Decades ago in the United States, election year was called the "political year." Now, every year is political; election year is merely more so. Issues affecting the national destiny will be decided at the polls during the primaries and in November, so 1964 will see some hot campaigns.

Before the battles really begin to warm up, however, it might be well for Americans to take time to put the campaign scene in clear perspective. First, they should particularly note that candidates are human. Therefore, they are neither as good and wise as their supporters make them out to be, nor as bad and unwise as their opponents contend. Also, a candidate may have a fine personality and the best of intentions and still may be wrong in his proposed solutions to domestic and international problems. Because the issues of our day are so vital, principles (and the courage to support them) must be the voter's gauge of a candidate, rather than personality or party label.

Another point to be noted is that campaign promises are as ancient as politics. Nowadays, however, promises come in very expensive packages. Since any money the government people spend must sooner or later come from the pockets of the American family, campaign promises are not to be dismissed lightly. Of course, if the voter believes in a program and wants to pay his share of its cost, he should vote for it. In this case he is voting intelligently and is not under any delusions as to the source of the funds.

The voter will be assured by some candidates that everything will be better and trouble-free if government people are given still more power to administer business, industry, and agriculture. This thinking reflects a normal human trait; nearly everyone is willing to try to run his neighbors' affairs, even when he is not doing so well with his own. Unfortunately, when government people plan the course of business, industry, agriculture, and homemaking, they also must have the authority to enforce their plan right down to the last worker and consumer. This fact, which Americans should have learned many years ago, needs to be perceived very clearly now.

The voter would do well to remember that when planners are mistaken — as human beings frequently are — he is the one who will squirm helplessly under the bureaucratic thumb. It was this fallibility of "mere mortals" in positions of power that prompted the Founding Fathers to devise a government of limited powers, of checks and balances; a government by law instead of by men.

There are persons today who maintain that our population is so large and our problems so complex that the people cannot cope with them under a free political and economic system. If, however, our experienced forefathers knew the folly of trusting government to manage their personal affairs in those relatively simple days, what is there in human nature or human history to indicate that government people are any better qualified in this age to tell 200,000,000 of us where and how to work or farm, what to buy and how much to pay, how we must use our property, and otherwise to dictate solutions to all problems — as government must when it becomes a centralist, welfare state?

Actually, no American citizen should be awed by the complexities of the issues before the country any more than a woodsman should be daunted by the welter of branches in the tree he is about to cut down. Like the tree, each great problem has its "trunk," a set of circumstances or a basic principle that is identical to one found in ordinary daily life.

This is true even of foreign affairs, where an American citizen certainly does not need to know diplomatic protocol or how to create an "image" in order to judge whether or not he would enter various aid or trade agreements if his own funds and his own business interests were at stake. If he were not sure how states, like people, negotiate for their own interests, he could notice how other nations negotiate with the United States and determine very quickly how well a candidate would take care of the interests of the United States.

It is essential, of course, for the citizen to listen open-mindedly and objectively to both sides of discussions of major issues. In fact, he needs to insist that he be given the true picture and to refuse to accept partial or distorted reports on any situation at issue. The candidate who glosses over or conceals the truth of an unpleasant problem is the candidate to avoid. Having well informed himself, however, the voter's application of the sound moral and business principles that he would use in a personal situation will nearly always lead him to make the right choice of candidates at the polls.

Indeed, this will be a hard-fought political campaign, with vital issues and principles oftentimes completely obscured by attractive personalities and the great fanfare. Clear heads and controlled emotions will be our greatest assets as election day approaches.
Party 77 men were so busy working and bottling the elements that they did not get around to taking pictures, but they did send some of their port city in the Netherlands, Harlingen. Here, since it is Saturday afternoon, the fishing fleet is in for the weekend, and the boats are tied up in one of Harlingen's many canals.

Party 77 Contends
With Bad Weather,
Heavy Traffic in

THE NORTH SEA

By Billy O. Scroggins

The beginning of Western's first North Sea operations was marked by the arrival of Western's boats Linda Walker and Cynthia Walker in Felixstowe, England, after a two-week trip from Las Palmas, Canary Islands. In this small English seacoast town, approximately 80 miles northwest of London, they were met by Supervisor Leo J. Dunn (from Las Palmas) and Party Manager Robert Collins (from Karachi, Pakistan), who had made the necessary arrangements for obtaining food, explosives, equipment, customs clearance, and the like.

While the Cynthia was taking on the explosives, the Linda was having navigational equipment installed and being rigged and checked by a crew consisting of Coordinator Julius A. Rasmussen, Assistant Observer A. C. McEachern, the late Shooter C. E. (Doc) Rodgers, and Helpers R. W. Stansbury and Paul Cooper, all from the "down under" Party 86 of Australia. This nucleus, who had no trouble with the English pounds, shillings, and pence money, was enlarged by the arrival of Assistant Shooter Cesare Palombo (Italy) and a group of Spanish employees from Party 98 in Las Palmas. These men—Pedro Perez, Cristobal Gil, and Santiago Padron — were reunited with Cooks Jose Herrara and Joaquin Aguada and Helper Francisco Delgado, another Spanish group, who had made the boat trip from Las Palmas.

Before these latest arrivals had conquered the English money system, the boats were ready to work; and so in early June (1963) they sailed for the snug harbor in the little fishing village of Lemvig on the west coast of Denmark. Here they once again found that all of the necessary arrangements had been made by the supervisor and the party manager and also that Danish Helpers Aksel and Kurt Pedersen had been hired. After welcoming aboard additional Westerners in the persons of Observer Supervisor W. T. Ross (Midland, Texas), Chief Computers W. R. Budd (Shreveport, Louisiana) and Augusto Brenda (Party 86), and Computer Jim Hull (Party 86), the crew and boats set out for the prospect and their first shot in the North Sea.

Using Western's dual-purpose cable, the observers soon were taking a shot every three or four minutes and then making a variable density playback on 70-mm. film for Santiago Padron to turn into record sections. With these sections Chief Computers Budd and Brenda were given the task of making a concurrent map.

Near the end of June the boats moved around the north end of Denmark and began shooting down through the many islands of eastern Danish waters and on into
Looking down on a Harlingen canal, one can see the large dike just behind the last buildings. Between this and the Frisian Islands on the horizon is the shallow Wadden Sea, where shrimp fishing boats operate. The islands are noted for both their wonderful beaches and their flourishing bird life.

the Baltic Sea. After completion of this shooting, Party 77 returned to the North Sea through the famous Kiel Canal of Germany.

As the North Sea is in the high latitudes and noted for its bad weather, the crew often worked with no breaks — but frequently having to run for cover because of the weather. Working long hours (15 and 16 hours of daylight) and breaking only during bad weather, the personnel did not have much opportunity to become acquainted with Denmark. They did, however, visit some picturesque Danish ports, such as Esbjerg, Tyboron, Frederikshavn, Aalborg, and Faaborg, where they noted that the Danes are industrious and gay people. Also, they learned that the Danish kroner is worth 1 shilling English or 14 cents American.

Having completed the Denmark program by mid-July, the boats sailed for the coastal waters of Germany and the Netherlands (Holland). It is in this area that all of the exploration excitement of the North Sea has been generated with the discovery of the huge Groningen gas field onshore Holland. The operating base became Harlingen, principal port of Friesland in northern Netherlands.

Although small, Harlingen carries on an extensive trade with English and Scandinavian ports in the shipping of agricultural and dairy products and the receiving of lumber and farm machinery. It is also the home port for a large shrimp fishing fleet operating in the Wadden Sea. This shallow sea is formed by the Frisian Islands, noted for their wonderful beaches and flourishing bird life, and the Dutch coast. Even though surrounded by large dikes, Harlingen is built on a huge mound and therefore is above sea level, a rarity in a country where 40% of the land has been reclaimed from the sea. Canals, which form a very important means of transportation, cut the city into many separate parts, which are connected by small movable bridges, all operated by man power.

When Party 77 arrived in Harlingen, the crew found that a "newcomer," V. C. (Vic) Boyd, temporarily borrowed from his assignment in Australia, had made all arrangements this time. Also, Vic had hired Dutch Cook Chris Neihot, who soon became a "V.I.P." aboard the Linda Walker for his excellent cuisine. The Pedersen brothers went to a Persian Gulf crew and Cesare Palombo returned to Italy as Dutch Helpers C. vonKammen, J. Vella, and H. Taekema joined the crew in Harlingen.

Inasmuch as the dual-purpose cable was being used, work in the Dutch and German waters was a trying matter because of the extremely heavy ship traffic. In fact, Supervisor Dunn decided that he did not want to ride the boats again, for twice when he was aboard the cable was cut in the traffic. With every day of work, winter got closer and each day somewhat colder (just ask the men who had to bring in the cable at night!). Working days soon became a guessing game between the weatherman and Co-ordinator Rasmussen, what with the variable conditions of the North Sea — one day gale warnings and the next day working weather.

As the work periods were dependent upon the weather conditions, the crew found little time to visit the numerous historical spots around Harlingen, but they did find the Dutch to be industrious, though reserved, and extremely tolerant with the many visitors to their country, which is
one of the most densely populated in the world. Also noted was the fact that the Dutch guilder was worth 2 shillings English or 28 cents American.

Late September brought on a long spell of bad weather and also the departure of Vic Boyd and Party Manager Collins for the States and Chief Computer Brenda for the Persian Gulf. Assistant Party Chief Billy Scroggins then reported in from sunny Las Palmas and Party 98 to find a cold and rainy climate.

October was a month of many contrasts. The working conditions became worse as the weather became colder and the daylight hours shorter. Much time was spent running back and forth between the prospect and safe anchorages. On some days the sun would shine brightly — but with a northwest wind of Force 5 to 8, the boats dared not venture from their anchorage. Later, when the wind was down to Force 4, the boats would work going with the wind and then have to fight the head winds for 8 to 10 hours returning to a safe anchorage between the islands of Vlieland and Terschelling. During the last week of October when a dense fog covered everything, the crew could put in a good day's work while keeping a constant watch on the radarscope.

With the end of October came the termination of Western's first season of operating in the North Sea, a period that the people of the involved countries watched closely and with a great deal of interest. This story would not be complete, however, without telling about the Western boat that was called down for speeding! This happened when the Cynthia, due to bad weather, had to go through the Dutch canal system to Buitenhausen for a load of explosives. While enroute she was accosted by a bicycle-mounted policeman and requested to slow down, which she did immediately. Another unusual thing was that during Party 77 operations this past summer, 11 different national groups were represented by the personnel aboard the boats. These were American, English, Welsh, New Zealand, Norwegian, Danish, Lebanese, Polish, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish. Has there ever been a Western crew with such a mixture of nations and languages?

This was 'Main Street' to Party 77 men in the Dutch town of Harlingen. The odd parking (foreground) is due to a Y-intersection.

'TFA' PROVES ITSELF IN EXTREME CLIMES

A TRANSISTORIZED portable field seismic recording system that worked through a winter survey north of the Arctic Circle, a summer program in Trinidad just 10° north of the equator, and still was ready to go into service in the Middle East without needing even a single adjustment or part replacement has brought that "Of course, what-else-did-you-expect?" look to the faces of its builders in the Los Angeles laboratory.

Every TFA system must pass the lab's environmental testing procedures to show that it can function properly and maintain consistently all of its required performance characteristics and high signal-to-noise ratio at extremes of heat or cold. It is rare, however, for a system to have the opportunity to prove itself in the field at both ends of the temperature range. John Maines, chief electronic-unit supervisor, was photographed while checking the one that did.

When the system returned from the North Slope of Alaska, it was functioning perfectly. Another thorough check was given to the instruments when they returned from the Tropics. Again everything operated according to standard. A dent in the riser of the suitcase bearing the tape recorder was the only repair needed. When last heard from, the system was still giving daily trouble-free performance in the steamy Persian Gulf.
Party 20 Finds the Usual Unusual in Working the Mississippi River Delta

Western’s Observer Don Meek and Assistant Observer Jim Monsey (back) are among those looking on as a helper exhibits small water moccasin killed next to Party 20 recording hut in the marsh.

Across the Mississippi River from New Orleans is Gretna, Louisiana, and south of Gretna on the river delta is this Party 20 prospect. It is not the great river, nor is it solid land; it is swamp. The crew rode in boats through drainage canals to get to the equipment, which was mounted on marsh buggies. This particular buggy is equipped with a backhoe, which digs the slush pits for the drillers at the shot-point locations. Surveyor Pat DeBrow (white shirt) and helpers are watching the driver operate the backhoe.

By Donald O. Gardner

Water moccasins, alligators, and mosquitoes! Foreign assignments are not necessary for Westerners to encounter these; they can do so right here in the marsh country of the U.S.A. Party 20, now a well-seasoned southern Louisiana crew, can attest to the above fact as it has worked several months in the marsh and shallow-water areas commonly associated with the Mississippi River delta. Operating in this region also necessitated some rather unusual “vehicles.”

A few months ago the field crew of Party 20 moved from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to Gretna, Louisiana, just across the Mississippi River from New Orleans. Party Manager John Cubley set up headquarters in Gretna while Party Chief James B. Arledge established the main office in New Orleans. Everything was now ready for this operation to begin.

Our first area of work was south of Gretna in the marsh. If you are familiar with the people of southern Louisiana,
you know that to many, French is the "native" language. Who would have thought that a language interpreter would be needed to obtain permits in the United States? We found this particularly true in the "Cajun" area around Lafayette, Louisiana.

Land configuration and measurements also seem peculiar to us who are accustomed to acres and square sections. Along the Mississippi River everyone wanted river frontage when the land was laid out. It is not uncommon to encounter wedge-shaped pieces that are a hundred feet wide at the river and extend back a mile or so into the marsh. Sections along the river can be found in any geometric shape except a circle! Also, they consist of anything from 50 to 1,000 acres. Many are not even measured in acres; they are measured in arpents (French, of course). If it were not for land agents, who manage several tracts of land in their dealings with oil companies, trappers, and the like, the permitman could have a really rough job, particularly along the Mississippi River.

In order to get to the prospect, the crew rode in boats out through the network of drainage canals to a point were they switched over to marsh buggies. Besides being a source of transportation, the buggies were used to tow the survey skid, the drill, and the recording hut from one shot.

Left—A Model 100 drill, mounted on pontoons and towed by a marsh buggy, prepares to utilize slush pit just dug by buggy with backhoe. Among personnel are Driller Harvey Hearm, Driller-Mechanic Leo Ivy, and Surveyor Pat Debrov. Below—Up and over! Marsh buggy tows pontoon-mounted recording hut and tug boat across new dike as Observer Don Meek steadies Party 20 firing-line spool.
point to the next. The buggy used by the surveyor also had a mounted backhoe, which was used to dig water pits for the drills. The surveyor, Pat Debrow, did his transit work from a skid. The marsh is so near sea level that no elevations need be run.

Except for the ridges along the drainage canals, where the tailings from the dredges were dumped, there was practically no elevation change. In fact, but for the grace of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, a lot more of this land would be under water. Where else but here could one find rivers and canals with water levels above adjacent houses and a city park 9 feet below sea level?

The survey buggy with the backhoe dug the slush pits for the drills after the surveyor had laid out the shot points. With all of the water in the area, one probably finds it hard to believe that we had to wait for rain on one line before we could finish it. The water level was too low to fill the pits because of the long dry spell.

A Model 100 drill mounted on pontoons and operated by Leo Ivy and Harvey Hearn did all of our drilling until a pair of pumps were set up. Using a strong stream of water, they pumped in, or jetted, casing as they went to the desired depth. At times it was necessary to run lines through heavy tree growth where the drill could not be taken. It was then that the pumps and a long fire hose proved of particular value.

Observer Don Meek's recording setup was similar to that used for dry-land work except that our jugs were planted 10 feet deep in the mud. The 10-foot pigtails this necessitated made it impractical to carry many fliers, therefore the small boat seen with the recording hut. The boat, acting as a depository for the fliers, was dragged up the line by a buggy and the jugs planted by hand.

Doodlebugs were not the only life in the marsh. Mosquitoes were bountiful enough to plug up the buggy radiators; water moccasins were common; and an occasional alligator was seen. Sound like fun?
Its First Issue and First 10 Years

Count the candles. Yes, ten. One for each year of our Western Profile. It had a birthday in January and with this issue enters its eleventh year of publication. Like the Company, the Profile has grown and, in some ways, changed. The good has remained and the not-so-good "terminated." (Some things, though, just plain ran themselves out.) New sections, like new instruments and techniques, have been added. Many of the names, however, remain the same, and it is interesting to look back at that first issue and see how many we can recognize. You will be surprised when we do so later, but first let's see just how our Profile has generally grown and changed in its first 10 years.

Party Pickings, They Serve, the President's Page, and at least one Company article per issue have been with us since Volume I, Number 1, January 1954. From that first article, "New L.A. Lab Passes One-Year Mark," the Profile went on to cover the various departments of both the lab and the headquarters office; the Company's divisions; its other "home" countries, Canada and Italy; some equipment, such as the drill; recording and playback; and marine operations.

Then the Profile followed Westerners to many foreign areas to hear some of their interesting accounts and experiences in these places, not only of the countries themselves but of exploring for oil and of living in them. Off we went first to South America (via our fellow workers' pens there, of course). Soon we had encompassed more and more countries and continents with Profiles articles. In fact, at one point, your current editor felt as if we had a small, but very personal, National Geographic Magazine insofar as our widespread coverage of the world was concerned. Do you have any idea of where all you have been outside the 48 contiguous States, in addition to Canada and Italy, via Profile articles? Just look:

The West Indies, Venezuela (several times), Ecuador, Turkey, Panama, Libya, Alaska (also several times — from the Aleutian Chain to the Arctic Ocean), Persian Gulf, Trinidad, British Guiana, Sierra Leone, Portuguese Guinea, Canary Islands, Morocco, Sicily, Adriatic Sea, Gulf of Suez, Egypt, Bolivia, Sudan, Nigeria, Spanish Guinea, Cabinda, Spanish West Africa, Mauritania, Argentina, Kuwait, Qatar, Iran, Bimini, West Pakistan, Australia, Puerto Rico, Hawaii (three islands, Hawaii, Oahu, and Maui), Aden, and the Hadhramaut. And with this issue the North Sea — England, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, and Norway. East Pakistan coming up in June and others to follow.

Early in 1960 we decided that all of these foreign countries and experiences were just fine, but—Well, you know, "See the U.S.A." Our own country is full of interesting and unusual places, too, and some of our domestic crews were working right in the unique and historical areas. Several crews operating in the Four Corners region of the United States co-operated in bringing us "Of Indians and Monoliths." Later we went to the historical Old West in Montana and Wyoming for "Then and Now on the Mountain Front." Next we prevailed upon the personnel of our New Orleans office to provide us with "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," the story of their historic city and annual Mardi Gras. Two other

Volume I, Number 1 — but not in its original "Western blue."
In its 10 years the PROFILE has taken its readers to many places throughout the world, including these three, Libya, Venezuela, and Alaska. Top—Sand, sand, sand—as far as the eye can see. 'Tis the Libyan portion of the Sahara Desert, and local Arab laborers with Party 90 are laying out the spread. Center—Density of Venezuelan jungle and brush is responsible for Party 35's tractor-mounted drill. Possibility of attack by dangerous Motolone Indians accounts for the armed guard, and one or two were always on duty at camp. Bottom—Operating in the North Slope area of the Brooks Range in Alaska, right on the edge of the Arctic Ocean, Party 93 had to have this "covered wagon," or Arctic-geophysical style of drill. As mast goes up, cover comes down to function as windbreak.

Western offices had already had stories about their towns and world-famed events for us — Calgary and its Stampedede and Anchorage and its Fur Rendezvous.

As our research and laboratory men have designed new and improved equipment and instruments, the PROFILE has told its readers of these, as well as of new and improved techniques of operating. Even now on the schedule for future Profiles are articles about two new types of equipment and instrumentation that our men have developed and some new recently completed facilities.

Also, after Western Geophysical Company became a part of Litton Industries, Inc., a new series of articles was added to our PROFILE, "The Litton Story." Since we were all new Litton employees, as well as "old" Western employees, we were interested in what other Litton divisions were manufacturing or serving and in what other Litton employees were doing. Through the cooperation of Litton corporate public relations and the writers of the various divisions, we have been able to acquaint our readers with most of the over-all Litton company. (Actually, it is growing so fast that the quarterly PROFILE cannot keep up with it.)

Party Pickings, the President's Page, and They Serve have changed little in the past 10 years. When Henry Salvatori became chairman of the board, Dean Walling succeeded him as president — and as author of the President's Page. They Serve has grown in the number of names on it each year, with 1963 seeing its first "30 YEARS" on the page.

One feature of the early Profiles that was dropped but could be revived was the Western Family Album, a page of pictures of "future Westerners." This "died" from lack of pictures (aren't parents proud of their offspring any more?) but could be reinstated if you all sent in enough pictures each issue for the page. Incidentally, some of these early "future Westerners" have become full-fledged Westerners since the PROFILE started, for in recent years several sons have worked on land and water crews and in the labs and shops during vacations and one son is now a full-time Westerner.

Although it did not become a part of our magazine until December 1956, Windstrip has been a regular section of the PROFILE ever since. It was inaugurated with this introduction:

"In seismic work the observer always makes a recording
of the background noises — the sound of the wind, of cattle moving in a field, or an airplane overhead — at a shot point before recording the shot. This short segment of a recording is called the ‘Windstrip.’

"As your Western Profile records the activities of the crews in Party Pickings, it now will present the background interests and events of the crew members and their families in the ‘Windstrip’ Column.

"This is the first collection of Windstrip stories. It is hoped that your activities and crew events will be a part of future collections."

Now the Profile never could carry reports from all crews in each issue; usually a party can report only about once a year. Thus, it probably would have been more accurate to have stated in the above Windstrip introduction some instead of the “the crews in Party Pickings,” were put out in 1954 and five in 1955, and then it settled down to a steady four per year. Page-wise it started at 20 and rode at 28 for several years, but during the past four years proper coverage of Westerns and Westerners’ activities has required 32 pages more often than not. The type has been changed both in size and face for easier reading, and colors have been added.

At first the Profile was printed entirely in black except for the “Western blue” on the cover. An issue or so later the blue was used on some of the inside pages. Before the year was over, red had been added to supplement the blue and black. Then with Volume II blue was dropped as standard for every issue, and many, many colors have been used. (Picking colors from the numerous gorgeous shades in the ink books is really fun. You name it and we have it!)

As grows the Profile, so grows the "Profile Plant." This is a facet of our magazine about which few Westerners are aware, but it has been a part of it almost from the start. In 1954 the first editor brought a little plant into the Profile office, and, like Topsy, it grew. In fact, it flourished! No picture of it in

Its original state could be found, but the two here do show its progress during the past six years. The one above was taken in early 1958 downtown in the old office and the other early this year. Lucky we moved, for the old Profile office would not now have had room for this "symbol" of our magazine!

and Windstrip is where interim personal news and important events are reported by those crews not in the Party Pickings section. Windstrip has also taken on another function in recent years, that of including late-breaking stories, which formerly were put in a column headed News Breaks.

During the 10 years the Profile has varied in number of issues per year and number of pages per issue, the former decreasing and the latter increasing. Six issues

Covers for Volume I, with the exception of the Christmas issue, were pictures of patriotic, historical significance. Scenery came into vogue with Volume II and has held ever since, except for December issues and the 25th Anniversary (Company), the latter of which was especially designed for that occasion. Wherever possible these covers are connected in some way with a Company operation — and preferably with the one covered in the lead article. In the third year of the magazine a Photo
Cover Contest was announced, with an award of $50 going to the employee whose picture was used as the front cover. (This contest is still in effect.) Bill Skaggs was the first Westerner to have a picture so used; it was of a Western drill nicely framed by palm trees in Cuba.

Three editors and three printers have been involved in putting out the Profile in its initial 10 years. You who co-operated with the first two editors may wonder where they now are. Sheila Oatway (Mrs. Dick) Skjelie, who edited our magazine from Volume I, Number 2 through Volume II, Number 2, last summer moved with her lawyer husband and three children to Sacramento, California. Ida Kehl (Mrs. Gene) McCleery, who was editor from the June-July 1955 issue to the March 1958 one, moved to Palos Verdes Estates (part of Los Angeles), where she and her husband built a lovely home. Two years ago they adopted a baby boy, whom they named Alec, and this past December a baby girl, for whom they selected the name of Alison.

During its 10 years, the Profile has won five awards! The 1954 Christmas issue received the Printing Industries Association's 1955 certificate for best in lithography class for “excellence in typography, makeup, and reproduction.” The Personnel and Industrial Relations Association award for the best presentation of a company benefit story in 1954 went to the Profile for its article on Western’s profit-sharing and pension plan in the September-October 1954 magazine. Early in 1962 the University of Southern California School of Journalism’s award for “highest journalistic standards” was bestowed upon the Profile, based upon the June 1961 issue. A year later our magazine had a repeat performance in being again selected by the Printing Industries Association as top magazine in “graphic excellence,” with the March 1962 Profile being the one judged. These four awards were received in the Outside Awards Contests conducted by the Southern California Industrial Editors Association. Later in 1963 the Profile was honored in an international contest when it received a Merit Award Certificate given to finalists in competition that drew close to a thousand entries from the United States, Canada, and South America.

So much for general review of the Profile’s first 10 years. Now let’s look at some of the names and the Party Pickings in the very first issue. Leading off the initial Party Pickings section was Party 1, in Green River, Utah (familiar to many Westerners since then); and its reporter, Virgie (Mrs. Ken) Bryant, is still a faithful Western Profile reporter. C. E. Martin was the photographer. This party included among its personnel the following present-day Westerners: Howard Dingman, Ken Bryant, Tim O’Leary, Ray Jones, C. E. Martin, Tom Sergeant, Dick Rogers, and Lawrence Dean. Of course, some of these men have been with Western much longer than the Profile's first 10 years.

Another spot familiar to Westerners over the years is the locale of Party 4's report in the first issue, the San Juan Basin (included in the “Four Corners article” in September 1960). Current Westerners mentioned on Party 4 then include George Bynum (its camp manager but on his way to Party 7 to be the latter’s party chief), Benny Quintana (who helped prepare the above article), W. D. (Boots) Dungan, and Clarence Hardin (who replaced George).

George caught up with Party 7 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, in its first invasion of “Sooner Land.” Among the personnel there he found, according to Party 7's first report, these familiar names: Julius A. Rasmussen, Nuel Putnam, Bill Hudson, and Roy McClure; and Mrs. W. C. Browder was a contributor.

Plentywood, Montana, location of Party 8 in the first Party Pickings, is another town well known to Westerners. Party 8 was boasting of its new record for remaining in one place (26 months in Plentywood), its fifth Safety Dinner, and Bill Skaggs' winning the local softball league batting championship. Party Chief B. W. (Red) Brown had just left Party 8 for Party 67 in “sunny California,” and Harold Murphy had arrived from Party 36 to take over the reins. C. N. Anderson was the reporter.

Currently thought of as a “Rocky Mountain area crew,” Party 13 reported from Jackson, Alabama, in Volume I, Number 1. (In this issue, Volume XI, Number 1, they report from Baggs, Wyoming.) Among those working, hunting, and fishing with Party 13 then were W. T. Buckingham, T. C. (Cueball) Bouchillon, and T. J. Phillips.

Party 19, then as in recent years, was a “traveling crew” and also then and as in recent years was in Texas. Its first report came from Sonora, where Jerry Schuller had
taken over as party chief from Jim Jordan, who had left for Galveston to head a new water crew, Party 75. Vernon B. (Stretch) David went with him. Party 19 was a sports-minded group but reported that they always arrived in a town too early or too late for the sport of the season. A birth Party 19 announced in its initial Party Pickings was that of the first of Reporter Zane Baker’s four daughters, Beverly Zan. Evon Renick was also a member of Party 19 then.

Now in Billings and Broadus, Montana, Party 67 was, in the first Profile, a California crew, with Merced as its base. In addition to “Red” Brown, “old-timers” mentioned in its Merced report were Ed Bender, Arvel Guess, Charles Bing, and Marshall Burstad (on his way “to Dick Powell’s special unit in Bakersfield”).

Although Italian crews of Western Richerche Geofisiche did not enter the Party Pickings picture until the last issue of Volume I, three Western of Canada crews were in the first Party Pickings. Party F-10 reported 10 years ago from Virden, Manitoba, where it had been for two years: “As in all boomtowns, housing has been a sort of a headache.” (Doodleduggers have that same problem today, boys, even in non-boomtowns.) A humorous map of North America, drawn by a Party F-10 man, subtitled Calgary and Edmonton as suburbs of Virden and Los Angeles as Mount Olympus!

Party F-53 was interested, in its report from Grande Prairies, Alberta, in telling of its locale, operations, and camp. The opening paragraph was especially colorful: “Deep in the northern tip of Canada’s vast coniferous belt, dotted with muskeg, haunted by wails of coyote and wolf, WESTERN F-53 maintains the company colors in this wild and rugged no-man’s-land 300 miles northwest of the provincial capital city of Edmonton.”

Pictures of a Hallowee’en masquerade party in Calgary was the manner in which Party F-11 made the first Party Pickings. This issue also mentioned the following current Westerners: Don Frisbee, Ed Seizer, Percy Schaefer, Orville McDermid, Quin Williams, Ken Dobson, Alec Dietz, and Alan Knox.

Party Pickings is not the only place in the Volume I, Number 1 Profile where we spot well-known Western names and faces. Its article, “New L.A. Lab Passes One-Year Mark,” included those of Henry Salvatori, V. E. Prestine, Dave Sheffer, Ben Niehenke, Mack Towns, John Maines, Mel Wells, John Teschler, Roland Broughton, Hardy Glenn, and Mark Holzman. This issue also carried the announcements of the appointments of C. W. (Chie) Nicholls and Neal P. Cramer as supervisors and Lee Armond as office manager. Carl Gerdes and Carl Savit, as well as Dave and Hardy, were among the first contributors.

The first They Serve list was led off by Bernard Joseph Niehenke (Ben to us now) under “19 YEARS SERVICE,” followed by Charles E. Crawford under “16 YEARS SERVICE” That original They Serve list carried the names of those with “1 YEAR SERVICE,” a listing that had to be dropped with the growth of the Company and the loyalty of its employees — too little space for too many names. Unlike most employee magazines, however, the Western Profile lists the names of all employees with two or more years of service rather than just those of five-year intervals.

And so we come to the end of Volume I, Number 1 of our Western Profile. As we do so we quote the final paragraph of the first President’s Page:

“This magazine is your magazine, and its success is dependent upon you. You as the reader are the final critics. You as the writers must serve these critics. This can be accomplished only by a healthy interchange of information. With the development of this interchange will come the maturity of this magazine and with it, we hope, the fulfillment of what you want it to be. (Signed) Henry Salvatori.”

Today we hope that in the past 10 years it has fulfilled the purposes for which you wanted a magazine — that through it you have maintained contact with your Western friends, become acquainted with Company operations in other locales, and learned of some of the problems and conditions encountered in places far removed from your own operations. If the Profile has done this, it can continue to do so with your co-operation, which has always been splendid, as the past 10 years have proved. As Mr. Salvatori said, “This magazine is your magazine, and its success depends upon you.”

So forward and onward we go.

The first Party Pickings included these pictures: Party 7’s “Winter in Wyoming” and Party 68’s “Amphibious Recording Truck.”
PARTIES 73 and 74—KHORRAMSHAH, IRAN . . .

CAL HANSBROUGH, Reporter
HILLMAN SOUTHWICK, Photographer

Since last reporting from Pakistan a year ago, Party 74 has worked exclusively in the Persian Gulf. Upon completing the Pakistan survey, the boats were run to Bahrain for repairs and rerigging. They then proceeded directly to Khorrakha, Iran. After four months in Khorrakha, the work shifted to the opposite side of the Gulf, namely Dubai and Sharjah. These two small sheikdoms are two of the states comprising the Trucial Coast, and Dubai was unanimously named as the hottest locale that this crew has ever worked. Leaving Dubai, Party 74 again returned to Khorrakha, where it was joined by a sister crew, Party 73. At this writing both crews are working together on a joint project offshore Iran.

Western’s dual-purpose cable technique is being utilized; and due to the basic data requirements, night shifts on each crew and an in-town playback crew are being used.

Because of the extent of this operation (Western’s largest ever), additional personnel were needed to fill the roster of Party 73, an interpretation office, and a reproduction office. Thus in September Westerners came from the States, South America, Las Palmas, Australia, the North Sea, Italy, and Kuwait. The roster for this joint venture totals 98 men: 45 Americans internationally seasoned by “expatriates” from Portugal, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Italy, Jordan, and the United Kingdom. Forty-one local employees complete the working roster.

Party 74 began its survey in mid-September under the able leadership of Chief Observer PHIL MURRAY. Phil is assisted on the Jackson Creek by ALDO CANTONI, UGO PICCHIANI, MARIO BRIGNOCOLLI, BILL DONOVAN, WENDELL BOYCE, and GENE STEVENS. JOHN CLINGAN heads up the shooting crew of the Red Creek with the assistance of JEAN HEBERT.

Three weeks later production was doubled by the addition of Party 73. The “boss man” of this crew is Co-or-

Left—Through this gate have passed many Westerners over the years, for the Anahita Hotel is where they headquarter when working out of Khorrakha, Iran. Below—Party Chief Zane Baker, operations manager for the combined Party 73-74 survey, smiles his approval as he looks out on the Anahita’s patio.
Our Persian Gulf crews are indeed proud of the size, shape and design, and top structure of Western’s brand-new 125-foot recording boat, the Bayou Chico, built to Company’s specifications. Midland Ship Supervisor Jay Frester took this photo of the Bayou Chico before it left Port Arthur, Texas.

dinator C. S. (Slick) Willmuth, who is assisted by Observer Byrl Sallee and Bill Sigler, Harry Vercher, Pat Osborne, Bill Rains, and Kurt Pedersen. Always following the recording boat Bayou Chico are Shooter Jessie Hammond and Carroll Smith aboard the shooting boat Donald Stevenson.

Upon each crew’s arrival in town, its recording boat is taken over by the in-town playback crew. This crew is staffed by Hillman Southwick, Bill Reeves, Ray Kilchrist, and Ken Miller.

From here the playbacks go to the reproduction office, which was set up under the leadership of Hillman Southwick and Vittorio Pasini, who are responsible for the more than 20,000 required prints of the record sections.

Next in line is the interpretation office, headed by Party Chief Jim Dees, assisted by Don Luce, Augusto Brenda, Bill Goudy, Bill Reeves, Jim Hull, Ray Kilchrist, and Cal Hansbrough.

One other department remains, and that is the opera

tional office, which is located in the Hotel Anahita, a place known by many Westerners. Operations Manager (Party Chief) Zane Baker, Computers Rui Esteves and Mansour Danesh-Zadeh, and Secretary Vartoosh Haratonian maintain this link of communications between the various departments.

Due to the influx of additional personnel, a staff house was set up to ease the housing and food problems. Situated only a few steps from the reproduction and interpretation offices, this is “home away from home” for eight Westerners. Here also is served probably the best food in the Middle East—and the predominantly Southern contingent still start the day with steaming grits beside sunny eggs.

A Safety Dinner was held in October for the men of the Jackson Creek and the Red Creek on a Westerners’ “come one—come all” basis. This “twi-night” buffet was prepared by the Red Creek’s Mario Brignoccoli and served in the Hotel Anahita patio—an evening of cool wine, good food, and congeniality.

Right—Rising between the date palms on the campus of the Abadan Technological Institute is the school’s modern Clock Tower. Abadan, downstream from Khorrarmshahr, is an Iranian port city where Western boats often dock. Below—These boats are being pulled up to the shore of the Karun River at Khorrarmshahr.
"Pocket crew." "Pocket drill." Surveyor Alberto Chiari helps Party F-5 local hires start the motor of a hammer drill near Splügen.

**PARTY F-5—SPLUGEN, SWITZERLAND**

**VINCENTO, PERRONE, Reporter-Photographer**

Party F-5 is a singular crew. Usually its campaigns do not last more than a week (only one time it happened to operate for an entire month). It is a pocket crew, composed of seven men, three of whom are local hires; and it is provided with Western transistorized jeep-mounted recording equipment, plus a service pickup. The drilling is performed with a hand-auger, or a hammer-drill. One or two days before the starting of operations the party manager, observer, junior observer-shooter, and surveyor are summoned from other crews here in Italy to form the nucleus of this specialized crew.

Party F-5’s interest is not in hydrocarbons. It is primarily interested in foundation engineering problems. Whenever plans of construction of important highways, bridges, tunnels, dams, industrial buildings, and the like are being projected, F-5 is there to determine depths to which the foundations must be set for these various constructions. Shooter RENZO FONTANA, Junior Observer ROBERTO ROSSI, Observers GIANLUIGI DONA and GIUSEPPE DI BLASIO, Observer Supervisor GOFFREDO ZAMBELLI, Surveyors ALBERTO CHIARI, DOMENICO MONTANI, and PALESTINO VILLA, and Party Managers VINCENTO PERRONE, VITTORIO PASINI, SAURO CASADEI, and ALDO PATRONCINO all fill in, at different times, this crew’s ranks. The latter three have had occasion to realize that the party manager of this pocket crew acts also as cableman, rodman, draftsman, computer, and interpreter.

In southern Italy, Party F-5 operated in Canosa; in central Italy it worked in Civitavecchia on the Tyrrhenian coast, as well as in Pescara, Roseta, Giulianova, and Pesaro on the Adriatic Sea; and in northern Italy it was in Ferrara and Rovigo. To describe, even briefly, all of these places would mean preparing a touristic guide of half of Italy, a thing that we should be glad to do except that we are too busy with our own work.

During the first half of October 1963, however, F-5 performed a survey that deserves particular attention, and to which the photos refer, in the neighborhood of Splügen, Switzerland.

From Italy a road leads directly to Splügen through the Splügen Pass. You may drive on this road—when not snowed in, which usually occurs between late October and early April. Once arrived, you will learn from the Italian table that the Pass elevation is 2,117 meters; but the Swiss one will inform you that you are at an elevation of 2,118 meters (6,949 feet). This misstep, however, did not upset our surveyor, ALBERTO CHIARI, as the whole work was to be performed entirely in Swiss territory. Maybe, in ALBERTO’s authoritative opinion, that, not having a national sea level, the Swisses established one a meter above the Italian one.

This is Splügen, Switzerland, where Party F-5 men lived, nestled in the valley of the Rhine River, where it is just a stream.
Descending from the Splügen Pass, after passing through the Swiss customs, we soon arrived at the point of F-5's zone of operations. We were advised: "You will be in real mountain territory, and the trucks cannot be moved out of the road, but the line to be surveyed is near the road." Well. In fact, the line was not far from the road, but with a reel of cable on your shoulders, or a bunch of geophones, you will realize—if you do not dispose of a stout heart—that two close points may turn terribly distant in mountainous areas.

Nine kilometers from Splügen Pass, there is the village of Splügen. By the photo you may admire this small beautiful village. Splügen lies in the Rhine River valley. Here the Rhine is a small stream; but farther away it will become large and important, capriciously traversing all of Switzerland (where forms the famous Schaffhausen Falls, visited by the members of Party F-5 on Sunday, October 6, 1963), and a great part of Europe, crossing France, Germany, and Holland, and flowing into the North Sea.

Upon our arrival, we were doubtful about the accommodations that such a small village could offer. But no such trouble is found in Switzerland. In fact, it seems that in Switzerland every other building is a comfortable hotel. In this country cigarettes cost half as much as they do in Italy. Also, good chocolate bars are cheap. So, to take the best from these economic advantages, the members of our crew were smoking three times more than in Italy and munching chocolate from morning to night, even if they now detest it.

Fertile pastures extend all around Splügen, for grazing of local cattle. At all times, these cattle walk with dignity along the main streets, careless of any rule of the road. In their stately gait and in their moist eyes, you can clearly read tranquil satisfaction. With the present, trust in the future, and their consciousness of playing a prominent part in the national economy. By observing them when traveling by car, you are firmly convinced of one thing: They will never need to consult a psychoanalyst. This gave rise to this stoic phrase pronounced by a member of our crew one night when he was particularly tired: "If I did not have to yield 12 gallons of milk a day, I would be glad to work as a Swiss cow."

(See next page for additional photos of Party F-5.)
PARTY F-56—EDSON, ALBERTA . . .

RON CHERNIAK, Reporter

With the coming of winter, Party F-56, having been re-activated December 1, once again makes its appearance in the PROFILE. This time we send our greetings from Edson, which is in west central Alberta, in a portion of the timber-rich foothills of the Canadian Rockies. Party F-56 has its camp located at this time of writing 20 miles north of Edson.

The immediate area around our camp is overrun by pulpwod trucks, which at present are hauling pulpwod to a plant at Hinton for conversion into pulp. There were over 250,000 cords of pulpwod cut in this immediate area this summer; and now that winter is here, winter roads make it possible for all of this pulp to be hauled from this remote region.

Party F-56 members have encountered a few problems working in areas where pulp cutters have piled their pulpwod until it could be hauled out. Due to all of this activity of the pulpwod industry, however, we have had the use of many access roads, constructed by the pulp company in charge, that enable us to reach some of our prospects much faster and easier than would ordinarily be the case.

The field crew is much the same this winter as last, with the exception of a few new faces. A new member to Party F-56 is Joe Lesoway, our party manager, who arrived from Party 97 in Argentina.

In charge of the recording crew we have Chief Observer Darrel Winder and Shooter Jack (The Englishman) Livesey. Jack came to us from Party 13 in Laramie, Wyoming. Assisting Jack and Darrel are Assistant Observer Barry Hunt, Shooter’s Helper Paul Husch, Reel truck Driver Sam Mosiman, and Helpers Elmer Schneider and Keith Marty. Paul, Keith, and Elmer are all newcomers to Western.

Our efficient drill crew is headed by Driller-Mechanic Adolph Rau and Driller Harvey Turcotte. When mechanical problems arise, we have Assistant Driller Charles Hogbin to replace Adolph on the drill. Rounding out the drilling crew are Helpers George Duriez and Louis Desilets.

Last but not least are Bill Cherniak and brother Ron, the latter a newcomer to Western. They handle the surveying and caterpillar operations. Bill returned from a summer with Western of America, Under Western of America he worked in Colorado, Utah, Montana, and last for Party 9 in Worland, Wyoming.
PARTY 66—GLASGOW, MONTANA . . .

"TOMMY" HARRIS, Reporter
JOHN HARRIS, Photographer

Party 66 has been traveling since last reporting in the PROFILE. From North Platte, Nebraska, we went to Circle, Montana. After a 6-week stay in Circle, we moved to Culbertson, Montana, for three weeks; then to Broadus, Montana, for six weeks; and then to Gillette, Wyoming, for a stay of almost four months. December 20 found us on our way to Glasgow, Montana, in a snow storm.

Buffalo Bill Cody should have been on the crew while we were in Wyoming as we could have used him to chase the buffalo off our spreads. Shooting day after day through a herd of over 2,000 buffaloes made the recording crew old buffalo hunters from having to chase the animals off the cables. There was some skepticism among the crew members at first about chasing them; but after two or three months they considered them the same nuisance as cattle and thought no more of it than that.

Surveyor Lawrence Dean says that they have hollow heads; he had to hit several between the eyes to run them away from his plane table, and the sound was like that of a drum. There was only one really mean bull on the ranch, and we never did meet him. He had wrecked a pickup to which he took a dislike just before we started working on the ranch.

These buffalo ranches are big business in northeastern Wyoming. The ranchers shoot the buffaloes where they find them, load them on a truck with a frame and winch (some weigh up to 2,000 pounds), and then haul them to the ranch headquarters where the animals are skinned, cleaned, and frozen. They are then trucked out to a large grocery chain in California. The hides are now being made into fur coats and are supposed to be very beautiful fur of soft fine hair after the tough outer hair is trimmed off.

Several members of Party 66 took belated vacations and also caught up on vacation time not taken the previous year. Observer Robert A. (Shorty) Carter and wife "Tootie," with their daughters, Melanie and Becky, spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends in Dublin, Colorado City, Dallas, and Beaumont, Texas. Party Chief John Harris and wife "Tommy" had a few weeks with his family in Dallas and their daughters, Jo and Jean, in Austin, where both are in graduate school at the University of Texas. On their way back to the crew, they also saw friends in west Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

Surveyor Lawrence Dean and wife Charlotte and their three children, Elizabeth, Lawrence, and Pamela Ann, took a camping trip around Montana and Wyoming in their camper-trailer. Observer Hoyt Tyson, wife Joyce, and son Mike vacationed in Georgia with their families before reporting to us from Salt Lake City. Surveyor James C. (Ole) Olson and wife Donna spent their vacation with their families in western Montana while Driller E. M. (Moe) Jones, wife Deanna, and sons Allen and Bill were with their families in Wyoming.

During the Thanksgiving holidays Marlene Johnson's parents came from Ogallala, Nebraska, to spend a few days with Marlene, Lloyd, and Pam; and Deanna Jones' parents drove over from Cody, Wyoming, to visit with Deanna, Moe, and their boys.

John Krook is chief cook and bottle washer at their house these days. Carol did not stop soon enough on this move and hit their trailer with the car, breaking her wrist and receiving a small cut on her chin.

As there is a large air base here, apartments are scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. Most of the crew
stayed in Glasgow during the Christmas break trying to find places to live. Those who did make it home were the Jones, to Wyoming; and the Krooks, to Baker, Montana. Bill Griebel, D. L. Ford, Ted Mertins, F. S. Brisham, and Marion Alsup also made it to see their families.

Being in the “Big Sky Country” once again, we all expected a pretty “White Christmas” and had snow until the Monday before Christmas. Then a chinook moved in, raising the temperature from a −8° to a +51° in a very short time. Our temperature was 30 degrees warmer than it was in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi for two days! The several children who received sleds for Christmas will have to wait to try them out until the next snow falls, which should be soon as our summer has abruptly ended and the temperature has gone to below zero once again.

PARTY 72 (Field)—LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA . . .

VIERA WOOLVERTON, Reporter
OVIE WOOLVERTON, Photographer

Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the new home of Party 72 and has been since the early part of last October. The originator of this fair city was Carlos Salia, a New Orleans Spaniard, who changed his name to Charles Sallier, married, and built a home on the shore of the lake. In the early 19th Century his property was known as “Charlie’s Lake,” and his hospitality was notorious. Railroad, rice, and timber started the town with the new name of Lake Charles. In 1887, with the help of the campaign publicity started by Capt. J. B. Watkins and later with the discovery of oil and sulphur, the growth and future of the city were assured. Lake Charles’ deep-water port opened in 1926, and that and oil, rubber, chemicals, and rice milling made it a healthy industrial center.

Working out of Lake Charles, Louisiana, these Party 72 men are laying cable in the Gulf. They are, from left: George Hall, Bill David (head only), John Groves, Gus Craig, and Bill Manning.

Assistant Observer W. E. David checks instruments on the Party 72 recording boat before shooting begins in the Gulf of Mexico.

about any special activities, for other than our coffee get-togethers, there was not much going on. Most of us were somewhat restrained by the big colds of the small members in the families and therefore confined to a forced privacy.

The majority of the crew took off to spend the Christmas holidays in their respective home towns, and Lake Charles was left to the Bouchillons and the Woolvertons.

According to our most recent information, Cueball and Bob Johnson are leaving for New Zealand. Also Ed Mangum and Hadley Helton are being sent to Africa to join a crew there. (Cueball and Bob are now with Party 86 in New Zealand.—Ed.)
PARTY 21—SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

CORINE BRANNON, Reporter
W. G. BRANNON, Photographer

A year ago Party 21 started out in Rusk, Texas—a new crew, new equipment, new contract, new scenery, and a few "old" Westerners. Of course, after all of these months the new has become old, including the scenery and the "new" Westerners, who were hired locally or elsewhere. (The first move ages us all.)

The move to Sulphur Springs was uneventful but very opportune as it did not interfere with the starting of school. Sulphur Springs is situated in northeast Texas about 80 miles east of Dallas. As in most small towns, apartments were few and far between, but Party 21 sports only a few families and most of these have house trailers.

We have welcomed back our party manager, MATT HERRINGTON, who returned from a 5-month stay in Kuwait. MICKEY HOLLIER replaced MATT during the latter's absence but has now departed for the "Big City," New Orleans. MATT's wife, WANDA, and children, JEFF and JILL, remained in Mississippi while he was working overseas; so they were glad to have him home again. WANDA says no more separate "vacations."

While in Rusk, our permitman, HOMER Holder, won the raffle at the city's annual rodeo. The prize was what every doodlebugger needs—a Shetland pony! Well, when in Texas—get a horse. HOMER is assisted by JAMES HILBUN, whose family spent the summer in Rusk but went home to Mississippi when school started. JIM, formerly a driller and a Westerner for almost 19 years, is especially happy to be here as a heart attack in October 1962 kept him off work for many months.

Running straight lines through this country has kept Surveyors GENE BRANNON and JIMMY LANDRUM busy. Helpers TRUMAN WALKER, ALVIN WARREN, and W. F. WALKER have quite a job cutting that east Texas brush.

A newcomer to the crew is Driller LAWRENCE DOWDY, with wife DOROTHY and son KENNETH. Their other son, MICHAEL, is staying with his grandmother for a few months. DOWDY will help ease the load on Drillers KEVIN RALEY and GEORGE (BUCK) LITTLE and the helpers, JERRY JONES and D. W. BAUCUM.

Also joining Party 21 was Surveyor DWIGHT RICH, accompanied by his wife, EUNICE, and their daughter, JUNE. DWIGHT is to train under Chief Observer MONROE TAYLOR and Junior Observer DALE MORGAN. The helpers on the recording crew include GASTON PATE, E. W. Mcgee, ARCHIE FLUITT, MICKEY NICHOLLS, J. E. SMITH, BILLY GAMMAL, and JIMMY GOLDSMITH.

By the way, we had four other "newcomers" without benefit of a transfer. On November 21 GENE BRANNON and wife CORINE added another boy, GREGORY JAMES,
to their family; and Gaston Pate and wife Helen met their new daughter, Lisa Gail, J. E. and Wanda Smith became proud parents of Sharon Nanette on November 5; and Mickey Nicholls and wife Minette also greeted a new daughter, Laura Necoie, on November 14.

Recreation facilities in Sulphur Springs are at a minimum, but it does not bother the wives of Party 21. Somehow or other we always manage to move the coffee pot and the deck of cards right along with us. Gladys Raley gets along OK if she can find a fishing place. Jo Little and Mary Jo Morgan have joined a bowling league, but they tell us that their scores are "not for publication." The swimming pool was the sole place of recreation for the little folks this past summer. "Bucky" Little was the only one old, or experienced, enough for the big pool, but Janne Morgan and Vicki and Tony Brannon made good use of the kiddle pool.

Until we see you again via the Profile, the men and families of Party 21 send a warm hello to our fellow Westerners far and near.

PARTY 9—WORLAND, WYOMING...

CLARA PATTON, Reporter

As the New Year rolls around, a year ago comes to our mind—when we made the resolution to have many pictures and a very newsy report ready for the Profile come January 1964. Well, that resolution was long ago forgotten, along with many others, and here we are unprepared again. (Ed. Note: If the following is an example of what can be done by an "unprepared" reporter, well—)

November was a very sorrowful month for all of the members of Party 9. First the death on the 14th of 6-month-old Angela Grace Brents, daughter of Louie and Doris Brents. Then the assassination of our late President Kennedy.

Thanksgiving turkey lured the Linders, Iretons, and the Pattons out of town. Grandma's turkey always tastes better!

Several traveled the snowy highways to be "home" for Christmas. Party Chief V. W. (Vic) Smith and family journeyed to Shamrock, Texas; Surveyor Bob Anderson and family to Kenmare, North Dakota; Recording Helper Bob Showalter and family to Sterling, North Dakota; and Computer Ralph Knapp to Whitehouse, Ohio.

Our bowling team is in full swing again this year. Although they have broken no records, Ralph Knapp won a pin for rolling three games in a row with identical scores. The team is near top place in the Petroleum League. Basketball is a new sport to this crew, and our team is holding quite a record—they have not won a game yet! But they are having a lot of fun.

During the past year the scenery has remained the same for Party 9, Worland, Wyoming, and the Westerners on the crew now include:

Party Chief Vic Smith—Bowler and Shutterbug—Vic still sings in the choir, and wife Gwen is bowling again this winter. Gwen also lent her services during the summer to the local library during the story hour for the children. Barbara is busy with 4-H, and Vic, Jr., is just busy!

Assistant Party Chief Jim Baird—Bowler—Jim keeps our bowling team lined up, and wife Janet is league bowling this year. Sons Kenny and Steve just had their tonsils out and are not talking to anyone. Computer Ralph Knapp—Bowler, Basketball Player, and Eligible Bachelor—Ralph began his career with Western last summer and hails from Ohio.

Party Manager Jack Patton—Bowler and Basketball Player—Jack keeps the basketball team lined up, and Clara is a Sunday School teacher and Cub Scout Den Mother and taught Bible School last summer. Rod and
Wes are avid Little League ball players, and Tim is anxiously waiting until he is old enough to play. Vera prefers dolls!

Observer Lou Brents—Fisherman—Lou has not reported any good fish stories lately but keeps the recording crew busy. His wife, Doris, is very talented seamstress and uses the talent daily sewing for the Brents' Darla, Shawn, Glenda, and Louie, Jr.

Junior Observer Ron Cooner—Basketball Player, Fisherman, and Game Hunter—Ron did well during deer and elk season, and wife Dixie is becoming an excellent wild-game cook. Terry has been down from an appendectomy, and Scott is waiting for his brother to be up playing again.

Driller Alan Linder—Water Skier, Boatsman, and Fisherman—Alan spent a few days out of action this fall having his tonsils removed. Wife Florence was his Florence Nightingale, nursing him back to the water skis in no time. Julie has started to school, but Shelley and Darrell are keeping Mom company.

Driller Roy Tretton—Guitar Player—Roy and friends have supplied some of the local establishments with dance music on Saturday evenings. His wife, Carol, earned a few days' rest after an emergency appendectomy last fall. Little Alan is running about nowadays keeping Mom slim and trim.

Surveyor Charles D. (Chuck) Wright—Rockhound—Chuck is also our permitman, and Fern bowls for a local league team. They recently purchased a lovely 10-foot-wide trailer and are veteran doodlebuggers.

Surveyor Bob Anderson—Bowler—Bob recently came to us from Party 66. Bob and Eunice are the proud parents of a boy born August 23, 1963. His name is Boyd Brian.

Recording Helper Bob Showalter—Fisherman and

Game Hunter—Bob is studying for the ministry, and he and wife Marilyn are both choir members. Daughters Tess and Michelle are pre-schoolers.

Rodman Warren Brazelton—Basketball Player—Warren is a local boy and came to us from Party 38 last summer. Warren gave up the bachelor's life and married Patricia Ann Mannahee on July 6, 1963, here in Worland.

Recording Helper Ron Keeler—Basketball Player—Ron also came to us from Party 38. Ron and Kay are both Worlandites and happy to be back home. Their young daughter is named Ronnie Kay.

Recording Helper John Salzman is a local new hire. He married Lola Kay Shortt on Thanksgiving Day in Greybull, Wyoming. Our congratulations to the newlyweds.

Helpers Joe Torres, Sam Dellos, and Elmer Outland are local boys of single status. Sam is our star basketball player.

Driller Darrell Clapsaddle arrived from a "short" journey of 2,800 miles. He came from Fairbanks, Alaska, taking his vacation en route. Joan is happy to be back in their trailer, and Duwayne is anxious to get back in school.

May we of Party 9 take this opportunity to offer our best regards to all of our fellow Westerners.

(Ed. Note: Since reporting, Party 9 has relocated in Riverton, Wyoming.)
The summer of 1963 goes down in the history of Party 13 as the most scenic stop of all. After shivering through winter in Rangeley, Colorado, and Riverton, Wyoming, with a two-month side trip to Craig, Colorado, the crew wound up for the months of August and September in Dubois, Wyoming. Fishing gear was dug out, and the rock hunters were in heaven.

Surveyor Jim Blair took his family of Marvene, Lori, and Ron to Yellowstone Park on Sunday, and Ron reported with wide-eyed wonder that there were bears up there!

Housing was a little difficult in Dubois as we arrived there during the height of the tourist season, and Junior Observer James Christianson had to move Doris, Les, and Linda back to Riverton. Driller Wilbur Riley also had to find a home in Riverton for Alice and children, Bruce, Debbie, Timmy, and David. Observer Arvel Guess, Jean, and Jimmie had a little log cabin in town where Jimmie could catch fish practically from his back door. The Guess have since moved back to sunny California and are with Party 31.

Driller-Mechanic Lowell Hull and wife Billie acquired a new member of the family this year in the form of Snuffy, a shaggy little dog. Marlene is in the ninth grade at Laramie (Wyoming) Junior High School this year. Party Manager J. W. (Spider) Webb lived on a ranch 9 miles out of Dubois, where Carolyn could spend her time talking to the horses and Dennis dug up a dinosaur in the hills behind the ranch. Margaret caught the fishing bug there (not many fish, just the fishing bug).

During our stay in Craig, Helper Paul Kay and his wife, Anne, became the parents of another little girl, for a total of three girls and a boy. Another new Westerner joined the crew in Dubois, making three boys and a girl at Helper Les and Rose Perkins’ house.

We were sorry to leave Dubois in October for cold, windy Laramie. It was a short stay, however, as the crew has been to Baggs and Rock River since that time. Right now Party 13’s wives and families are scattered all over Wyoming. Shooter Lynn McClanahan, wife “Jackie,” and their two boys are living in Baggs, where Jackie is pondering the mysteries of cooking on a coal stove. Chief Observer Carl Savage and wife Evelyn joined us at Laramie, where Carl, Jr., is a junior at the University of Wyoming. Driller Dale McCoy, Betty, and two boys came to the crew in Dubois and are presently living in Laramie.

Helper Don and Janice Erwin became the parents of a 5-pound, 2-ounce baby girl, named Donna Lynn, on December 21, 1963. Marvene and Janice had to make a flying trip from Baggs to Craig to meet the stork.

Observer Larry (Shorty) Swanson and his wife, Sara, are looking for a new baby in January. Shorty made a fast trip to the Army this fall, but Uncle Sam decided that he did not want married men; so Shorty is back doodlebugging.

Helper Dennis Page, who joined our crew in Laramie, is beginning to wonder if we will ever work there! Other bachelors on Party 13 include Glenn and Richard Murray, Howard Kittle, and Hugh Riley.

You’ve heard the saying, “He can’t see the forest for the trees.” Can you see “the mast for the trees”? Among this Wyoming timber is a drill, and Party 13 has the most raised. Can you find it?
NICHOLLS HEADS NEW WESTERN OPERATION. A new Western office has been opened in Pascagoula, Mississippi, under the direction of Robert L. (Bob) Nicholls. This office will manage Western's expanding geophysical boat fleet, which now consists of 10 boats especially designed and constructed for marine geophysical operations. Three additional boats are under construction and will be placed in service within the next few weeks. Bob and his staff also will supervise maintenance and operations of the 18 additional boats operating for Western under lease agreements.

Bob has been with Western since 1949. He is well qualified by experience for his new position, having been associated with Western's marine seismic operations since 1955. Bob, Catherine, and their three daughters, Cathy, Barbara, and Rosemary, moved from New Orleans to Pascagoula in February.

IT IS NOW SUPERVISORS Ben L. Langston and James P. Denniston, for in January Ben and Jim were promoted from their former party chief duties to supervisory ones. Ben will headquarter in Oklahoma City and Jim in New Orleans.

Ben, who became a Westerner in February 1953, had been party chief of Party 65 since the spring of 1962, when he arrived from Party 20 to take over the 65 reins and set up an office for the party in Oklahoma City. Before that time Party 65's office personnel had moved about with the field crew. New party chief for Party 65 is William J. Walz, formerly its chief computer and a Westerner six years next June.

Before coming to Western as a computer on Party 21, Ben had served two years in the Army, holding the rank of sergeant on his discharge. A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, he earned his B.S. degree in physics from Southeastern Louisiana College. Crews on which he has worked as computer, chief computer, and party chief include Parties 21, 72, 38, 33, 20, and 65. He is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Ben and his wife, Fredna, have three children: Angela, who will be 9 years old on May 23; Susan, who will be 6 on the same day; and Benjamin, Jr., who was 2 in January.

Jim, also a member of S.E.G., entered Western's ranks in June 1952 as an assistant computer on Party 38. Until a year ago he had been a three-party man, Parties 38, 65, and 21 in that order. In fact, he was almost a one-party man, for he was already on Party 21 as chief computer when he was promoted to party chief way back in October 1953. He continued to head this crew until the end of 1962.

Although Party 21 had worked much of the time in Texas, it was based on Wolf Point, Montana, when Jim was transferred to Shreveport, Louisiana. Here Jim was connected with the interpretation offices of several foreign crews, Parties 74, 86, and 75, until his recent promotion to supervisor. There was one break in the foregoing: Jim spent several months late last spring and summer in the Hadhramaut as field party chief for Party 90 until Herman Semeliss, who had guided Party 90 in the Sahara Desert, could arrive from Argentina.

A native of Alma, Arkansas, Jim was graduated magna cum laude from the College of the Ozarks with a B.S. in mathematics. He served in the Army from April 1945 to November 1946. Jim and his wife, Erline, have two young Dennistons, Brenda Joyce, age 14; and James P., Jr., 9.

On behalf of all Westerners, the PROFILE congratulates Ben and Jim on their promotions and wishes them success in their new capacities.

SAFETY IS AS IMPORTANT to the Westerners who develop and build the Company's equipment and machines as it is to those who use them, and they are as safety-minded. This was proved by a safety award the Los Angeles laboratory
men received in December. A Certificate of Merit was presented to the employees of the laboratory, the electrical machine, and body shops, the drafting department, the shipping and receiving department, and the lab office for 209,744 manhours of operations without a disabling injury. This covered a period of approximately two and a half years and an average personnel roster of 45 men. (No such accident has happened since the cut-off date of the award.)

The certificate was given by the Safety and Health Services of the Employers Mutuals of Wausau (Wisconsin), Western's carrier for liability and property damage insurance, both automotive and industrial. Actual presentation of the mounted certificate was made by John C. Mader, Employers Mutuals safety engineer in the southern California district, to Vice President V. E. Prestine and Safety Director Carl Gerdes amid the huge and complex machinery of the machine shop.

Congratulations to these Westerners, and may they continue to "Think Safety—Act Safely" and have no disabling injuries.

"Dear Dean:

The 33rd Annual International meeting of the S.E.G. has recently been successfully concluded in New Orleans.

The outstanding impression the meeting left with the delegates could not have been achieved without the tremendous effort put forth by the various committee chairmen and particularly Mr. Aart de Jong of Western Geophysical Co. who acted as general chairman for the entire convention.

"Having been involved in the same capacity with the Calgary meeting in 1962, I am well aware of the amount of time required to assure that the numerous responsibilities were adequately handled. I am sure that, in addition to his own free time, considerable company time and facilities were utilized.

"Hence the society is deeply indebted to you and your organization for the generous contribution of manpower and other resources that went towards making the convention the outstanding success it was. For your information the entire convention program showed considerable forethought and arrangement to detail, which would indicate that Aart showed real executive skill in picking his associates and supervising their progress.

"I trust we are not amiss in assuming that your generosity indicates a genuine interest by you and your organization in the welfare of S.E.G. and the geophysical profession. The attitude of management towards the exploration phase of the petroleum industry is most vital to us and such consideration as you have shown is extremely encouraging."

Mr. Salassi's letter follows:

"Gentlemen:

"The Society of Exploration Geophysicists wishes to express their gratitude to you for their participation in the Society-sponsored technical field trip held Friday, October 25, 1963.

"The field trip was an overwhelming success, with much interest expressed by many delegates about the various types of equipment demonstrated at the selected locations.

EXTRA, HARD WORK BRINGS HIGH PRAISE to three Westerners and their Company. The Westerners are Supervisors Aart de Jong and Howard Dingman and Party Chief R. L. (Bob) Nichols, all of New Orleans; and the extra work was in connection with the Annual International Meeting of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists in New Orleans late last October. Western President Dean Walling received a letter from Society President Norman J. Christie regarding Aart, who was general chairman of the convention, and our Company. Another letter, addressed to Western in New Orleans, attention of Howard and Bob, was sent by C. A. Salassi, chairman of special events for the meeting, concerning Howard and Bob's part in a special event, a field trip.

Mr. Christie wrote:

On behalf of Los Angeles laboratory and shop employees, Vice President V. E. Prestine (center) accepts a Certificate of Merit for their safety record from John C. Mader (left). Employers Mutuals safety engineer, as Western's safety director, Carl Gerdes, looks on. Picture was taken in the machine shop.
A quarter-century service with Western is being noted as Vice President Booth B. Strange presents their 25-Year Service Pins to Supervisors Fred DiGiulio (below) and Frank Ellsworth (right).

"Needless to say, the observation of offshore seismic work by our group would have been merely a dream without excellent co-operation and timing by your offshore seismic party. An explanation of witnessed operations was ably performed by Mr. R. L. Nicholls. There was no delay in the planned field trip program and the journey was completed on time.

"We hope that you will be rewarded generously for your trouble and expense in being part of this field trip program."

THE "25-YEAR CLUB" gained two new members early this year when Supervisors Fred Di Giulio and Frank Ellsworth received their 25-Year Service Pins from Vice President Booth B. Strange in Western's Mid-Continent Division office, Shreveport, Louisiana. The 25 years' service of these two men is continuous, and they started with the Company just two days apart.

Fred was hired by Western Geophysical January 9, 1939, as an assistant computer for Party 1. As he was promoted to computer, chief computer, and then party chief, he was with Parties 20, 9, 18, and 21. Transferred to Canada in May 1949, Fred was made an assistant supervisor there later that year. January 1, 1951, saw him return to the States, assigned to the Midland, Texas, office, where he was promoted to supervisor that May. Although most of Fred's crews are in Texas, he now works out of the Shreveport office.

Fred is a native of New York City and received both an A.B. and M.A. from Fordham University in New York. He and wife Aline have four sons: John Edward, 19, a sophomore in college, who was a doodlebugger last summer; Robert William, 17; Fred Joseph, 16 next month; and Richard Thomas, 13.

Frank also started with Western as an assistant computer, with Party 9 on January 11, 1939. As he moved up to party chief, he served with Parties 18, 8, 20, 13, 1, F-3, 32, 19, 51, and 31. In April 1951 Frank went to Western's Calgary office as an assistant supervisor of Canadian operations and the following January 1 was made a supervisor, in which capacity he served Western of Canada until April 1958.

His next assignment took Frank to another continent, South America, which was not new to him as he had been in Paraguay twice before as party chief of Party F-3. From April 1958 until late last December, Frank lived in South America, supervising Party 88 in Bolivia, Party 97 in Argentina (twice), and Party 75 in Venezuela. He is now assigned in Shreveport.

Also an Easterner, Frank was born in Broad Brook, Connecticut, and attended Trinity College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he received a B.S. degree in civil engineering. Inasmuch as Frank has spent so much time in South America, it is not surprising that his wife Maria (Chola) is a Paraguayan and that their 17-year-old son, Frank Edward (Hank), was born in Paraguay.

Both Fred and Frank are members of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. We congratulate them on their 25 years' continuous service with Western—and extend best wishes for their next 25.

BARNETT'S STEAK HOUSE in Wasco, California, was the scene of Party 68's most recent Safety Dinner, held December 7. The dinner commenced at 8 P.M. but somehow lasted until 2 A.M. Chief Computer John Gray took everybody's steak order, and they were subsequently served "army" style. Truthfully, it was the best dinner I have had since I last ate at Warren (The Chef) Tufte's "diner." Immediately following dinner, the banquet room was transformed, with card games at one end and dancing to a nickelodeon (short on cowboy stuff) at the other.

Shooter Pete Rix and wife took a week's vacation just after Christmas but did not leave the state. Party Chief George Byum and his family left for Texas for three weeks to escape the fog. "Chief Seismometer Replacement Engineer" Raymond Phillips had been anxiously awaiting the chance to relieve George, but Party Chief B. W. (Red) Brown showed up just in time to take over. Red has a couple of years' longevity (actually 20 years) over Raymond!—Ron Davenport.
THE LADIES OF PARTY 52 were guests at a Christmas party held by Evelyn (Mrs. William C.) Nelson just before the crew broke for the holidays. Those attending were Berc (Mrs. Claude) Dooley, Geneva (Mrs. Carl W.) Scott, Judy (Mrs. Alvin) Warren, Thelma (Mrs. Don) Swint, Annetta (Mrs. Travis) White, and Audie (Mrs. C. N.) Hardin. All enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, and then each and every one went her merry way to spend the holidays with parents.

Party Manager C. N. Hardin, Observer Carl Scott, and Driller Don Swint and families spent a “White Christmas” in Oklahoma. Driller W. C. Nelson and family journeyed out to west Texas, and Surveyor Alvin and Judy Warren and Party Chief Claude and Berc Dooley enjoyed the sunshine of Mississippi. Helper Travis and Annetta White spent the holidays in Monroe, Louisiana. The Whites, incidentally, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Travis Lane.

We extend our congratulations to Helper Charles F. Brown, of Party 52, and the former Dorothy Marie Cramer, of Campti, Louisiana, on their marriage January 4 in Marshall, Texas. The newlyweds are making their home in Minden, Louisiana, where the Party 52 field crew is now located.

—Audie Hardin.

THE PAST MASTER’S JEWEL was bestowed upon a popular, 16-year Westerner, Roland Broughton, last December 14 when he completed a year of service as Master of Melrose Lodge 602 F. & A. M. (Masons). Roland, office manager of the Los Angeles laboratory and shops, was initiated into the Masons in 1954 and started through the chairs (offices) in 1957. By 1963 he had reached the highest in Blue Lodge Masonry, that of Master.

In addition to the Past Master’s Jewel, a beautiful ring whose emblem signifies Past Mastery, Roland was given a yearbook prepared by one of the members of his lodge. This book contains the printed programs and many pictures of each 1963 monthly meeting and the ceremonies.

One of the highlights of the year, according to Roland, was “Tidewater Night.” Tidewater employees who are Masons met with the Melrose Lodge, and some of them assisted Roland in raising one of them to Master (of another lodge) by filling the chairs for the ritual.

AN EARLY 1964 VISITOR to the Company’s headquarters was Thomas P. Maroney, Western of America’s vice president in Italy. Combining vacation and business, Mr. Maroney flew from Italy to New York on December 12 and then went on to Rock Island, Illinois, to spend the holidays with his parents. From January 6 to 10 he was in Los Angeles discussing business with Chairman of the Board Henry Salvatori, President Dean Walling, and Vice President V. E. Prestine; conferring with general office department heads and other personnel; and looking over the newly-developed equipment in the laboratory and shops.

Mr. Maroney went from Los Angeles to Shreveport, Louisiana, to talk to Vice President Booth B. Strange and other key personnel in the Mid-Continent Division office and to see all of Western’s new facilities in Shreveport before flying back to Italy.

Although Mr. Maroney is in the Milan office of Western Ricerche Geofisiche, he spends a great deal of time in the field visiting the Ricerche crews. Thus, he sees much of Italy and has many interesting stories to tell of it. In fact, he remarked that when he came along two days after Party F-5’s pictures of Spluga Pass on the Italian-Switzerland border were taken (see Party Pickings), the pass was blocked by snow; and he also substantiated the crew’s report and gave further details on the delights of Switzerland.

“GRIEVE SCORES HOLE IN ONE. Brian Grieve used a six iron to enter golf’s hall of fame by scoring a hole in one at the Regal Golf Club’s sixth hole.

“Brian sank his tee shot on the 154-yard hole while playing with Tax Ikeda, Alex Marshall, and John Pertle.”

A Westerner for 11 years, Brian received the above publicity in the Calgary Albertan late last fall. He is the Calgary office accountant for Western Geophysical Company of Canada, whose headquarters are in Calgary.—Ray Quarry.

MANUELA AND DANIELE MACCHIA were happy to announce their arrival and father’s friends that a new baby had joined their family on November 16, 1963. This little brother was named Dino. Edoardo Macchia, the father, works as a computer with Party F-79, Western Ricerche Geofisiche in Italy.—Giuseppina Cuzzaniga.

DECEMBER 21 WAS CHOSEN by Jerry Murphy, computer on Party 52, as the date to give up the carefree life of a bachelor. The former Miss Gay Collins, his bride, is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, where Party 52’s office now is. For several weeks prior to the wedding, Jerry was the object of
a considerable amount of harassment from the other members of the crew and is probably relieved that he can work in peace and quiet again.—J. H. Bellar.

A SOJOURN in Aden and the Hadramaut yielded more than a profile article and pictures (December 1963) and much good work for Jennings (Smitty) Smith. He brought back to the Western Geophysical Research Department a box of fossil shells and ventifacts that he had picked up in the Empty Quarter of the Arabian peninsula. The fossils appeared to be the grandpas (eons removed) of the types whose shells are found today along the southern California coast. Unfortunately, Smitty did not take any pictures of these unusual objects for us to show you.

NEWCOMERS TO SHREVEPORT’S WESTERN FAMILY include Supervisor Frank Ellsworth, wife “Chola,” and son Frank, who has been tagged Hank to avoid confusion in names. After closing out the affairs of Party 97 in Buenos Aires, Frank had to go directly to Venezuela to supervise Party 75’s operations in Maracaibo for the remainder of the year. Chola and Hank came on to Shreveport, where Hank enrolled as a senior in Jesuit High School. Chola has converted one of Shreveport’s newest apartments into a charming home. With Frank’s arrival the day after Christmas, the holiday season took on a joyous note for the Ellsworths.

Ed Planck left the snows and blizzards of the Rocky Mountain area to come to the “sunny South” in mid-November only to find Shreveport blanketed in ice and snow the weekend before Christmas. His wife, Laura, and daughter, Sarah (high school junior and honor student), will remain in Cody, Wyoming, for the remainder of the school year. Ed is operating the new tape transcription office in Shreveport. The hospitality of the Bruce Pack and Neal Cramer families helped to keep Ed from being too lonely at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

Arnold West arrived in Shreveport on December 26 and has been busy becoming oriented in the Gulf Coast, Mid-Continent land, and Shreveport data-processing operations. Prior to an extended vacation with his family the latter part of 1963, Arnold spent approximately six weeks in East Pakistan with Parties 88 and 89. The previous eight years were spent in Italy, where he was supervisor of recording operations. His wife, Graciela (Chala), and children, William and Katherine, have joined him in Shreveport; and as soon as they find a suitable house, their other two children, Diana and Louise, will transfer residence from their grandparents’ home in Longview, Washington, to complete the family group in Shreveport.—Margaret Hale.

WESTERN WAS HONORED during the past summer by a visit from members of the United States Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Our visitors were Congressman T. A. Thompson, of Louisiana; Congressman George A. Goodling, of Pennsylvania; Committee Counsel John M. Drewry and Bernard J. Zincke; and Capt. Paul S. Bauer, consultant.

The group arrived in New Orleans on August 26 and were greeted at the airport by Western Supervisor Howard Dingman, who escorted the group to the Royal Orleans Hotel. They were joined by Vice President Booth B. Strange and enjoyed dinner at Antoine’s, one of New Orleans’ most famous restaurants. During the dinner each visitor was given the title of Honorary Colonel in the Louisiana National
A buffet supper was hosted by Party Chief C. Q. (Quin) Williams and wife Billie in their new home in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition to many Westerners from the Anchorage area and those newly arrived from Fairbanks, Alaska, guests included former Westerners Charlie and Mary Selman. Anchorage is home base for Western Parties 17, 19, and 8-10, as well as its new shop for Alaskan crews; and Fairbanks is where “North Slope” Party 93 has its office. Pictured above are some of the guests at the party. Top left—Mechanic Ollie Krein (shop), Anita Morris, Party Manager Roy Morris (Party 17). Top right—Host Quin Williams (Party 91), Barbara Smith, Supervisor Bill Rosser. Lower left—Mary Selman, Lea Rosser, Party Manager Vic Mittasch (Party 91). Computer Russ Linford (shop). Lower right—Dorothy Sherman, Gloria Kraus, Jackie Mittasch.

Guard. This title was bestowed by Louisiana Gov. Jimmy Davis.

The following day the group was briefed on navigation and surveying techniques used in offshore Louisiana. After luncheon at the New Orleans Petroleum Club, they departed for Grand Isle, with the planned purpose of visiting Western’s offshore operations. As Grand Isle is a small fishing village and lodging accommodations were scarce at this time, we were grateful to Humble Oil that kindly offered the use of its very fine guest house.

On August 28 the group boarded Western’s recording vessel, the Black Creek. During the cruise they witnessed Western’s offshore seismic technique and still had enough time to observe a major producing oil-field installation and a producing sulphur platform. There was also time for a little fishing under the direction of a very capable fishing guide from Grand Isle. Sorry to say, the fish were not very hungry. Following the cruise the group returned to New Orleans.

The next day they visited the Chevron Oil Company data processing center to observe how information gathered from the recording crew is placed in workable form. They also visited a Western interpretative office, which was engaged in the interpretation of Western’s Deep Water Reconnaissance Survey, to observe the method of arriving at the final subsurface map. After luncheon the guests departed to return to their duties in Washington.

All of our visitors enjoyed the tour immensely. We were happy to be able to have these distinguished gentlemen as our guests. Howard did an excellent job of co-ordinating this very pleasant and informative tour of south Louisiana’s oil operations.—R. L. Nicholls.
THEY SERVE

Service Anniversaries . . . January, February, March

29 YEARS
*Desmond, Jack M.
Prestine, V. E.
*Sheffit, David

25 YEARS
Di Giulio, Fred J.
Ellsworth, Frank

22 YEARS
*Hardin, Clarence N.
*Logan, Lloyd E.
*Morrow, Dallas C.

21 YEARS
Boren, Edmund
*Bouchillon, Thomas C.

20 YEARS
Dooley, Claude O.
*Ivy, Robert L.
Jones, John Paul
Puck, Bruce A.
*Phillips, T. J.

19 YEARS
*Guess, J. A.
*Harwood, Jack
Rix, Melvin J.

18 YEARS
Harsh, Loren T.
*Hill, Chester W.
Jordan, James B.
Knox, W. Alan
Teschler, John F.
*Thomas, Joseph W.

17 YEARS
*Renick, L. E.
Smith, Victor W.
Wallace, John W.

16 YEARS
Amund, Lee L.
*Barton, Rex D.
Broughton, Roland
Boyant, R. K.

*Interrupted Service

15 YEARS
Chandler, J Allan
*Dick, Charles W.
*Jones, Frank D.
*Sergeant, Thomas G.

14 YEARS
Lesoway, Joseph G.
*Nash, Robert T.
Novak, Stephen
Rasmussen, Julius A.
Sullivan, William F.
Trippel, Richard C.

13 YEARS
*Tyson, Milton Hoyt
White, John D.

12 YEARS
*Abbott, Gerald
Alexander, James P.
May, Myrtle
McGehee, Harry W.
*Murray, Phillip E.
Stevens, Stanley A.
Won, Eldred
Xavier, Alberto G.

11 YEARS
Grieve, Brian
Langston, Ben L.
Quarry, Rachel I.
*Rich, Harold D.
*Venegas, William
Watts, Harold D.

10 YEARS
Anderson, Don C.
Berlin, Rudy C.
*Blair, Jimmy
Dormandy, Garry W.
Hesser, Clifton A.
Krein, Oliver A.
Luce, Donald J.
*Mathewson, John C. C.
Mellette, Soule M.
Pasini, Vittorio
Pfob, Benedict H.
*Priester, W. C.
Raier, Kerney
Shivers, Joe D.
Williamson, W. J.

9 YEARS
Ardedge, James B.
Morris, Roy I.
*Porter, Donald D.
*Spurio, Elio

8 YEARS
Bros, Leslie E.
Byrd, Donald J.
*Callis, Woodrow W.
Herrington, L. M.
*Jones, Elmo M.
McCullough, Alyce V.
*Myers, Bernice S.
*Parker, William H.
Schmidt, Lesley J.

7 YEARS
Finkbeiner, Eildon D.
*Graham, Clifford P.
*Hudson, Mark N.
Richter, Erich

6 YEARS
Bakke, Ronald D.
Clarke, M. Marianne
Davis, Herbert F.
McDonald, John L.
*Sendiff, Joseph
Ward, John E.

5 YEARS
Meeker, Harry
Olson, James C.
Scott, James R.

4 YEARS
*Cancian, Pietro
*Mason, Darrice L.

3 YEARS
Hess, Dean
McClanahan, Lynn
*Mosiman, Sam
Shea, Ralph E.

2 YEARS
Brazell, Guy
*Dedick, William
*Duran, Real
Gray, John R.
Higgins, John C.
Krook, John O.
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