those more introvertive phases of DS life. On the whole, I find the academic work interesting, the associations stimulating, and the Univ. plant more than satisfactory." In an earlier letter, written Oct. 21, Skinner wrote, "Mrs. Vijoan's visiting-professor plan, on principle alone, seems undesirable for DS. Almost every DSer comes fresh from highschool, thus invariably has a narrow background and most frequently an imperfectly developed reasoning faculty. For all his intelligence, which insures neither knowledge nor maturity, he must systematically build up a liberal background while at DS. Mr. Vijoan's plan is not calculated to help build up this background, nor could it be successful with men just beginning that building process. The plan would make snobs and egotomaniacs out of DSers. One need only settle down in one of the big leather chairs while the deep-sea fishes explode; some of the makings of greatness must fall near. DS does not need people who perform brilliantly in front of the students like a magician demonstrating all his tricks on a 15 day run. It needs people who establish educational dialog rather than men who deliver monologs for 14 hours a day. Perhaps the dialog is to be the task of the two luckless tutors. But functioning as stop-gaps between the big-shots' explosions, they would be little enough effective. Certainly, DSers must learn how to work independently, systematically, and diligently. Our need is for a pedagogue who can teach them to do so and who can stimulate their own creativity at the same time." (Men's Dormitory, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.)

A. D. Smith has retired as purchasing agent of the Utah Power and Light Co. He began work for the old Telluride Power Co. in 1901, taking a job as stenographer and bookkeeper at Telluride. The Smiths' new home address: 455 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, Calif. Their old Telluride associates wish them happy days.

Capt. David Spalding writes on Nov. 9, "Wish we had some planes going up to Bishop. I'd give a lot to drop in and see you again. My last trip up there was on a furlough when I was at CalTech in 1942...I am happy to see the encouragement of visiting lecturers at DS. I think they are a most important part of the program there." (R. O. V. R., Fox 107, AAR, Alamogordo, New Mexico)

The Willard W. Strahls moved on Nov. 1 from Fort, M. D., to 617 E. Allen's Lane, Philadelphia 19, Pa. Strahl had for a number of years been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort. He is Associate Editor of Religious Books for the Westminster Press. ... Paul Swatek has moved to 551 Sycamore Dr., Glen Osborne, Sewickley, Pa., and continues to build foundations for Bravo Corp. Swatek reports the birth of a second son, Charles Pilkington Swatek.
Prof. Harold W. Thompson of the Cornell Dept. of English has been elected President of the Folklore Society of New York State. He is the outstanding man in the state in this work. He was guest of the Cornell Branch in 1940-41.

Mrs. E. A. Thornhill has returned west to the old winter address of the Thornhills for a number of years; Gentes Hotel, 6th & Figueroa Sts., Los Angeles 14.

Sgt. Paul Todd, according to Time of Jan. 3, was one of a group of 16 American sergeants who raised destructive hell to head off the Japanese advance into Southeast China. The sergeants, experts in demolition, promoted themselves to colonels in order to impress the Chinese to lend cooperation. Time reports, "They had accounted for some 150 bridges, 50 roadblocks, 20 to 50 ferries, one tunnel, an assortment of locomotives, trucks, army hostels, one Catholic mission and a machine shop." Then the sergeants started blowing up warehouses. Major Teh-chang Yoo of the Chinese army writes that Sgt. Todd is studying botany and plant pathology during his leisure moments and keeps his texts at the Major's office.

The following letter from Mrs. Mary Tout will be of interest to former Cornell Branchmen; it was accompanied by a greeting-card -- "Warm wishes for 1945 to Telluride House with grateful, happy memories of your hospitality to my husband, Thomas Frederick Tout, who died in 1929, and to me when you entertained us throughout the period when he gave the Messenger Lectures at Cornell in the Spring of 1928." Mrs. Tout writes: "I often think of the marvellous hospitality my husband and I were shown by your predecessors in residence in 1928 and of dear Mr. Burr's kindness and of the immense amount of trouble that Mr. Ulsson and his colleague took to make us comfortable in the lovely suite of rooms you gave us.... Do wonder how Telluride fares in these war years? It is a joy to me here that at present this small country town on the fringe of our Lake District has 1500 American soldiers here. It is a pleasure to talk with them and to have them to the house... One thing this sad war has done; among so many terrible things there are many beautiful things; one chief one is that it has drawn America and Britain closer together, so that we understand one another better. "May that close bond of friendship remain always and never be weakened by any contending commercial or other interests but serve as a help to the whole world.... Another good thing the war has done here is to draw all classes more closely together. We're in a common peril and all, more and more, realize that we must all help one another. I'm sure we all respect one another more, year by year...." (I Pelmont, Ulverston, Lancashire)

Ralph H. Townsend writes from the foxholes of war production -- electrical contacts, etc., for warplanes -- a letter which to the editor sounds typical of the tired and jumply plight of the embattled civilians one so frequently meets: "Seems sort of stupid to admit it," writes Townsend, "but I've reached a point where I'm so doggoned tired I just can't rest. The long hours and the mental strain for the past three years are beginning to make themselves manifest in ways I don't like. Have absolutely no desire to eat much, to the dismay of my good wife -- in bed every night by 8:45 to 9:00, wide awake at around 1:30, up at 6:00 just as tired as ever. "D. of check-up shows all normal physically, but vitamins, iron shots, etc., seem to have no perceptible effect." Townsend is the grandfather of a 5-months-old grandson, but his trouble isn't pride, he says. He writes, "I haven't seen or heard of a single Tjer for months except Andy Anderson who is the GM of Capital Aircraft Co. who is doing a lot of precision work well on our contracts."

(Aero Electric Corp., 6936 Romaine Street, Los Angeles 36)

Pvt. Jas. R. Tucker, Jr., has been assigned to a newly activated infantry division; he is personnel clerk for his MP platoon, working part of the week on personnel records and the other part as reporter for the camp newspaper with the Special Service offices. Pvt. Tucker and Eleanor Pearson of Evanston, Ill., were married in early Dec. "Miss Pearson was graduated from Smith College two years ago and was teaching school in Tulsa when matrimony caught up with her. (MP platoon, 42nd Inf. Div., Camp Gruber, Okla. APC 411.)"
Lt. Howard Turner has left the country with a Signal Service Battalion. ...  
Sgt. David Varley, jungleman with an Engineering Maintenance Co., writes on Sept. 17, "Many moons have waxed and waned since last I plunked my bony bottom down to reaffirm my allegiance to DS, TA, LL, and the "US. The US arrives from time to time and provides diverting news and entertainment for an otherwise soulless existence. I rejoice in the fact that the unprincipled Johnson journalism is still pursuing its subtle yet occasional ribald course throughout the interludes on DS and TA personnel. I read with mixed awe and admiration the brief but illuminating biographical accounts of the TA-DS fledglings; the wings of success are carrying them to dizzy heights. I am mightily chagrined, for the relaxed perch of my success reveals precious little achievement worthy of note. A tenacious clutch on my life together with a couple of multicolored ribbons and a campaign spangle constitute the sum and all of it. However, I suppose it reasonable to assume that 'other DS will occasionally hatch a turkey in her yearly brood of young eaglets. Correspondence with Tel Kirkham, Roy Pierce, and Dave Richardson continues intermittently with also an occasional note in the unreadable handwriting of J. B. Heyden, Jr. All of them try to inflate my punctured ego by expressing solicitous concern over my jungle-jolly welfare excepting Pierce, who blandly proclaims that his China habitat is a horror second to none. The fact that one of my daily chores is to feed Cerberus, that delightful three-headed monster, after which I cleanse myself in the river Styx, apparently impresses him not one iota. Oh well, what can you expect from an Air Corps man? Seriously though, my life the past few months has not been particularly difficult. Of course, there are mild discomfitures, such as an occasional touch of malaria, skin infections, and obstreperous officers, etc., but generally speaking, life is smooth and dull. Regards to the DS fauna." The Sergeant was on a steamy atoll, a little atoll, when he last wrote the Editor.

S/Sgt. Charles Waldo has seen 21 months of service in North Africa, Italy, and Corsica with a Bomberment Group, the first Group to fly as a unit direct from the U.S. to Africa. He has four stars on his service bar. On Dec. 20 he writes, "There is little to say about myself. I've been overseas nearly two years now; Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Italy, and now Corsica. There seems to be every prospect of my remaining overseas another two years. Until we hit Corsica last spring, we had never stayed in one place long enough to get used to it. Corsica is beautiful but empty and I, at least, have had time to become thoroughly bored with our comparative inactivity. We haven't been out of the war -- this Group has established a world record for accurate bombing in that time -- but we are rather out of the world.... In addition to my regular activities as a radar mechanic and communications clerk, I'm on a committee to arrange weekly discussion groups. I'm taking a correspondence course in bookkeeping, and, with Dad's help, I'm keeping up my reading as far as possible. Several years ago I heard you at Deep Springs refer to T.S. Eliot as one of the three most significant modern writers, and since I've been trying to prove you right or wrong. Recently, I've been attempting to write a paper on Eliot to supplement one I wrote about five years ago, but I'm now fairly stopped by the necessity for a little research. I might say I'm inclined to agree with your estimate of Eliot. I'm more doubtful about the other two you named.... I hope before many more years that I'll be able to visit DS and find out if I was there during the true 'Golden Age' or if that was left for my successors."

Arthur Wiser writes on Dec. 4, "... The war and its developing aftermath are appalling to me. Not being able to contemplate it all as a manifestation of some generic human quality, I am driven to find out what needs doing and to set about doing it. I peer into the shadows of the coming social upheavals, but cannot see forms clearly to plan where energy might be effective in establishing human dignity. I look to my experience for sure values and realize how confused I am. Yet some conclusions seem to be emerging for me, and my pessimism has not become personal cynicism." (C. P. S. Camp No. 94, Trenton, N. J.)
A/S Richard "olgest (V-7) has finished his work at Cornell. He writes, "I'll be here for four months, if I'm lucky and can stand it that long. Our commissioning as ensigns is set for Feb. 28. The rumor is that most of us engineers have been transferred to deck, which would be too bad, if true. I had been hoping for some diesel training which could be worthwhile to me as to the Navy....I like your NL very much. I guess they'll help me recognize BS if I ever get a chance to come back again. Perhaps in six months I'll be on a boat and have something worth telling."

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- PRES. LAISE WRITES ON ASSN. EDUCATIONAL POLICY -
(Continued from Page 1)

quieting symptoms of future discords among the United Nations. Our peace machinery is beginning to knock almost before it gains momentum.

"If there is any man who today believes that a wise and lasting peace may be attained, I envy him the comfort of his thoughts. Naturally, all of us hope that such a miracle will occur. But if it does not, what will be facing the world? Obviously, an acute problem in human and political relationships which will have to be solved relatively quickly if we are not again to be plunged into another agonizing conflict.

"In my humble opinion, the time allotted to us to resolve this dilemma is desperately short -- short in the light of the monumental changes in human attitudes that must occur. Humanitarianism, tolerance, and understanding must grow in the minds of millions of people at a phenomenal rate if there is to be any basis for optimism.

"All of this has been said before and discussed at length by minds better than mine. But I am particularly interested in what significance these factors, if they are true, hold for Deep Springs and the Association. Thousands of our most promising young men will not come back. Thousands will have developed an interest in scientific and technical fields who otherwise might have been educators, ministers, economists, or new recruits in the field of government and politics. Not only has the war demanded greater scientific achievement, but it has diverted the interests of a substantial portion of our youth into this channel. This means that our national and international problems will have to be tackled by even fewer individuals than would ordinarily be interested in lending a hand to the solution.

"I do not mean to disparage the breadth of interest of our scientists, nor to minimize the constructive results of their efforts. I do hold it to be a truism, however, that science has generated powers of destruction which can lead to the extermination of a world which does not yet know how to live peaceably with itself. The postwar world will need men skilled in human relationships even more desperately than a world at war needs scientific genius.

"Therefore, I ask this question -- Has the time come for Deep Springs and the Association to try to direct the choice of vocations of its students and members? Are we benefiting the world and ourselves if we continue to produce men of science with just as much complacency as we produce men interested in government?"

"To my mind this is the most vital issue facing Deep Springs and the Association today. I haven't had the time to attempt to follow all the ramifications of such a proposal to their logical end. There will be many and loud disagreements. But one thing I am sure of -- if we do not face the question, we have defaulted on our whole reason for existence. The important thing is that we give this question the benefit of our considered judgment and come to a decision which will be made in
time to produce constructive results. It is not enough that we serve our country in time of war. The charge laid upon us by "Mr. Nunn will weigh even more heavily in the years immediately following."

For two months Lieut. Laise studied at Harvard Univ. and completed the work on Dec. 23. "At this point," he writes, "the war has ceased to be an academic question. I have been quite fortunate in being recommended for one of the top 25 jobs which are available from this school." His assignment will probably be afloat.

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- DEEP SPRINGS NOTES -

- Trustees Meet -

The Trustees met at DS on Dec. 9-10. Trustees present were F. C. Noon, Parker Monroe, H. R. Waldo, C. M. Whitman, and Student Body Trustee Morton Dodge; Trustees absent were W. L. Biersach, Paul Cadman, and John Laylin. Ponham Campbell represented the Association.

- Trustee Cadman Resigns -

Trustee Cadman submitted his resignation to the Board on grounds of health and extreme pressure of his work with the Henry J. Kaiser Co. The resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Board because Doctor Cadman, in addition to outstanding ability and broad experience in both education and business, had long personal contacts with Mr. Nunn and varied experience with Telluride and Deep Springs affairs. He was one of the original Trustees selected by Mr. Nunn. The Trustees voted to appoint a committee of the Board to present at their next meeting a program for filling vacancies on the Board and to present the names of individuals considered suitable additions to the Board. Two vacancies at present exist, that caused by the death of Dean Thornhill, and that from the resignation of Mr. Cadman. Frank Noon was elected Chairman of the Board to serve the unexpired term of Cadman.

- Faculty Petitions for Academic Rank -

Faculty members recently submitted to the Trustees a memorandum concerning rank ratings of the faculty. This was referred to the Director with the proposal that some mutually satisfactory arrangement be made which would be in harmony with the democratic traditions of DS, and investigation is being made to determine the procedure followed in other small institutions. Arguments in support of rank rating are that staffmen who leave DS for other institutions would not suffer from lack of rank; and new staffmen might be more readily attracted to DS if they lose no academic rank in accepting a position. The arguments advanced against the proposal: academic rank is unsuitable in a small and democratic community; such a plan would cause much trouble over 'exceptional' cases; and the uniqueness of DS makes such a program unnecessary. The faculty memorandum stipulated that academic titles would not be used at DS and that rank and salary would have no connection.

In his report, the Director said, "Not only do we have the best teaching staff that I have seen at DS, but for the first time in several years it seems unlikely that we will have to look for any replacements next year. If so, we have found a temporary solution to a problem that has vexed the school, with weakness in one field or another, for so long."

- Cattle Herd Surveyed -

During the meeting Mr. DeWolfe Barton, an experienced cattleman, surveyed the DS range herd and reported informally to the Trustees, making practical suggestions toward improvement of the herd and techniques of handling and feeding. The swarms
near the Lake should be fenced with the unused posts and wire already near the
Lake; eight to ten cattle yearly get stuck in the mud and die, and the cost of
labor and material would be paid for in less than one year of life-saving. Six
more windmills should be staggered the length of the Valley to keep the cattle
from walking off hard-earned meat merely to keep alive. Water from the Deep
Springs should be pumped (28' rise and 4,150' of pipe) and spread on about 120
acres of crested-wheat, and the cows and bulls should be fenced in this area for
six or eight weeks in the spring; this intimate social life would increase the
calf-crop 10-15% -- at present, the bulls pursue romantically evasive cows around
the mountains, a pastime more productive of exercise than calves. After the herd
is sent to summer range, a crop of hay could be harvested from the spring-pasture.
All roans, brooks-faces, and off-color specimens in the herd should be eliminated.
Our present practice permits 1/3 of the yearling heifers to bear calves; this
keeps the immature mother from attaining her full growth, produces a small calf—
and such cows seldom have a calf the subsequent year anyway. The offspring of im-
mature cows do not reach maximum growth and hence are undesirable breeding stock.
No cut-back heifers should be used to build up the herd. A supplementary ration
of barley-and-oats or cottonseed or soybean meal should be given the calves, be-
cause this will make the heifers bigger, heavier, better calf-producers. An
experienced cattlemann should be on the Board of Trustees, and a realistic system
of bookkeeping should be started for the range cattle.

-- AAA --

DS has joined the AAA and has received the approval of the County Committee,
newly organized in early Dec., to carry out several of the 'practices' listed for
1945 in Calif. Superphosphate for the alfalfa was recommended by both the Com-
mitee and the agronomists of the Univ. of Calif., and seven tons have already
been spread, probably the first store-bought fertilizer DS fields have tasted in
70 years. The manure spreader works full-time these days. Other 'practices' in-
volve digging and lining stock-water wells; cultivating and reseeding alfalfa land—
500 pounds of alfalfa seed is already on hand for sowing; cultivating fallow
ground to eliminate bindweed; leveling alfalfa checks and reorganizing the irriga-
tion system -- Victor Church with student help has already surveyed the checks
for leveling and has made a contour map for placement of irrigation ditches, and a
new greater and leveler similar to those used on airfields is expected daily. The
pocket gophers chew away at the alfalfa roots, oblivious of the creepy cyanic end
that awaits them. DS will receive substantial encouragement and aid from the
AAA. The whole plan is to arrive at the most efficient, economical, and productive
development of DS resources of soil and water and labor. "Trustee" Monroe and Ronham
Campbell were requested to review all the available information and data relative
to possible ways of augmenting the water supply at DS and to report to the Board
on any projects they think reasonable possibilities.

Effort is being made to procure snow-measurement equipment so that measurements
of snow on the DS watershed may be made in order to determine in advance any season's
water expectations. It may not be possible to procure the equipment and lay out
the measuring points on the watershed this season. Measurements will be made in
the same places and at the same time in subsequent years in order to secure for DS all
benefits of fore-knowledge. In years of heavy snowfall, the cultivated acreage may
be expanded to include plantings of small grains, sorghum, or corn for ensilage.
Prospects for 1945 are at present below average with only 12" if hardened show at
Roberta. It is, however, early in the season, and snowfall may be expected.

-- Student Body --

Director Whitney pointed out in his report that 8 to 12 of the present students
are likely to return next summer and that DS should admit around 15 new men. The 20
students now on the roster average three months younger than the class last year, and by May they will average 17 years and 9 months, about one year younger than the average prewar student. Applications work has started, and the Chancellor will begin visiting schools and interviewing candidates on Feb. 9; this trip will take some five or six weeks. Director Whitney will interview applicants at times during his Feb.-May absence from DS.

In his report to the Trustees on student work and leisure time, Director Whitney said, "There is some complaint this year, as there was in the last two, that some students take so many courses as to leave them too little time for reading or informal community activities. I have not felt called upon, however, to forbid a student to attempt the courses he wants. Heavy demands on the time of students have been made by the longer working hours which have grown in recent years. This fall two changes were made -- addition of a second office man, to help with the most time-consuming task, and reduction of hours for general workers from the whole morning or afternoon to four hours plus the time necessary to finish the job on hand. After Easter the Ranch Manager wants the former schedule, with its working time of 4½ hours or more, to go back into effect in order to get the spring and summer jobs done."

In a communication to the Editor, Student Trustee Norton Dodge writes, "Deep Springs and the Student Body have been faced with many problems during the past year, and the results have on the whole been more satisfactory than might have been expected. Although the Student Body is showing enthusiasm and interest in the ranch, with the lowered age of the students and the resulting lack of background, there has been a drop in the cultural level of the group. A larger percentage of the students than in past years has shown little intellectual curiosity. Active participation in Student Body government is limited to too few, and with a lack of leadership the Student Body has misjudged effort and clashed with the Director and faculty several times.

"In the Dec. Trustees' meeting the question was brought up of how permanent a mark DS leaves on its short-tenure wartime students. This is the real measure of how the success of recent Student Bodies compares with that of the past. It was agreed that too many of the present Deep Springsers do not understand the purpose of DS and perhaps do not care to. Lacking the proper perspective, I cannot make comparisons with former classes, but I hope this a wartime condition only."

Calendar

The present fall term ends Feb. 3; the coming spring term will end May 28. less recesses, these terms total 30 weeks. In his report to the Trustees, Director Whitney said, "The present plan for next summer is to open June 30 and run for 10 weeks, the last four of which would be allowed as a vacation for those who had remained here in June to work. There would be Student Body trips of three or four days at the end of July and five days to a week before the fall term opens.

"For the postwar period, my growing inclination is in favor of the plan proposed last spring by the Student Trustee -- that new men should enter July 1 and stay 12 months, then take two months for vacation and return for another 12 months, leaving finally Sept. 1. Two classes would always be present at one time. The two-year course would include about 80 weeks of classes as against 90 or 95 in the prewar three-year course, plus a few extra weeks of ranch work (in June and sometimes at Christmas)."

Expenses

The following comes from the report of the Director to the Trustees, all figures being for the fiscal year:
Teachers' salaries
Other salaries
Library
Food
Farm machinery
Grain
Hay
Taxes and insurance
Maintenance
Fuel
Other expenses
Total

Actual, 1943-44 | Budget, 1944-45 | Probable, 1944-45
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$6,298.00 | $8,400.00 | $8,400.00
$7,203.00 | $11,100.00 | $16,475.00
$1,477.00 | $1,000.00 | $1,000.00
$3,817.00 | $4,100.00 | $4,500.00
$1,569.00 | $0.00 | $1,200.00
$2,703.00 | $1,885.00 | $2,800.00
$0.00 | $600.00 | $1,100.00
$2,000.00 | $2,000.00 | $2,000.00
$1,700.00 | $1,540.00 | $5,500.00
$1,176.00 | $1,500.00 | $1,600.00
$10,666.00 | $11,475.00 | $11,475.00
$58,629.00 | $48,675.00 | $48,675.00

The estimated increase of $5,324.00 in salaries may be broken down as follows:
- Additional Employees: teaching staff, $1,850.00; farm workers, $900.00; boarding house assistant, $900.00. Increases in salary and wage scales, $1,674.00.

A partial offset to the increased expenses is found in the higher income expected from cattle sales, which will probably amount to $1,500.00 more than a year ago, and from post office compensation, which, if we collect our overdue compensation, will amount to $800.00 additional. Matching income and expenses, the year is likely to cost around $7,000.00 more than 1943-44 and around $4,000.00 more than the 1944-45 budget.

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Barney Childs on Dec. 4 gave a critical interpretation of T. S. Eliot's "Waste Land" before the students and faculty. Childs will publish in Feb. a booklet of verse entitled "12 Preludes." Case and Wallace of San Francisco are the printers of the edition limited to 200 copies. (Price 50¢ autographed. Order from Deep Springs Book Store, Deep Springs, Calif.)

Allen Whiting gave a piano concert on Dec. before the students, faculty, and Trustees. He chose selections from Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, and Beethoven.

Born: "Lisa," premature daughter of "Trim" and "Leon Crosby," grand-daughter of "Pat," on Dec. 7. According to the ancient custom of DS dairymen, new dairy calves are named after cherished women in recognition of special merit. "Lisa" is the namesake of Mrs. Richard Robinson of Ithaca. ... Milking analysis revealed that certain milch cows were infected with mastitis. "Pat" and "Large" have been dried up and rusticated, and effort is being made to cure "Louise" of the infection in the right-front teat.

The new Model-A Farmall tractor has just arrived. This machine with the larger Model-H purchased a year ago will give DS sufficient tractor power. The old Fordson, crankily capricious, will still snort and plod faithfully for the understanding, resourceful, the profane.

DS during the past months has been having much difficulty with mechanical equipment. The furnaces have given very unsatisfactory service. They blow up, they refuse to operate, parts wear out and are hard to replace, and much expensive technical labor has been necessary. Latest advise indicates that the present oil is too heavy, a wartime change of quality. DS has had a series of garagemen during the year, all attracted away by warplant bonanzas. Mr. Hedgeseth, who worked in the garage a number of years ago, will return on Feb. 1. The cynical will not believe that the garage is clean and in order; nobody will believe it will remain that way—but drop in unexpectedly some day and be surprised.
S 2/C Donald Hazlett and his wife spent a week at DS in early Jan. Previous experience at Deep Springs and subsequent training with the Navy fully prepared Seaman Hazlett for his work on the tree-trimming detail one sunny afternoon. (Address: U.S.S. LSM-450, FPO, San Francisco) ... Albert Wotaw, on leave from CPS Camp No. 94, Trenton, N. J., spent four or five days at DS before reporting to New Haven, Conn., to serve as laboratory mouse to help the military service determine what makes men come down with jaundice after certain treatment for malaria.

The Student Body assembled recently presented F. W. Johnson with a bottle labeled with this strange device: I. W. Harper — Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. A princely gift. To demonstrate the strength of character of the recipient and an observance of local traditions, and at the same time await some event that deserves a memorable salute, the cork remains inviolate.

Allen Whiting on Jan. 17 suffered a painful, experience-laden accident when he ran his right hand to the wrist joint through the clothes wringer — and ran it back again. No broken bones. Whiting became engaged to a New York lass during the holidays. The Editor draws no inferences from these isolated events.

The Bishop hospital was about to close because the doctor operating it was losing money. At a mass-meeting sufficient money was donated to carry the hospital through 1945; then a new cooperative hospital will be built. When the hat was passed at DS over one hundred dollars was contributed.

The sunny days of Jan. have enticed the crocuses to push their silly, beautiful noses through the earth in search of spring. They might be right, but.....

- EDITORIAL -

With this issue of the NL you will find a descriptive leaflet concerning DS. This leaflet is mailed to you with the expectation that you will use it to get some distinguished and promising highschool junior or senior in touch with DS. We will need some excellent students — 15 of them — for the coming academic year. Our DS&TA associates can do much to aid in this work. Of course, many of you are in hot-spots where this suggestion will arouse ribald jeers, but even you must recall some enlightened highschool teacher, some family with an intelligent and purposeful son, some companion-in-arms who knows a likely lad to whom you can forward this leaflet. To the rest of you who are not in hot-spots — but who are probably as busy as though you were — the suggestion is made that you try with this leaflet to secure the interest of some young man of character, personality, brains, and purpose. A little personal work by each of you now can ultimately become a great service to DS and TA. If you find a prospective candidate, get him in touch with the Committee on Applications, Deep Springs, Calif. If you need more leaflets, write for them. And please don’t delay this matter.

The 1944 Convention unanimously "authorized and directed" the Chancellor to publish at least three issues of the NL and appropriated $150.00 for the purpose. This is Issue No. 3, and little money remains, primarily because our postage costs so much. It would not be easy to suspend publication with the fulfillment of the Convention resolution — it’s a tiresome, hand-feed task — because the Editor thinks the NL keeps us somewhat in touch with one another. The NL is mailed to more than a score of countries, and from the responses of our associates, they look forward to receiving it and yell when their copy fails to reach them. The Editor cannot forget his joy overseas in the last war when he received those neatly printed and bound copies of the NL. If somebody today is equally pleased, it’s worth having a permanent inky rim under the editorial thumb-nails. Now if somebody would like to send in a handful of rupees, lire, shillings, francs, pesos, yuan, dinars, kopeks.
or any other local medium of exchange or barter that can be converted into stamps, the contribution will help greatly. March will likely see Issue No. 4.

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To date more than three thousand dollars in cash has been received for the Thornhill Fund. Contributions should be made in favor of the Trustees of Deep Springs and sent to E. M. Johnson, Deep Springs, Calif.

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--- LATE PERSONAL NOTES ---

Born: Merle Ann Chl里程er on Dec. 16, 1944, second child of Lieut. Earl Chl里程er, USNR, and Mrs. Chl里程er. Merle Ann's address: 122 - 76th St., Brooklyn, 9, N. Y. Allan Megensens writes on Jan. 7, "I am still here at Cornell, about to complete the 9th of the 10 terms in Chem. Engineering. I am in 4-F; that's why I am still here." (250 Linden Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. ... Ensign Adrien Duncan writes on Jan. 10 (Later than news on p. 4) that he will complete his Seabee training by Feb. 22, take a 10-day leave in Bishop, Calif., with Mrs. Duncan, and "then on my way to the Pacific area. (Rs. E-4L, CFD, Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.)

Lt. Col. Ben C. Luth and family reside at 1004 N. Kentucky, Arlington, Va. Col. Luth, long with an infantry division in the South Pacific, has been transferred to headquarters in Washington.

Lt. Howard C. Turner writes on Jan. 2, "At last I'm settled in France, and from the looks of the situation here I'm apt to be here from now on for some time. So please enter my present APO address in your files, and I hope before long the NL will be coming in fairly regularly. This is a fairly large headquarters we're serving. Our quarters are only a little short of being sumptuous, and we're more than happy about the way things have turned out. This is a large city, and though I have a rough time getting along in French, I think I'll make out all right--things could be so much worse. My team is running the second largest telephone long-lines office in the Army, and we have a lot of what the Army calls fixed-plant equipment, packaged equipment, and quite a bit of just plain old commercial telephone equipment as is used in large long-lines offices in the States."

A/S Richard Cornelison writes on Jan. 15, "The excellent Nov. issue of the NL covered very completely all questions I had concerning DS. Then after talking with Tom Pullers and Peter Foster in Salt Lake Christmas Eve, I felt entirely reimbued. My talk with them was the first I had had with any DS men for six months. It was an inspiration to again hear fellows of my own age talk intelligently and seriously. Honestly, I haven't become acquainted with more than two fellows in this whole damn unit who even have a philosophy of life. The overwhelming majority never give anything they do the least bit of thought. For example, if they do anything immoral, it is usually the result of their unrestrained sensual desires; if they are good boys, it is because of their dogmatic religious indoctrination -- a mighty poor way to conduct one's life, it seems. If DS can teach 17-year-old men to think to the extent that it apparently does, it must surely have a powerful influence on older, more mature men. This is my fifth semester of college already." (Jackson House, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.)

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Letters intended for any DS or TA associate will be promptly forwarded if sent to Telluride Association, Ithaca, N. Y. Addresses of men in the service cannot, of course, be published. Be sure your own address is on file.