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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

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### THE NEW FUNDS DRIVE

By Thomas Palfrey

The annual New Funds Drive to raise money for Deep Springs and Telluride Association is scheduled to take place during October, November and December of this year.

Administratively speaking, the Drive is already under steam. Area Captains are being asked to serve, a few of the alumni are being asked to be sponsors. Late in September, the Area Captains in the larger areas will choose their "Lieutenants." As usual, the money received will be equally divided between the two sister-institutions after the Drive expenses have been deducted. Of course, donors may earmark their contributions for specific purposes within the Association or at Deep Springs.

#### Cash Preferment Theme

In order to better acquaint friends and alumni with particular aspects of the problems facing the two institutions, it has been customary to emphasize a particular need for funds each year. This year, Telluride Association will enlarge upon its cash preferment needs inasmuch as the present unsatisfactory state of the preferments granted by the Association is more exactly derivable from the prolonged financial pressures than any other item on the budget.

Cash preferment for associates is not only traditional, it is one of the most obvious and obviously profitable ways an institution aimed at training leaders can spend its money. There are two exasperatingly simple reasons for this: When Telluride finds a good man, Telluride should be willing to pay what is needed to give him the best in education; and second, if it is known that the institution contributes handsomely to the education of really able men, then it is in a far better position to attract such men. And yet Telluride has had to put the squeeze on cash preferment even to the extent, this year, of offering large fractions of such preferment in the form of advances-in-aid, as explained elsewhere in this News Letter.

#### Drive Aims

Financially, it is reasonable to expect a wider and stronger support for the Nunn insti-

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### SUMMER SESSION PLANNED

By Frank Young

Telluride Association's thinking on the problems relating to a primary branch took a new turn at the 1953 Convention with the adoption of plans for a summer session for high school juniors at Telluride House starting next summer. Previously, most consideration has been given to plans centering on a two-year junior college requiring a relatively large financial commitment and long-term policy decisions. The present proposal is short-term, involves a comparatively modest financial outlay and is designed for high school students. The program permits the Association to avoid, temporarily at least, many of the difficulties involved in the former type of educational enterprise. At the same time, it can become a forward-looking venture and the first step to broader schemes. Though differing somewhat in organization, the new plan embodies many of the principles which have guided past Association efforts in primary branch education.

#### The Plan

The proposal accepted last June calls for a six weeks summer course of study conducted at Telluride House for a group of approximately 15 selected high school students who have completed their junior years. It is anticipated that no fees of any kind will be charged the students. The instruction will be based on the intensive and informal methods utilized at Deep Springs and Pasadena Branch, although geared to the needs and capacities of the students in the program. No academic credits will be offered; instead, a program will be provided that is attractive and vital and outside the limitations of most high schools. At present, it is felt that study should focus around some central theme of a literary, historical or broad cultural nature. This theme will be chosen by the director of the summer session and a committee of Telluride Association members. Whatever the subject picked, however, the combination of carefully selected instructors with secondary school experience and high-calibre students should result in a high level of intellectual stimulation and experiment. Needless to say, the students will be given as much autonomy in their work as possible despite the general supervision.

The program at Telluride House will very  
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ONCE AGAIN, DEAR READER

The 1953 Convention appropriated toward the publication costs of the News Letter the sum of \$200.00. As in previous years, this cost was set deliberately below the anticipated annual costs, the expectation being that our readers would continue their traditional generous support of this useful activity. With this, the first of our five issued, then, we take occasion to remind our readers that we shall again need their help if we are to complete our schedule.

## ADVANCES IN AID

By Robert Gatje

A suggestion, first made in 1950 and since that time the subject of considerable thought and study, took final form at the 1953 Convention with the establishment of a program of "advances-in-aid" (non-maturing, non-interest-bearing educational loans) to supplement, and in part replace, our traditional cash preferment.

### History of the Problem

Association preferment procedure, as it developed in the early years and continued up until the last war, was guided by two general and traditional principles:

- 1) Preferment was to be granted in liberal amount sufficient to insure freedom from financial pressure for all students under Association sponsorship with great emphasis on personal need.
- 2) No repayment was to be asked or expected except in the broadest terms of service to society.

While reluctant to give up in part the second of these traditions, Convention chose to do so in order to re-establish the first, which it believes the more important and fundamental of the two.

The post-war financial difficulties of the Nunn enterprises are by this time quite familiar to habitual readers of the News Letter, but it wasn't until after the great backlog of G.I. Bill-supported students had graduated in the late forties that the full force of the cash preferment problem hit the Association. Not only had all the time-honored automatic cash grants long since been discontinued, but we found that after pursuing the painstaking and obnoxious task of inquiring into personal and family finances, we were unable to grant even the bare minimum of legitimate and necessary requests for aid. This has been the case for the past four or five Conventions, and anyone familiar with prewar operations need only look at some recent budgets to see how sharp has been the decline in cash preferment activity.

### The Program

The new loan program attempts to create a long-term situation in which funds will be

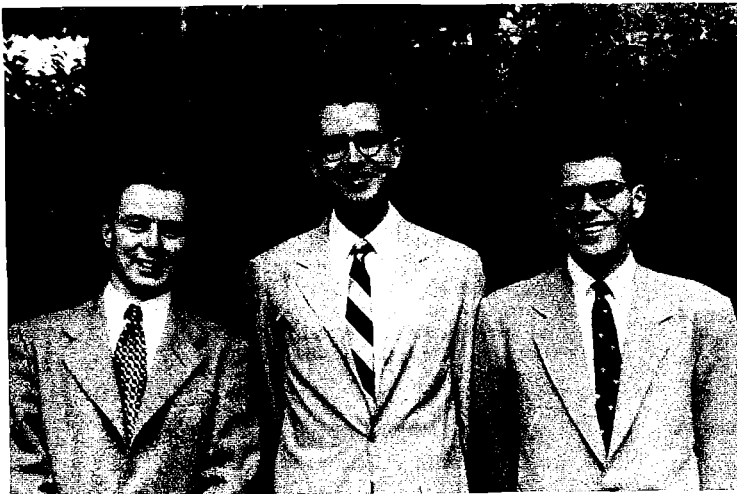
## KIMBALL MEMORIAL FUND PLANNED

The 1953 Convention of Telluride Association adopted a resolution affirming its determination to create and solicit funds for a Dexter S. Kimball Memorial Fund. Such a Fund would honor the memory of the distinguished Cornell engineer, educator and administrator who was a long-time friend of the Association and especially of Cornell Branch where he spent the last two years of his life.

The income of the projected Fund could be utilized, it was suggested, to bring a freshman engineer to Cornell Branch or perhaps extend and broaden the engineering education of a Telluride Association member. During the coming year, the committee appointed at the Convention, consisting of W. S. Williams, J. Lankenau, M. Moravcsik, and R. Sproull, will consider the various possibilities open and recommend a suitable course of action. In its endeavors, the committee plans to solicit the advice of interested and informed alumni and others who knew Dean Kimball.

available, if not on the lavish scale of the twenties, at least without the "charity" overtones of recent years, by establishing a revolving fund from which future repayments will be available for new advances-in-aid. In the short term, additional funds for expanded loan and preferment activities will have to come from current Association income, and this year's New Funds Drive will focus attention upon this particular part of the Association's program.

The details of the advance-in-aid program as worked out at this Convention make it a supplement to the granting of traditional cash preferment. An outright cash grant can still be made in the case of a student who is already heavily in debt to either Telluride Association or some outside source and in the case of students at universities other than Cornell who have not had the initial advantage of House preferment at Cornell Branch. The student-loan programs of several universities were studied in detail before arriving at the form of the present plan. In setting neither interest nor maturity date and relying upon a moral obligation rather than a legal one, we have attempted to point up the fact that the traditional purpose and spirit of Association financial aid remains unchanged.



ABOVE: President Robert Gatje (r) receives the presidential gavel from outgoing president, James Olin (l).

LEFT: The new officers of Telluride Assn. Left to right: Thomas Palfrey, Vice President; Robert Gatje, President; John Lindenbaum, Secretary.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Airman First Class Norris P. Smith is at present an interpreter with a Joint Observer Team of the Military Armistice Commission with the U.N. in Korea or as he describes it: "on a hill SE of Chorwon." He was in Panmunjom when the armistice was signed and helped prepare the documents for that event. Now, his team with its Chinese counterpart have jurisdiction over a section of the buffer zone between the U.N. forces and the Communists. He writes: "About two days out of every three, each side drives out to a small tent in the middle of no-man's land where we meet, usually to discuss procedural matters or to make official notifications. We will have no important matters to handle until one side or the other violates the armistice agreement in this sector. . . . The peak so far was the first day. We proceeded gingerly to the agreed meeting-point, hoping that our charts of mine-fields were correct. When we arrived, we swept the north side of no-man's land with our field glasses, spotting the Communists in the distance. We settled down on a railroad embankment to wait for them. After 15 minutes, one of their people walked down the track waving a yellow flag, the agreed signal. He announced in English that he was their interpreter. I answered in Chinese that we were ready to go, and before long their officers came up, credentials were exchanged, and the meetings began. We later found out that we were the first team to make contact in the Demilitarized Zone."

Smith writes that the meetings are usually dull and repetitious. "The Chinese have come out on the short end of every negotiation they entered into between 1830 and 1950, and they are determined to reverse the situation in these negotiations. This adds to the hair-splitting common to Communism and the indecisiveness which is a result of their policy of

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## SIDGWICK FUND ESTABLISHED

Dr. Nevil V. Sidgwick left a bequest of more than four thousand pounds to Telluride Association when he died at Oxford in March, 1952. Acting on a suggestion from Chancellor Johnson, the 1953 Convention voted to establish the Sidgwick Memorial Fund using his bequest, which amounts to more than \$11,000, as the nucleus. It is hoped that additional funds from the Association will become available and that private contributions will serve to swell the initial amount.

There are a number of suggestions for the proper use of the income from this Fund. A scholar, for example, could be brought from England to live at Cornell Branch, or some Association member could be chosen to study in England. To consider this and other problems arising from the formation of the Fund, a committee was appointed at the Convention consisting of Wendell S. Williams, chairman; John Lankenau, Michael Moravcsik and Robert Sproull.

### A Distinguished Career

Dr. Sidgwick spent most of his long and distinguished career as a chemist at Lincoln College, Oxford. He first visited Cornell Branch in the spring of 1931 when he accepted the invitation of the University to be Baker Lecturer for that year. During subsequent years he visited the Branch a number of times, and made two short visits to Deep Springs, and many warm personal friendships came from this association. Several times during the '40s, he was invited to the Branch with the intent of his becoming a permanent resident in the Professor Burr tradition. However, his duties on the Oxford campus and his heavy wartime responsibilities prevented, and later frail health and the writing of his last great book (The Chemical Elements) made impossible the acceptance of the invitation. His visits to the Branch and active personal correspondence gave to many Telluride men the privilege of association with a distinguished scientist who was at the same time a great human being with breadth and depth and singular richness.

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likely include such traditional features as public speaking and student self-government. Recreation will be an important feature of the program; it will be planned to appeal to high school students and take advantage of the numerous facilities of the Ithaca area and Cornell University whose summer session will coincide with that of the Association.

Heading the staff will be a director who, in the words of the Convention resolution, will be "carefully selected for his administrative and teaching abilities, and his general understanding of and accord with the purpose of Telluride Association." He will be assisted by a faculty member who will share in the teaching duties. An Association member will become the third member of the staff. He will represent the Association formally and "assist in organizing and guiding student activities, and perform whatever other tasks the director may request." It is anticipated that the Chancellor will also aid the program.

The summer session calls for a budget of \$6000, a sum well within the financial capacities of the Association. Telluride House will be utilized, thus making use of valuable plant facilities now comparatively idle during the summer months. None of this should be interpreted to mean that new funds will not be needed. On the contrary, it is only through continued and increasing new funds that the Association will be able in the future to carry on such projects and expand their scope.

### The Background

The plan for a summer session grew out of a realization that with the closing of Pasadena Branch and smaller student bodies at Deep Springs, the Association must look to new sources for associates and members. While this program will not yield immediate candidates for Telluride, it will serve to establish contact with a group of students out of which candidates will likely come as well as cementing relations with high schools. But beyond the immediate needs of the Association, it was realized at Convention that in many phases of high school work there is a pointed lack of the kind of spirited education in which Mr. Nunn placed so much faith. Quite apart from the basic instruction in methods of study, the use of small seminars and a theme cutting across conventional boundaries of high school subject matter, this program could serve to stimulate independent thinking and open up new vistas of learning for the bright student who often is intellectually starved in our secondary schools. The theme of study would allow room for a type of imaginative experimentation beyond the limits of most high schools and would be planned to prepare the student for a mature and profound college experience.

Two possible objections have been raised, but they do not seem insurmountable. First, the problem of what to do with summer prefer-

ment recipients who usually live at Telluride House can undoubtedly be solved in some satisfactory manner. Secondly, it is recognized that summers are now the best times for prospective Association members to gain the required practical work experience, and the Association could possibly defeat its own ends by offering academic study without the practical work which has so long been an integral feature of all the Nunn educational projects. This two-pronged problem has been made a specific topic of investigation by a committee of Telluride Association members and the director of the summer session.

### The First Steps

Eric Pell has been appointed chairman of the Summer Branch Committee. He and his associate members, James Olin and Roy Pierce, will choose a director and supervise the design of the study program. There is every indication that the summer session can be put into operation next summer since it is possible to utilize present recruitment contacts to secure the requisite student body. Association members in educational circles have stated that there will be considerable interest in the program among students and educators and that the kind of applicant sought can be found.

This new plan is being established at a time when Telluride Association cannot launch a long-term primary branch program but must still meet the problems of recruitment and implementation of its educational goals. Utilizing as it does the educational and cultural resources of Telluride House and Cornell University and requiring no unusual capital investment or complicated planning, the present plan seems eminently fitted to present potentialities and resources as well as offering the nucleus of future programs of wider and more permanent scope.

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tutions than before. For the past two years, the total amount collected has been about \$12,000 each year. We plan, through the News Letter and through the activities of the Area Captains and their personal assistants, to demonstrate the need for such support and, indeed, for even more support in the future. We expect to convince friends and alumni that Deep Springs, Cornell Branch and Telluride Association still are conscientious educational enterprises trying and succeeding within their financial limitations in providing the most valuable educational experience possible for their students and members.

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dividing responsibility. Each negotiator, moreover, is very afraid of making a mistake; he has probably seen the consequences of error. The result is endless discussion . . ."

## BIRTHS

Terence John Pell, in Schenectady, on February 11, 7:28 p.m. 5 lbs., 12 oz., and 19" tall. No. 1 of Eric and Anne Pell.

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James Clark Rodebaugh, in Dallas, Tex., on February 10. Third grandson, sixth grandchild, of Paul and Mildred Jones.

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Ruth Evelyn Duncan, in Geneva, Switzerland, on April 19. 10 lbs. Third daughter, fourth child, of Adrien and Lenore Duncan.

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Corinne Rachel Honan, in St. German-en-Laye, France, on May 7. The first for Park and Jeannette Honan.

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Michael John Mellor, in Ithaca, N.Y., on March 9, to John and Arlene Mellor.

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Anne Paige Grant, in Singapore, March 31, to Lindsey and Berry Grant.

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William Louis Biersach, III, on May 26, 8:18 p.m. 7 lbs., 11 oz., 19½" long. The parents are Elsie and W.L. Biersach, Jr.

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## MARRIAGES

Kenneth S. Mahony and Miss Anne Bingham Harrison at the Sound View Presbyterian Church on February 7, in Bronx, N.Y.

Jean Bourgeois and Mlle. Yvette Clermont on February 14, at l'Eglise Saint-Sulpice, Paris.

John Velz and Miss Judith Palmer, on January 28. Velz is working on the Honors in English Survey Program at the University of Michigan and contemplates graduate study next year in comparative literature. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi this spring.

Timothy Henderson and Elizabeth Worrall on February 7, at Mooi River, Natal, Union of South Africa. Henderson sends greetings to all Telluridians and writes: "I live in the hope that some day I'll find one of you on my doorstep, ready to stay a while."

Don O. Noel and Elizabeth B. Foulds on August 29, at the First Church of Christ, West Hartford, Conn.

Robert M. McCarthy and Marjorie Marshall on August 22, the Presbyterian Church, Deerfield, Illinois. McCarthy has finished his second year at Yale Divinity School and spent this summer running Church Day Camps in the "Ironbound" section of Newark, N.J.

David C. Cole and Margaret J. Zachem on June 13. Cole met his wife in Korea where she was employed by the Army as a secretary.

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## PERSONALS

Prof. H.W. Thompson, authority on American folklore, has been made a member of the Turtle Clan in the Iroquois Six Nations. Professor Thompson's new name is Ska-ron-ia-te (pron. Ska-loon-yah-de) and means Beyond-the-Sky. Turtle Clansman Ska-ron-ia-te was Faculty Guest at Cornell Branch in 1940-41.

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Petroleum physicist Robert Mansfield, after several years of field work in South America, is now in Arcadia, California, working on the interpretation of seismograph data obtained by the use of a new set-up which involves stuffing a lot of seismometers down a drill-hole instead of stringing them along the surface of the ground.

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Allen Galson, recent Cornell graduate in Mechanical Engineering, has been awarded a Fulbright Grant to study physical metallurgy and heat transfer at Imperial College, London University. Galson is primarily interested in high-temperature applications of materials for nuclear power-plant use, gas turbines, jets, rockets and the like.

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Dr. James Baxter is medical officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Courier, a floating radio station of the Voice of America. Graduated from Georgetown University Medical School in 1951, Baxter took a year's internship at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Baltimore before his present assignment.

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Bruce Johnston has been in Paris since spring as General Economist for the Food & Agriculture Division, with the responsibility of following the European effort toward establishing a common market for agriculture, following the precedent of the Schuman Plan. Johnston finds the possibility of a single market for agriculture "quite fascinating, and the problems involved, complex and intriguing."

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Harvey Mansfield, Jr., was graduated by Harvard and plans to study next year at the London School of Economics on a Fulbright Scholarship.

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## MORE PERSONALS

The American Anthropological Association recently conferred its highest honor on Dr. Julian H. Steward, presenting him the Viking Gold Medal and \$1000. According to the presentation speech the award was given in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the science of anthropology.

In 1952, Steward accepted an appointment as Graduate Research Professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois.

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Dr. Ralph D. Comer has accepted a position in the Dept. of Anatomy of the Medical College of South Carolina at Charleston. Comer received his M.S. in anatomy at the University of Kansas and is currently working toward his Ph.D. while teaching anatomy at South Carolina.

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Donald Lammers is rounding the bend of his first year of graduate study at Stanford. His Master's Thesis is described as "an obscure little dilly entitled '16th Century Chronicle Accounts of the Reign of Edward the Sixth.'"

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David Cole and Thomas Kinney began study at the Graduate School of the University of Michigan in February. Kinney, discharged from the Army January 7, is working for his M. A. in English Literature; Cole, back from Korea, began work in economics leading to his M. A.

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Pvt. Roger Baldwin was granted his M.A. degree in February by Columbia University in mathematical statistics. Title of the 100-page thesis: Sequential Analysis.

Baldwin began basic training in April at Ft. Dix. He has recently been assigned to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland where he is analyzing the results of various weapons tests.

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The Quartet for Clarinet and Strings by Barney Childs was performed at the San Francisco Museum of Art by the International Society for Contemporary Music on May 19, 1953. The music critic of the San Francisco Chronicle said it was "expert in its texture and effective in the substance."

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Paul P. Ashworth has been appointed a general member of the Utah Committee on Industrial and Employment Planning by Governor J. Bracken Lee. The objective of this Committee is "to build a greater State through the continuing expansion of job opportunities in Utah for maturing youth and all our people."

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## DEATHS

Mrs. Katherine McKenzie Waldo died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 30. Mrs. Waldo had lived in Salt Lake City for 40 years and was very active in church, school and other civic activities. She is survived by her husband, Harold R. Waldo, President of Telluride Power Co.; three sons, Dr. John F. Waldo, Charles E. Waldo, Harold R. Waldo, Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Klemens F. Johnson.

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Burt Bee Wallick, 59, died at Palm Springs, Calif., on February 11th. Born in Logan, Utah, Wallick was a Charter Member of the Association and was educated at Proctor Academy and the University of Utah. He is survived by his father, Dr. D.L. Wallick of Provo; by his widow, Alma Vance Wallick of Fresno; and by a son, Barney, and three grandchildren.

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Dr. James Renwick Withrow, 74, professor emeritus in the Dept. of Chemical Engineering at Ohio State, died on March 20 in Columbus. He was one of the pioneer chemical engineers in the country. He is survived by Mrs. Withrow, a daughter, and by two sons, James R. Withrow and David D. Withrow.

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Frank C. Noon was honored at a banquet in Los Angeles recently attended by more than 400 officers and directors of savings and loan associations in Southern California. Mr. Noon is retiring as vice president and manager of the Los Angeles Branch, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and as district supervisory agent for the Home Loan Bank Board, Washington, D.C.

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Pvt. Paul Szasz has completed basic training and has been attached to the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratory at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., to work as an Electronic Engineering Assistant.

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Charles Burkhart writes from Norfolk, England: "I am very happy here teaching; at the moment I am teaching Homer to the soldiers, and the quonset huts resound with the hexameters."

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Henry E. Beal, Jr., has been promoted to Lt. Colonel. He is stationed at Mitchell Field, Headquarters, Continental Air Command.

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Dr. Roald Bergethon, staffman and Associate Dean of the College of Brown University, spent the second term on a Carnegie Corporation grant visiting 25 universities and colleges. The Corporation gives a few such grants each year to young administrators so that they may travel and gather information and vicarious experience.