

ANNUAL MEETING

The American Society of Photogrammetry with headquarters in Washington, D. C., held its annual meeting there on January 16, 17 and 18, 1939. This year's meeting was a three day affair and was well attended - about 300 people being there from all parts of the country. The retiring President, Mr. Virgil Kauffman, presided. The subjects of the various speakers covered practically every phase of the photogrammetric business.

Mr. R. C. Newhouse, of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, explained in detail the operation of the new "Terrain Clearance Indicator." Mr. Talbert Abrams, of Abrams Aerial Surveys, spoke of the "Airplane of the Future," later taking the entire convention to the Washington Airport to inspect the Abrams Aerial Mapping plane. Mr. M. S. Wright, of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, told all about the new film storage vaults now being used by the U. S. D. A.

On Tuesday the 17th, Lt. Comm. O. S. Reading, of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, reported on the meeting of the International Society of Photogrammetry in Rome last fall which he attended. He was followed by Mr. Leon T. Eliel, of the Fairchild Aerial Surveys, discussing further Comm. Reading's report of the Rome meeting. After luncheon, Mr. Louis A. Woodward, of the Soil Conservation Service, spoke about the work being done by that Department in "The Production of Farm Agreement Maps." Next speaker was Mr. C. S. Robinson, of Robinson Aerial Surveys, who made an interesting talk of his subject, "Modern Equipment and Methods in Aerial Mapping." The afternoon meeting was closed by a speech by our old friend Dr. Walther Barth who expounded on "Photographic Principles applied to Aerial Photography." You will probably recall that Dr. Barth is now associated with the Positype Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio.

The banquet on Tuesday evening was held at the Wardman Park Hotel and was the only social event on the program. The A. S. C. sent a delegation to this affair to cheer the retiring President. The delegation included Henry Dotzenroth, Harvey Wheeler, Ed. Schuch, Miss Jennie G. Durland, Jack Walter and Eric Storms. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Bradford Washburn, Aerial Photographer and Explorer of Harvard University, Institute of Geographical Exploration, who gave a most interesting and instructive illustrated talk on a recent exploration trip he made in the mountainous regions of Alaska.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting very much and voted it the most satisfactory one yet held. The meeting was a fitting tribute to Mr. Kauffman who has spent endless time and effort in an attempt to further the aims of the Society. Before retiring, Mr. Kauffman told that he had been invited to attend a similar meeting in Ottawa, Canada, on February 1st, as their guest representing the American Society. At Wednesday's business session Mr. Marshal S. Wright was elected President and took over his duties, hoping to be able to carry on the good work started by Mr. Kauffman.

On Tuesday the 19th, the Philly lab was honored by a visit from Dr. Barth who was on his way to New York City. He reported that Mrs. Barth was well and regretted being unable to attend the Washington meeting and also to stop in Philly to reminisce.

J. Dean "Pop" Turner has been in town for the past two weeks, having arrived in the Company station wagon direct from the South-land. "Pop" reports that "Honeychile" Turner is doing fine as is Mother Mary. As is usually the case with new fathers, Dean has been bragging that "Honeychile" is the finest, most well-behaved baby yet born. Although a father only a short time, he is already quite familiar with the many CHANGES that take place in the life of a baby. Although his presence in Phila. has given him a rest from the responsibilities of a father, nevertheless, he has been kept quite busy overhauling the Brock Aerial Cameras recently acquired by this Company. These cameras handle 48 glass 8-1/2" by 6-1/2" plates and are to be used on a small contour job which Ray Kuser and Dean will do.

The presence of many brilliant spot lights around the lab here means that Ray Kuser is again snapping colored movies of this process and that machine in his quest of appropriate subjects to complete his movie reel on aerial mapping. This reel was started by Ray while he was working in Utah this summer and shows a mapping crew actually at work. He has made some very beautiful shots of the Grand Canyon, and others made in the ship show Tom Moore grinding out film while Ray pilots #2. When this movie is completed, it will be a most complete and up-to-date story on aerial mapping. His ceaseless efforts to get perfect exposure and focus are reflected by

CREW NEWS DEPARTMENT

Salesmanager Charlie Hodell is at this time cruising up and down the Florida coast in his V-8 in search of customers interested in purchasing mosaics, verticals or oblique pictures. Charlie and his wife have been away for some three weeks now, and from all reports the trip is quite a successful one. While in Florida, they stopped in to see Bill Burgess and Bill Bohan in Tampa. There they met Margie "Two Gun" Burgess who was at that time playing nurse to Bill who had just had his tonsils removed. Aside from Bill's sore throat and a few days of flying weather, this crew has had nothing to mar their stay in the land of oranges and bathing beauties. Charlie Hodell asked Bill Bohan how he liked bathing beauties and Bill answered, "I don't know - I never bathed one." With that remark, we concluded that crew #10 had been under the tropical sun long enough so on the 24th they were moved to Savannah, Georgia, to drop in a few reflights. In closing this account of the activities of crew #10, we ask "Two Gun" to write an article for the next Prop Wash entitled "Battling the Elements in Tampa."

Since our last issue, Fos. Thomas and Sharon Scott have been to and returned from Boston, Mass., in an attempt to complete that area between snow storms. They are using ship #8 - our 1937 Cessna. "A sweet airplane," says Fos, "but a little cramped compared with #1."

We are glad to report that Bill Carroll is once and again up and around. He is now working with George Stuebing in the Company's hangar at Pitcairn Field. Between motor overhauls, Bill gets in a little flying. Last week he and Dean flew to Harrisburg, Penna., and made some oblique shots of the inauguration ceremonies. The results showed that Bill has not lost any of his flying skill during his five month lay-off.

As flying during the past two weeks has been very scarce due to the snow in the north and rain in the south, we have very little news from crew #2 - Tom Page and Tom Moore in Knoxville; crew #5 - Bob Jefferson and Mac McCormick in Winston-Salem; crew #11 - Steu Reiss and Paul Crause in Knoxville; and crew #52 - Del Bullock and Ralph Baird in North Platte. Crew #9 - The Newly Weds - Dick McCoy and Jack Swan - is still honeymooning. We learn from Del Bullock that Dick and Helen McCoy drove to North Platte from Denver to visit. Ice skating was the order of the day followed by a meal of moose meat that Dick had shot in Canada. As for the Swans - we know nothing.

George Stuebing is getting ready for a trek south to install a new motor in #3, repair #2 and overhaul #7. He is very anxious to start south because of all the snow and cold weather here of late. He suggests Ocala, Florida, as an appropriate winter base for ship overhauls.

The Winter Sports Editor reports ping pong and pool are the most popular diversions this season. From 12:30 to 1:00 the ping pong table is busy with one lively game after another of doubles. As yet the team of Paul Harvey and Joe Masino has yet to be defeated. Henry Dotzenroth keeps his weight down to an attractive figure in this way. In singles Jack Walter has little trouble in disposing of all challenges.

"Pop" Reiber is king of the noon hour pool table and so far has withstood all attempts to remove him from his throne. The table is 2 x 4 feet and is a quick-set-up job. Charlie Hodell is Pop's foremost rival and their games are as important as anything during the entire day. Being a quick setting-up model, the table is always at a different slant and tilt and makes the game that much more interesting. Len Carothers has of late been taking Charlie's place and Pop and Len are drawing quite a gallery.

And now we come to the most pleasant task of all. We want to publicly thank Alice Kuser for her fine job of writing the last issue of the Prop Wash. She wrote every word and we know you all enjoyed it as much as we did. As a matter of fact, the excellence of her writing has been what has made us hesitate before putting out this issue. We shall look forward to her next contribution even more eagerly than we have in the past.

Upon asking Miss Jennie G. Durland where the World's Fair will be held this year, we received the following answer, "Around the waist - as usual!"

Tom Maddock.