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MEMBERSHIP IN THE A.C.S. is stressed at this time in a dual manner. Society members are now engaged in filling out questionnaires at the request of the National Resources Planning Board for national defense purposes. This Board has requested A.C.S. aid in obtaining a roster of chemists, first by lending the facilities of their organization and second by submitting names of non-member chemists.

Hence there is stressed both the service of the Society to the nation and in furthering things of vital chemical interest and, secondly, the service of the Society to the individual; in this case, aiding his proper classification for an emergency. The A.C.S. is performing this kind of function to an increasing extent all the time. Employers are more prone than ever to ask if the person seeking employment is a member of A.C.S. and if not, why not.

At the last meeting a membership committee was appointed consisting of G. H. Cady, P. R. Fehlandt, J. M. Kniseley, Earl Thompson and F. L. Cooper, chairman. The next three months is the most propitious time to obtain new members. Application blanks may be obtained from members of the committee or from the secretary. Recall that the Section receives a commission of \$2.50 for each new member obtained through our own efforts. Commissions are paid only on those applications submitted by the committee or the secretary.

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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, reminiscent of the season, will report at the coming meeting. At this time also nominations may be made from the floor, balloting being by mail and reported at the annual meeting, November 22.

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A rare treat of a personal type is in store for us on November 6. Professor **THOMAS G. (TOMMY) THOMPSON** will speak on "The Bering and Alaska". This survey of Dr. Thompson's experiences and studies in Alaska will be illustrated by his own moving pictures and include inimitable Thompson anecdote. His scores of former students and personal friends will welcome this opportunity to hear Dr. Thompson. **DINNER** will be served in Room 200, Bagley Hall, - 6:30 and is 60¢. The meeting will be at 8:00 in Room 131. This is a rare opportunity to celebrate election returns or drown election sorrows. Oh, yes! bring the wife to dinner and the meeting. She will be equally interested and will remind you to send your reservations in by Tuesday, November 5.

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LABORATORIES AND PERSONALITIES. In line with the announcement last spring in the write-up of Chemical Education in Washington it seems fitting to give an account of chemistry at the University of Washington, omitted at that time. Although many members are in close touch with the University a survey of the changing size, personnel and activities may be of interest.

Putting aside any pretense of completeness the writer must attempt the problem of enumerating in narrative form. Accounts of origin and date of affiliation will be restricted to newer members.

The dual Department of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering is still guided by Professor Benson. He, with Professors Beuschlein, Kobe and West make up the Dept. of Chemical Engineering. Professors Benson and Kobe handle the Industrial Chemistry and Beuschlein assisted by West in their splendidly equipped laboratory handle the Unit Operations. Dr. Frank West came in that direction from the University of Minnesota a year ago and has never regretted it. Dr. Kobe's activities also include chemical calculations and electrochemistry.

Many who took freshman chemistry recall that Dr. G. McPhail Smith gave the lectures. In the informal divisional set-up within the department, Dr. Smith still heads this work. In the handling of over 1000 freshman students per quarter Prof. Geo. Cady, now in his third year here, takes all sections of engineers as well as some other groups. Miss Radford devotes full time to laboratory work, and the newest instructor in the department, Dr. Helmut Haendler devotes part of his time to lecturing and part to laboratory work. Dr. Haendler received his doctor's degree here last June and was appointed this fall. Still other general chemistry work takes some of the time of Profs. Tartar, Powell and Sivertz from other divisions.

Our speaker (see above) still heads the analytical division. In addition he is director of the Oceanographic Laboratories. Dr. Rex Robinson carries the rest of the load of quantity and quality in addition to teaching chemical microscopy and microchemistry.

Physical chemistry is headed by Prof. Tartar who with Profs. Sivertz and Lingafelter give the courses in that field. Dr. Lingafelter came here last year after receiving his degree from the University of California.

Organic chemistry includes Dr. Dehn as senior member and Dr. Powell. It is a pleasure to announce that Dr. Dehn is recovering favorably from an illness which has kept him out of action all this quarter. Dr. E.R. Norris devotes all his time to broad program of biochemical teaching and research. Miss Marjorie Westfall, departmental secretary devotes part of her time to teaching and part to advisory work.

While space does not permit a survey of research in progress at the University, a broad and active program is proceeding. The organized research includes that in progress by Dr. A. J. Bailey who devotes full time to lignin chemistry. Dr. Bailey graduated from this University in Wood Technology and after teaching and research work in the east for several years returned here to give all his time to wood chemistry. We feel sure that he is gathering some interesting results to present to the Section in the near future. Dr. Aaron Markham has just been appointed research associate in chemical engineering. He received his degree last June.

No mention of teaching and research would be complete without including the 45 teaching and research fellows. The temporary character of their appointments coupled with the lack of space makes it impossible to write of them individually; but included in their number are many A.C.S. members and they make up as a group a most effective research corps.