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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

After a mile north of Pughier Point, Engineering problems in the area were discussed by Al Hilton, petroleum engineer for Union. He stated that the two chief problems were the difficulty of electric log interpretation in fractured chert reservoirs and the difficulty of producing oil of extremely low gravity and high viscosity. Coring, formation testing, and bottom plugging are also troublesome, he said. Don Davis was chairman of the meeting.

The Northern California A.A.P.G. luncheon group ushered in the New Year with the usual Monday gathering on January 2nd which was entertained by the return of Parker Task and Bill Barber who had acted as scouts at the Rose Bowl. Their report injected new zest into the already strenuous analysis of the situation which was in progress on their arrival.

This meeting, although attended by eleven members, was characterized by certain notable absences, among them being Messrs. Clark Gester, Al Solari, Willard Classen, and Graham Moody. An unsuccessful attempt was made to determine to what extent these absences were occasioned by the "wartime factor" so all were tentatively attributed to the pressure of professional duties.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

"Continents in the Age of Mammals" is the title of the illustrated talk to be delivered to the four Pacific Section local Societies in January by Dr. George G. Simpson, A.A.P.G. distinguished lecturer.

Dr. Simpson is Associate Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. He has been associated with the museum since 1926 and has led numerous expeditions in both North and South America. He is considered an outstanding American authority on fossil mammals. His talk will deal with intercontinental connections, continental drift, and shifts of climate and their effect on physical characteristics and locations of land animals.

The lecture will be given at 8 P.M., January 10, in Room 157, Arms Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, at 8 P.M., January 11, at Santa Barbara; on January 13 at the El Tejon in Bakersfield; and at 8 P.M., January 14, in a lecture hall at Stanford University for the Northern California Geological Society.

For the Los Angeles area this talk will take place both the regular monthly luncheon and the Geological Forum for January.

January 14th at 8 P.M. Memorial Hall on the Stanford Campus the Northern California section, A.A.P.G. will sponsor an address by Dr. George G. Simpson, Vertebrate Paleontologist with the National Museum, and A.A.P.G. distinguished lecturer.

Dr. Simpson's topic will be "Continents in the Age of Mammals".

MATIASIC TO HEAD FALL MEETING

Wallace Matiasic, Los Angeles district Geologist for Honolua Oil Company, has been appointed General Arrangements Chairman of the Pacific Section Annual Fall Technical Session.

Nude bathing, dairy products, salt domes, and gravity surveys were among the topics discussed by Al Gregerson when he spoke on conditions in Denmark at the regular monthly luncheon of the Pacific Section at the Clark Hotel on December ninth.

Al, formerly with the Texas Company in Los Angeles, has been missed for several years by his many friends since he left for Denmark where he is vice-president and general manager of the Danish-American Prospecting Company, a Gulf subsidiary. His company has completed a gravity survey of the entire country on a one-mile grid pattern, drilled 40 core holes, and is now drilling its second deep prospect hole for oil. Salt dome accumulations are the chief objectives. His well-delivered spontaneous talk covered social, political, and economic aspects of life in Denmark as well as geological. His remarks on food rationing, still in effect there, struck home, as many members of his audience felt that the menu at the Clark that day was designed to (a) illustrate rationing and/or (b) make Al feel at home.

His talk was preceded by introduction of guests and new committee heads and some remarks by Roy Barnes, national vice-president, on the new form of preferential ballots and a proposed amendment to the national constitution regarding membership.

LOCAL MEETINGS

The Great Geological Society meeting at Santa Barbara on December 13th was exceptionally well attended due to the large number of geologists who were in the vicinity to attend the "18 Company" marine seismic field trip the following day. The audience of about fifty included men from Bakersfield, San Ardo, Santa Maria, Ventura, Ojai, and about ten from Los Angeles. They heard papers by T. W. Clements, Bob Paschall, and Clark Edgcomb. Bill Brinkley (superior) highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin Geological Society on December 15th at the El Tejon with an illustrated talk on the Dutch East Indies. He outlined the general geology of the area and then discussed field mapping and exploratory drilling techniques developed by the Shell Oil Company to meet the environmental problems of this particular region. Dinner was preceded by refreshments in the customary Bakersfield manner.

The Santa Maria Basin was the general topic of the Pacific Section Geological Forum which met in the Edison Building auditorium on December 20th in Los Angeles. Ross Gabben, who plays the title role in the consulting firm of Wm. Ross Gabben and Associates, led off with a profusely illustrated talk outlining the geology of several of the basin fields and some of the intervening areas. The stratigraphy of the region was very systematically described by Aden Hughes, paleontologist for the Union Oil Company at Santa Maria. He also summarized briefly a hitherto unreported section of Lower Miocene strata outcropping in the Cuyama

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January 13, 1949, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., A.A.P.G., San Joaquin Valley Geological Society, Hotel El Tejon, Bakerfield, Dinner Meeting, Distinguished Lecture Series.

January 13, 1949, Thursday, 7:00 p.m., A.I.M.E., Jr. Petroleum Group, Panel on Reservoir Engineering, Rio Hondo Country Club, Downey.

January 14, 1949, Friday, A.A.P.G., Northern Chapter, San Francisco Area, Distinguished Lecture Series.

January 18, 1949, Tuesday, A.P.I., San Joaquin Valley Chapter, no details received.

January 19, 1949, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., A.P.I., Coalings-Kettlemen Chapter, Palmdero Country Club.

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(Fall meeting continued)

Already the time and place has been set as Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18, at the Ambassador Hotel. The meeting will coincide with annual meetings of the Pacific Coast Section of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and the Pacific Section of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists. Informal courses have been stated that whereas the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena has been very satisfactory in nearly every way, its physical accommodations are not adequate, and for that reason the meeting was scheduled for the Ambassador.

STEVENS SAND PAPER

The research committee has selected Herzogel Driver (Stamard) as author of a paper entitled, "Stevens Sand, San Joaquin Valley, California," to be given at the St. Louis meeting in March as the Pacific Section contribution to the Research Symposium, "Control of Petroleum Accumulation by Sedimentary Facies."

Driver is reworking the paper of the same title given by Rollin Everts at the Pacific Section Annual Meeting in 1940, but never published. Before final completion the manuscript will be submitted to several Stevens Sand experts for criticism. Driver, chairman of the Research Committee, states that the paper is a Pacific Section endeavor and still in the format stages. It is still possible that it some stages be accepted and a new subject and author selected as the Pacific Section contribution to the Research Symposium.

34th ANNUAL MEETING

President Clift Johnson has announced that after long painstaking deliberation by the executive committee Homer Steiny (Tidewater Associated) was appointed transportation chairman for the Pacific Section in its trek to the 34th Annual Meeting of the A.A.P.G. on March 14-17 at St. Louis. Steiny told newsmen in a recent interview that he expects to have sixty local geologists, including wives, to handle. His plans, though still in the tentative stage, call for three high

LEWISSEN HONORED

The American Geological Institute representing eleven national geological and affiliated scientific societies, elected A. I. Lewissen, dean of the School of Mineral Sciences at Stanford University, as president. W. B. Heroy, consulting geologists and geophysicist of Dallas, Texas, was elected vice president, and Earl Ingerson, of the U.S.G.S., Washington, D. C., is secretary-treasurer. The first meeting was held at Washington on November 15-16. Headquarters will be established at National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D. C.

One of California's well known geologists, Art May, passed away at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles on December 9th of a heart attack. He was chief geologist of the Superior Oil Co. from 1939 until the time of his death. Born in Nipomo, California, in February 1892, he attended high school in Santa Maria and graduated from the school of Mines at the University of California at Berkeley in 1917. Following some graduate work and a short time in the Navy, he joined the Shell Oil Co. in 1919. After working 2 years for Shell in Peru and Ecuador and a couple of years of varied experience elsewhere, he became district geologist in 1924 in San Joaquin Valley in Bakersfield, where he was stationed until 1936. While in Bakersfield he took an important part in the discovery of the Mount Poso, Round Mountain and Ten Sections fields. During this period he spent considerable time in the early studies of formations, some of which bear his name. Also under his guidance during this period quite a number of geologists were given their start in the oil business, and owe him their deep gratitude for a good foundation in the profession. He became an enthusiastic football fan for California and always had a good knowledge of their chances for the season. Always an intense student of geology, Art had a broad knowledge of the geology of the state as well as other parts of the world. It is, therefore, with considerable regret that we record the passing of a geologist who played such an active part in the development of the profession.

ARTHUR H. MAY

The St. Louis meeting will be a joint affair in conjunction with the S.E.P.M. and the S.E.G. make definite plans. Who plan to travel in this manner so that he can like to hear as soon as possible from all those St. Louis Sunday, the 13th of March. Steiny would bring Los Angeles at noon Friday, the 11th, and arrive class through cars on an extra-fare train, leaving

John A. McDonald came back from the Gran Chaco, Paraguay, after spending two years there with the Western Geophysical Company. It's just a vacation. Stan Kriz has been exploring local glacial action in and near Sun Valley. He states that more research is necessary.

Quantin Query is now in the Union Oil Company office at Santa Paula, having been transferred from Washington.

Bill Merrill is now playing second fiddle to Wm. Raymond Merrill, Jr., born Dec. 12.

Jim Higgins of the L.A. office and L. A. Tarbert of the San Francisco office will populate a new Standard Oil Company headquarters in Paso Robles.

George Cunningham, Richtfield Scout in Bakerfield, is returning to Midland, Texas. George just couldn't stay away from that good country where a man can dabble in royalties.

Tommy Bowles, former Californian, is now assistant to the Chief geologist in Findlay, Ohio. Tommy spent some time in Louisiana and Texas before this move.

Gerry Harris, now in Saudi Arabia, recently became the father of another girl. Too bad -- in that country girls don't count!

George Quirk of the Union Oil Co. Rocky Mountain Division, vacationed in California for Christmas and New Year's. He's another Rocky Mountain booster.

Hunter Yarborough, formerly of the Met -- Houston branch, recently gave a command performance repertoire of Christmas carols.

Bill Corey of the Continental Oil Company is being transferred to the Ventura area.

Red Bear did get his two front teeth for Christmas!

Reg Stoner and George Cunningham journeyed to the "warmer" climes of the southland in time to see the Rose Bowl tilt.

"Pete" Hall, of the Richtfield in Ventura, is sporting an English Austin. Just the thing for a "gentleman" farmer! It's also easy to hide under a bush when scouting.

J. Q. (for Quagmire) Anderson is home again having left his appendix in Mexico City -- he says. Could it be a "punal" wound?

Speaking of Mexico, Dick (Newhall) Sherman took some time off and spent it with our southern neighbors.

Eddie Simpson, now consulting in Casper, Wyoming, was in town visiting his many friends. Humor has it that he is doing very well.

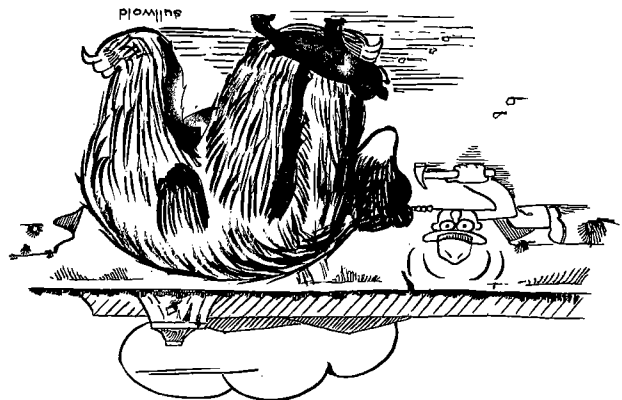
Experts from the DIARY of A. J. SOLARI, as revealed on a recently discovered micro-film: "Dear Diary -- December 31st.

These Texas Gals is really sump'n They got my ancient frame a-jump'n *****

"Dear Diary -- January 1st.

These Lounghorn babes sure know their stuff But pore old Al ain't up to snuff!"

PERSONAL ITEMS



Dr. Guy Edwards, manager of exploration for Shell Oil Co., Inc. is retiring after nearly 25 years with the company. A testimonial dinner in his honor was held at the University Club, December 28th. The roll included friends from almost every company and needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Leo R. Newstamer, formerly exploration manager in the Houston area, will succeed Dr. Edwards. He is a 1933 graduate of the University of California and began his career with Shell in 1936 at San Antonio, Texas.

Guy Miller, now in charge of basin geology at Long Beach will be moved to the Los Angeles Office.

Bill Hawk, recently transferred to Houston, was in town over the holidays on vacation. It seems that he lives just across the street from Loring Shadden.

Did you know that Irv Frazier, of the Texas Company, has the exclusive rights to the use of the name "Hancha San Marino"? He copyrighted it several years ago.

Walt Heathman is being transferred to Canada as Manager of Operations for the Union Oil Company.

Pat Kelley is in town again. He says that the Rocky Mountains are a geologists' paradise.

Bill Moran is headed back toward Paraguay via New York and Miami. Bill states that it is wonderful to be the first person to map an area like that -- no arguments!

Richard (Dick) Faggoli is planning to work for the Humble Oil & Refining Company as soon as he completes his stay at U.C.L.A. in February.

Jack Laberg, District geologist for the Superior Oil Company in Bakerfield, will replace Art May here in Los Angeles. Jack is also the proud papa of a baby girl. Seems like his worries are just beginning.

Joe Maxwell has been transferred to Bakerfield from the Union Oil Company Land Department, in Los Angeles. (P.S. He needs a house!)

Russ Simpson of the Ohio Oil Company is now a bonafide home-owner. He's been a-building for many months. They moved in November 1, address: 1605 Glorietta, Glendale. Door's open!

J. E. ("Red") Lewis has returned from Brazil and is now the vice-president of the Drilling & Production Company.

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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT

Nominees have been placed on the ballot for four Pacific Coast district representatives to succeed Gordon Bell, Bill Kew, and Lowell Saunders, whose terms expire at the termination of the St. Louis meeting in March, plus one new representative allocated to the Pacific Coast on the basis of increased member population.

The nominees are Aden Hughes (Union) and Bob Williams (Honolulu) in the Coastal area, Pat Patterson (Shell) and Herman Wedde (Standard) in the San Joaquin Valley area, and Pete Gardett (General Petroleum), Jimmy Matter (British American), Menley Wetland (Richfield) and Fred Vandenberg (Kern Oil) in the Los Angeles area. Although one representative is to be elected at this time from the coastal area, one from San Joaquin Valley, and two from Los Angeles, the entire Pacific Coast membership will vote on all four offices. Claude Leash and Harry Godde were also nominated for the Los Angeles area but their nominations were withdrawn at their own request.

District representatives are elected from geographical districts on the basis of one representative for each 75 members in that district. It is their duty to represent their districts at national meetings and to screen applicants for membership from their own districts. They represent geographical districts only, and have no official connection with local affiliated societies, which may be in their districts. Their term of office is for two years. Frank Carter, Tom Fitzgerald, and Al Solari hold office until the end of the 1950 national meeting. The seven representatives from the Pacific Coast district are also subdivided on the basis of local abundance of members as follows: Three from Los Angeles area, two from San Joaquin Valley, one from Coastal area, and one from the Bay Area.

Postal ballots have been mailed to the already voted, and if you have not stated you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

FORUM PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

An unusually attractive program is announced for the next geological forum by Bob Orwig, chairman for February. The meeting, slated for 7 P.M. February 21, at the Wilson Building, will be held in conjunction with the S.P.F.M. Menley Wetland, chief paleontologist for Richfield, will represent the S.P.F.M. with a talk lengthily entitled, "Probable Depositional Environment of Southern California Tertiary Sediments as suggested by their fauna." Pete Gardett, General Petroleum geologist, will then save the audience with colored slides of the Wind River Basin, Wyoming. The final delivery will be "Isotopes Problems in Late Tertiary Continental Environments" by Dr. D. I. Axelrod, assistant Professor of Geology at U.C.L.A. Dr. Axelrod's specialty is paleobotany.

His lecture was profusely illustrated with graphs, curves, photographs, and cartoons, designed to demonstrate the presence or absence of inter-continental connections based on mammal migrations. Possible mammal evidence does not substantiate the theory of continental drift, he implied. His summary diagram showed connections or "highways" suitable for mammal migrations between Asia and North America, Africa and Australia, and between North America and South America, but no direct connection between North America and Europe or between South America and Africa or between Australia and Africa or South America. Thus the popular theory of plate tectonics juxtaposition of South America and Africa is not supported by mammal evidence.

England and Europe shown in color

Bill Kew, chief geologist of Standard, was the chief attraction at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Pacific Section on February 2 at the Clark Hotel. His contribution was a series of beautiful colored slides taken in London and on several field trips in England and Wales during the International Geological Congress last summer as well as an equally beautiful and instructive series taken in Southern France. The most beautiful of all, in the opinion of most of the audience, was a well-exposed anticline about the size of Hengist which had not been tested. Two attempts to drill this structure have lost the hole before reaching the objective, he said. After the adjournment of the meeting to allow Joe Johnson to go back to work, Dr. Kew continued his showing with lovely views in the Swiss Alps and in Denmark. He says that faults were clearly shown in his views near the Watterhorn. When the lights came on there was Mr. Jensen, ample testimony for the quality of Dr. Kew's slides, and for Kew, too.

Other business at the meeting included an announcement by Homer Steiny that the traveling party to the St. Louis meeting will depart from Los Angeles at noon or 6 P.M., Friday, March 11. Final details are not yet formulated, but all those planning to make the trip are urged to keep in touch with Homer.

Following a unanimous favorable vote, H. F. Buddenhagen announced that the next distinguished lecturer will be Dr. Walter H. Bucher, professor of Geology at Columbia University. Dr. Bucher's and subject will be "Fault Patterns." He will appear here in the latter part of March or early April.

CONTINENTAL DRIFT DENOUNCED

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CALENDAR

February 18, 1949, Friday, 12:00 noon, A.I.M.E., Joint Meeting with Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

February 21, 1949, Monday, 7:00 p.m., A.A.P.G. and S.E.P.M., Pacific Section, Auditorium, Edison Bldg., Los Angeles.

February 28, 1949, Monday, 7:00 p.m., A.I.M.E., Petroleum Technology Group, Ethyl Auditorium, Los Angeles.

March 3, 1949, Thursday, 12:00 noon, A.A.P.G., Pacific Section, Clark Hotel, Los Angeles, Luncheon Meeting.

March 14, 1949, Monday, 7:00 p.m., A.P.I., Coastal Chapter, Ventura.

March 15, 1949, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m., A.P.I., Los Angeles Basin Chapter, Shell Recreation Hall, Signal Hill.

March 16, 1949, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., A.P.I., Coalings-Kettlemen Chapter, Palmdere Country Club.

AAPG ELECTION RESULTS

Announcement has just been made of the election of the following new national officers:

- L. W. Tomlinson, President
- T. A. Link, Vice-President
- H. N. Toler, Secretary-Treasurer
- A. H. Bell, Editor

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COMMITTEE NOTES

Next Deadline: March 8, 1949

President Cliff Johnson has announced the
appointment of Loyde Metzner, geologist for Sta-
n Oil, as technical program chairman for the
Pacific Section Fall Meeting.

Hersehel Driver, chairman of the Research
Committee, announces that the draft of the
Stevens and paper is completed and the slides
are in preparation. This committee project
will be presented at the St. Louis meeting as
a Pacific Section contribution to the Research
Symposium, "Control of Petroleum Accumulation
by Sedimentary Basins," John F. House, of
Marquette in Dallas, chairman of the National
Research Committee, recently met with the local
committeemen to discuss their project.

OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The 168th annual meeting of the A.I.M.S.
will be held in San Francisco on February 13-17,
the first time the affair has ever been held on
the Pacific Coast. There will be over 60 tech-
nical sessions during the 5 day convention. The
Petroleum Division will have four technical
sessions (on the 14th, 15th, and 16th) at the
Merk Hopkins and a dinner meeting on the 15th.
Herse Taylor, president of Union Oil Co., will
deliver the principal address at the dinner
meeting. The Fairmont Hotel is headquarters
for the convention.

The Geological Society of America,
Corollarian Section, celebrates its semi-
centennial in its annual meeting at the Clare-
mont Hotel, Berkeley, on April 14, 15 and 16.
The Paleontological Society and the Sedimentol-
ogical Society of America will meet simultaneously.
Invitation to attend is extended to the
Pacific Section by Charles M. Gilbert, Secre-
tary of the Corollarian Section. The program
has not yet been announced. Details regarding
accommodations can be had from any member of
the G.S.A. or from Giltz Johnson.

DR. BEN H. PARKER'S VISIT

Dr. Ben. H. Parker, President of the
Colorado School of Mines, will make a brief visit
to Southern California after attending the A.I.M.S.
Meeting in San Francisco. He will arrive in Los
Angeles on February 18th and will that night be the
guest of honor at a dinner to be given by the
Southern California Section of the Colorado School
of Mines Alumni. It is expected that Dr. Parker
will be taken on a short tour of the Southland
while a guest here.

PERSONAL ITEMS

With his excellent knowledge of all phases
of the oil business, his great energy, and sound
judgment he will be greatly missed in a profession-
al way. However, the greatest sense of loss will
be felt by his many friends whose respect and affec-
tion for "EB" was based on his integrity and his
human qualities.

Following a short engagement in mining
exploration he joined the Geological Department of
the associated Oil Company where he remained until
1922. He then went to the Rocky Mountain region
and engaged in successful exploratory work in Mon-
tana and Wyoming as an independent geologist. In
1927 he returned to California and with V.P. Baker,
organized Hall-Baker Company which engaged in lease-
ing and petroleum exploration. In 1937 the organ-
ization assumed the task of exploiting Union Paci-
fic properties in the Wilmington Field. In 1942 a
new organization, E.B. Hall and Co. was formed,
with Hall as President.

With the death on December 20th of Edwin
B. Hall, the Southern California oil industry lost
one of its leading figures.
For the past twelve years "EB" had been
engaged in operating the Union Pacific Railroad
Company's property in the Wilmington Field. He
graduated from Stanford University as a geologist
in 1914. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi Frater-
nity and played both rugby and American football at
Stanford.

EDWIN B. HALL

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Tom L. MacLeod, Jr., recent UCLA grad,
is now employed by the Wilshtre Oil Company in
Santa Paula and will work with Leo Mohr.
Bill Green, formerly with the Pacific
Western Oil Corp., is now with the British American
Oil Producing Co. in Los Angeles.

R. L. Hewitt has opened an office in
Santa Maria and will handle the exploration work
in this area for the Western Gulf Oil Co.

Bob Sitzman had to take the nose to put
of his garage the other day when things became a
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Max Krueger was in town a few days ago
saying "hello" to his many friends in California.
Max is now manager of the Rocky Mountain Division
of the Union Oil Company, with headquarters in
Laramie, Wyoming. He is a real Rocky Mountaineer
and has a ranch, automobile agency and a hardware
store.

Ed Lammers is being loaned to the California Company to do some special work in the Rocky Mountain area.

Hal Hanson is now employed by the Western Gulf Oil Corp. in Bakersfield. He was formerly with the Humble Oil & Refining Co. in West Texas, but is returning to the West Coast having been here before long enough to graduate from the University of Washington in 1941.

Paul Dudley, district geologist for the Southern Division of the Richfield Oil Corp., has resigned to enter consulting work.

Jack ("Bet-a-million") Harding is now the proud papa of a new son. Since he already had two daughters, Jack was betting that the third would also be a girl so, if it were a boy, he would "almost" enjoy paying off!

Ot Kotick, now with the War Department as Colonel Kotick, paid us a visit last month. Of is now concerning himself with oil reserves and how the army and navy requirements can be met. Ralph Arnold recently returned from New York, where he journeyed to see his first grandson, Eric Arnold Noyes. Incidentally, on the return trip, he visited prospective oil structures in Utah and Texas.

Karl Arlet is now a grandfather. How time flies!

Bob Miller announces that he has moved the offices of the Miller Geophysical Company to 1385 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 24.

Gerald Rickets is now employed by the Union Oil Company. He recently graduated from the University of California.

Dick Baggett has returned from Houston where he and his wife were entertained for several days at the Humble Oil & Refining Co. offices. He and his wife drove back in a new company car. Just to strengthen things out for some of us, William Ross Gaben & Associates are not the California Exploration Co. The latter is, however, one of their clients.

Hans Ashauer is having his problems in training a new field geologist in the Salinas area. It's a "she" and the natives don't understand. The Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Society of Exploration geologists plans to announce a regular Friday luncheon meeting at the El Tejon Hotel in Bakersfield. Geologists are welcome.

J. A. McDonald is now associated with Olson's Scouting Service after spending several years in foreign exploration. He is well known to many of the Los Angeles geologists.

Seen at the AAPG luncheon the other day were Wendell Woodring (USGS), Les Clark (down from Canada), Bill Barbat (just visiting), and Chester Stock (paying dues.)

Norman M. Nichols, Colorado School of Mines graduate, is now with Honolulu doing seismic computing in Bob Galeski's office.

Liz Watson has disappeared but, when last seen, she was headed for Sun Valley for two weeks of skiing.

Those lucky "conventioners" will ride the Santa Fe Super Chief this year. Homer Steiny says that a big group is expected. Be sure to let him know about any plans you may have.

Harold Hader,
Standard Oil Co.,
605 West Olympic,
Los Angeles

The Holston has decided the California snow is superior to the Utah variety where it was cold and eight feet deep.

Barney Barnard, formerly with the Conservation Committee in Bakersfield, is now the district scout for the Richfield Oil Corp. Inlet-Dan Klumme, formerly with Standard Oil Company, is now with Hancock Oil Company in Long Beach.

Dean Sheldon is now the proud papa of Stuart Sheldon, born last month.

Dr. E. F. Davis, formerly Vice President in charge of Shell Oil Company exploration, now has a consulting office at 1203 Hollingsworth Bldg., 606 S. Hill St., phone TUCKER 1729.

Tom Etherington, long the sage of Seattle, is enjoying the relative quiet and unusual cold weather of the San Francisco bay region, only another month or so and he hopes to take off those red flannels.

The Northern California contingent responded enthusiastically to Dr. George Simpson's lecture on the "CONTINENTS IN THE AGE OF MAMMALS", which he presented January 14, 1949, on the Stanford campus under the auspices of the A.A.P.G. DIS-LINGUISED LECTURE SERIES.

In addition to the small but highly effective oil group in attendance some 600 students and faculty of the Berkeley and Palo Alto campuses augmented a very intent and responsive audience.

S. E. G. NEWS

The Los Angeles Basin members of Pacific Coast Section of the Society of Exploration geologists held a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Clark on January 27. The informal meeting was presided over by C. H. Dix, vice president, Southern District. Also, at the chairman's table were the past president of the Pacific Coast Section, C. H. Johnson, and the present president, H. C. Dunlap, Jr.

Brought before the group for discussion was the subject of the symposium for the coming spring meeting in Bakersfield. Anyone with an idea was encouraged to speak, or to get in touch with Dr. Dix later. Also discussed were ways and means of having a traveling national speaker at this meeting.

PACIFIC SECTION DUES

About this time of year we all find ourselves snarled up in various tax forms, bills, dues, fees, and what have you, but it is nonetheless urgent that the Pacific Section dues be paid promptly.

Harold Hader, Secretary-Treasurer, informs us that barely half the members have paid up. When one realizes the many benefits to be obtained from membership in the Association, the fee seems very small indeed. It might also be mentioned that the News Letter gets its support from your dues, so it you like the personals by Don Davis, the cartoons of Harold Sullwood, the Bibliography assembled by Bob Orwig, the Calendar compiled by Jack Knight, and the various other items to be found in these pages, it is imperative to pay soon. The mailing list must soon be cut to those whose dues are paid. Send your check now to: