Republicanism is not the phantom of a deluded imagination—on the contrary, under no form of government are laws better supported, liberty and property better secured, or happiness more effectually dispensed to mankind.

—George Washington
With the year 1953 now behind us it seems appropriate to review briefly the progress of our organizations during the past year and to touch upon our expectations for 1954.

The year 1953 marked another year of progress for Western. Our steady growth continued at a healthy rate with the total number of crews increasing from 49 to 53. These were made up of 45 land crews, 5 offshore crews, and 3 gravity crews.

Research and development continued at a brisk pace. Among the new developments were the FA-32 amplifier and associated instruments with which some of our crews have already been equipped. This development represents an important forward step in seismic instruments, and our shop is continuing to operate on an overtime basis of six days per week in order to provide our crews with these instruments at the earliest possible date. This program will entail a very large capital expenditure and reflects our faith in the future of our companies.

The total number of crews is, of course, an index to the size of our organization. However, a few statistics might be of interest and serve to illustrate the magnitude of our operations.

By the end of 1953 the total number of Western employees reached a new high of 1222 and we were operating a total of 422 trucks and 115 automobiles. During 1953 we obtained 347,700 seismograms and consumed 7,061,290 pounds of explosives. We drilled 8,430,330 feet of hole and consumed 1,446,600 gallons of gasoline.

The past year has been marked by a shift from a sellers' to a buyers' market in the geophysical contracting business. For the first time in many years users of geophysical crews had full opportunity to exercise discrimination in the selection of geophysical contractors. I welcome the return of normal competitive conditions as they will be beneficial, in the long run, to the geophysical contracting field and will serve to place it on a more solid foundation. Competition is the life blood of any industry and with its return we look to greater progress and improvement in our field.

Many economists have predicted a slight recession in our economy during 1954. It is my personal belief that the oil industry will enjoy another prosperous year and that the total geophysical activity will remain at about the present level. As for Western, I predict that we shall reach a new all-time peak in the number of crews sometime during this year.

Of course, we must not and dare not become complacent. If we are to continue to lead in our field we must strive continually to improve the quality and efficiency of our services. This calls for the earnest and conscientious effort of the men on each field crew and close cooperation between the field crews and the laboratory and our various other staffs. Only by the combined effort of all our groups can we hope to make the greatest progress.

While our growth, in a measure, attests to the ever-widening recognition which we are gaining in the oil industry, I derive my greatest satisfaction in the knowledge that our job has been well done.

Each and every one of us can be proud of Western's success--for our success is a team success--and each and every one of us is a necessary and vital member of the team. Your loyalty and whole-hearted support--your high morale and spirit--have made it possible for Western to achieve the place of leadership in its field. For this I salute you and extend my deep and sincere appreciation.

With your continued enthusiastic support and cooperation, we can face 1954 and future years with confidence based on the knowledge of our collective strength and ability.

Henry Salston
outside the lab and those built in the wire room, are tested to equally exacting tolerance. For example, every seismometer is checked for phasing against a standard and those having a one cycle variation are dismantled and reconstructed.

The man in charge of testing all the electronic instruments, including the equipment in a finished truck, is Mel Wells, who came to Western in 1947. Mel also supervises the specifically trained men who construct and assemble such intricate instruments as the cameras, group selector boxes, control panels, and other special equipment. Mel is a Coast Guard veteran with six years’ radio experience in that branch of the service. A Salt Lake City native, Mel enlisted in 1939, a good two months before the war in Europe started, and left the Coast Guard as a Chief Radioman. He holds a first class radio telephone license and a second class radio telegraph license.

Mel repairs radio and TV sets in his spare time, too, and has a real sales agent in his little girl Suzanne, six, who likes to boast that “he can fix it”. Mel and his wife, Phyllis, Suzanne, and Patsy, three, will soon be at home in a new house at Redondo Beach.

It is easy to see that it takes coordination to keep the assembly lines rolling in the wire room. Production stays high because, as Electronic Technician C.M. “Al” Cooney says, “It’s interesting work, and all the men like it. It keeps you alert mentally as well as giving you something to do with your hands.”

Until recently, John Mollere, Chief Mechanical Design Engineer, worked closely with John Maines and Mel Wells. But since the January issue of WESTERN PROFILE, John has become assistant to Dave Sheffet, Director of Research, and is acting as liaison between the lab and field crews.

In addition, John says he still does design engineering, checks all field bridle records, and acts as a trouble shooter to help the crews overcome what is called “the perversity of inanimate objects”.

John is a veteran Western man, having started his career as a Junior Observer back in 1936. In 1941 he went to Argentina on a six-month assignment for Western. Later, in 1943, he headed a Western shop in Bakersfield where field equipment was constructed. His years of field experience give John’s design engineering a “practical slant”.

John doesn’t stop designing when he leaves the lab. He has a complete machine shop in his San Marino home where he makes lamps and furniture, and experiments with new geophysical equipment. John and his wife, Eloise, have three children, Lynn, eight, John, six, and Michael, one and a half.

John grew up in Donaldson, Louisiana, and early developed a yen for fishing and boating. He majored in electrical engineering at Louisiana State University where he was an honor student and was elected to Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary society.

Design, construction, and testing are all part of the wire room’s activities. Only by combining these skilled operations with the work of the other departments can John Mollere, Mel Wells, and John Maines help fulfill the goal of the lab as a whole: To provide the field crews, and therefore our customers, with the finest equipment and instrumentation in the shortest possible time.

The government is taking extra precautions this year to make sure that tax returns are accurate to the last penny. As a result, you may find the tax collector at your door if you are not prompt and careful about filing your return. Although there have been some changes made this year, the basic tax facts remain the same.

For example, your income tax for 1953 will be the same as it was last year, if your taxable income has not changed. Rate reductions—about 10 per cent for most of us—go into effect for the calendar year 1954 and will not help us out on this next return. The exemption amount remains at $600 for each exemption and every citizen or resident of the United States (including a minor) must file a return if his or her total gross income in 1953 was $600 or more.

To stay out of trouble this March 15, you should check and doublecheck that you:

- Report all income. This means interest on government bonds, dividends, capital gains, building and loan account dividends, as well as earnings or wages.
- Claim the correct deductions. If you are not sure about them, check with your local agent.
- Are sure of dependents. The tax men are on the lookout for ineligible dependents this year.
- Watch your addition. Make certain your figures are correct, and then check them again a few days later.

Even if you take all these precautions, you may still find yourself in trouble if you do not file a DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED INCOME TAX on or before March 15, 1954. This declaration must be made by every citizen or resident who expects to receive in 1954 either:

1. Wages subject to withholding in excess of $4,500, plus $600 for each exemption—for example, $5,100 in the case of a single person with no dependents; $5,700 in the case of a married man with no dependents, whose wife has no income; or;

2. Income from all other sources in excess of $100, provided his total income is expected to amount to $600 or more.

The purpose of the declaration is to provide a basis for paying currently any income taxes due in excess of the tax withheld from wages, salaries, and other payment for personal services.

If you expect to receive in 1954 any wages not subject to withholding—for example, any income from dividends, interest, rents, or gains from property transactions or from a business or a profession, you must file a declaration if your 1954 income is expected to exceed the amounts specified above.

Your estimated tax may be paid in full with the declaration, or in equal installments on or before March 15, 1954, June 15, 1954, September 15, 1954, and January 15, 1955. The first installment must accompany the declaration.

The reason you should be extra cautious this year is the government’s “new zeal” to collect every penny owed and to outwit those who cheat on purpose or through error. As a result the government this year will:

- Check every single one of the 55 million tax returns of individuals for arithmetic.
- Audit every individual income return of more than $50,000.
Screen every return reporting individual incomes of between $10,000 and $50,000.

And doublecheck and perhaps audit one out of every four returns from people making less than $10,000.

As a part of its promise to clean up the "mess" in the tax collection department, the Eisenhower administration is taking three basic measures:

1. It is providing more help for taxpayers by making the forms and instructions simpler, and by alerting local collectors to offer assistance readily.

2. Modern office machinery is being installed to process returns and maintain records.

3. The government is tightening up on the enforcement of the tax laws.

As a result, the tax man may come knocking on your door. The law says he can. The tax canvass is being tried in New England, parts of the states of Texas, Ohio, Nebraska, Missouri, and in the cities of Roanoke, Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

In New England the collectors got $35 for every dollar they spent on the canvass. In Missouri agents have already brought in $75 for every dollar spent on the door-to-door check. Unless the courts rule otherwise, the canvass may be here to stay.

Don't wait for the collector's visit. Avoid trouble by being prompt and accurate. Many happy returns!

Note: Employees not making United States income tax reports should realize that this information does not apply to them.

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Letters to the Editor

Our thanks for the following letters and for all other comments and suggestions sent since the first issue appeared. Keep sending them to us.

Sir:

I received your book called WESTERN PROFILE. I believe it is a very good idea to have a book like that, especially for us servicemen. I really enjoyed reading about the progress and whereabouts of a lot of the crews, especially Party 67. As you know, I was on the party when it first started. I saw the names and pictures of quite a few guys I used to know.

About all I have left to say is that I am glad I heard from you and sure did like your book, WESTERN PROFILE, and also want to remind everyone that safety pays. I know by experience—I almost lost two fingers on the drill.

Yours truly,
Ken Sudberry F.P.F.N.
USS P.C. E.C. c/o FPO,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Many thanks to you and the contributors to WESTERN PROFILE for giving us a "mag" we will all look forward to.

Our only complaint, on this crew, is that the magazine is not published often enough. We would like to see it as a monthly, or even a weekly. We understand, however, that this would require much money and a full-time staff, and so, will settle for it as is.

Sincerely,
Al Stout
Party 31

Sir:

Congratulations...for a good job well done...Mr. Dooley, our party chief, handed a copy (of WESTERN PROFILE) to everyone of us, and immediately the office filled with the returning crew changed to a library with everyone reading and yelling as soon as a familiar face was discovered on a picture or when a well-known name was made out in the text ... The whole project was heartily welcomed and the magazine also did its part in boosting the morale among the men and, of course, their wives too... The addition of cartoons and of a joke department wouldn't be too bad, perhaps.

Sincerely yours,
Norbert D. Johr

Sir:

I received the letter and the magazine you sent a few days ago. I'm glad to hear you guys haven't forgotten me. Your new magazine is really nice. I did see a few of the guys I used to work with. I see tom Sinclair and Tom Slaven are both Party Chiefs now. A lot has happened to me since I left Western. I'm married now and have a little daughter six months old. I've been overseas now almost 10 months, and I'm due to be rotated next month.

Sincerely,
Cp. Charles J. Nelson
Marine Air Base Sqd. 33
MATCU-65, GCA
c/o FPO
San Francisco, California
PARTY PICKINGS

Because of space limitations only a certain number of crews send a report for each issue. These are the crews from which reports were requested for the March issue.

PARTY G-3 – DELANO, CALIFORNIA

D.R. Downey, Reporter – J.P. Holder, Photographer

Party G-3 was activated in May 1951 in Jordan, Montana. Since then it has been in Louisiana, California, Utah, and now back in California. Three of the original personnel are still left. The crew has celebrated one safety dinner and hopes to have more.

CLAUDE and BERK DOOLEY came from the “down yonder” country; CLAUDE from Mississippi, and BERK from Louisiana. Breezy, the cat, is a native of California. They have recently joined the fraternity of trailerites. Buying a new house trailer ended BERK’s packing, and now she is actually enjoying the moves. Their hobby is fishing, but they aren’t very lucky! CLAUDE is our Party Chief.

J.P. and DONNA HOLDER are still with us. “J.P.” is from Texas, and DONNA from Arkansas—no cracks. DEBBIE, a new addition to the family, is now 13 months old, and a very sweet little girl. “J.P.” is our Meter Operator, and he thinks there is no place like California. Traitor! Their hobby is photography, and they really have some fine projector slides.

DARB and “Y” DOWNEY introduced trailers to Party G-3, and are old hands at this type of living. JEAN ANN is nine years old and quite a little lady. The long-awaited boy arrived August 1, and at this writing ROSS LEE is six months old. Their hobby is fishing, but no bragging at this time! DARB, a surveyor, is a Hoosier, “Y” from Illinois, JEAN born in Illinois, and ROSS in Utah—All American! Golden Feathers, the dog, is a Texan.

BOB McGEE joined the crew while we were in Stockton, California. If you ask him, BOB will say, “No, I’m not a Californian, I was born in Missouri.” Gravity crews have two Surveys. BOB is being promoted to Surveyor and is taking the place of GUY WORDEN, who just transferred to Party G-1.

BERT JOHR is our Computer. He recently came from Germany and has many an interesting fact to compete with us. BERT speaks English very well, but misunderstands “American” sometimes! His slang is improving, though.

WALLY EVerson is a new addition in the survey department, as is HAROLD JENNINGS. WALLY is from Minnesota—his speech gives him away. HAROLD comes from Stockton, California. He likes it because it is home, and because his true love is there.

The only feud in this crew of congenial people is between the Boss’s cat and the cocker spaniel of Yours Truly.

PARTY NINE – TAFT, CALIFORNIA

Charles F. Sebastian, Reporter – George Sawyer, Photographer

Here’s a big warm “hello” to all you folks with Western from Party Nine in Southern California. Operating out of
Taft in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley for the greater part of our time, we have been most fortunate in having spent the last seven years in the Golden State.

Leaving Taft in March of last year, the crew spent the Spring months in Merced where one could find HOLLIS PARKER, Surveyor Extraordinary, panning for gold and cashing the rewards of his efforts in a small bottle; or the CHRISTIE family, DON and EDITH and their two daughters SARA and SUSIE, feeding the deer in Yosemite National Park on a Sunday afternoon; or on any evening, a confab of poker players rounded up from both Party Nine and Party 67.

The summer months saw the crew back in Taft for a short stop and then moving on to Santa Paula to shoot some lines in orange and lemon groves. The lines shot in the river bottom are a sore spot in the memories of our drillers, so we'll skip mention of them here. Frequent visits to the beaches twelve miles away provided relaxation for some of the crew while others returned to Taft for a weekend with the wife and family left behind. Notable among the tanned ones were the CHRISTIES, who lived only a few yards from the blue Pacific.

Now we are back in Taft, shooting pattern shots with seismometers and cables scattered all over the ground. The pattern arrangement keeps four of our own drills and two contract drills busy day and night. CHET HILL and SLIM EWERT are doing an excellent job of keeping the six drills operating smoothly, each being in charge of one shift of drillers.

Yanking the drill levers we find JACK BETHEL, LLOYD CHASE, MAC FOURNIER, GERALD HARWOOD, CAROL JONES, LAWRENCE MOOR, LENARD PAYNE, and ALTON SMITH. The Permit and catch-all department is ably handled by J.D. SNEAD, a nine-year man with Western, whose sideline is the raising of chinchillas. BENNIE (the Shooter) WELBORN is our powder expert. A recent transfer from Party Nine was CAL WILLIAMS, who operated our second recording truck, and has now returned to a Gravity party with the newly-acquired Mrs. WILLIAMS, whom he met and married while our crew was in Santa Paula.

Aby guiding us all is JIM CLINTON, who took over the reins of Party Nine from "JACK" JACKSON when JACK and DOROTHY began their extended vacation in Europe. JIM and his wife, HELEN, are the proud parents of a baby boy, J. TAYLOR, born last August.

Staffing the office we have SAM BURNSIDE, Draftsman; and chief sweeper; GEORGE SAWYER, Senior Computer; shutter-bug and junior sweeper; and your reporter CHUCK SEBASTIAN, who managed to draw the short straw again.

PARTY F-11 — LACOMBE, ALBERTA

Robert Nelson, Reporter — L. Shewchuk, Photographer

Lucky Eleven

From the land of the pale blue snow and 40 below weather, comes the latest news from Party F-11.

First of all, we are in two groups, since the office staff and field crew are separated by 110 miles of icy highway. The record "scrutinizers" maintain a strict vigil in Calgary, the biggest (self-admitted) cowtown in the world. Meanwhile, the field crew relaxes in the luxurious metropolis of Lacombe.

Men of Party F-11 lay cables in forty below weather up in Alberta, which their reporter calls the "land of the pale blue snow." Field crew and office staff are separated by 110 miles of icy highway.
Now for the lighter side—Last December 5 Party F-11 had a safety dinner in the Lacombe Hotel banquet hall. Office staff, field crew, wives, and friends attended. The turkey supper and refreshments were enjoyed by all who were capable of remaining. The after-dinner entertainment lasted until 11:45 p.m., when all were routed by the envious hotel clerk.

The field crew’s Christmas party took place at the home of LOU SHEWCHUK, F-11's Shooter, photographer, and general party promoter. This gathering lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., when the party was called on account of dawn!

Junior Department

During July, a son, KENNETH RICHARD, was born to LOU and SUE SHEWCHUK in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. A daughter, JON-ELLA, was born last September to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN "TEX" HENRY.

That’s all, folks!

PARTY 18 – AKRON, COLORADO

Laura Planck, Reporter – Charles Knodel, Photographer

Hello! from Party 18. Introducing Party Chief TED BABIRACKI, his wife, FAYE, and their daughter, BETTY; CON SEAFELDT, Chief Computer; LOUIS HITI and CHARLEY KNODEL, Computers, and CHARLEY’s wife, MARGARET.

Also on our roster are Observer ED PLANCK, his wife, LAURA, and their daughter, SARA; Assistant Observer ARNOLD WEST and his wife, CHELA; Drillers JAMES IVY, WILBUR RILEY, and their wives, BLANCH and ALICE, with PATSY IVY and BRUCE RILEY representing the younger set.

Surveyors JOHN STYRON and DEL LETOURNEAU are next, not forgetting JOHN’s wife, CORINNE, and their son, BILLY. The LINDERS - LEONARD, LEE, and VIRGINIA—help swell the ranks. LEONARD is Shooter for Party 18.

Then we have Helpers JOHNNY MOSEMAN, GAYLON SMITH, MAL BALLARD, KENNETH FELDERMAN, PAUL STRAUB, and HOWARD DICKSON. GAYLON’s wife, MICKEY, their daughter, PATRICIA, and MAL’s wife, FRANKIE LOU, complete the introduction of Party 18.

For the first party of the year the crew got together on New Year’s Eve at an open house given by the BABIRACKIS and the PLANCKS.

On January 14 we enjoyed a safety dinner prepared for us by the Legion Auxiliary, and served in the Legion club rooms in Akron, Colorado. We had the pleasure of seeing POGE DAVIS, Driller Supervisor, and his wife, GWEN, at this get-together. I understand that POGE just “happens along” at the right time for safety dinners, and has turned up at quite a number of them.

The wives visit back and forth among themselves, and have frequent “coffees”. Some of us are now taking up bridge.

BETTY BABIRACKI celebrated her third birthday, which falls on the first day of the year, with a party given by her mother in which the other children of the crew participated. Also celebrating his birthday in the same way was BILLY STYRON, whose original party had been postponed because the STYRONS were on a temporary assignment with a Gravity crew.

A more congenial and cooperative group would be hard

Some Party 18 families celebrate New Year’s Eve at an open house given by the Babirackis and the Plancks.

C. Holloway, of F-11, repairs a drill.
to find, and we hope that in subsequent WESTERN PROFILE appearances, all of us will be present and accounted for in the Western Family.

PARTY 21 – PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

Bill Santamour, Reporter – Mabry J. Taylor, Photographer

Since Ada, Oklahoma, Party 21 has moved twice. First to Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where we stayed long enough for most everyone to find a place on the safe side of the levee, and then to Plainview, Texas. They call it "Texas", but the topsoil belongs to New Mexico at times, depending upon the direction of the wind.

MONROE and VI TAYLOR have added another jug-hustler to the crew. JERRY was born the day before Thanksgiving, and as brother JOE arrived Thanksgiving, 1952, MONROE will soon have the recording unit a family affair. At present, though, BYRL SALLIE and J.D. WOODY are filling the job. They tell how DALE MORGAN developed a record the other day without a dark exposure spot on it and rushed out of the darkroom to show it to all. Only one thing wrong – no timing lines.

The NEAL CRAMERS had a Christmas party for all the kids on the crew. It was a "howling" success. C.C. "BILL" KING, the Barrymore of the crew, made his debut dressed as the jolly old gent, and pandemonium broke loose. All agreed that it was a fine party, and that Santa was never better.

Nothing much to report in the way of sports. However, a few rounds of golf were played, and as usual, JIM DENNISTON, Party Chief, got lucky and shot a fantastic 122 the last time out. He had an especially fine hole in which he dropped his fourth putt for a nine. That stroke unnerved everyone, and the results were disastrous.

Like true drillers, MATT SMITH and EDLEY MANGUM, with VONNIE WALLING and CLAYTON ARMSTRONG, keep everyone muddy by camouflaging the slush pits to trap the unsuspecting.

ROSCOE SULLIVAN and DON ROBINSON miss the machetes they had to use to survey in Oklahoma. JESSE MCCLANAHAN acts as guide in case of a sudden sandstorm. It seems evolution has equipped all West Texans with a sixth sense for seeing in the dust.

CHARLIE HOLMES and BILL LAMBERT handle the shooting part of the job. Willie, CHARLIE'S pet squirrel, is about to go crazy. He can't find a tree to climb and is getting frustrated looking for a place to store his nuts.

MABRY TAYLOR spends his off hours still computing. Computing his football winnings. He wouldn't bet unless we gave him Notre Dame and 14 points. R.C. ROGERS, who also occupies a chair in the office, spends his time listening to "Can You Top This?" and telling "jokes".

PARTY 28 – CENTER, TEXAS

Mrs. C.B. Sivage, Reporter – C.M. Herron, Photographer

Party 28 has been very busy for the past few weeks. We heard shortly before Christmas, while in Worland, Wyoming, that a move to Texas was in the future. Since snow and cold weather had already started, and most of the personnel had never been to Texas, we were all anxious to move south.

We started out December 28, and the trip took five days. As the convoy slowly proceeded south, everything went as scheduled. Only once did we have any confusion, and what confusion! Our lead truck missed a highway sign in Wichita Falls, and wow! what a scramble! Cars, trucks, and pickups going every way you could think of. It was worth the error just for the laughs.

Henderson, Texas, welcomed us with open arms. Welcome hostesses called on each family, and we are all settled in our new homes.

We shall all miss BILL and MARY BROOKS who have been transferred to Party 19. We want also to welcome SUE and JERRY SCHULLER. They will find some old friends on this crew. CAROLYN and LOREN HARSH were with them in California on Party 51. W.F. BARNIDGE and his wife and children were with JERRY on Party 32. BILL, our Observer, is a recent transfer from Party 32.

Our Surveyor is LOREN LEVITT. He and MARGARET and their two boys are the proud possessors of a country home here complete with a lake in the back yard. They say there are fish in the lake. (?) "ED" McCUTCHEON recently returned to Western after the
work in the airline offices across the hall pass by.

Such fine surroundings help us forget our troubles—the clanks and snaps. The clanks often come from the vehicles of Computers AL STOUT and JIM MILLS—both sports car and motorcycle enthusiasts—and usually mean that some part worth one month's pay has just seceded from an engine.

Is someone breaking kindling wood? More likely the bones of Party Chief W.V. MICKEY and GEORGE BUTO, Computer. These daredevil skiers have been lucky this season, as they ski between fracture and concussion; but according to GEORGE, the snow is only now getting "right" on the local ski run, known without affection as "the rock pile".

Monday is "moon and groans" day, when the death-defying motorists return from a spine-jarring day in the boondocks, and the intrepid skiers lurch down from the mountains with new tales of horror.

The field part of Party 31 is under the capable management of RAY NARLOCK, and is located somewhere in the "four corners" region of southwest Colorado, around Cortez. Untill recently, they shared a camp with Party Four at Burnham's Trading Post, in the center of the New Mexico Navajo Indian reservation. It is hard to say exactly where they are now, for the crew moves often. We have hopes of locating them from mysterious diagrams sent us by Observer GUY "SHORTY" ANDERS, in which each hill is carefully labeled "hobgack" and each valley, "arroyo". The trouble is that there are so many hobgacks and arroyos that we still wonder where they are shooting.

No pictures this time—the photographer's camera is still in hack with a local foreign car dealer.

By the next issue we fully expect to be replaced by a page of Pogo comics or a classified ad section.

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F-39 DYNAMITERS — EDSON, ALBERTA

Ellen Ferguson, Reporter — John Rebout, Photographer

Party F-39 came to this location, about 50 miles northeast of Edson, Alberta, the latter part of September to begin winter operations. WARNER LOVEN started us off as Party Manager, and then was transferred to another party. FRED FERGUSON then took over as Party Manager.

The crew found after being here that conditions weren't as bad as expected, although the Dynamiters nearly lost the entire camp when fire started in one of the sleeping trailers. Courageous Camp Boy SPUD BAUASS discovered it in time, and with the help of MANNY HAGEL, was able to put out the flames. There were no injuries, but the boys lost some of their personal belongings, and the trailer needed a couple of gallons of paint and some plywood to make it livable once more.

Since the crew was on thirty-day operations, only a few were fortunate enough to enjoy Christmas with their families. The entire crew had Christmas and New Year's Day off, however.

HERB FIGHTNER, our Assistant Observer, was the victim of a mishap on his way out from camp. He failed to make a sharp turn on a hill, and the result was a few feet of bulldozing. Damage to the car will be around $800. HERB got a couple of shiners, GLEN ELLIS a broken ankle, and JOHN REBOUL a cut in the mouth. MANNY HAGEL was the most fortunate—no injuries at all.

GORDON, ELLA, and daughter GERALDINE KURBIS journeyed to British Columbia to spend Christmas with
their parents. Mr. and Mrs. DAN BARNEC traveled to Banff, Alberta, for New Year’s Day.

Our cook, Mrs. ROBERTS, had Christmas Day off. ELLEN FERGUSON prepared dinner for the boys still camp: PAUL JOHNSON, ED FISCHER, MORRIS WALTER, NELS BODNER, PHIL SUEY, and LES RODGER. They could all report for work at 7 o’clock the next morning. ELLEN’s cooking wasn’t too bad, I guess.

The FERGUSONS’ son LLOYD celebrated his 18th birthday on January 27.

Despite rocks, gravel, muskog, and pit falls, the Dynamiter operations have been pretty fair. Last month (December) a total of 308 holes were shot, but we expect operations will be a little slower because of the sub-zero weather. It’s almost too cold to wear shoes,” says FRED, who hails from Jefferson, Texas.

That’s about all the news and views from the Radium Canadian Correspondent.

Flash! F-39 is due for another safety banquet, has completed another six months without an accident.

P R A V Y 6 4 — S A N T A B A R B A R A, C A L I F O R N I A

Harold Mackie, Reporter

Party 64 has had a busy time in the two years that it has been in Santa Barbara. Our boat crew, under the able leadership of LLOYD LOGAN as Party Manager, with the assistance of LYLE POE on the boat and GEORGIE NEUBER in the office, have operated from San Diego to the Oregon border. The men in the office at Santa Barbara, however, have limited their “operations” to the length of State Street and to a couple of choice spots in nearby Montecito.

The present crew under CAL KIRBY, Party Chief, has been the parent to two new water crews here. A nucleus of men trained by Party 64 started these new crews. Also once a week one of the men delivers a short talk on a phase of the work so that the new men coming in have a chance to learn some of the theoretical sides of the work.

OSCAR ANDREOLI has just returned from his home in Costa Rica with a bride that tempted many of us to app...
for transfer down there. HAL MACKIE, BOB NEUBER, ED RIOS, and GEORGE NOONAN are glad to welcome OSCAR back to the counting room. HARRY TOWNSEND is on his honeymoon in New Mexico after taking the fatal step just one week after coming to work.

The rains have hit Santa Barbara, and AUSTIN MARDON, who is building his house, is looking haggard, and is heard by JACK CUDMORE, ART TATUM, CLIFF KOKER, LEO TILCENS, AKIRA YAMADA, and BILL COTTON, to mutter about retaining walls, mud, leaks, etc. JIM O'CONNOR is thinking about putting a periscope on his MG if the puddles get much deeper. It really keeps JIM and the rest of the computing room moving to maintain an average of more than 400 plot points computed per week.

JERRY and JEAN AMELUXEN and ED and EMMA SOTELO got together with ROY and NANCY BALL and Jim and ELLIE GRIFFIN, and their families, to have the first picnic of the new year. The youngest member there was CATHY JEAN AMELUXEN, born October 20, 1953. CATHY weighed in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 22 inches. According to JERRY, she has a terrific personality.

The gang misses ED BELOSIĆ who left us January 9 for the nice, balmy weather of Cody, Wyoming, and Party 58.

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PARTY 20 – OZONA, TEXAS

Paul T. Graham, Reporter–Photographer

“Flash-Cog” Twenty

You all out there in the far distant sticks now have a chance to get the inside scoop on that fancy-operating Party 20. You have doubt have heard rumors that we have utterly taken over the oil finding technique of blazing by air (Hot Air). Well, it is no rumor, for here you have the honor of seeing for yourself the way we operate. By the snapshots, you can well see it is no joke being a driller under these circumstances.

We have two top drillers to handle this department, FRED LAMMERT and JIM MORRISON. To keep them company are CHUCK CHILEWISKI and BARNEY JARES. To keep these boys on their toes we have MICKEY NASH, who tosses those sticks around like an old veteran shooter. Our top recording crew was headed by an old Western veteran, CHARLES CRAWFORD, who, because of his long

Bill Kirst is shown here giving an informal talk on land crew operations and organization to some of the men on Party 64. Left to right, back to the camera: Bill Cotton, Dick Kalinay, Don Heaney, and Jim O’Connor. Facing the camera, left to right, are Ed Rios, Jim Jones, Ed Soteio, Bob Neuber, Cliff Koker, and Bill Kirst. John Martie was too long to get into the picture completely. The meeting is part of a program by which anyone interested can further his knowledge by attending these informal talks given by various members of the crew.

Reporter Graham claims that Party 20 has a monopoly on the oil finding technique of blasting by air and submits this photo as proof.
service to Western (16 years), was destined for far better things. He is now with water party 75. Even though we mourned his loss, we have gained great respect for our two new Observers, T.J. PHILLIPS and NEO FERRARI.

It takes two observers to run things with the fast-stepping J.O.'s. To head this speedy operation we have ROBERT LACINA, who has served Western faithfully for nine years. In addition we have WILLIAM OTTE, KEN CULP, GARLAND HAZLE, JOE DEES, OTHO MCCLENDON, and WAYNE WEST.

Heading our efficient office staff is LEO DUNN, Party Chief; close behind are WILLIAM ZALDIVAR, (Chief Computer), and PAUL GRAHAM, Computer. PAUL is a recent transfer from G-4. We also have a very fine Surveyor, R.G. HENDRIX, and Rodman, ROBERT BROWN.

Our social life is null and void, for when there is work there is but little time for play. But don't let it ever be said that we haven't had good representation in sporting events. Why only last year, in Worland, Wyoming, we took city champ in bowling. Our trophies are lonely and gathering dust.

We have a couple of expectants. Mrs. LEO DUNN in April and Mrs. PAUL GRAHAM in July. LEO is a proud father of a two-year-old son, but this is all new to PAUL so he is going through —— as all you old married boys know, to say nothing of his wife.

Party 20 is still going strong on its safety record. We are again eligible for that steak dinner, so keep your fingers crossed.

It has been great talking to you of Western, and we of Party 20 will be seeing you soon.

PARTY F-56 — PEACE RIVER, ALBERTA

Percy Schacter, Reporter — John Brasco, Photographer

To introduce you to Party F-56, we bring you a short note on present personnel.

JOHN BRASCO, Surveyor, is married and has a son, TERRY. JOHN has been with Western three years, all on Party F-56. He owns a 1950 Meteor and a Louxor 28-foot mobile house.

PERCY SCHACTER, Chief Computer, comes from Winnipeg and has spent over two years with our company. PERCY is carless, wireless, and childless. With his ever-increasing prosperity, he will probably correct these items in the order given.

TED "TRIGGER" PETRYGA, Junior Observer, has been drawing his pay checks regularly for the past two and a half years. His main ambition, so he says, is to judge a beauty contest.

ED SHAPKA, Jug Hustler, is the baby of the crew. He has been with us since May, 1953. He has a sparkling and an intense interest in girls. KURT BAUER, Shooter's Helper, is entering his second year with Western. KURT is the owner of an accordion and a guitar which he values second only to a redhead in Camrose.

JOHN SCHULTZ, Drill Helper, an active employee for two and a half years, is still single. JOHN owns a 1950 Meteor and is usually trying to outrun JIM KOSHURE. JIM, our well-dressed driller, has been with us for two and a half years. Being single, JIM spends his money on his 1949 Monarch, which uses numerous motors and tires.

GERRY JOHNSON is a recent recruit enjoying the life

Taking time out for the photographer are Party 20 men Garland Hazle, Ken Culp, William Otte, Otho McClendon (top, left to right); bottom row, left to right, Wayne West, Neo Ferrari, Robert Lacina, T.J. Phillips, and Joe Dees.

These Party 20 men look as if they mean business. Fred Lammert is behind the pipe; Robert Nash and Barney Jares on with him. (left to right)
of a Rodman. He boasts a flashy wardrobe matching his red hair. His chief concern—enough writing paper to keep 304 hometown girls interested.

LLOYD AXENTY, Computer, joined the company in May, 1953. LLOYD journeyed to Vancouver during the Christmas holidays and married BERYL HOLTUS there on December 29, 1953.

ARNOLD AYLESWORTH, Computer, and a Calgary product, joined Inter-America V-3 in April, 1952. Recently transferred to Western, ARNOLD exchanged vows with PAULINE PEVERSOV in Calgary on October 24, 1953.

PAUL KAHLER, Party Chief, took the fatal step with LILA CAMPBELL in Calgary on July 4, 1953. PAUL is an ordent golfer, and for the past two years has entered the Oilman’s golf tournament in Banff. He currently is absorbed in an art course, and we hope he will be able to show us some of his work soon.

LARRY LERIGER, Observer, is married and has one son, MARK. He has been with Party 56 for two months. He owns a 1953 Chrysler and a house trailer. DAVE PANABAKER, Computer, is a recent acquisition from Party F-10. DAVE is the father of a baby girl, CHRISTELLENN, born August 2, 1953.

STAN MELLOTT, Shooter, is a five-year employee. He has one son, JERRY, almost two years old. STAN’s hobbies include boating and fishing.

Party F-56 moved on to Peace River December 10, 1953, after a lengthy stay in Camrose. Sad! Temperatures dropping to minus 60. Prices are high, and most of the housing is found in Earl’s Court Motel.

However, on to Edson sometime soon!

PARTY F-50 – PONOCA, ALBERTA

J.R. Wilson, Reporter – Steve Novak, Photographer

Echoes from the Fairway –

Reactivated in August, 1953, Party 50 has moved fast toward the "goin' and a-blowin'" status of the other Western crews in Alberta. Starting with a solid core of experienced Western personnel, including a contract driller of no mean experience, new men have been molded into a crew who will soon be the envy of our competitors.

Let’s meet these fellows and see where they worked before coming to Party 50: MIKE HANSEN, Driller Mechanic from the former F-50; STEVE NOVAK, Observer from F-69; “CHUCK” PROKOPCHUK, Shooter from F-39; JACK BREUM, Surveyor from F-61; JACK WILSON, Party Manager from F-61 (claims he’s from hunger), and IVAN NELSON, Contract Driller.

Our field crew’s new men on the Western payroll include: HARLEY TAYLOR, Junior Observer; HUGH JONES and JIM McCARVEY of the Reel Truck; JIM KLASSEN, Shooter’s Helper; HANS PAULSEN, Rodman (a Danish civil engineer getting field experience at 38 below zero); TOM COURTNEY, Water Jacking for HANSEN and learning fast.

In the Calgary office are: DICK McCAFFREY, Party Chief, and JOHN (I’m a curler) MOSORONCHUK from F-61.

Introducing the men on Party F-56. Reading from left to right in the back row, they are: John Brasco, Percy Schacter, Ted Petrja, Ed Shapka, Kurt Bauer, John Schultz, Gerry Johnson, Lloyd Axenty. In the front row, left to right, are Arnold Aylesworth, Paul Kehler, Larry Leriger, and Dave Panabaker. Missing members are Stan Mellott and Jim Koshure.

The snow, earflaps, boots, and gloves don’t tell the whole story. Percy Schacter tells of 60 below weather in his report on F-56 and says that Shooter Statt Mellott and Helper Kurt Bauer are discussing life in Florida in the picture to the right.
Acting Chief Computer, and doing a fine job. New men include AL VALLIERE and BOB WESTLAKE. BOB is 210 pounds of fullback from the Calgary Stampeders. We share Clerk Accountant OVIDE SCHMIDT with F-11. He thinks geophysicists are money-mad, but is in the office 18 hours a day himself.

You've met the men—now a tribute to the forgotten members of the crew, the girls who get up around 6:00 a.m. to make the breakfasts and lunches and then wait half the night to get the supper off the table.

First, ELAINE WILSON, a bride of two weeks, who hasn't had to wait supper yet; ELDA HANSEN, mother of a fine boy and girl, who has seen most towns in Alberta at least once; RUTH PROKOPCHUK, still trying to teach CHUCK how to count his powder without taking off his shoes in cold weather; CARRIE COURTNEY, new to doodlebug life, but blessed with a sense of humor; MAD McCAFFREY, writing a diary on how to live alone and like it (temporarily suspended since friend husband came F-50 and Calgary), and STELLA NOVAK, who feels she's a bigamist since she's married to both STEVE and the Recording Truck.

At a surprise party for the newly-wed Jack Wilsons were the girls of F-50: left to right, Elaine Wilson (the bride), Miss McGarvery, Ivan Nelson's fiancée (unidentified), Stella Novak, Elda Hansen, Ruth Prokopchuk, and Carrie Courtney.

The boys were there, too. Left to right, front row: Courtney, Mike Hansen, Chuck Prokopchuk, Jim Klas. Back row, left to right, Steve Novak, Russ L'Hirondelle, Jack Breum, Jack Wilson (bridegroom), Ivan Nelson, Jim McGarvery.
Lest we forget: TOM P. (PO VALLEY) MARONEY, our Supervisor, who is still trying to work the growing pains out of two new crews. His sense of humor has helped us all over the rough spots of a new organization. Less and less we hear what used to be his favorite expression, "I think I'll go out and shoot myself".

PARTY 34 – WOLF POINT, MONTANA

Mary Seaton, Reporter – Tom Gibbs, Photographer

What's new with Party 34? The crew is located in Wolf Point, Montana, the only Western crew remaining in this state, the others having gone to Canada. So to begin with, let us meet our crew members and their families:

Congratulations to our three recent brides and grooms... GORDON HEINE, Party Chief, joined us in November and brought us ANNE. They were married September, 1953, in Fredericton, New Brunswick. MARY and TOM GIBBS exchanged rings in August, 1953, in Greybull, Wyoming. Both are Wyoming boosters. TOM is a Computer. MARGARET and ARDELL HULL complete the altar-bound list by their marriage in MARGARET's home town, Scobey, Montana, last September. ARDELL is a Driller from Texas.

BEN BADGER entered Deaconess Hospital in Billings for an operation January 13. His wife, MARTHA, accompanied him. We wish him lots of luck and hope he will be back very soon.

Mary Gibbs, married to Tom Gibbs, of Party 34, last August.

PAUL McKISSEN is filling BEN's shoes as Observer. He comes from Party 58 and brings his wife, ELEANOR, and daughter, LINDA. R.L. DAVIDSON arrived recently and will be Assistant Observer. The DAVIDSONS have one child and await the stork's arrival.

Our Surveyor, BERRY CHILDS, hails from Texas, and his wife, TOMMY, from the "land of enchantment". Their son, GARY, will some day share his dad's enthusiasm for baseball.

CLEO and EARL ALLARS, a Driller, recently enjoyed a visit with CLEO's son, home on leave from the Navy.

ROY and FLORENCE LEWIS take credit for the largest family; RANDY, RUBIN, and NANCY. It's a safe bet that NANCY has the prettiest red hair in the state; FLORENCE is from Wyoming.

The RADONS, MARVIN and MARIE, are native "treasures", and have two mighty cute kids. MIKE is one, and GRACE, three months. MARVIN serves as Driller.

Our bachelor squad consists of VINCE FREDERICK, Computer, and DAN LOCKHART, JAMES KRAFT, CARL, JOHNSON, JOE BRABENDER, and HOWARD McDaniel, Helpers.

The old timers, all of three years, are: HARRY LARRABEE, Shooter, from the "dairy land"; his wife, LOUISE, from Kentucky; AMON and MARY DAVIS, who head for Texas each winter with their daughters, SUSIE and PATTY. AMON heads the drill team. Then there are the JOHNSONS, RALPH and ARDIS, from the Mormon state, who are looking forward to daughter CINDY's first birthday. RALPH is a Driller.

JIM and JUNE DOZIER, and GLYNDIA, have been with Western a year and a half. JIM, Driller, comes from the "Southland", JUNE from Wyoming.

Last, but not least, are the SEATONS, WENDALL, MARY, MIKE, and LOU ANN, from the "corn" state. WENDALL is Chief Computer.

One of the all-crew get-togethers was our Christmas party. We danced to records and became acquainted with each other. ANNE HEINE held a "coffee" for Mrs. McKISSEN and Mrs. DAVIDSON.
We hope some of you will recognize the names of friends in the list of Western servicemen below and will answer the "mail call" urged by the United States Department of Defense by writing frequent letters to servicemen you know.

Write personal news, news about the serviceman's friends, Western news—but make it good news. You also might enclose photographs, cartoons, or clippings.

Remember that mail is a real morale booster to servicemen at home as well as overseas. If you see a friend's name on the list, don't waste any time. Write! These men are on WESTERN PROFILE's mailing list—put them on your's.

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8th Inf. Div.
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1945-3AACS Det.
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Jerry Burk, RD3
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Ft. Bliss, Texas

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PROFILING OF A DOODOLEBUG

By Mrs. Don G. Lewis, Party 19

A doodlebug's life is a mad one;  
He hops from one place to another.  
He barely gets unpacked in one place  
Before he is moved to the other!

He sees lots and lots of the country,  
He's lived in many a town,  
There's very few that he's not been in--  
He's traveled the land up and down.

People spend hundreds of dollars  
To see different parts of the nation;  
A doodlebug works in the places  
Where most folks go on vacation.

Some people would call it a difficult life--  
A permanent home, he can't get.  
That's true--he's not rooted in one spot;  
But look at the people he's met!
WESTERN FAMILY ALBUM

Carl Gordon Safety Director S.A. Office on a picnic with his son Carlos 9½

Jean Ann Browney puts her arm around brother Rose Lee left and little Ray Holder. They belong to

Kenneth Shewchuk 3½ and only 3 months old

Geraldine (Kurtie) and Lloyd Ferguson seem puzzled by the cameraman 7:39

Billy went out of the party all set to go

Here's Party 9 about 1975 Left to right D Wellborn shooter J Clinton Party Chief C Jones Driller J Jones helper Scott & Scott Driller and helper B Evert Driller

Ken Audberry sent this shot of himself taken in Yokosuka Japan Ken is on NSL 9
THEY SERVE

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THE COVER

Pictured on our cover is the tallest masonry structure in the world—the Washington Monument. The memorial to our first president towers 555 feet, 5-1/8 inches above the Mall in Washington, D.C., between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial. The monument, to which each state (some were still territories) donated a stone, was opened to the public in 1888.

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Apologies to Reginald Silva, Los Angeles lab, whose name should have appeared in the three years service column in the January issue. Thomas P. Maroney's service years were figured on an incorrect service date— he will mark ten years service in May, 1954.