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1949 CONVENTION AND PASADENA BRANCH

The dominant issue of the 1949 Convention was, without doubt, that involving the perpetuation of the primary work-study Branch now located at Pasadena. Pre-convention feeling was that it was time to re-examine this educational experiment, to see if it had been a fruitful one, and to offer the staff and students some notion of the security of their future position in the Association. The Primary Branch Committee, conferring with Mike Yarrow and some student representatives of Pasadena Branch prepared a report on both the educational and financial potential of the organization. The convention on hearing the report, passed measures which extended conditional permanent support to the New Branch, the stipulation being that \$10,000.00 be raised in a New Funds drive by January 1, 1950 to show that the drain on Association reserves which Branch operation entails might be eased from that source in the future.

The preliminary questions to be resolved by the Convention were these: 1) Had the New Branch been a good enough Telluride organization to warrant its continuation. 2) How did the physical conditions of operation-- location, expense of running the Branch, available staff, available jobs for students, compare to those afforded by other possible primary branch locations such as Chicago, and 3) Could the Association afford the cost of continuing the work-study Branch, for how long, and with what specific financial arrangement?

There seemed to be no question for the Primary Branch Committee that the Pasadena work-study program had been worth while. The level of instruction had been "ably handled, and on the level of any good junior college." The work program was more than satisfactory, "the student body has given ... the distinct impression that such a work program is a valuable and positive force in their education." Much praise was given to Mike Yarrow for his fine and selfless work as chief educator, executive director and guiding spirit of the Branch. Little doubt was left that the Branch was an educational operation well worth maintaining.

Although it seemed most practical to keep the Branch within the Los Angeles area rather than to consider a move to Chicago where conditions for a work-study unit still appear nebulous, both the Committee and the Pasadena Branch representatives felt that a change of site would be advantageous if the Branch were to be continued. The final plan to move the Branch from Pacific Oaks to a more central part of Los Angeles took into consider-

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THE NEW FUNDS DRIVE

As a gesture of confidence in Pasadena Branch the 1949 Convention of Telluride Association meeting at Ithaca agreed emphatically to continue the Branch if a total of \$10,000.00 could be raised by a new funds campaign by January 1, 1950. Of the 52 members approached at Convention, 46 pledged a total of \$1330.00 as their initial offering in the campaign.

The main effort of the fund drive will be made between mid-September and mid-October. About 650 of Telluride friends and associates will be contacted personally and the remaining 125 by correspondence. Each solicitor will be provided with detailed information on Pasadena Branch and a new Pasadena Branch leaflet. In every city where three or more Telluride associates live, one or more solicitors will be selected. In the larger areas there will be area captains with from two to ten solicitors working under them, and each area and each solicitor will have a quota depending on the associates in his group.

The Committee is stressing the importance of going outside the immediate Telluride group by contacting, through the personal acquaintances of members and associates, those who might be interested in supporting this Telluride educational program. For these names the Committee is relying primarily on Telluride members, and in general, contacts will not be made by the Committee but rather by the individual who suggests the name.

The Committee will make known the names of the captains and solicitors as soon as possible. Meanwhile, anyone who has any special information for the Committee or who feels that he can be of service in some way should write to Chairman James R. Olin, 8 Schopman Drive, Schenectady 4, New York.

ADDRESS CHECKUP

This issue of the News Letter has been mailed to you by first class mail in order to bring our address files up to date. If your copy has been forwarded to you from the address on the envelope, please drop a card to the Chancellor, giving him your new address. This information is particularly important at the present time.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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 July 12, 1949

Telluride Association Friends and Associates:

This year Telluride Association faces perhaps the most serious challenge in its history. Our branch at Pasadena cannot be continued another year unless the Association can raise approximately \$10,000 toward its operation this year. A similar amount will be required next year and each subsequent year unless our endowment increases materially or our income from investments exceeds expectations.

Three years ago when Pasadena Branch was established and each year since then, part of its operations have been financed from reserves. Each year while reviewing its growth and development, Conventions have expected new funds drives to bring in sufficient money to continue operations. The 1949 Convention found itself faced with two difficult decisions. Based on its performance and future plans should the Branch be continued; and if so, how should it be financed in view of our failure in the past to raise the necessary funds. A detailed analysis was made of the Branch both in committee and on the Convention floor, and finally it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the Branch should be continued as an integral part of Association activity. On the financial question it was felt that between \$8,000 and \$15,000 would be required in new funds each year in excess of our income from investments. The probable average annual need was thought to be about \$10,000. In view of our past performance the Convention felt that to raise this sum of money would be very difficult. However, most recognized that we have seldom given our ability to raise funds an adequate test nor have we ever had so important a goal. The final decision of the Convention after long deliberation was to plan to continue Pasadena Branch indefinitely if a sum of \$10,000 can be raised by January 1, 1950, with the understanding that a similar sum will probably be required each year so long as the Branch exists.

If our goal is achieved by January, the Director of the Branch will plan for a full quota of students and faculty for the fall term. If we fall short, the Branch will close at the end of the 1950 spring term.

The Committee has made detailed plans for the drive which will require considerable work and effort on the part of many of us. We shall be successful only if each member or associate who accepts a responsible position in the campaign completes his assignment with vigor and enthusiasm, and if each of our friends and associates who is approached for a contribution cooperates as fully as he is able, consistent with his personal commitments and our recurring need.

I urge each of you to accept the challenge and give Telluride Association the ability to continue the significant educational enterprise which it has developed at Pasadena Branch.

James R. Olin
 James R. Olin, Chairman
 New Funds Committee

CORNELL BRANCH NOTES

If the summer term at Cornell Branch has been at times a little like a hotel, it has also been so far a profitable time in other ways. The influx of visitors has included Keith A. H. Murray, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, Dr. Morris Carstairs, Commonwealth Scholar who was a guest of the Branch during part of the winter term 1948-1949, Mr. Fenton Sands, recently returned from Liberia, and others.

Other faculty guests from the past year are spending all or part of the summer at the Branch. Professor Lloyd Wood of the Cornell chemistry department and Professor Gino Gorla, visiting professor of law from the University of Padua, have been with us most of the term, and for a week the Branch again enjoyed the company of its charming English guests of the spring semester, Professor and Mrs. Ronald Peacock, of the University of Manchester.

Returning to pile up some extra credits in summer school are the following men from last year's Branch: Charles Burkhart, Kuo-chung Chao, Michael Cohen, Robert Gatje, Anthony Geiss, Melvin Kohn, Erik Pell, and Garrard Pook. Allen Whiting, now at Columbia, is with us for the summer and busy with his Russian grammar, and Charles Christenson of Pasadena Branch is spending long hours with Chancellor Johnson on the New Funds Drive. Completing the complement are three Delta Upsilon's, Theodore Eskild, James Farrell of local baseball fame, and Robert Van Kleist, whose house next door to the Branch is closed during the summer.

The tennis-court is in full use, and the House and grounds are in good shape due to volunteer labor crews. The members are cooperating on the News Letter and in the New Funds Drive, and the atmosphere, though more relaxed, is as lively and stimulating as it was in the spring term just past.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI

By SAMUEL R. LEVERING

Since, after active membership for twenty years, the 1949 Convention "elevated" me to the alumni, exploration of the responsibilities of this new status seems in order.

The action of the Convention was long overdue. Mr. Nunn clearly did not intend that membership should continue beyond the period of full-time study, thus placing full responsibility on student members as a vital part of their education. A few older members may be useful, but they should be a minority and should not remain members too long.

Not "Run" the Association

This implies also that Telluride alumni should not attempt to run the Association. Yes, we should give advice and counsel, especially when asked to do so, recognizing that often it will not be fully accepted, which is as it should be. Advice from experienced alumni on investment policy has been particularly helpful. Certainly interest in the best implementation of Telluride's purposes should always continue and be expressed freely.

Certainly, also, alumni should keep in contact with the Association and Deep Springs and their operations. This can be done through the "News Letter" and Chancellor Johnson; by visiting Cornell Branch, Pasadena Branch, and Deep Springs; by attending an occasional Convention session; and by area meetings of alumni. These are all much in order, but we alumni should be careful to take time on visits to enter into the group life, and not to use the hospitality simply as a hotel.

Assist in Association Work

Certainly, we alumni should assist, wherever we can, in carrying on the work of the Association and Deep Springs. For some of us that means that we should welcome opportunities to teach at Deep Springs and Pasadena Branch. Most of us can assist in finding suitable applicants for both of them and also for Cornell Branch. And all of us can and should contribute liberal financial support. Just now, with the decreased purchasing power of endowment income, the continued existence of Pasadena Branch, which I believe to be doing a splendid educational job, depends on our giving or raising \$10,000 by January 1, 1950.

Telluride not an End in Itself

Valuable as Telluride educational work is, Telluride Association is not an end in itself. It is valuable only as it provides better education, better preparation, for a life of usefulness. This includes intellectual stimulus, but even more important, a clear vision of goals worth seeking, and inspiration to work for these goals. These mean rejection of selfish wasteful living and glad acceptance of one's responsibilities to one's fellowman.

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WHAT PASADENA BRANCH HAS MEANT TO ME

By TUPPER TURNER

At the close of the current work period in the autumn, the first two graduates will leave Pasadena Branch. As one of these two, I have benefited greatly from my experience of the past thirty months.

It is difficult to state what has meant the most to me at Pasadena Branch. In one sense, my reactions to it are like those I might have to a close friend. The Branch has obvious virtues, aspects that are instantly appealing, but it also has an elusive quality--a spirit, perhaps--which might be termed responsible individualism; for Pasadena Branch is nothing if not individualistic. We are new, we are small. We have no traditions imposed upon us but the Telluride adherence to democratic principles, which fosters this individualism. Our size makes the individual student all-important; his entire personality becomes a dynamic force in an intense atmosphere of work, study, and everyday life.

Development of Individualism

The autonomy at Pasadena Branch is important to this individualism. Many of the functions of Branch maintenance and supervision are handled by the students themselves. When the decision whether to accept this or that man into the Student Body, or to hire this or that professor for the faculty must be made, the development of individual judgement is given impetus.

In the classroom the impact of the individual is keenly felt. The largest class I ever attended at the Branch had eight students. Except for those instances where textbook background is insufficient and supplementary lectures are given by the professors, classes are held on a discussion basis. The individual student is thereby given the maximum opportunity to develop his own thinking and to share insights with his fellows.

During work terms also the emphasis is on individual performance. Most of us find our own jobs, though occasionally with the assistance of an employer file. This procedure is less successful than we might wish; I spent one-third of my last work period pounding pavements, and others have done likewise. This loss of time and money is regrettable, but it builds initiative and resourcefulness, and hence is a valuable part of the educative process of practical work. Once the student has obtained a job, he is not only conscious of the importance to himself of doing good work; he remembers also that a job well done this work-term may mean that the job will be available for other men in future work periods.

Final Judgment to future

The ultimate importance and worth of Pasadena Branch cannot be measured today. I cannot pass judgment on its value to the individuals in the group any more than I can determine how effective a part of my own life it has

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PERSONALS

Lloyd Ashton Fallers, Jr., and Miss Margaret Elinor Chave were married on June 18 at Chicago. Both continue study at the University.

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Professor Gordon Ferris, Stanford etomologist, has just returned from China where he has been collecting scale insects since October. He spent most of his time near Canton, but put in six weeks in Formosa and a month in Yunnan Province at Kunming. He reports a profitable expedition, despite disturbed conditions.

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Dr. Robert H. West has been for the past year practicing medicine in gynecology and obstetrics in Evanston, Illinois. West spent four years in the Navy during the war with duty in Seattle, Chicago, and Norfolk. For eighteen months he was Medical Officer on the Coos Bay, doing air-sea rescue work in the Solomons and at Saipan; was discharged from the Navy with rank of Lt. Commander. The Wests have two children: Michael, 8, and Margaret Ann, 3.

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Howard Turner began work for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in San Francisco upon his return from European military communications work. He is in the Northern California and Nevada Area Chief Engineer's Department working on the development of plans for the construction of new plant. The Turners have a 2-year-old daughter, Mary.

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David Richardson has worked with the American Can Company since his release from the Navy three years ago. He works as supervisor or assistant foreman in various departments of the San Francisco factory. Richardson was married two years ago to Jean Searle, an Oakland graduate of the University of California.

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Robert Jackson, at the University of Texas since March, 1946, is now writing his Master's thesis on Spanish economic history. He plans to teach economics. The Jacksons have one daughter.

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Hugh Pritchard-Jones, Cornell Branchman in 1922-23, writes: "My warm greetings to all the Telluriders that I know and my best wishes for their happiness." The family postal address this summer: %Scratby, Holyhead, Great Britain. Daughter Ellen will be 12 in September.

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Paul Szasz was elected Treasurer of the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club in March.

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Albert Arent spoke on "The General Practitioner Meets the Bureau of Internal Revenue" at the spring reunion on May 7 of the Cornell Law Association. Arent of the firm of Posner, Berge, Fox & Arent has offices in Washington and New York City.

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Dr. Marc Szeftel has been awarded a grant by the Russian Institute of Columbia University for a year of research and writing on Russia between 1907-14. Szeftel and Mrs. Crouse Willis were married in July. He will do research at the Hoover Library, the Library of Congress, the libraries at Harvard and Columbia, and in institutions abroad.

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The Pocatello plant of Westvaco Chemical Division of the Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation began operation on June 15, with J. Gilbert Miller as resident manager. The plant produces elemental phosphorus from Idaho phosphate shale and is the largest manufacturing industry in the state.

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Jess B. Hawley died at his home in Boise, Idaho, on June 18, after a long illness. Member of the law firm of Hawley and Worthwine, Jess Hawley was a legal advisor of L. L. Nunn in power company activities between 1912-15. He was a charter member of the Telluride Association Alumni.

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From the Cornell Alumni News of June 16, 1909: "For the purpose of maintaining at Cornell University a number of students who are to pursue research work in engineering, Mr. L. L. Nunn of Telluride, Colorado, is building on the campus and will endow a clubhouse in which the investigators that he sends here are to live. The house is to be situated directly north of the Delta Upsilon house near West Avenue."

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Gordon Kiddoo and Miss Lois Ross were married on June 27. The bride comes from Laguna Beach, California.

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Captain Henry Beal is taking additional training at the Air Tactical School at the Tyndall Air Force Base at Panama City, Florida. Beal served during the war on the European front with the 357th Fighter Group; he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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M. E. Buck was honored on April 25 upon completion of 50 years service in the electric industry of Montana. The dinner in Butte was attended by 450 guests. Mr. Buck received a diamond pin from the Montana Power Company and an oil painting from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in recognition of Mr. Buck's "national reputation for fairness and understanding in labor relations." He began work with L. L. Nunn in 1899 at Nunn's Plant, Mercur, etc., in Utah and was in charge of the preliminary work for construction of the Madison River plant.

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Dr. Harvey Mansfield of the Department of Government at Ohio State spent the spring quarter in Germany making a survey of the systems of training for public service and employment in the United States Zone of Germany, at the invitation of OMGUS.

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ation the proximity to employment areas, the auxiliary teaching talent which could be drafted from city universities, and the desirability of making the Branch a more organic living unit than is possible while sharing quarters with Pacific Oaks School.

The conclusion of the Primary Branch Committee was that the work-study Branch was satisfactory and worth maintaining. Whether or not the Association was capable of supporting the Branch financially was the final and crucial question. Operated in the present frugal manner the Branch demands approximately \$15,000 a year from the capital reserve of the Association. At this rate it was felt that reserves might be consumed within a decade, a situation definitely undesirable. Also, both the Pasadena Branch representatives and the Convention body could see that a year to year or short term financial option is an insecure arrangement, inhibitive to any kind of long-range planning. It not only interferes with institutional plans, but also makes recruiting of students difficult, since they can not be presented with a stable educational prospect, and are faced with the possibility of being dispossessed in the middle of their primary education. A show-down on financial support was definitely called for.

The Primary Branch Committee presented the Convention a majority and a minority opinion on this question. The minority suggested a three-year extension of financial support. The majority felt that this would merely prolong the disagreeably tentative period of operation. They recommended that the Los Angeles area work-study program be supported indefinitely if a New Funds Drive proved that we could feasibly augment Association income by \$10,000. a year. After considerable debate over the size of the goal, the Convention finally resolved to follow the majority plan, and the New Funds Committee set up the machinery for the drive with James Olin as Chairman.

The decision of the Convention was a drastic one. It is an all or nothing proposition. There can be no doubt that the work-study Branch is a dynamic educational project in the best Telluride tradition. In the words of the Primary Branch Committee:

"...if this Committee is certain of anything, it is that those undergoing the Pasadena Branch experience regard it as one of the most valued experiences which they have yet encountered... The quarters at Pasadena Branch were admittedly inadequate and in all respects a far cry from the lush life enjoyed by residents of Cornell Branch. Yet this hardy and uncomfortable existence has if anything increased their determination to overcome physical inadequacies. Meaning was found by these students not only in the intellectual pursuits afforded there, but also in the cohesive quality of branch life. Their common experience of struggling to achieve a common goal -- continued existence - has doubtless heightened this attitude of steadfast praise. The bare fact that such enthusiasm exists is well nigh sufficient evidence of the fact that Pasadena Branch has gone far in fulfilling Association aims and purposes."

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In this sense, the responsibility of Telluride alumni is primarily to further the broad purposes of Telluride Association through effective lives. Assisting in the work of the Association is only one of the ways in which this should be done. It would be ludicrous to say that the purpose of Telluride Association was to train men to assist the Association to train other men, and so on. Then the Association would resemble the snake which swallowed its own tail! Our primary responsibility as Telluride alumni must be to promote the highest welfare of our fellowmen by using whatever ability and character we have in their service. We must help to eliminate those things which blight the human spirit, war, depressions, ignorance, poverty, disease, racial prejudice, and selfishness.

Meeting the Wider Challenge

The extent to which we live up to this responsibility is the measure of the value of Telluride Association. The whole structure of western civilization, founded on respect for the infinite worth of every individual person, is now under severe challenge from those who would destroy freedom, who would make men the slaves of a dictatorial state. Or our civilization may be destroyed by war itself. These challenges cannot be met by the sword, but only by solving the severe problems which our society and world face. The stakes are too high for Telluride men to remain detached from the struggle, in the illusion of intellectual objectivity. We must descend into the dust of the arena, even though this involves accepting dirt and sweat and sacrifice.

The Association in Perspective

To sum up the responsibilities of Telluride alumni, we are now active participants in the great drama of the world's work and suffering. We must acquit ourselves well in this wider field. Telluride Association occupies only a very small, though important, part, on one section of the stage. We alumni have a special obligation for its continued success. But we should keep the Association and our wider obligations in proper proportion.

This is enough of a challenge, and more than enough, to use whatever ability, and insight, and vision each of us may have.

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been. The ultimate answers to these questions will be in the biographies of those who have lived, worked, and studied at the Branch.

As a rigorous training ground for our lives, Pasadena Branch would be hard to beat. Here the development of the individual's whole personality is of prime importance--with intellectual and practical achievement gaining equal recognition. With all our personal attention, however, the contact with the other students never allows us to forget that we are members of a group dedicated to become responsible, effective citizens of a democratic society.

MORE PERSONALS

Ragnar Gedell left the United States in mid-June to continue study toward his doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Lund, Sweden. He has received an advanced scientific research fellowship from the Swedish State for the academic year 1949-50. Gedell was one of the foreign-scholar guests of the Cornell Branch during the past year.

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Mrs. Hasso von Puttkamer writes that her husband has not yet been repatriated by the Russians. It is reported that staff-officers will be detained in Russia until at least the end of the year. She writes that Hasso is in "good health".

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John Darley won the \$100.00 first prize in the Fuertes Memorial Speaking Contest at Cornell in May. Topic: "Our Patent Heritage".

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John Mellor has been elected to Quill & Dagger, senior honor society. Student Councilman Mellor runs his mile in 4:23.

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John Copeland and Miss Alice Tear will be married August 27 in Youngstown, Ohio. Copeland received his M.A. degree in philosophy in February and continues graduate study toward his doctorate. Miss Tear, a graduate of Oberlin, is doing statistical work in public administration. They will be resident advisors at Algonquin Lodge, a cooperative house for Cornell undergraduate students.

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Ensign Max King Morris is learning to fly and will receive his wings in October. Morris was on the Navy's Olympic rowing team, but when the Navy was defeated by California at the Princeton trials, Morris was sent to London as the Navy's representative. On cross-country hops, Morris reports that he has several times flown over Deep Springs Valley.

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Dr. Herbert Reich was awarded in March the honorary grade of Fellow in the Institute of Radio Engineers "for contribution as a teacher and author in the radio and electronics fields." In addition to his full teaching load at Yale, Reich has been directing several Navy research projects and is collaborating with associates on a new book -- Microwave Techniques -- which will be published by Van Nostrand in the autumn. Reich is the editor of the Van Nostrand series of books in the Communication field. In the Institute of Radio Engineers, Reich is a member of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Education Committee, and member of the Board of Editors, the Electron Tube Committee, and the Constitution and Laws Committee. The Historical Files of the Association contain reprints and bibliography on 48 publications and four volumes by Reich.

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Kenneth Mahony began work in June in the Graduate School of Business Administration, New York University.

Frank Young will continue his study in the autumn in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington.

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James B. Tucker, Jr., was graduated this spring from the Law School at Stanford University and is taking the summer Bar Examination review course given by the University. He begins work in the autumn with the firm of Rutan & Tucker, Santa Ana, California.

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Raymond Munts is Educational Director of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO), with headquarters at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Bruce Johnston has been doing graduate study in economics at Stanford University since January. He expects his doctorate in June, 1950.

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James Baxter in late June took the National Board Examinations covering the first two years of medical work. He will work with Public Health during July and August in the Boston area.

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Frederic T. Kirkham, married on 16 June, continues his residency training in medicine at Cornell Medical School.

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Thomas Rossman Palfrey and Miss Emily Waite Skillings were married June 24 at Peaks Island, Maine. The bride received her B.A. at Mt. Holyoke and her M.A. at Cornell, both in history. Palfrey will continue graduate study in physics at Cornell University.

TA HISTORICAL FILES

Thirteen reprints of articles by Dr. Robley Williams and associates, from scientific publications between October 1944, and March, 1949, have been added to our files. The titles: The Thickness of Electron Microscopic Objects; Shadowed Electron Micrographs of Bacteria; Surface Replicas for Electron Microscopy; Electron Shadow Micrography of the Tobacco Mosaic Virus Protein; Electron Shadow-Micrographs of Haemocyanin Molecules; The Electron Micrography of Crystalline Plant Viruses; Applications of Metallic Shadow-Casting of Microscopy; Electron Micrographs of Crystalline Plant Viruses; Shadow-Casting; a Technique to show Surface Texture in Microscopical Material; The Electron Microscope in Biology; A Simplified Method of Purifying Tomato Bushy-Stunt Virus for Electron Microscopy; The Electron-Micrographic Structure of Shadow-Cast Films and Surfaces; and Electron Micrographic Observations of Tobacco Mosaic Virus in Crude, Undiluted Plant Juice. The records contain 35 articles by Williams.

For an account of Dr. Williams' latest work in Electron Microscopy, see TIME magazine, July 18, 1949, p. 53.