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DS Trustees Meet

The Trustees of Deep Springs held their semi-annual meeting the week-end of November 28-29 at the college. Regular members Aird, Noon, Waldo, Gilbert, Kleps, Davy, and Withrow, and Telluride Association President Brant Kehoe met with newly elected Student Body Representative Randolph Riley to consider matters of importance to Deep Springs, ranch and college.

The meeting began with the consideration of financial matters; Mr. Davey was elected treasurer. The fund drive was reported to be running satisfactorily with some $45,000 in donations from the alumni thus far. The Trustees tentatively approved the building of an overnight storage reservoir, as urged by Mr. Richard Strong, the Business Manager. This project is part of Mr. Strong's plan for increasing the efficiency of the irrigation system; this plan includes leveling of fields and cementing the main ditch. Mr. Strong also suggested that minor improvements be made in the boarding house in order to comply more nearly with state health laws.

Reid, Childs Report

The reports of the faculty chairman, Randall Reid, and of the Dean, Dr. Barney Childs, generally reflected an optimistic attitude. Mr. Reid reported a new plan to improve the library by selling out-dated, duplicated, or unnecessary books and using the proceeds to acquire new ones. He announced the completion of a descriptive brochure and explained the progress toward a new Deep Springs Catalog. Dr. Childs discussed plans to hire new faculty members from the Deep Springs alumni; he announced the formation of Student Body Applications and Reinvitations Committees to act in advisory capacities to the Dean and the Trustees. He also described his proposed trip to Cornell Branch to establish a closer liaison between Deep Springs and the Telluride Association.

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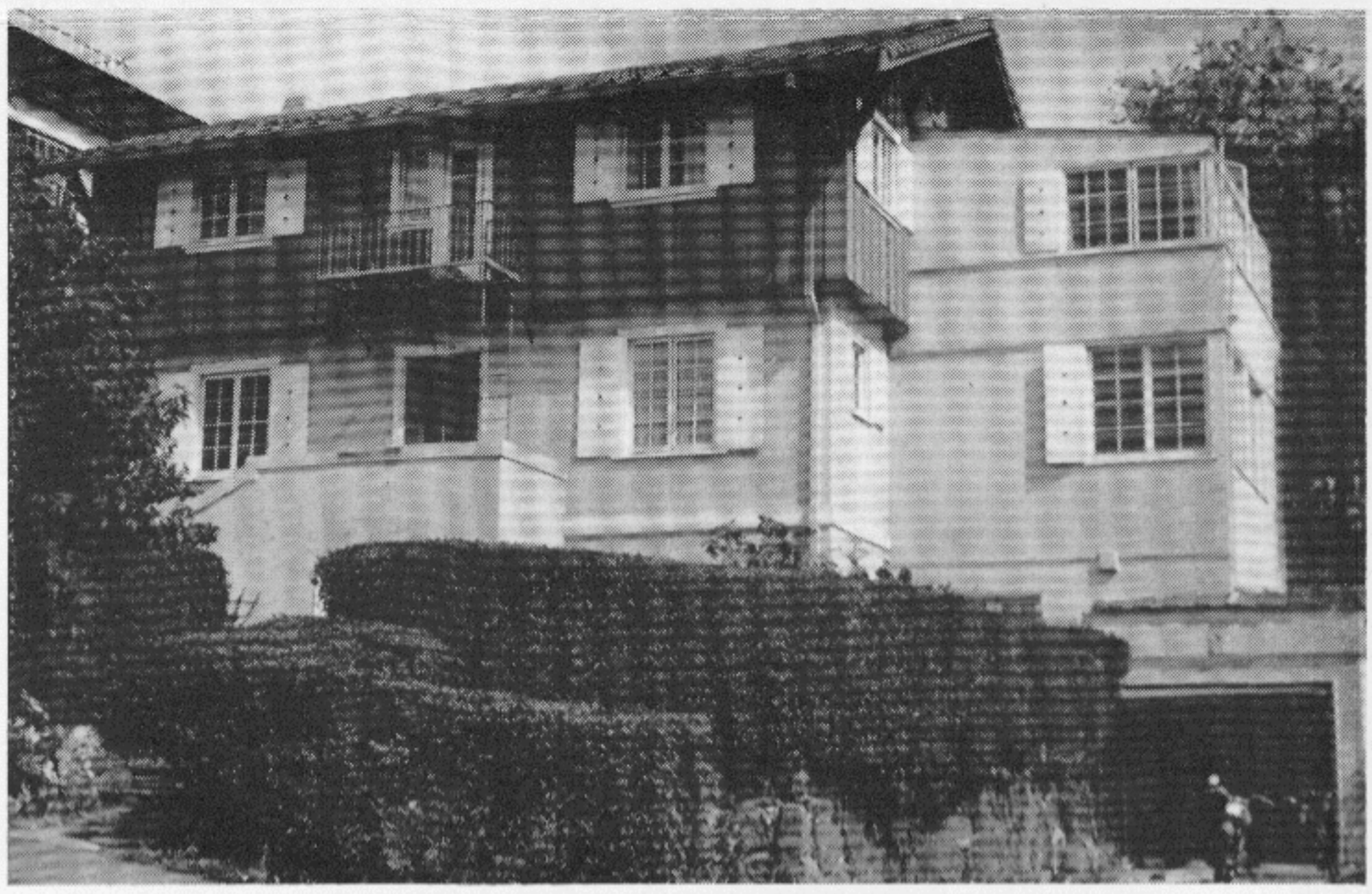
Custodians Purchase Living Quarters for Berkeley Branch



By DAVID A. HODGES

The Custodians have purchased the house occupied by Berkeley Branch under lease since September 1964. This property will be held as an investment in the Operating and Reserve Account, as permitted by the provisions of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

The property was offered for sale early in November; quick consideration of the purchase was necessary. The Custodians decided on the purchase on the basis of figures which showed that ownership will reduce the annual operating costs of Berkeley Branch by $3800 to $5000 in comparison with a lease arrangement.

The Association purchased the property for $68,000, the same figure offered by two other bidders, by offering the full price in cash. Evidence from several sources indicates that this is a reasonable price. It is likely that the property could be sold for about this same figure any time in the next several years, though possibly an advantageous sale would take several months to arrange.

The house is at 1849 Arch Street, 200 yards north of the campus boundary. Plans for campus expansion do not include this property. The house will accommodate 13 students and a faculty guest; this is the projected size of the Branch for the next year and a half. The house has a large, pleasant wood-panelled living room, fully satisfactory for entertaining. The dining room will seat about 30. The student rooms are adequate though not up to the Ithaca standard. Improved soundproofing and furnishings in one room will provide marginally satisfactory quarters for one faculty guest.

Although this house is not satisfactory as a permanent home for Berkeley Branch, it appears to be the best available until a permanent Branch can be

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News of Deep Springs

Mr. John Mawby DS '56, a teacher of geology, biology, and paleontology, has joined the Deep Springs faculty. Mr. Mawby received his bachelor's degree at Cornell in 1958, his master's at Berkeley in 1960, and expects his Ph. D. in paleontology from the University of California soon. Other faculty members are Randall Reid, faculty chairman, Dr. James Martin, Mr. Roger Dell, and Mr. Robert Beebe.

New members of the Deep Springs staff include Pete Smith and Robert Alexis. Mr. Smith, a former jockey from Amarillo, Texas, is the new cowboy. Mr. Alexis, who has worked as a mechanic in other ranches in the area, presently maintains the Deep Springs vehicles.

Lecture Programs

Deep Springs began its 1964-1965 program of lectures on November 4 with a concert by Jesse Fuller. A blues singer in the tradition of Leadbelly, "Lone Cat" played a 12-string electric guitar, a harmonica, and a bass instrument of his own invention called the *fotdella*. During intermissions in his four-hour performance he conversed with students on subjects ranging from his acquaintance with Pete Seeger, through his unhappy childhood in Atlanta, to his hand broken on the jaw of his wife's lover.

Then on November 9, Mr. Richard Shutler, Curator of Anthropology of the Nevade State Museum, lectured on his archeological work in the South Seas, primarily in the New Hebrides and New Caledonia. He showed more than a hundred slides of his expedition, which will form the basis of a paper to show a pattern of the mingling of the cultures of Melanesia and Polynesia.

Photography Committee

The DS photography committee remains quite active. In addition to the many services offered to the student body, the committee also is preparing the yearbook and supplying pictures for the new catalogue, which is to be known as the White Book. The committee captures typical moments in the diverse activities of the school and ranch. The picture on the cover of the new DS brochure is an example of their highly successful attempts to record Deep Springs on film. But the committee is not content with past accomplishments, and plans are now being made for the initiation of another creative photographic activity: a series of 16 millimeter movies, with tape-recorded background music.

Endowment Drive For DS Nears $45,000

The Joint Committee for New Funds will stress this year, as last, the capital needs of Deep Springs. At the half-way mark in the three-year drive to increase Deep Springs' endowment, $44,405 has been collected or pledged. Two hundred and ninety alumni of DS have given $31,422 in response to the special appeal; $11,275 more has come from the Trustees of Deep Springs; and $1,708 has come from friends and other sources. So far, only 40 per cent of the 431 alumni have given.

Telluride Association will also need to rely increasingly upon the annual support of its alumni and friends. This year's drive will underline the report of the Finance Committee to the 1965 Convention which concluded that "even to sustain our present programs (including Berkeley Branch), austerity will be required in *all* of our operations; and if we wish to strike out in new directions, it may be necessary to discontinue activities we are now supporting."

If Berkeley Branch is to be established on a permanent basis, a large sum may have to be raised in the near future.

Lincoln Exchange Applications Due

Telluride Associates interested in applying for the Lincoln Exchange Graduate Fellowship for 1965-67 should submit their applications to the Association Office by March 1, says George Rinehart, chairman of the Operations, Awards and Advisory Committee.

By Resolution of the 1964 Convention, the incumbent chosen by Telluride Association will be appointed for a two-year term, instead of the one year which has been customary. Vice-President Rinehart points out that eligibility for the Fellowship is not limited to Cornell or Berkeley Branchmen who will obtain their undergraduate degrees in June, although traditionally they have been the men most interested in applying. Recent graduates now in pursuit of advanced degrees are encouraged to consider the possible advantages of a two-year period at Oxford.

Applications forms can be obtained by writing to the Executive Secretary, and award of the Fellowship will be made on or about April 1.

News of Associates

From several alumni the Archives have received copies of an article published in the October 11 edition of The Denver Post. Entitled "The Electrifying Mr. Nunn", the article is excerpted from a forthcoming book due from Holt, Rinehart and Winston this month: "A Vanishing America: The Life and Times of the Small Town". Complete with biographical details, the article colorfully describes the adventures of L. L. Nunn in implementing "a vision that altered not only mining but industry everywhere — the world's first longdistance transmission of alternating electric current for industrial purposes."

The Cornell University Press recently announced publication of "Benjamin Franklin, American Man of Letters", by Bruce I. Granger, D.S. '40. Dr. Granger is presently a professor of English at the University of Oklahoma.

Richard W. Patch, D.S. '49, T.A. '50, is represented by a chapter on "Peasantry and National Revolution" in a Random House volume published last year, entitled "Expectant Peoples". Dick is still with the American Universities Field Staff.

As indicated by an address-change in the annual Directory, Robert Richter, PB '49, did not return to Oregon at the completion of his year's C.B.S. Foundation Fellowship at Columbia University. He is now on the staff of CBS News, producing documentary programs for the CBS Reports series.

Barber B. Conable, TA '47, who was elected two years ago to the New York State Senate, seems to enjoy politics. As newly-elected Congressman from New York's 37th District, he (and Mrs. Conable and their four children) will be spending considerable time in Washington D.C. In the interest of Telluride's traditionally non-partisan politics, Conable's Republican vote will be balanced by the Democratic vote of Paul H. Todd, Jr., TA '40, elected from the 3rd Congressional District of the State of Michigan (see Letter to the Editor).

Deaths

The office has been informed of the death of Rufus Wood Leigh, who died August 24, 1964. Dr. Wood was a dedicated member of the Association for many years.

The office has received somewhat late word of the death in December 1961 of George William La Monk, of Morro Bay, California. His grandson, Geren La Monk, of Riverside, California, contributed this word. He writes that his grandfather "first became acquainted with Mr. L. L. Nunn in about 1905 in Utah, and learned his trade as an electrician while working for Mr. Nunn."

Current Projects Evaluated by BBTA

By JOHN NEVILLE and DARWIN BERG

Berkeley Branch's program with Negro children from almost entirely Negro North Richmond is now well advanced. We have found that our original conception of the program does not fit the eleven-year-olds with whom we are working. Nonetheless the last few weeks have had value for them as well as for us. Various possible changes have appeared which would not only make the program more purposeful, but also bring it more in line with the interests of many of the BBTA members involved.

Besides often knowing little about the world outside their own neighborhood, Negro children have little reason to suppose that the prejudiced white world will ever let them move into the professions and jobs they would like. A drop in IQ scores and interest in school suggested that Negroes first realize this while they are in the fifth or sixth grade.

"Head off Despair"

The Neighborhood House Program was planned in connection with a North Richmond settlement house in an attempt to head off this sense of frustration and despair. We have taken the children to places of general interest, such as museums, hoping simply to stimulate curiosity. Other trips have shown the children how various Negroes have succeeded despite prejudice. We have visited a newspaper for Negroes and the campaign headquarters of a Negro candidate for the State Assembly. Both of these have also shown Negroes and whites working together.

Although these experiences have had an effect on the children, and have stimulated some thought, the results have not been as great as hoped. Apparently eleven year olds have already been aware of prejudice for several years. Their homes teach them about it, and there is little we can do to change that knowledge. On the other hand, a fifth grader is just beginning to think about his world. He has not yet been forced to make an active adjustment to color prejudice, and therefore we cannot talk with him about it.

The resulting lack of intellectual communication with the children has lessened the interest of many BBTA members for the Neighborhood House Program. Of the six active in the program, half were interested most in obtaining personal knowledge about the Negro problem and the Negro community. They have naturally been disappointed. Others who were looking more for personal relations with the children, or for opportunities to do something not of primary value to themselves have found the program more satisfying.

Revision Needed

The variety of interests on the part of BBTA members, together with the difficulties experienced in accomplishing anything really significant at Neighborhood House make it doubtful that a permanent program can be developed there without considerable revision. Among the obvious changes which are worth trying are lengthening the time we spend with the children, and working with older children. A program involving a one-to-one relation with high school students might be both more efficacious in helping Negroes accomplish their goals and more valuable for the Telluride members working on it. During a semester spent working actually in the Negro community we might see the Negro not only as the embodiement of a social problem, but also as a member of a distinct and little known culture of his own.

Kennedy Scholarships

BBTA has continued its investigation of the University's Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Program. The University has conducted a special summer school for 34 promising students from underprivileged backgrounds. Several students from the University participated as counsellors in the program that was designed to increase the preparedness of the underprivileged for a college education. Although the faculty reported that the program benefited the high school participants, we are still uncertain of value of the program as a BBTA project. It may be possible to obtain first hand information on the contribution made to the program by the counsellors if one or more branchmen join the staff of the program next summer.

The second phase of the University's scholarship program relates to operating a living unit on campus for graduates of the special summer sessions and for entering students with underprivileged backgrounds. The 1964 Convention expressed interest in this phase of the program. BBTA is investigating the possibility of having one of its members sit in with the faculty committees that are planning the living unit's operations. If it is possible for BBTA to participate in the second phase of the Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Program, the Branch may discover and formulate a useful and rewarding project for the future.

DS Trustees . . .

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The report of the Student Body Representative described the highlight events of the semester: a trip into the Sierra, outside lecturers, and active committee work. Riley opened for discussion the possibility of moving the Trust books back to the college from a private accounting firm in Salt Lake City. Under this proposal, student body members would keep the books for the sake of economy and convenience. Riley also suggested the possibility of increased national publicity about Deep Springs to aid in the recruitment of faculty and students.

The meeting ended on Sunday afternoon. That evening, the student body held an open house in the dormitory; later a joint Student Body-Trustees meeting was held.

Custodians . . .

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financed and built. In two summers of looking, during which most of the area near the campus was canvassed by house, the Berkeley Associates have found no building which on an overall basis would better meet our short-term needs.

Branch members and Bay Area Association members recommended this purchase to the Custodians on the basis of the substantial savings that would be realized over the next 1½ or 2½ years, these periods being regarded as the more probable terms of occupancy of this house. However, even if it is decided in June 1965 to sell the house, either because Convention terminates Berkeley Branch or because a better house is obtained, we believe that the financial risk in ownership is relatively small.

A complete check for infestation and structural soundness was made by an independent inspector; no serious conditions were found. The house is in compliance with city and state Building and Safety Codes. About $300 worth of improvements are needed in the kitchen to comply with the state health code. The exterior needs painting at a cost of $1200.

The comparative cost of leasing as opposed to ownership may be summarized as follows: The present annual rental is $7800, with an increase to $9000 probable under another owner. The comparable annual cost of ownership is $2800 lost interest, $1000 (estimated) maintenance, and $200 insurance, for a total of $4000. Property taxes are about $800 annually, but we expect to qualify for a full exemption as in New York State. Thus the annual cost of ownership is appreciably less than leasing.

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Princeton University to Support 65-66 TASP

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President Goheen and Princeton University have agreed to support their Telluride Summer Program up to $9,000 for each of the next two years. The TASP Board welcomed this news at its October meeting in Ithaca. The Association will pay for the factotum and for any other expenses in excess of $9,000 in accordance with arrangements worked out between the TASP Board and Princeton.

Three factota also were selected by the Board. Barry Weller and Barbara Herman will assist the Cornell programs and William Galston will be factotum at Princeton. This is the second year of early selection of factota which allows the faculty of the programs to work with their assistants throughout the year in preparation for the summer.

Programs Listed

The Cornell I program will be directed by Professor Nelson Pike of the Cornell Philosophy Department in collaboration with Professor William Rowe of the Philosophy Department at Purdue University. They are planning a topic in the field of religion. The Association's program, Cornell II, will be taught by Professors Walter LaFeber and Donald Kagan of the Cornell History Department. Their topic concerns a comparison of imperialism in ancient Rome and in the United States in the decades before World War I. Professor Robert Nozick of the Philosophy Department at Princeton will direct the third program at Princeton. His topic and colleague have not been announced.

With the help of the Educational Testing Service the applications procedure will be simplified so that all eligible students will receive their application blanks at their homes rather than through their high school counsellors. This will involve pulling the addresses and printing them on tape which will be pasted on envelopes, thus saving the Ithaca office a traditionally laborious job.

Berkeley Branch will assist in the reading of applications from the Detroit-Ann Arbor, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco interviewing areas. This should amount to 200 to 250 applications. The remaining reading will be done in Ithaca at Cornell Branch. In advance the TASP Board wishes to thank all of those who will be part of the selection process for 1965, readers and interviewers. Final selections will be made by the Board at their meeting on April 17, 1965.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Associates:

I have received a letter from Norton Dodge giving me the names of the members of the Association who contributed to my campaign. Since I do not have a congressional office staff organized as yet, I am afraid I may be delinquent in thanking these members for their commitment unless I can ask you to publish this letter in the Newsletter.

I am very happy that members and friends who have never seen me felt that their devotion to the principles of the Association was sufficient to warrant an expression of support in the campaign.

Needless to say, I am both very surprised and very happy that we won in the campaign, and I look forward to joining the circle of Associates in Washington.

Paul H. Todd, Jr. Third District
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