

George M. Wood finds his foreign experience with Bechtel constantly valuable in performing his duties as office manager of the BIC Personnel Department. When the Personnel Department began expanding in anticipation of the Lapline program in 1947, George started



working there with the intention of preparing for a second foreign assignment with Bechtel. As the program grew, however, a need arose for an individual to develop procedure, answer the questions of prospective employees and assist in maintaining amicable relations with the families of men employed overseas. Having served a contract on the SARP job at Ras Tanura, George was well prepared to assume these duties and enjoyed them. Subsequently employment verifications, credit references, special inquiries of all sorts, as well as a number of special services naturally gravitated into his sphere of activity and the prospects of foreign employment were forgotten.

Born in Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1912, George migrated with his family by way of Denver to Long Beach, where he received most of his education. After graduation from high school in 1929, there was a period of working interspersed with attendance at University of California at Los Angeles, Long Beach Junior College, and a business course at the College of Commerce. While studying court reporting at the College of Commerce, he met Catherine Gamble, and the need of a permanent job before marrying her brought George to San Francisco in 1933. He got both the job and the girl.

For the following ten years he was employed by Acme Breweries and, for five of those years, worked simultaneously at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Ostensibly employed as a payroll accountant in both places, with supplementary general accounting and cashiering duties, George soon learned that the absence of a personnel department turned the individual preparing and distributing the pay checks into one.

In 1942 he decided to try to convert his interest in books into a means of livelihood, and changed his status from that of customer to employee at San Francisco's Newbegin's Book Shop. A chance meeting with a customer of the shop resulted in the offer of the librarian's job on SARP, and he was in the construction business. Arriving at Ras Tanura in December 1944 George soon had the library in operation, and he was assigned to work in the Personnel Department. In June of 1945 he became secretary to John M. Rogers, who was project manager, and continued in that capacity until the completion of SARP in June 1946.

George's two great enthusiasms are personnel work and the Middle East, happily combined on his present job; his ambition is to return to the Middle East on an assignment which will permit Mrs. Wood to accompany him. In the meantime, he finds in his home in Mill Valley the perfect setting for enjoying his hobbies of gardening, reading, and music.



Left to Right: Peter Riplog, Univ. of California; Robert Falconer, Stanford University; Bob Kilpatrick, Univ. of California; S. D. Bechtel; Fred Kirsten, Univ. of California and Leon Torrey, Stanford University.

Five scholarships for the academic year 1950-1951, three for students at the University of California and two for Stanford University students, have been established by the Board of Directors of Bechtel Corporation.

Stephen D. Bechtel, President, is a Member of the Council of the California Alumni Association. Many of the firm's key people were educated at one or the other of the two universities.

The three University of California scholarships, according to the Bechtel Corporation Board's request, will be given to students in the College of Engineering, preferably in the Senior year; one each in the fields of study

embracing Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. The awards are to be approved by the University's Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships upon nominations by the Dean of the College of Engineering.

At Stanford University, one scholarship will be awarded to a second year student in the Graduate School of Business who is specializing in Industrial Relations.

The other Stanford scholarship, in the School of Engineering, according to the donor's suggestion would be given to a student specializing in Civil, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering, with preference to Senior candidates.

SOMASTIC DOINGS



Bechtel Somastic Division have just completed somastic coating a pipe line for the Tide Water Associated Oil Company at Gaviota Canyon. The photograph on the left shows the tracks and the somastic coated pipe before it was launched. The photograph on the right shows a barge in the distance pulling the pipe out from the shore.



The Somastic Division of Bechtel Corporation has just completed a contract for the Richfield Oil Corporation which covered application of field joints to 14" and 16" pipe bringing oil from Cuyama Valley to Wilmington.

Walt Sims Cagers

One of the sharpest basketball teams in the West (according to Walt Sims, Job 1699 Supt.) is the Bechtel quintet up in Arco. Led by high-scoring Claude Holmes, the boys recently chalked up a 45-43 win over the First Ward five after trailing by 11 points midway in the second half.

Sim's doesn't want to go overboard on the Arco basketweavers, but he does say they're ready to play anybody—anytime and anyplace. He adds that it better be soon, since some of the boys are 1-A and "not long for the civilian world."

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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