

# FUNDS DRIVE AUGURS WELL

## Early Contributions Boost Total High; Nineteen Captains Handle Solicitations

by Barber Conable

The Committee to Raise Funds for Deep Springs and the Telluride Association officially launched its 1952 Drive a month ago today, with a letter to friends and associates of both institutions setting out the purpose behind the Drive. Although it is still early at this date to predict the course of the Drive from the response to the opening letter, there seems good reason to hope that last year's record donations will be surpassed.

October 29, even before the area captains had the opportunity to report the results of personal solicitation in their areas, pledges and cash totaling \$3496.53 had been received by the Chancellor in Ithaca. This splendid beginning reflects many factors, most heartening of which is the reawakening interest of alumni too long separated from educational institutions which need their help and guidance. There has been much misunderstanding in the past of the nature of the Drive, and this year emphasis has been made of its non-institutional character; that it represents the spontaneous efforts of a group of the alumni of both DS and TA to protect the educational standards of the past from today's economic difficulties.

This year the bulk of the organizational work of the Drive is again being carried on by seventeen area captains. Each captain is conducting a

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Recommendations of the Management Service are contained in a 107 page report which includes a map of proposed ranch expansion, estimates of necessary capital investment, budgets of anticipated annual income and expenses, and criticism of present crop distribution. Data for the report was gathered by Doctor Rush and an assistant who spent several days at Deep Springs conferring with Commodore Greenman and the ranch staff and inspecting the entire operation.

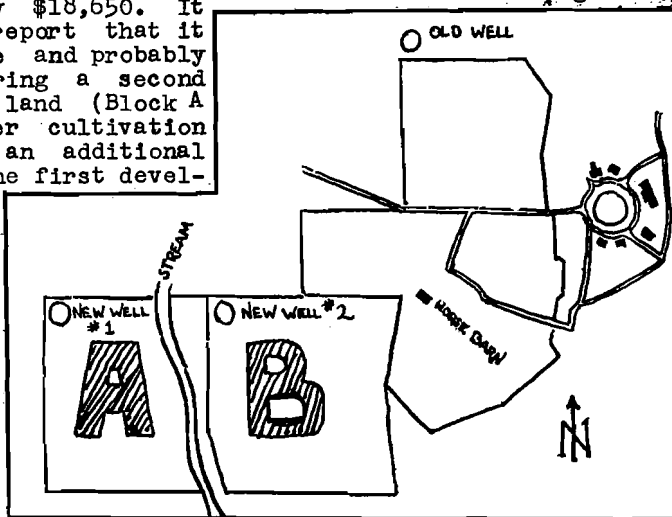
Doctor Rush states that it would not be feasible to enlarge the beef herd far beyond its present size because of the limited summer range available and concludes that expanded crop acreage and increased efficiency are therefore necessary to profitable operation.

**Word was received just as this copy went to the printers that, with the return of Withrow from Europe, a Survey Committee meeting had been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 12.**

Expansion of irrigated land is the largest item of expense proposed by the plan and would involve the drilling of a new well (New Well No. 2 on Map) capable of supplying water for 100 acres of pasture and alfalfa to be planted west and south of the horse barn (Block B on Map). Total cost of well drilling and land preparation would be approximately \$18,650. It is noted in the report that it would be possible and probably desirable to bring a second 100 acres of new land (Block A on the Map) under cultivation at a cost of an additional \$18,000 should the first development prove successful. A second new well (Well No. 1 on the Map) would be necessary to irrigate Block A.

The largest expense of reorganization of the present

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## Survey Committee To Consider Farm Reorganizing Plan

by Miles C. Everett

The first major effort of the Deep Springs Survey Committee was completed last month with the distribution of copies of a Farm Reorganization Plan developed for Deep Springs by the Rush Farm Management Service of San Francisco. The plan calls for changes in crop production on the acreage now under cultivation, irrigation of an additional 100 acres of alfalfa and permanent pasture, and reorganization of ranch personnel. It proposes a capital outlay of \$32,280 to drill one new well, level and plant 100 acres, purchase new machinery, and establish a small flock of sheep.

The report is being considered by the Trustees and by Messrs. James Withrow, Parker Konroe, and William Greenman, the Trustee Survey Committee. It is hoped that the Survey Committee will be able to meet late this month to review the proposals and to begin formulating its recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Rush was hired to make the survey of the ranch after the Trustees decided that they wanted the opinion of farm experts before attempting any expansion or contraction of ranch operation in an effort to close the gap between the income from the Deep Springs Trust Fund and the cost of operating the school and ranch. It is believed by the Survey Committee that the ranch operation is presently losing money, though estimates of the amount lost annually vary.

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The 1952 Convention appropriated toward the publication costs of the Newsletter the sum of \$200.00. As in previous years, this amount was set deliberately below the anticipated annual costs, in the hope that our readers would continue their traditionally generous support of this journal. With this, the second of our five issues, we again take occasion to remind our readers that we shall again need their help if we are to complete our schedule.

## Funds Drive Started With Heavy Donations

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Drive of limited duration, in most areas three weeks, to be terminated before the first of December. Where possible area meetings and dinners will be held during this period so that the problems of Deep Springs and the Association can be presented in detail to all interested alumni and friends.

The Committee hopes that all Newsletter readers will make the work of area captains easier by forwarding their gifts and pledges to the Chancellor at Ithaca, instead of waiting for personal solicitation. Donations may also be given to these area captains:

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J. H. Burchard, Washington  
S. R. Levering, Scattered

The summer found your roving correspondent in Athens, Copenhagen, and a number of cities in between. Faces and places have a way of getting all mixed up on sober reexamination, so I merely quote a few notebook entries of possible interest.

July (London): Ted Schultz roars into town on a shiny motorcycle. Just bought it in Birmingham. Learned to ride it on the way down. We're off to the Salisbury Plain with the assurance that ingenious new rear-wheel springing makes second seat very comfortable. Very windy. Very uncomfortable ride. Ingenuity indeed. 180 miles to Stonehenge and return spectacular. Good to be back. Wave Speedy off to Continent. Vague misgivings. (Note: misgivings unfounded. Schultz back safely. Cycle insured anyhow.)

August (Milan): Professor Gino Gorla back from Egypt. Unscarred. Tour of Milan finds S. Satiro closed for lunch. Siesta time anyway. Out to Pavia for the afternoon. Talking English, driving Fiat with Arabic plates. Normally inquisitive onlookers falling all over themselves with curiosity etc. Certosa di Pavia next biggest wedding cake to Milan Duomo. Dinner with Gino's relatives. Multilingual gaiety. Wonderful food and a million different kinds of wine. Cup runneth over.

(Brindisi): Boat for Greece is reconditioned turn-of-the-century Canadian Pacific pleasure craft. Crowd sees us off. Someone says its regular Thursday meeting of Let's-all-say-goodbye-to-the-Angelika-for-the-last-time Club. Very funny.

(Athens): The Acropolis. Greatest. 108° in the shade. What do they think this is, Deep Springs? Atmosphere most foreign. Tricky job, turning ΦΡΑΝΚΛΗΝ ΡΩΣΣΕΥΑΤ into Franklin Roosevelt, or ΜΗΑΡ into Bar. Count "It's Greek to me" 47 times in two weeks.

(Frankfurt): Traveler up to his ears in irony. Unlike Britain, West Germany has one of Europe's strongest currency and lots of reconstruction food. Everywhere: "Who won the war anyway?"

September (London again) One-party press. The Times turning staid cartwheels over finding that a certain U.S. candidate can write literary speeches in the mother tongue. Wonderful visit with Doc and Mrs. Morris Carstairs and Susy affectionately the little monster.

(On the Queen E): Compar notes with lots of American tourists. Very little agreement. Obviously we're not talking about the same Europe.

Bob Gat

## LETTERS..... to the Editors

8 June 1952

...Last week I finished the four-year NROTC program and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. I report on June 30 to the USS Wright, a light aircraft carrier, at Newport, R.I. This will begin a three-year period of service in the Navy. My Navy career was quite satisfying. Last year I received the Chicago Tribune award for the midshipman in the senior program at the U. of Missouri with the highest scholastic proficiency and aptitude. This year I was battalion commander of the unit and received the M.U. Board of Curators' award for the outstanding senior in the course. I also received the award of the U.S. Naval Institute for the Contract Student with the four-year course at M.U.

Academically, I received my Bachelor of Science in Education in June, 1950....I still lack six or eight hours toward a Master's degree in history, which I have centered around contemporary Europe. My work toward an M.A. was restricted by Navy courses and other courses without graduate credit -- primarily languages, looking forward to a naval career and to Ph.D. requirements. My great career has not been impressive, but at the present time I plan to return to school when my naval service is finished....

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## Ranch Reorganization

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acreage would be \$6,000 for a combine to harvest both grains for livestock feed and a cash crop of alfalfa seed. The report states that the ranch ought to produce sufficient grain for its own use instead of purchasing livestock feed as it presently does. Because of the isolated location of Deep Springs it is proposed that the ranch is well suited to the production of alfalfa seed as a cash crop.

In order to take advantage of feed presently wasted in uncultivated areas around the main ranch, the report urges purchasing a flock of about 100 sheep and the equipment needed to care for them at a cost of \$5,370. The sheep would not only provide a third cash crop for the ranch enterprise, but would make possible some variety in the meat supplied to the Deep Springs boarding house.

### Personnel a Problem

In its summation of the present situation at Deep Springs, the report makes the following point: The primary difficulty is a matter of labor management. Too much labor is being used for the size and type of operation being conducted. Changes in personnell have also resulted in changes of policy with adverse affects on the net income. It is recommended that a permanent staff of three men be retained on the ranch and that a fourth man be employed to handle the beef herd while it is on mountain range during July and August.

Under the present arrangement the ranch employs three men full time and has the benefit of approximately half the time of a mechanic in addition. During the summer months three to five extra men are employed. The report asserts that with the increases in efficiency it recommends, the permanent ranch employees should be able to handle the peak work load which comes in July and August.

Doctor Rush has included in the report estimates of operating expense and of expected income.

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# CORNELL BRANCH NOTES

by John Lindenbaum

A desire to get the Branch machinery rolling as quickly as possible prompted the Branch to suspend its By-Laws and hold elections at the first regular House meeting of the term. At that time, the following officers were elected: Dick George, President; Jim Oomrigar, Vice-Pres.; Jim Barkenquast, Treasurer; Bob Fortuine, Sec'y.; Rob Ord, Ass't. Treasurer; Dick Patch and John Lindenbaum, ad-committee members; Don Noel, Newsletter Editor; and Jim Barkenquast, the office of cat-putter. While Jim was nominating another House member for the latter position, he himself was unanimously elected to the exalted and cherished rank. Barkenquast was unmoved by the overwhelming wave of House sentiment. "Am I supposed to struggle?" constituted his entire acceptance speech.



President  
George

The public speaking program, under the imaginative direction of Simon Ward, our Lincoln College Exchange Scholar, was off to a fine beginning with a "balloon debate." The reader may justifiably inquire: just what is a balloon debate? I shall attempt a description of this portentous event. Four great men (or, at least, four House members representing great men) were somehow situated aloft in the firmament in an observation balloon, a leak in which necessitated throwing three of the four overboard. Each of the four men (Hamlet, Santa Claus, Lucifer, and "The Common Man") pleaded with the Branch members for their survival. Finally, the House voted to save The Common Man -- Dick George -- and to chuck the other three overboard.

Dr. Habinb Kurani, Head of the Department of Education at the American University in Beirut, who is now visiting the Branch, gave a most stimulating

talk on problems in the Arabian Middle East, in a Faculty Guest Relations Committee function. The FGRC, under John Lankenau, also held a faculty tea for Messenger Lecturer and drama critic Joseph Wood Krutch, who stayed at the Branch for a ten-day period.

An informal House seminar, similar to the one successfully conducted last term by the resident faculty men at the Branch, is already underway this term, having been organized by Mike Moravscik. A number of distinguished Cornell faculty, Professors Solmsen, Partridge, Keast, Crane, Mize-ner, Myers, and Collignon, have each agreed to conduct one or two of the discussions, on selected dramatic works from Sophocles to O'Neill. Dr. Solmsen led the first seminar, a stimulating discussion of "Oedipus Rex."

A successful picnic initiated the House's coeducational social activity early in the term. On the evening of the Princeton game, the Cornell Branch played host to a number of alumni, as well as to coed dates at a cocktail party and dinner-dance. Led by Joel Cogen, the entertainment committee is making plans for a house party this weekend. To be coordinated with the Cornell "Fall Weekend," Branch plans will include the Dartmouth-Big Red football game, and the formal dance at Barton Hall.

Mr. John Hunt, a distinguished British pianist and visiting professor at Cornell, is residing at the Branch this year, as are Dean Kimball and Professor Jean Collignon. Theologian Will Herberg, Dr. Herbert Wiltshire, a British expert on efficiency engineering, Dr. George Counts, Columbia educator and candidate for the U. S. Senate, and Dr. Federico Ghisi, Professor of Musicology at the University of Florence, were recent guests of the Branch.

A birthday banquet was held in honor of Dean Kimball, who has lived at the Branch for the past two years, on November 2nd. Many of the Dean's faculty friends were present. The Dean was 87 in late September.

## Ranch Reorganization

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In calculating the operating budgets the ranch has been separated from the school in an effort to deal realistically with cost and probable return. Those familiar with accounting procedure at Deep Springs will remember that much of the produce raised on the ranch goes to the boarding house and thus does not bring any cash return. Thus not all of the estimated net income of \$15,075 represents cash income to Deep Springs. Perhaps as much as \$4,000 of this amount is composed of an accounting remittal in the institution books from the school to the ranch. However, even with this deduction the cash return from the ranch should be above \$10,000 according to the report.

Estimated Income	\$47,064
Estimated Expense	31,989
Net Income	\$15,075

The Farm Management Report as submitted is not a completed blueprint for expansion and/or operation of Deep Springs, for there are a number of problems with which it does not deal specifically, notably the long irrigation ditch which conveys water from Wyman Creek to the ranch and is in rather poor condition. Dismissal of the possibility of increasing the cattle herd may seem arbitrary to some. The problem of an adequate bookkeeping system is not extensively considered and the perennial problem of continuity is recognized but not dealt with.

However, the report does represent substantial progress toward some kind of solution to a budgetary difficulty which must surely concern all who are interested in the future of Deep Springs. It is the work of men experienced in the farming industry and well-qualified to make the observations it contains. Many of the suggestions offered, particularly those dealing with personnel organization, will be approved by those who are familiar with the past and present situations on the ranch.

The Trustees now have a reasonable estimate of both the costs of ranch expansion and the return they should be able to obtain. When the Survey Committee has thoroughly reviewed this report, it should be able to decide whether or not expansion is appropriate at this time.

# DEEP SPRINGS NOTES

by Stephen Rabin

Tall stacks of baled alfalfa hay cast their shadows on sere stubble; low, writhing mounds mark the sites of the summer's pipe-line repairs; yellow leaves litter the asphalt circle. All of Deep Springs has harvested the yield of summer and prepared for the snow and cold of winter.

Abundant irrigation water from the heavy snows of last winter allowed us to grow increased quantities of alfalfa and rye without using the pump. This year approximately 365 tons of alfalfa were grown, as compared with approximately 335 last year. Especially successful was a new stand of Ranger alfalfa, which yielded more than any other field. Our garden supplied fresh vegetables all summer, and general workers last month harvested the quarter acre of potatoes which we hope will see us through the winter. And for the time being there is a good supply of apples and pears from our young fruit orchard.

### Students Help Roundup

The roundup of the cattle on the summer range has been completed. In addition to the ranch manager, four students participated in the week's activities at cowcamp. Once again we will feed some weaner calves through the winter in order to sell them as yearlings next fall. 105 will be put in our feedlot, a gain of 10 over last year: 25 for beef, 40 for replacement stock, and 40 to be sold as long yearlings.

With a comparatively large faculty, a wide variety of courses is being offered. Mr. Allison Gronberg is teaching French, German, and Spanish; Mr. Elber Anderson is teaching physics, chemistry, and several math courses; Mr. Alfred Baxter teaches philosophy, and American and European civilization; Mr. Landis Everson is offering assorted courses in poetry, English composition, and literature; and Dean Howard teaches political theory, American government, and American civilization.

Two important features of this year's academic program are worth commenting on. First, American civilization is being taught jointly by the Dean and Mr. Baxter. Many have felt in the past that the academic program should be more integrated, that subjects taught by different instructors could, if inter-related and overlapping, be taught by several professors in cooperation with one another. If the civilization course is a success, courses taught by two or more instructors will become more common.

Secondly, two third-year students have undertaken tutorial courses. These will follow the pattern used at Oxford and other universities: guided reading and occasional discussions with the instructor or tutor.

### Trip to Yosemite

Immediately after the new students arrived 16 of us, with Professors Anderson and Baxter, embarked on a four-day expedition to Yosemite National Park. The first day, under the leadership of Mr. Baxter, we tackled the massive granite of Cathedral Peak. Most of us, with the aid of a rope, managed to reach the top. One of the high points of the trip was witnessing the "Fire Falls" off Glacier Point.

**THIS AND THAT:** We have 8 new students, ranging from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco...three from California...several of us have gone deer hunting, but no luck....our Entertainment Committee has planned a full schedule: ice-cream-eating contest, rodeo, hiking trip to White Mountain, and more....pet black widow spiders are the latest fad here....dairy boys have three new calves, including a set of twins, the second in as many years....Riding Committee trying to solve problem of 22 students, two rideable horses, one cripple, and one bronc yet to be broken....new man Reese Miller is a spelunker (see Webster's)....Library Committee still busy cataloguing books we got from P.B.....with \$500 budgeted for lecturers we hope to get, one for each semester....

## PERSONALS

Our next issue will include the annual Telluride directory. Please notify E. M. Johnson of any changes in address (your own or others) by January 1.

The Editors of the Newsletter are also very anxious to get bits of Telluridiana to pass on to the younger men in our ranks. Older "pinheads" particularly can be of assistance in sending us anecdotes and lore out of the annals of the early Telluride and Deep Springs.

Address all such information, as well as births, marriages, and other personals to the Editor, and 217 West.

### DEATHS

Dr. Horace C. Peterson, 50, died of a fractured skull on June 14, result of a fall. Peterson had been a member of the Department of History at the University of Oklahoma since 1936, except for his service with Military Intelligence and later as Asst. Military Attache in Rio de Janeiro, where he received the Order of the Baron de Rio Branco from the Brazilian government. He became a member of the Association in 1933 and taught history and government at Deep Springs during 1935-36.

Peterson attended high schools in Pasadena, and took his B.A. with honors from Pomona College in 1931; he received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Cornell while a member of Cornell Branch.

Peterson wrote "Propoganda for War" in 1939, a book designated as one of the ten most important published that year. He wrote many articles and had two books ready for publication at the time of his death.

Friends and students of Peterson at the Univ. of Okla. have established the Horace C. Peterson Memorial Scholarship in History, to be awarded annually to a junior history major.

Paul P. Ashworth, General Manager of Telluride Power Co., has announced the promotion of three employees of the Company, W.L. Biersach, Ben C. Luth, and O. C. McShane.

Biersach has been appointed new Financial Vice-President. He has been associated with the Company continuously since 1897 as chief fiscal officer, Secretary, and Treasurer. Cliff McShane, appointed Asst. General Manager, started work for the Company in 1916 as hydro-electric station operator at Beaver Plant. Luth, who has been connected with the Company since 1936 as Auditor, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer, succeeds Biersach as Treasurer and holds also the position of Secretary.

The Board of Directors at their September meeting gave particular attention to the matter of rates for electric service which have not been increased since 1922. Since that year, rates have been reduced many times, despite constantly increased taxes, labor, material, and other costs, due primarily to economics in operation and to enlarged use of electricity in the area served. The Board decided to postpone as long as possible any action looking toward rate increase, directing the management to continue its campaign to increase the volume of business by encouraging greater use of labor-saving devices among the customers.

The employees of the Company held their 23rd Annual Telluride Picnic on Sunday, September 7 at Upper Beaver Station.

Mrs. H. H. Crum died in Ithaca, N.Y., on Sept. 25 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Doctor Crum, and by her daughter, Mrs. Helen Crum Wood. Mrs. Crum was the sister of Howard D. Graessle and of Mrs. Frank C. Noon.

Capt. Robert Ross, in Korea for more than a year with the 23rd Infantry, was recently cited for rescuing wounded under heavy fire. Later he was rescued by helicopter from the battle-front, unconscious from Manchurian fever. He is now with the 34th Infantry, and Mrs. Ross left the U.S. in October to meet him in Japan, in company with their two daughters (Judith, 12, Diane, 8). Ross had wide experience in WW II: he was with the first infantry outfit ashore at Attu; with the 9th Division in Normandy; awarded the Silver Star at the Bulge; crossed the Rhine with the first outfit over Romagan Bridge.



Edward Loomis and wife have a daughter, Jessica, born on June 29 at Independence, Calif. Loomis left Deep Springs in June after two years as instructor in English.

John F. Rowe, who began work in 1898 with the old Telluride Power Co., has retired after 45 years with the Utah Power & Light Co. and its predecessor company. For nearly thirty years he has been Manager in the Eureka District.

John E. Beaumont, formerly Product Manager for General Tire and Rubber Company, Plastics Division, is now President of Whitman Plastics Corporation in Lynn, Massachusetts.

## NO MORE PERSONALS

Four DS&TA associates were graduated from the Cornell Law School in June, and all passed the N.Y. State Bar Examinations on the first try: Jack Sheinkman, Donald Claudy, Wm. Vanden Heuvel, and Cyril Stelzenmuller.

Ex-Navy Sheinkman began work in Washington on Sept. 2 as a legal assistant to Abe Murdock of the National Labor Relations Board. 2nd Lt. Claudy is attached to the Air Material Command at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton doing legal work connected with material procurement and contract negotiation and re-negotiation. 1st Lt. Vanden Heuvel has been assigned to the Air Judge Advocate at the Scott AFB in Belleville, Ill.

2nd Lt. Stelzenmuller was assigned to the Quartermaster Dept., but his current address is unknown.

Vanden Heuvel was Editor of the Law Quarterly, and Claudy and Stelzenmuller were on the Board. The three were graduated with distinction and are members of the Order of the Coif, honorary law society.

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Richard Ruopp has received a full scholarship to attend Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant to study history and political science. He holds down a carpentry job 4½ hours daily. He is pre-enrolled at Boston Theological for the autumn of 1954.

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Dr. Roy Pierce of the Smith College staff has contributed to the Association files a copy of his FRANCE REOPENS THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE, a reprint from the June issue of Am. Political Science Review.

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Don C. Brown retired in August after fifty years with the electric industry, the last 31 as Eastern Division Manager of Idaho Power Co. at Pocatello, Idaho.

Brown hitched a ride on a wagon, when he was 14, from Provo to Mr. Nunn's construction camp up Provo Canyon, and his first job was picking up nails left by the carpenters who were building the flume. He later participated in the construction of the Grace and Beaver Plants and was a construction man on transmission lines and plants in Idaho. One of his big jobs was the construction of the line between Boise and the Malad Plant, still in operation. Many a Pinhead will vividly recall the drive and enthusiasm Don Brown put into a construction job.

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Cpl. Thomas Kinney continues as an instructor in the Ordnance Replacement Training Center teaching trainees the difference between phosgene and mustard, tear gas and hydrocyanic, and playing midwife to Supply. "The latter," he writes, "has given me a perpetually acute index finger, fundamental to good lobbying tradition, and even now harassed supply clerks are sewing up their buttonholes." Kinney plans to enter the Rackham School of Graduate Studies at the University of Michigan in the spring.

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### MARRIAGES:

Robert Albright and Miss Gertrude Dolezal, on Aug. 20, Albright continues his teaching of English at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki.

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Gareth Sadler of the Atomic Energy Commission and Miss Mary Ann Van Sicklen of Alameda, on Aug. 27. Mrs. Sadler works for the U.S. Mission to the UN.

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Robert Bull and Miss Helen Anne Spencer, on Aug. 23, at Bel Air, Md.

Born: Katherine Louise, on Aug. 3, second daughter and third child of the Davil Spaldings. Weight: 10 lbs.

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