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## Fenton Osgerby

The death of Fenton Osgerby in a glider accident on August 17, has taken away one of the few Association men who have participated in the larger number of Telluride undertakings. News of Osgerby's death was received from the Detroit Edison Company, by whom he had been employed, in the form of a \$395.00 check, part of the life insurance which the company carried on him. Osgerby's sister was the direct beneficiary of the policy, but he had informed her that he wished this sum to be paid to the Telluride Association.

Harold (Senator) Cole, who is employed by the same company, has sent the following information about the accident:

"Fenton was killed on August 17, at the Municipal Airport at Maryville, Michigan. He was giving a demonstration of gliding and had made one successful flight before his fatal one. On his second flight, for some reason or other, he failed to release the tow rope when the glider reached its maximum altitude. The glider finally went into a spin and the tow rope broke. The glider then continued to fall, apparently without any effort on the part of the pilot to regain control, and crashed to the earth killing him instantly. My personal opinion is that Fenton fainted and lost consciousness before his glider was very far off the ground. This accounts for the unusual behavior of the glider while it was being towed and the fact that no effort was made to control the glider in its descent, but, of course, we shall never know the whole truth.

"Fenton had been gliding about four months and had just received his non-commercial glider pilot's license the week before the accident. He was considered a very good pilot by all of those with whom he was associated in flying.

"Osgerby's work for The Detroit Edison Company was of a rather technical nature and his ability along these lines was very highly thought of. Among the things on which he did very valuable work, might be mentioned a study of lightning surges and their behaviour when entering sub-stations. In this connection he assisted in the conducting of tests with artificial lightning and contributed a large part of the work in preparation of a paper by Messrs. Seelye, McClachron and Hemstreet, entitled, "A Study of the Effect of Short Lengths of Cable on Travelling Waves," which was presented at the Toronto meeting of the A. I. E. E. in June of this year."

Osgerby became connected with the Association in 1915 when, after graduation from high school in Vassar, Michigan, he was stationed at Beaver, Utah. He later went to Claremont,

## Farewell Mimeograph

We sincerely hope that there will be no fatalities among the members and friends of the Association as the result of being unexpectedly confronted with the new format to which the Staff, with the approval of the Chancellor and the Branch, has changed the News Letter. The advantages of legibility and general appearance are obvious and the informality, which last year brought the News Letter a large number of contributors, will not be sacrificed.

The interest of Don A. Johnson, Director of the Empire State School of Printing, in the Association and its activities, has made it possible for us to make the change without exceeding our appropriation. We are sure that all the readers of the News Letter join us in our gratitude to Mr. Johnson for his kindness and good-will.

Virginia, and in 1917, enrolled at the University of Michigan on a scholarship from the Association. Early in 1918, he left the University to enlist in the Navy and was in training when the war ended. He remained in the service of the government as a railroad accountant until the roads were restored to private ownership. From 1920 to 1922, Osgerby was a member of Cornell Branch. He interrupted his third year at Cornell to accept Dean Thornhill's offer of an instructorship at Deep Springs. There he was in general charge of outdoor work and helped develop this as part of the educational system at the school. The following year he returned to Cornell Branch.

Both at Beaver and at Cornell, Osgerby's scholastic work was of the highest order. In 1921 his average of 88.21 per cent in engineering was the highest mark in the Branch, nearly ten per cent above the average. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, honorary scholarship fraternity.

—A. E. A.

## Dr. Fuller

Dr. Eugene Fuller, for many years close friend and personal physician to M. L. L. Nunn, succumbed to a paralytic stroke in Vancouver, B. C., just before the Convention last June. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Eugenia, and his son, Duncan, who is an alumnus of the Telluride Association.

## Dr. Schurman's Visit

Dr. Schurman's visit to the University, on October 2 and 3, to lecture upon Stresemann's career, was made the occasion of our first and probably most important formal function of the year, a reception for his old friends and associates. It was our honor and privilege to receive Dr. Schurman, his daughter, Mrs. Ware, her husband, and Professor and Mrs. Thilly at a dinner before the reception. The dinner was, as usual, excellent, well arranged and heartily enjoyed as twenty-seven youths, immaculate in black Tuxedos and snowy-bosomed shirts, tried to appear not too hungry, dining and talking within the soft light of the shaded candles.

Shortly after eight o'clock, the party went upstairs, just in time to greet the first of Dr. Schurman's friends, who soon began to stream through the door in numbers. By nine o'clock, over a hundred guests were filing through the hall and adjacent chambers, filling the rooms with a heavy buzz of conversation as they met Dr. Schurman. They were almost entirely faculty people, old friends of Dr. Schurman, who had worked with him at Cornell. By eleven they had concluded their reunion, had been served refreshments and had departed. It is the feeling at the Branch that the reception, held under very favorable circumstances and at an auspicious time, was highly successful and certainly quite a valuable opportunity for men at the House to meet members of the Faculty.

Dr. Schurman, as President of the University and thoughtful educator, stood as the God-father to the Cornell Branch at its birth. Since then he has taken a continued friendly interest in the development of this experiment, coming here on several occasions. Professor Burr's firm friendship with him has proved of great value to the Branch. In this instance, as in many others, Professor Burr forms the personal link between the present generation of students at the House and those men who first took interest in the Association long before we came here.

The next night, after his forceful lecture at Bailey Hall, Dr. Schurman was kind enough to visit with the members of the Branch around the fire-place, engaging us in a discussion of World Affairs that was as pleasant and profitable as it was informal. Some of the major social and political aspects of Germany, France, Russia and China were observed, questions and opinions coming steadily. While most of the questions were ours, Dr.

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### Help Wanted

In the matter of taking progressive steps, the Convention of last June was the most notable of any which have occurred since the time when the Constitution itself was adopted. After many years of Acting Chancellors and Chancellor Committees, an honest-to-goodness Chancellor was at last elected. When the Convention of 1929 took a step of such minor importance as to decide that the News Letter should revert to its quondam, mimeographed informality, the Editor took the occasion to express his exultation in our progress, albeit with some touch of sarcasm. Following this precedent, it is certainly to be expected that the News Letter should now translate itself into a hymn of thanksgiving and that a general holiday be declared among its contributors.

It is precisely this matter of a general holiday which troubles the soul of the present Editor. A large portion of last year's contributors dealt with the question of the Chancellorship and the News Letter, in providing a means of broadcasting these opinions, performed a function of some importance. Now that we have a Chancellor to keep an eye upon our destinies, will there be a general feeling that there are no longer any Association problems worth discussing in these pages? There should be little possibility of this being the actual state of affairs, for, in electing Elmer Johnson as Chancellor, the Association could not have cherished the hope that it would be allowed to lapse into a period of comfortable inactivity. First and foremost, there is the necessity of a new primary branch to be reckoned with and, beyond that, room in which the most vigorous imagination can exercise itself. Nor is there any reason why the fount of personal news should be dried up by this event. The News Letter waits hopefully to print the products of Telluride brains applied to Telluride subjects.

The content of this issue is rather discouraging to our hopefulness. All of the contributions are from the members of the Branch, with the exception of information for "Notes and Clippings." Although we deplore the custom of personal solicitation, we are about to take recourse to it. The Association is certainly of sufficient vitality that it should not be necessary to fill such a paper as this by applying the pump of plaintive appeals to the individuals connected with the Association. Now, when we are en-

tering upon a new era, if so grandiose a term may be allowed, there should certainly be material to crowd the eight issues which the Staff has bound itself to produce during the course of this year. The holiday, we hope, will be forfeited. But if holiday there must be, we suggest that you take pen and paper and make a Roman holiday of the present Staff for presuming to print the News Letter again without the sanction of the Convention.—H. C. S.

### Solid, But Not Stolid

President Farrand, after a visit to the Branch a year or two ago, remarked that we had a remarkably fine group of men, but that he wondered that we did not exert a greater influence upon the campus.

This weakness as noted by the President of Cornell may have been the result of the small number of men in the Branch at the time, or it may have resulted from the failure of the members of the Branch to recognize that there are activities on the campus which provide valuable experience and training. The unfortunate air of disdain with which members of the Branch have regarded extra-curricular activities, has too often resulted in the creation of an attitude of false superiority which unfortunately is not substantiated by our achievements, intellectual or otherwise.

Unintelligent contempt for the more interesting and profitable Cornell organizations has deprived a large number of Branch members of experience that is often invaluable, if not essential, to the fully developed individual. The destruction of this attitude and the substitution of a diversity of interests and pursuits might serve to remedy the apparent inability of the members to meet with ease their classmates on the campus.

The variety of interests in which the members are participating this year is a healthy sign. But there is also the danger that we will go too far in this direction. While football, track, the Cornell Daily Sun, and the Columns provide opportunities for leadership and recreation and may serve to increase the number of our worthwhile friendships on the campus, all of these activities must be kept distinctly subordinate to scholarship and Branch activities.

The ideal Branch member should be able to combine participation in the more worthwhile campus activities with high scholarship and an enthusiastic and active interest in Association and Branch activities.

Julius F. Branner.

The News Letter will greatly appreciate any definite information which can be given in regard to the addresses of the following members of the Association:

Paul F. Cadman D. W. Falconer  
Rev. J. E. Meehan Huntington Sharp  
Barclay M. Hudson

### The Summer at Deep Springs

During the hot summer months, it is popularly supposed that Deep Springs sinks into an agricultural existence in which a few old Deep Springers or Association men participate by stopping a tour of the West long enough to make a few hay stacks and get a coat of tan.

This past summer was not true to pattern. No old friends came looking for work and only a few visited the Ranch. John Newell and Mrs. John stopped a few days on their tour of the West. Walter Welti spent an afternoon there. A few Californians paid the Ranch hurried visits.

At the end of the summer, Martin Sachse ended his long period of service for Deep Springs. Since Mr. Sachse came to this country and the Ranch in 1920, he is known to everyone intimately acquainted with Deep Springs. His friends have seen him change from a young immigrant, still struggling with his verbs, to a man whose interests were so nearly those of Deep Springs that many of us thought of him as a regular part of the spirit there.

But in these years, he married and became a family man. Now the children need a more formal education than that furnished by Deep Springs and the Sachses are leaving us. I am sure that every one who has known them wishes them well in their new move.

With the end of August, Mr. Lacy brought to a close his six years as farm manager. He takes with him the friendship and best wishes of every one who has known him. To many of us Deep Springs cannot be the same with "Pat" and the Sachses gone.

To return to the more physical features of the summer, the hay crop, which has been steadily shrinking in a long drought, was better this year. The summer crew stacked about two hundred tons. Ragnar reports the range in fine shape and the sage green enough to fatten the most refractory steer.—Joseph Nunn

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Schurman supplying the information, he listened with interest to the little we could tell him about social and political conditions in the United States with which we were familiar. The session lasted until midnight, fortunately affording us an opportunity of receiving a mental stimulus from this philosopher and statesman which we did not have on the previous evening. It need hardly be observed that this sort of education is valued and appreciated for its beneficial influence quite as much as for its rareness in the ordinary college curriculum.

—W. B. K.

# Cornell Branch Notes

PROFESSOR BURR, well known and loved by the many Association members whose privilege it has been to grow under his influence, is again the senior member of the House.

DEAN THORNHILL, Dean Emeritus after more than twenty-five years of service in the Association, is a daily and welcomed visitor, spending much of his time in the House.

This year there are two graduate guests in the House:

HERMANN DAVIDSEN, although born in Ithaca, has lived with his family in Germany during the last decade. He has been doing preparatory and undergraduate work in Germany since 1920. After two and one-half years at the University of Stuttgart, he received his full diploma in Chemistry this fall, coming here immediately to take up graduate work in Chemistry in preparation for a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is a member of the Chemical Society of Stuttgart.

RICHARD ROBINSON, Norfolk, England, holds degrees of M. A. and B. Litt. from Oxford, and Ph. D. from Cornell. He has been Instructor of Philosophy at Cornell for two years, and this year makes his debut as Assistant Professor.

There are six other guests in the House, two new ones, and four who have been here before:

HAROLD ATKINSON, Ohio, is in his second year of Architecture, and his second term as an undergraduate guest in the House.

DUANE CARNES, Montana, is a graduate of Pomona, and is in his second year of Law and second year of residence here as a graduate guest. He is Secretary-Treasurer of Delta Theta Phi, honorary legal fraternity, and has had two stories unaccepted by The Columns recently, due to the increasing broadmindedness of the editorial board of that publication.

PAUL REINHARDT, California, is our tenderest scholar, with but four hours standing between him and a freshman cap. He plans to study Medicine. He throws the javelin for track, and puts the cat for the House.

This is the second year for ROBERT RICHTMEYER of Ithaca as undergraduate guest and fourth in the Arts College, Physics major. He spends much of his time in the study of music, playing the violin in the orchestra and the cornet in the band.

GEORGE SABINE, Ohio, is rapidly acquiring an educational past as bewildering as Joe Nunn's. After two years at Ohio State, he came to the Branch for a year, went to Deep Springs for a year, and has now returned to the Branch. He is a Senior in the Arts College, majoring in Physics.

WILLIAM SULLIVAN, Amsterdam, New York was invited to the House this year on the strength of a dazzling scholastic record made at Cornell; it was only recently discovered, too late, that he was a member of Book and Bowl. He, like Julius Brauner, is combining first year Law with his last year of Arts work.

There are eighteen Members of Telluride Association at the Cornell Branch:

ALBERT ARENT, Rochester, is in his third year Arts, majoring in Economics as a prelude to graduate work in Law. As a journalist, he has won, and wears, a Sun Board Key (an unintellectual but careful replica of the Phi Beta Kappa Emblem); as humanitarian, and hence anti-R. O. T. C., he enthusiastically supports the Liberal Club, of which he was one of the founders. He was also chairman of the Freshman Camp Committee (Fresh Camp is a practical idea for the weaning of High School Infants by assembling them before registration and more or less preparing them for the shock of College Life) and is a member of the Student Council of the Hillel Foundation. He was an undergraduate guest at the House last year.

JULIUS BRAUNER, Ithaca, has now become President of the Branch, after a civilizing process applied during two and one-half years at Deep Springs and three years at the House. He is enjoying his first year of Law, to be taken in his last undergraduate year, which perhaps proves that he is a student. That he is a Man of Affairs is quite evident: managing editor of the Sun; member of Book and Bowl, Quill and Dagger, Dartmouth Hop Committee; and President of Pi Delta Epsilon, the honorary journalistic society.

ROBERT CAVENAUGH, Washington, D. C., is the senior medicine man in the House, and Dr. Cavanaugh in 1934, please. Next year he will go to New York to complete his studies, having as a general scholastic foundation his courses taken for two years at Deep Springs, and four years at the Branch. His many classes, the very uncomfortable daily one-o'clock which makes him eat a solitary lunch, and his recent election to the Branch Secretaryship do not prevent him from being the official University host for visiting preachers. (Preachers do visit Cornell).

LEE DAVY, Utah, after three years at Deep Springs, came to the House and poured himself for two years into the study of Chemistry and the practice of Military Science, with the gratifying achievement of becoming the Curator of the Chemical Museum, with a laboratory of his own, and of being appointed one of two Student Colonels in the R. O. T. C., which is

naturally an honor if you are among the few who believe in that sort of thing in our colleges. If you're not, here are some activities which may be of more significance: President of Scabbard and Blade, member of Book and Bowl, Phi Kappa Phi (33rd degree Phi Beta Kappa), treasurer of Al-Djebar and member, ex-officio of the Dartmouth Hop Committee.

CHARLES GILBERT, Washington, D. C., after an illustrious three years at Deep Springs, during which he accumulated twenty-one hours advanced standing, has come for his first year at the House and in the Arts College and for his second year of Association life. He has signed up for Track, Quarter and Sprints, and was elected Assistant Treasurer for the Branch, all in a week.

WILLIAM KUDER, California, has had two years at Deep Springs preceding a year at the University of California (as one of the U. C. Branch members; Fred Reinhardt still spreads T. A. influence there), which was followed by his registration this Fall as a Sophomore in the Arts College of Cornell. He has been shifted by the Track Coach from Sprints to the Pole-Vault, and hopes that he won't be shifted off the Team. He is planning, when and if he grows up, to study Law.

WILLIAM LAYTON, Kansas, properly started by three successful years at Deep Springs, entered the Cornell Arts College last year, as an embryo M. D., and came to the House with great possibilities, which are becoming realized as he starts this second year holding the elective office of Branch Treasurer and continues to fill the position on the Sun Board which he won last year.

SAMUEL LEVERING, Virginia, having had such a competent interest in his major of Pomology that he was able to attain the job of assistant Instructor two years ago, starts his first year of graduate work as full Instructor. This will be his fourth year in the Branch, where he has been elected Vice-President, and hence Chairman of the Advisory Committee. His first place on the cross-country track squad won him the right to compete at Cambridge this Summer and a semi-official position as track coach this Fall. He has been a member of the Association since June, 1929, and is a member of Sphinx-Head Society, and Phi Kappa Phi (the "400" of Phi Beta Kappa).

ROBERT MANSFIELD, Washington, D. C., begins his Junior year, Physics major, with three years at Deep Springs, and one at the House under his belt. His interest in Physics has led him to plan on graduate work in this field, and his attachment to music has already made him an accomplished pianist.

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## Cornell Branch Notes

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JOSEPH NUNN, Oregon, is a House Member from way back, antedating the House Constitution by a year. Even this verbose column has not the space to record his checkered career since first entering the Branch. In the dim dark past before that happy event, he worked and played at Wilamette College. Since that time, two years of service as Ranch Manager at Deep Springs have interrupted his studies in Engineering and he now appears upon the scene as a Senior in Mechanical Engineering, Tau Beta Pi (Valhalla for strictly A-C Engineers), and is shortly to become involved in Research on Chimneys.

DONALD READ, Colorado, leaves Deep Springs, after two and one-half years, with seventeen hours of advanced standing and a desire to study Medicine. He trots the tough Cross-Country run with Sam.

H. CAMPBELL SCARLETT, Ohio, has now forfeited the simple pleasure of writing this column by becoming Editor-in-Chief of the News Letter. Following a path taken early in his three years at Deep Springs, he is now Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. These two tasks take the place of the secretaryship he held last year, his first at the House. He is a Junior in the Arts College, majoring in English, and indulging his talent for writing by contributing to the Columns.

MORGAN SIBBETT, Utah, plans to obtain his M. E. in six years, of which he has completed one. This is his second year at the Branch, his first as an Association Member. His previous two years were scored at Deep Springs. He is on the Advisory Committee, to join Sam in exerting a stabilizing influence there if possible, and a member in good standing on the Executive Committee, of the Liberal Club. He is out for Track, missing hurdles.

FREDERICK SPOONER, Ohio, transferred here for Summer School from first year Engineering (M. E.) at Purdue, after his election to membership in the Association in June. At present he is out for Football, which only takes about three hours a day.

JOHN WHITTLE, Rochester, is our other plumber with a Tau Beta Key. He starts his fourth year in the Branch as a member of the Advisory Committee, and retains his former post of chairman of the Property Committee. Though he is beyond the turmoil of undergraduate activities, his membership in Book and Bowl, Alpha Delta Phi, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will ever stand as the monuments of a busy career. Now from the Olympian Heights of an instructorship at Sibley, he dolés out bits of wisdom in Indus-

trial Accounting to Joe Nunn and other budding Engineers.

ROBLEY WILLIAMS, California, is a Senior in the Arts College, majoring in Physics and Astronomy. As Instructor of Physics, he teaches Mike Yarrow, and you have to know something to do that. This is his fourth year at the Branch and his fourth at Track, where he will sprint and continue to broad-jump as he has so well in the past. (He represented Cornell in the International Track Meet at Cambridge this June.) He is a member of Quill and Dagger and Phi Beta Kappa.

JAMES WITHROW, Ohio, is another career man, with three years at Deep Springs to his credit, and so much advanced standing that he is a Junior in the Arts College, although this is his first year at Cornell. He majors in Mathematics, and, like Fred Spooner, finds relaxation in Football.

CLARENCE YARROW, Connecticut, is majoring in Chemistry, planning to graduate next June after three years at Cornell and three years at Deep Springs. As President of the Cornell United Religious Work, he continues Sam's service of last year, finding physical recreation in Fencing, in which he has already won laurels in the Novice Class, and the position (last Spring) of Secretary of the Fencing Club. Because of his ability in Public Speaking at the House, he won the Public Speaking Cup for 1929-30, and is quite appropriately now the chairman of the Public "Squeaking" Committee.—W. B. K.

## The International Track Meet

The combined track teams of Princeton and Cornell journeyed to England this summer to meet there the teams of Oxford and Cambridge. With the Cornell team went Sam Levering and Robley Williams, who took part in the two-mile run and the broad-jump respectively. The trip across was made on the S. S. Baltic, and, according to certain vague reports, rather a good time was had by all. The teams arrived in England a few days before the meet, and these days were spent in visiting Oxford and Cambridge under the solicitous guidance of the athletes of those universities.

The track meet was held at Stamford Bridge, a suburb of London, on July 12. The American teams won by taking seven first-places and seven second-places, to England's five firsts and five seconds. Sam was bothered by the long trip and the shortness of the elapsed time between rolling-decks and cinder-lanes. He placed third in the two-mile behind two Englishmen. Robley fared slightly better by taking second place to a Cambridge man in the broad-jump at twenty-three feet, two inches, an inch behind the winner's distance.

## Notes and Clippings

The following is a quotation from the social column of The Middletown (Conn.) Press for September 6, 1930:

"Miss Grace Winans Yarrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Albert Yarrow of the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, Haddam, and Harvey Claflin Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Mansfield of the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., were united in marriage this afternoon at 4 o'clock, daylight time, at the Haddam Congregational church by Prof. H. Hallam Tweedy of Yale, assisted by Dr. R. A. McLeod, pastor of the church.

"Miss Helen Clark of Summit, N. J., was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Alice M. Yarrow of Brooklyn, N. Y., sister-in-law of the bride, Mrs. Martha Van Houten and Miss Elizabeth Tuckley, both of Irvington, N. J., cousins of the bride, and Miss Helen Williams of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, a classmate of the bride at Vassar.

"Clarence H. Yarrow of Haddam, brother of the bride, acted as best man, and the ushers were Windsor B. Putnam of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edwin S. Jarrett, Jr., of Princeton, N. J.; James S. Mansfield of Washington, D. C., brother of the groom, and H. Charles Tomlinson of New York City.

"The bride graduated from Vassar College in '27, and has been teaching music in Worcester, and the groom graduated from Cornell in '27. He is a member of the Telluride Association, and an instructor in government at Yale University.

"Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield will make their home in New Haven."

Miss Dorothy Lewis of Buenos Aires and Mr. John G. Laylin of Columbus, Ohio, were married on the 11th of September in Buenos Aires. Immediately after the wedding they boarded a steamer for New York, where Mr. Laylin will return to work in the law offices of Sullivan and Cromwell.

Miss Marie Louise Ehrhorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph William Ehrhorn of Alviso Road, Mountain View, California, was married to Mr. Isham Rayley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rayley of Los Altos, California, on Saturday, the second of August at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of her parents.

The meager information in the hands of the News Letter tells us that Mr. and Mrs. Rayley are now making their home in Mountain View.

Friends of the Branch will be pleased to hear of the wedding of Willard W. Strahl, graduate guest during 1929-30, and Helen MacPike of Chicago. The ceremony took place in Chicago on the sixteenth of August. Mr. and Mrs. Strahl are now living at 7 Evelyn Place, Princeton, N. J., where Mr. Strahl is instructing in philosophy.