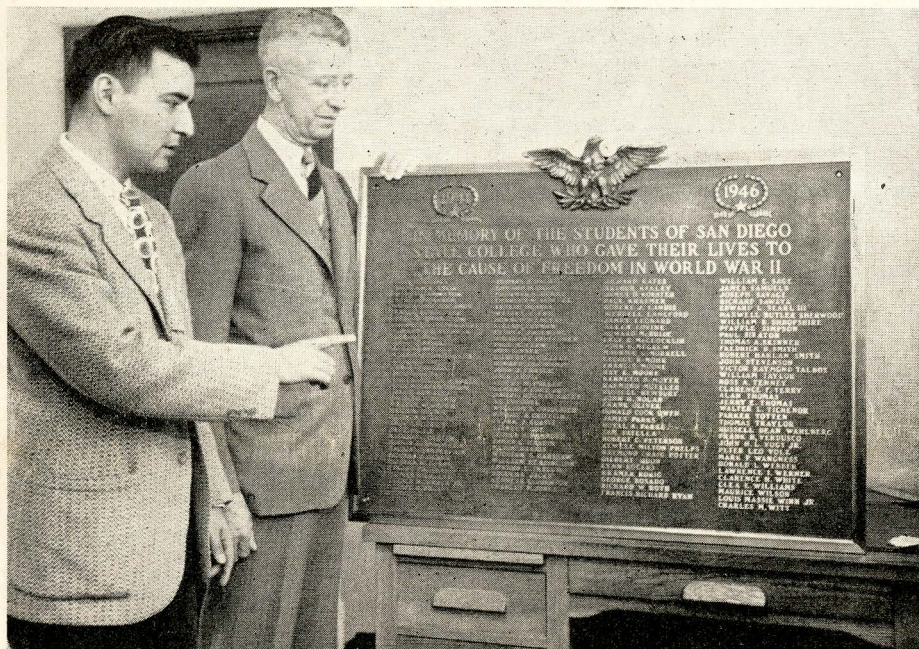


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Bill Smith (left), President of the Aztec Veterans Organization, and Jesse W. Ault, until recently acting President of San Diego State College, pose with the bronze plaque honoring State's 135 war dead. The plaque was dedicated in Memorial Day ceremonies at the College and was provided by funds contributed by the student body, faculty and the Alumni Association.

15,000 Attend 50th Anniversary Events

Faculty and students of San Diego State College have returned to a normal routine following the busiest eight days in the college's history, devoted to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the institution. The celebration was held from Sunday, May 4, through Sunday, May 11.

Highlight of the celebration, as far as public participation was concerned, was the college's lavish production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Held in the college's spacious outdoor theater, two scheduled performances attracted an attendance of 6000 persons, whose reception of the comedy-fantasy was so enthusiastic that a third performance was given by public demand with another 1500 spectators on hand. This broke all records for public attendance at a State College dramatic production.

Two valuable gifts to the college were dedicated during the week's festivities. Students, faculty and alumni filled the gymnasium to a 2300 capacity Monday, May 5, for a variety program featuring Arthur Linkletter, Aztec graduate of 1934 and now a prominent radio entertainer. He dedicated a public address system he gave to the college.

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Aztec History Still Available for 75c

Barney Carman, manager of the Aztec Shops, reports that a few hundred copies of the San Diego State College history published in connection with the 50th Anniversary remain and are available to Alumni.

Entitled "San Diego State College—The First Fifty Years," the 96-page history, paper bound, sells for 75 cents and may be purchased at the Book Store on campus or may be ordered by mail. Alumni desiring to order by mail may use the convenient order blank printed in this issue.

The history was published under the direction of Dr. Lewis B. Lesley, whose graduate seminar class in history spent months in research and compiling of material. In addition to covering the history of the college from its establishment in 1897 up to World War II, the book also includes six plates of photographs.

The history, by far the most complete ever published of the college, has drawn many favorable comments.

AZTECS COP CCAA TITLE

Despite a late-season slump, Coach Charlie Smith's Aztec baseball team lived up to expectations by winning its third consecutive California Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

The Aztecs, after running up 13 victories against one defeat to clinch the CCAA title, ran into a jinx against College of Pacific at the end of the season and lost three games to the Tigers and battled to an 8 to 8 deadlock in a fourth. Their final conference record was 13 victories, four defeats and one tie.

Highlight of a successful season which saw San Diego compile an overall record of 25 victories and eight defeats came when the Aztecs met University of Southern California May 19 at Lane Field before 3000 spectators in a game sponsored by the Alumni Association.

The Trojans, CIBA leaders, won, 3 to 0, but only by rallying for all their runs in the ninth inning. Bob Palash, husky right-hander, had pitched a two-hitter



PHIL SEWALD

Victim of Trojan triple . . .

going into the ninth and had protected a 1 to 0 lead from the first inning. Palash then lost control in the ninth, loaded the bases on walks, and Relief Pitcher Phil Sewald was nicked for a game-winning triple.

Jim Gleason, husky sophomore, (Continued on page 15)

Class of 1969 Increases

Watson, Ex-'38, a daughter, Saly, sister of Judith, 2, born April 16 in Mercy Hospital.

To Daniel G. Massing and Mrs. Massing (Margaret Redelings), a son, George William, born May 7 in Great Falls, Montana.

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To John H. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, a daughter, Joan Lee, born May 18 in Mercy Hospital.

To E. Elston Tucker and Mrs. Tucker (Nan

To Stewart Wicklin, '34, and Mrs. Wicklin, a son, Stewart Thomas, brother of Ann, 4, born April 25 in Mercy Hospital.

To Boyce Parks and Mrs. Parks (Patricia Dennstedt), a daughter, Toni, born April 25 in Mercy Hospital.

To Jack E. Meltzer and Mrs. Meltzer, a son, Gerald Bennis, born April 24 in Balboa Hospital, San Diego.

To Gordon H. Tucker and Mrs. Tucker, a son,

brother of Michael, 5, and Susan, 3, born May 11 at Mercy Hospital. Dr. Tucker is professor of biology on campus, and their son was the first of more than twenty-five babies born on Mother's Day.

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Robley's Ramblings Among Alumni . . .



San Diego State College has just celebrated its Golden Jubilee, the most important anniversary in the history of the college. It was a great event for the alumni, too. Every jubilee activity from the dance, the open house, to "Midsummer Night's Dream," the Black and Red football game, and the Art Linkletter show drew crowds of alumni that brought with them an air of enthusiasm that would make every Aztec proud to claim San Diego State College as his alma mater.

One of the highlights of the entire Golden Jubilee celebration came Monday evening when **Art Linkletter '34** presented the college with a public address system for the gymnasium. The new equipment is an outstanding improvement over that used when Linkletter starred on the Aztec quintet. All of the 700 seats on the gymnasium floor were filled, as well as the bleachers, and as **Dr. Loren C. Post**, geography professor and chairman of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, said, "The show was such a success and the 'P. A.' system worked so well, it will now be possible to hold any type of entertainment program in the gym."

Many of Art Linkletter's classmates were at the program, **Bob Sullivan**, **Vic Whitaker**, **Frank Nottbusch**, **Bill Raaka**, **Phyllis Burns**, and **Charlie Wilson**. State College always will remember Art Linkletter, and if, per chance, his sponsor should happen to be one of our readers, everyone also will remember a certain product Linkletter advertises on a Friday night radio show.

• Data From the Dance

Another enjoyable event on the celebration calendar was the semi-formal dance jointly sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Inter-Fraternity Council. The **Bob Breitbards** were there, **Winelda Park** and her escort, as well as the other officers of the Association.

Many other alumni who hadn't joined the crowd for some time were there, among them two football men of the class of '40, **Cotton Gilliland** and **Doil Millsap**. The two **Nettles**, **Bill** and **Wayne**, also were at the dance, as well as **Col. Jack Hayes**, **Phil Thatcher**, and **Larry Devlin** with his French bride. Everyone seemed to have a grand time. One freshman fraternity pledge, who didn't realize it was an alumni dance too, after viewing a grey head here and

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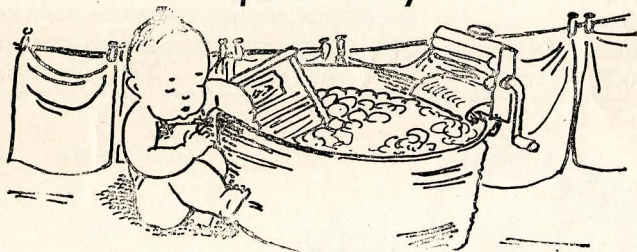
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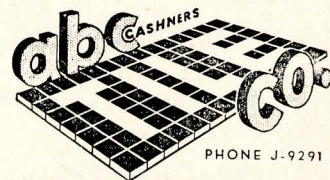
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By Robley Baskerville

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a pate over there, was overheard remarking, "Geez, if these guys are on campus, there must be hope for me."

• Another Alumni Idea

Somehow reunions always seem to make people remember, and this time the alumni members were thinking of the fun they had in the days before World War I. **Dr. Myrtle Johnson**, who recently retired from the biology department, is contacting members of the earlier classes for work on a special alumni project. All alumni in this general group are strongly urged to call Dr. Johnson so you can meet once again those classmates who helped you on your term paper way back when.

• Sorority Subject

The individual Organization reunions held Monday evening preceding the Art Linkletter Show were exceptionally well attended. Especially large groups were made up of the alumnae members of the ten social sororities. All of the girls seemed tickled to meet once again their old campus friends. The national soror-

ities have their Panhellenic Society, an organization which all alumnae members of national sororities can join. The only sorority women from San Diego State College who would be eligible for Panhellenic would be those having pledged a national sorority on a different campus.

Why not have an Inter-Sorority Alumnae Council for the Aztec sorority women? This columnist made a spot check, interviewing a member of each active social sorority belonging to the on-campus Inter-Sorority Council, and this is what the girls had to say:

Buelah Fulkerson . . . Shen Yo . . . "An Inter-Sorority Alumnae Council would be a great help to both the Alumni Association and the college."

Kay Johnson '46 . . . Phi Sigma Nu . . . "The proposed organization could support the Inter-Sorority Formals and other asocial affairs."

Catherine Wueste '43 . . . Chi Theta . . . "The older sorority women could

assist in the standardization of sorority rush rules, eliminating the need for frequent major changes."

Alberta Dennstedt . . . Tau Zeta Rho . . . "The girls would have a wide range of projects which would not only keep their interest, but be a specific help to the college."

Mary Peck . . . Kappa Theta . . . "There has always been a need for a source of unity among the alums of all sororities."

Alice Betty Kropp '49 . . . Alpha
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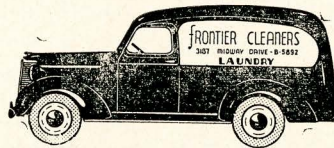
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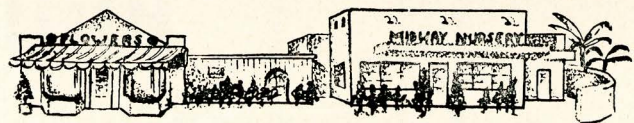
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Barbara H. Brown '49 . . . Phi Kappa Gamma . . . "As an on-campus sorority woman, I've always looked forward to some way of keeping in touch with all of my sorority friends after graduation, and this may be the answer."

Mrs. Fred Bode (Nancy Cook) '42 . . . Epsilon Pi Theta . . . "This would give sorority women a chance to keep in touch with friends and know what they are doing."

Evelyn Steadman '43 . . . Delta Chi Phi . . . "All of us would be able to build new friendships among the sorority women."

Mrs. Del Beekley (Margery Frost) . . . Gamma Phi Zeta . . . "I feel an Inter Sorority Alumnae Council is a 'good idea,' because it would fill a specific need among the sorority women of the alumni."

• Chapter Officers Named

The alumnae chapter of Delta Chi Phi has elected these new officers: Mrs. E. P. Coffey, president, Mrs. Victor Gaulin, vice-president, Mrs. Evelyn Steadman, recording secretary, Mrs. Don Taylor, recording secretary, Ann Ditmar, treasurer, and Virginia Lux, social chairman.

The Alpha Chapter of Tau Zeta Rho, composed of older alumnae members, have as their president Mrs. Edward J. Moore. As a project of the group, they are giving a scholarship to a member of their active chapter. Esten Shreeve Claque is now president of the Tau Zeta Rho Beta Chapter.

• From the Campus

The trio of State College graduates who have been teaching in the biology department will leave soon for medical school. Harry Bratt and Wendell Lipscomb are going to the University of California, and Neal Moquin will attend the University of Southern California.

Mrs. Joseph Keeney, wife of the popular English professor, and Martha Farnum, of the department of education in the city school system, both alumnae

members of Sigma Pi Theta, are working on plans to bring their sorority back to active status on campus.

Betty Jane Ahlson, the active president of Phi Sigma Nu, reveals plans for the luncheon her sorority will give honoring all sorority alumnae members.

Mrs. R. S. DeJarnette, the very gracious and charming wife of the new music professor, has just been chosen faculty sponsor of Epsilon Pi Theta.

Two more Alpha's have been added to the Greek letter family on campus. They are Alpha Chi, the new social fraternity founded April 14, 1947, and Alpha Delta Chi, a national sorority which will apply for admission to the Inter-Sorority Council after it has been on campus one year.

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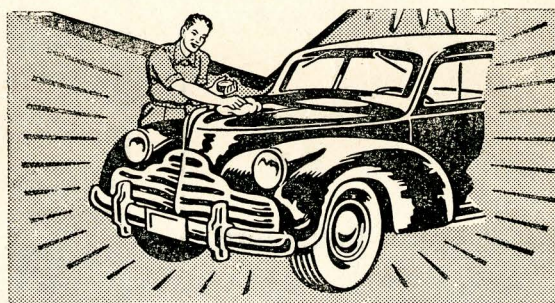
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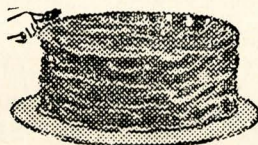
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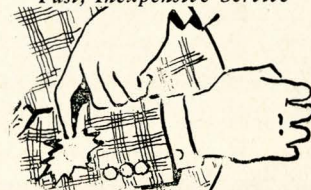
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During the May 11 Open House and Founder's Day program which was the climax and end of the week, former State Senator **Ed Fletcher** and **Mrs. Fletcher** dedicated the 32-note amplified cathedral chimes system they gave to the college. The dedication was preceded by the inaugural concert given on the carillon, with **Eugene Wickstrom**, State College music major, at the keyboard.

Other features of the Founders' Day program included a colorful academic procession, in which 125 faculty members and delegates from other universities and colleges marched, and an address by **Dr. William H. Cowley**, of Stanford.

Approximately 15,000 persons participated in the week's activities. (For additional details, see **Robley Baskerville's** column.)

MORE ROBLEY RAMBLINGS

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• Personality Pictures

An important part of every issue of the **AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS** is, of course, the section devoted to personality pictures: items of interest that make news, because they concern our former students.

Our first personality profile of this month is **C. E. Swanson**, who many of us will remember as a journalism professor on campus. Swanee, as his friends often called him, completed some of his work at State while on the staff of a local newspaper, and was graduated in the class of 1942. Swanson is now working for a higher degree at the University of Iowa. He has long been interested in writing, and, to fulfill the requirements for his second degree, has written a novel which earned him the opportunity to take a professorship at the University of Iowa.

In Memoriam

ARNOLD C. FLEET '34

Arnold C. Fleet, 35, died May 9 in a local hospital. He was in the class of 1934 at State College. Mr. Fleet, a salesman, is survived by his wife, **Catherine**; a daughter, **Susan**; a son, **Stephan**; his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Fleet**; and a sister in Los Angeles.

PHOEBE ANN PALMER

Mrs. Phoebe Ann Palmer, 49, died April 20 in a local rest home. She received her degree in education at State and had taught in the city schools, including Pt. Loma High and Dana Junior High, until 1946, when she went on leave because of illness. Mrs. Palmer is survived by her husband, **Joseph L. Palmer**; two sons, **Joseph C. and Thomas K.**, both in San Diego, and four brothers in other cities.

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News and Activities of Alumni

A note comes in from **Mrs. Pennock L. Cooper (Mildred Kay '26)** that she enjoys receiving the ALUMNI NEWS in Philadelphia and thinks of her college days in San Diego frequently. She was at State on the old campus, but having seen the new campus, thinks it is most inviting.

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Sam D. McVeigh, who was a construction superintendent at State five years during the building of the Aztec Bowl and the Greek Theater, has moved to Santa Ana.

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A change of address has come in for **Walter Bean**. He has moved from South Gate to Los Angeles.

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Bob Melton, who attended State before entering the Navy, is now enrolled at the University of California. His brother, **Dave**, is attending Stanford. Should lead to some good rivalry! Both boys were star athletes at Coronado High school.

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Word has been received from **Capt. Emery F. Johnson '39** concerning two State grads. **Ralph H. Miller '40**, who

was a Zoology major, is living in Upland, Calif. He is teaching at Chafee J. C., is married and has two children. **Marilyn and Marshall**. Ralph's brother, **Roland K. Miller '40**, also Zo. major, is a dental student at U.S.C. **Roland** also has two children, **Gary and Donn**.

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Eddie Preisler was on campus recently. He is teaching and coaching in Colton and reports that housing is a minus quantity there too. Eddie has a room in Colton, while his wife and child are living in Los Angeles, where Eddie sees them only on week-ends. He'd like to move down San Diego way.

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Charles A. Smith, Jr., was out on campus this month and signed the Alumni Registration book. He is working at the Civic Center and just came out to see how things looked. Hope many of you do the same, and especially during the 50th Anniversary Week, May 4 to 11.

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Cpl. Eugene Southwell is now stationed in Bremen, Germany, where he

is serving in a traffic control unit of the AAF. He hopes to return to the States in May and plans to resume his studies at SDSC when he is discharged from the service.

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Ray Day '38, ex-track star, dropped in on campus for a brief visit March 19. He has left his position with an airline company and is now with a chemical engineering firm in Kansas City, Mo. Ray has built a new home there which includes a special installation in the basement which all of his friends will be interested in seeing. Drop in any time. Ray has a wife and one son.

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Glady's Mae Gilbert, ex-Stater, to James Earl Mahlmeister, Omega Xi, now on campus. No date for the wedding set.

Marilyn Harwell, senior at State and Phi Kappa Gamma, to Louise R. Le Pore, Jr., graduate of State college and member of Sigma Lambda. An August wedding is planned.

Sarah Ann Julian to Chief Storekeeper Dilly T. Clark, USNR. She attended Hardin-Simmons University. He attended State and is now stationed here. A June ceremony is planned.

Oma Lee (Omie) Thompson to Milton L. Robertson, Jr. Omie attended State. No date set for the wedding.

Suzanne Marie Parkhurst to George Lewis. Both attended State. A June wedding date has been announced.

Evelyn Steadman, Delta Chi Phi, to Hughes MacLise Hobart. Evelyn was graduated from State and is a teacher in the city schools. Mr. Hobart studied at U.C.L.A. and is an engineer at Convair. June 28 date set.

Celestine Kemp to Leo Edwin Hall, Jr. Both attended State College. June 8 is the date set for the wedding.

Adrienne Helen Moss to David B. Perlis. The bride-to-be attended State and the University of Southern California. Mr. Perlis is a graduate of Northeastern University, and served

in the Pacific area during the war. Spring ceremony planned.

Mildred (Mimi) Thompson to Joseph Ramos, Jr. Both attended State. A June wedding is planned.

Mary Schreiber, ex-Stater, to Homer D. Lewis. Mr. Lewis served 28 months overseas in the Navy during the war and plans to resume his education. No date set for the wedding.

Robert Exter to Zilpha Lewis. The bride-elect attended State and her fiancé was graduated from State, where he affiliated with Tau Delta Chi. Ceremony will be July 6.

Mildred Dotson to Charles B. DeLong, Jr. The groom-to-be attended State. June 22 is the date picked by the couple for their marriage.

Ned S. Sewell, ex-Stater, to Mary Louise Sanders. Mary Louise was a member of Gamma Phi Zeta while on campus. A June wedding is planned.

Kenneth De Roy Saum to Marjorie Jeanne Rossberg. The bride-elect was graduated from State where she was a member of Sigma Pi

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Dept. of Alumni Romance

James Bruce Wilson claimed Dorothy Helen Gowin as his bride at a ceremony performed at the University Christian Church on Mar. 28. Both attended State, where the bride was a member of Kappa Theta sorority.

Betty Vincent and Richard Bacon were married in the First Methodist Church on March 22. The bride attended State. The groom, who is in the Army Air Forces, will go to Panama for duty, and Betty will join him there soon.

Charles G. Knight claimed Doris Chandler as his bride in a garden ceremony on March 16. The bride is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where she was star on the swimming team. The groom attended State and during the war taught in the information and educational division of the infantry.

Bertha Kathleen Quinn and Donald Booth Lyons exchanged wedding vows in Stevenson, Wash., early in March. The bride attended State and is a member of Psi chapter, Delta Chi Sigma. The groom is a graduate of Washington State.

William R. Ireland claimed Edna Mae Rabbett as his bride in Omaha, Neb., on March 14. Mr. Ireland, a graduate of State, member of Sigma Lambda and Phi Sigma Xi, is now studying medicine at Creighton University. Edna

Mae also attended State where she was a member of Delta Theta sorority.

Edith Elizabeth Carne became the bride of Leo O. Wyatt at a double-ring ceremony in the First Congregational Church, National City, on March 30. The bride was graduated from State and has been teaching in National City. Mr. Wyatt is employed by the California Division of Forestry.

William Fleming claimed Nelda Mae Torbett as his bride at a ceremony solemnized in the Canal Zone on March 30. The bride was graduated from State and taught in the San Diego City schools until last September, when she went to the Canal Zone to teach. Mr. Fleming attended Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.

Billie Frances Smith and Eugene Francis Olson exchanged vows in the Bethesda Lutheran Church on March 22. The bride attended State College and Mr. Olson received his schooling in Austin, Minn. During the war he served with the navy as a fighter pilot.

Harry Rockefeller Wilkinson, Jr. claimed Barbara Lucile Bone as his bride in Madison, N. J., on March 8. Barbara is a graduate of State College where she was a member of Chi Theta. The groom is a graduate of Princeton. He served as a Lt. in the Marine Corps during the war.

Charlene Ann Dyer and Robert Lee Little exchanged wedding vows in the St. Francis

Wedding Bells

Chapel on April 6. The bride attended Baylor University and San Diego State.

Owen Lester Cade claimed Margaret (Peggy) Austin as his bride at a double-ring ceremony in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on April 6. Peggy attended State College. The groom is in the Army Air Corps, now stationed at Naval Air Station.


Reine Sylvie Campan was claimed as the bride of John William Spillman in the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul on April 13. The bride worked with the American Red Cross in France, her native land. The groom attended State where he was a member of Delta Pi Beta. The couple will live in Ensenada, Mexico.

Alta Lee Dennis to George Donald Smith. Alta was a member of Phi Sigma Nu when on campus. Don is back on campus after having served as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Air corps.

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Early Grads Return

The recent 50th Anniversary celebration was notable for many successful events, but one of the most interesting developments was in the "discovery" of a number of Alumni who were graduated during the college's early history—in the Normal School days.

Dr. Myrtle Johnson, retired biology professor and herself one of the college's first graduates, was so encouraged by the turnout of early Alumni that she is attempting to gather a roster of names and addresses of members of the first five or six graduating classes in view of holding a special reunion.

Names and addresses should be sent to Dr. Johnson at 4647 55th St., San Diego.

At least two members of the original graduating class in 1900 visited the campus during the Anniversary. They were **Miss Elsie Gregg**, now residing at 5539 Monte Vista St., Los Angeles, Calif., and **Mrs. George Merriken**, 4205 Park Blvd., San Diego. Mrs. Gregg donated a \$50 scholarship to the State College Foundation. Mrs. Merriken was the subject of a feature story in The Daily Journal on May 9.

George Neely called from Coronado to report that his father, **Robert H.**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Life memberships issued since the last report follow:

8. **Mrs. Belle J. Benchley**, '02.

9. **Hal G. Brucker**, Ex-'31.

Belle Jennings Benchley is nationally known as the executive director of San Diego's famous zoo. She is one of the few women in the world to follow such a career, and has authored several popular books about her experiences. A member of the Class of '02, Mrs. Benchley shares with **Mrs. Alice L. Dill**, another new member, the honor of rep-

Neely, a member of the first class, was now residing in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Laura A. Reagh, '03, Hotel Berkeley, Berkeley, Calif., sent word requesting all literature pertaining to the 50th Anniversary. She got it.

Among those who visited the campus on Reunion Night were **Mrs. Vesta Muehleisen**, long active in the Alumni Association, and **Mrs. Edgar Hastings**, both members of the class of 1906.

Mrs. Alice L. Dill, of the class of 1902, joined the Alumni Association just prior to the Anniversary. She resides at 3617 30th St.

Are there any more? THE AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS, as well as Dr. Johnson, would like to have names and addresses.

resenting the earliest class on the Alumni Association rolls.

Hal Brucker, a former Aztec coach as well as student, maintains a business as a printing consultant and is one of San Diego's best known sports figures. A crack bowler, he is president of the San Diego Bowling Association. He also is one of the city's top sports announcers and has announced Padre baseball and Aztec football games for years.

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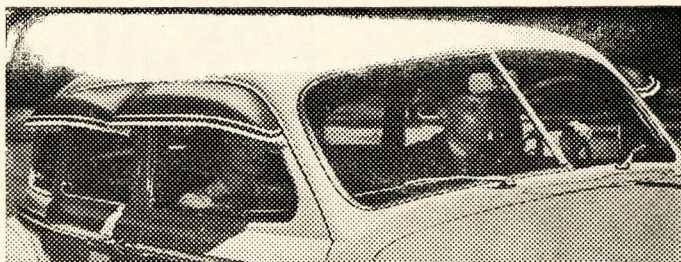
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topped the pitchers for the season with nine victories against two defeats. Batting averages were not available as this went to press, but two freshmen, Catcher **Earle Brucker, Jr.**, and Outfielder **Fred Peirce**, were consistent leaders all season.

FIRST AZTEC CREW SHOWS TO ADVANTAGE

Top minor sports achievement of May was credited to the Aztec eight-oared crew, the first in the college's history. Coached by **Del Beekley**, of the San Diego Rowing Club, which also supplied equipment and training quarters, the oarsmen participated in three races—against the U.C.L.A. novice crew, against the California Freshmen and against the U.C.L.A. Junior Varsity.

A broken outrigger in mid-race eliminated chances of a victory against the Bruin novice crew. Against the Bear Freshmen on the Oakland Estuary, the Aztecs were beaten by 2½ lengths but rowed the 2000 meters in 6:06, two seconds faster than the U.C.L.A. varsity in another race. Against the Bruin Jayvees at Ballona Creek, the Aztecs won handily.

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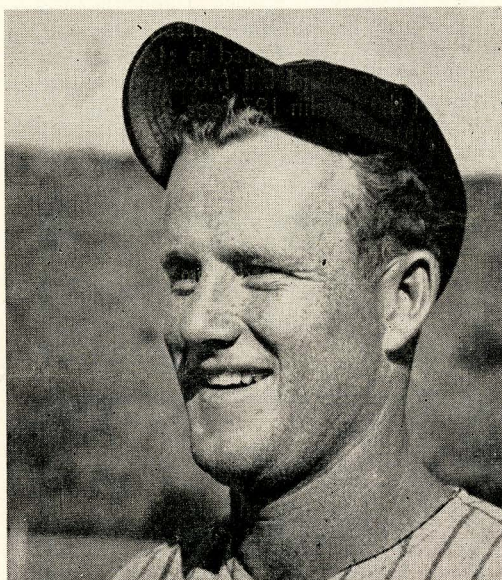
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Steele One of History's Greatest Jumpers

Willie Steele, acclaimed America's greatest broad jumper since Jesse Owens set the world's record in the event more than a decade ago, stole the Aztec sports headlines during May.

Steele's greatest triumph came during the West Coast Relays at Fresno on May 17 when he got off a sensational jump of 25 feet, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. This broke the oldest record in the West Coast Relays book, established a new Aztec record and put Steele in seventh place among the greatest broad jumpers in history.

It was the greatest jump recorded since Owens set the present world's record of 26 feet 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in 1935 and established the Aztec junior as a leading contender for the U. S. Olympic team in 1948.

Earlier in the season Steele had boosted the Aztec record to 25 feet, 2 inches in the triangular meet with San Jose State and Santa Barbara College.

The CCAA championships May 10 at Fresno saw San Jose run away with title, followed by Fresno State, San Diego, College of Pacific and Santa

Barbara following in that order. Steele in the broad jump and Tom Rice, who retained his two-mile title with a 9:56 race, were the only Aztec individual winners.

Steele is a definite entry in the National Intercollegiate championships to be held at Salt Lake City June 20 and 21, while Rice, Jack Kaiser, who has three times been timed in :14.5 for the high hurdles, and Bill Morales, who has tossed the javelin 197 feet, 2 inches, are tentative entries. Steele also will defend his National A.A.U. title at Lincoln, Neb., on July 4.

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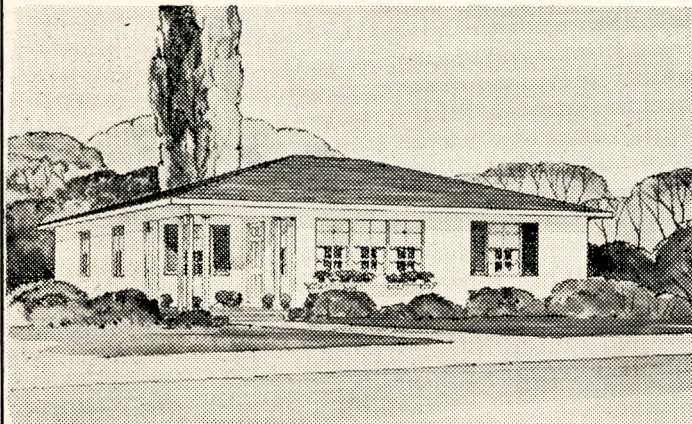
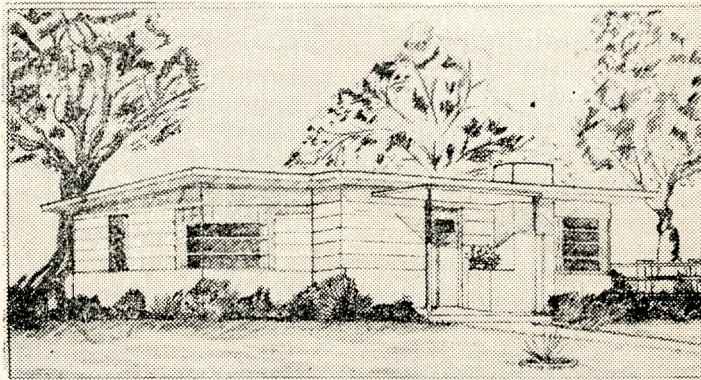
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