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## President's Corner . . .

Since our last edition of the *PPG* there has been a considerable amount of convention news. The Pacific Section received a check for \$1,964 for its share of the net proceeds from the 1987 National Convention held in Los Angeles recently.

Preparations for the 1988 convention to be held in Santa Barbara at the Red Lion Resort, April 17th through the 19th, are on schedule. The programs promise to be excellent, with several interesting offshore papers on tap. It is reported that the S.E.G. and S.E.P.M. symposiums are coming along well and we can anticipate normal good quality programs. Also included will be the participation of the SPWLA who is planning a half day well logging symposium. Additionally, several short courses are slated with two field trips scheduled in the Ventura Basin and the Cuyama Basin.

For 1989 I am pleased to announce that for the first time, Pacific Section will hold its Annual Convention in Palm Springs. The scheduled dates are Wednesday, May 10th, through Saturday, May 13th. Mike Mitchell of Petroleum Testing Service, who is currently the president of the L.A. Basin Geological Society, has agreed to be the General Chairman. The convention will be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center and the headquarters hotels will be the Spa Hotel and Mineral Springs, and the soon to be completed New Wyndham Hotel.

Finally, for those who are not aware, the 1990 National AAPG Convention will be held in San Francisco, the site of the largest attended AAPG Convention. Make your reservations early.

Our Past President, Bob Lindblom, is heading up a committee for the purpose of following up on the "Alternative Career Seminar" held last March. Bob will be researching the results of the last seminar and will plan a sequel accordingly.

I was able to attend the San Joaquin Geological Society/Oil Scouts Annual Fall Picnic held at the Kern River picnic grounds on Friday, September 11th. We all had a great time and the food, the company and the tournaments were great!

Our next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November in Los Angeles on

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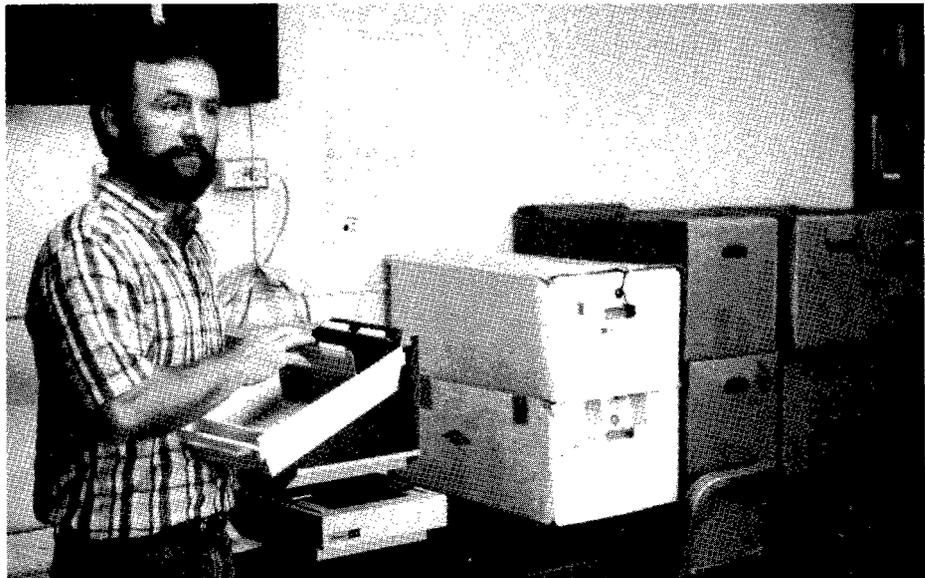
## CORE REPOSITORY GETS HELPING HAND

The California Well Sample Repository has received a microfiche well data system from Cities Service Oil and Gas Corporation, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation. The donated M.J. System, which is current through 1983, filled ten cardboard boxes and will be used to supplement the sample material available at the repository.

Following Cities donation, Pepper-Kittridge Exploration of Sacramento donated a microfiche reader. Additional readers have been promised by Castle Minerals of Isleton. However, use of the system is currently hampered by a lack of a printer!

Since its founding, in July 1975, project Director Dr. John R. COASH, and others on the Advisory Board have envisioned a facility with binocular and petrographic microscopes, cameras, ultra-violet lights, and other examination and processing equipment available for use at the Repository. Unfortunately, as generous as the founding grants and donations were, they fell short, by almost half, of providing the funds necessary to fulfill this vision. "Right now," says curator Larry KNAUER, "we have to increase our endowment to the \$500,000 level in order to obtain sufficient annual operating funds to make the Repository an effective facility. For example, \$5200 would fund one student assistant @ 20 hours/week for one year to help to remove the cataloging backlog of core from more than 1000 wells. Four thousand dollars would buy a bank of steel shelves, so we could get core boxes off pallets and into circulation." Of critical importance says KNAUER is the need to earthquake proof the existing shelving. "Imagine what this place would look like after a magnitude 7 or 8 on the San Andreas west of here? Core spilled from its boxes would be impossible to return to the proper box. Much of our core comes from areas where coring is unlikely to occur in the future, that's what would make the loss of irrevivable basic geologic data so tragic."

Another deficiency the Repository has is the lack of a users' workroom. Presently the only place available for users is in the aisles of the warehouse. This is cramped, poorly lighted, and not airconditioned, in short totally inadequate for good geologic study.



RECENT DONATIONS — Larry Knauer, curator of the California Well Sample Repository holds a tray of microfiche from the M.J. System files donated by Cities Service Oil & Gas Corp. Boxes on the table to his left hold additional trays of this donation. Partially visible below the displayed tray is the microfiche reader donated by Pepper-Kittridge Exploration.

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Summing up the bottom line KNAUER says "I guess that a shopping list of the things we need to make the Repository the effective tool the founders wanted and today's geologists needs would read like this:

- Shelving and seismic safety bracing . . . . . \$70,000
- Student assistants to catalog donated core . . . . . \$10,000-15,000
- A users room with restroom facilities . . . . . \$75,000
- Printer of microfiche . . . . . \$ 6,500
- Computer equipment to tie into campus system . . . . . \$ 1,000

It's clear that the Repository is a good idea and a necessary asset to the geologic community, it's also true that geologists, the industries they work in, government, and aca-



**BACKLOG** — Curator Knauer stands surrounded, in the Repository's storage warehouse, by a sea of core boxes from the backlog of several thousand uncataloged cores housed by the Repository.

demia have all dug deep in the past to found and nurture this idea, but it has not been enough to complete the job. In California, where there are so many working geologists, several major industries which depend upon their work, and academic institutions with students to learn from the data housed in it, an inadequate core repository is unacceptable.

Many of the items, or parts of the items, needed could be donated used and not detract from the functioning of the Repository. So look around, if you, or your company, or the company you work for has an extra... why not donate it to this effort. To arrange for donations call: Dr. John R. COASH (805) 833-2222, Larry KNAUER (805) 833-2324, or Vic Church (805) 325-5924.

## State Board Activities

At its' October meeting the California Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists voted to amend the rules section which prescribes the application, registration and renewal fees. This amendment will increase the initial registration and renewal fee for geologist and geophysicist from \$80 and \$100. It would also increase the renewal fee for a specialty geologist from \$10 to \$20.

Since these fees are paid biannually this amounts to an annual increase of \$10/Yr. for geologist and geophysicist and \$5/Yr. for specialty geologist.

The approved changes have been forwarded to the Office of Administrative law. Accordingly anyone wishing to comment may do so by writing to the Office at 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 1290, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On August 24, the Board re-elected Mr. Howard A. Spellman, Jr., of Arcadia, president and Mr. Wayne Bartholomew, of Elk Grove, vice president of the State Board for 1987-88.

Mr. **James R. Weddle**, of Bakersfield, was appointed to the board on July 30, 1987, by Governor Deukmejian as the Petroleum Geologist member of the board. He replaces Mr. **William Park** who has served on the board during both Governor Reagan's and Governor Deukmejian's administration. Mr. Weddle is a member of AAPG, CIPA and past president of the Pacific Section AAPG (1983-84); a graduate of UC Berkeley (1957). His term will expire June 1, 1991.

Mr. Leo W. King of Baldwin Park, was appointed to the board on June 17, 1987, by the Senate Rules Committee. Mr. King is a registered engineer, and the Mayor of Baldwin Park.

## Petroleum Information Returns Files From Texas

The Petroleum Information Corporation log and well files shipped to Houston, in November 1986, have been returned to P.I.'s office at 4301 Stine Rd., Suite B, Bakersfield, CA 93313. These files include oil, gas, and geothermal well log services, drilling reports, current and historical well data in hard copy and microform, maps, lease data and microfilmed well log and production data for the West Coast region. California, Oregon and Washington onshore and offshore wells plus some Nevada information comprise the West Coast region.

The staff for the Bakersfield service center are:

- Ed Miller . . . . . Area Manager
- Cheryl Mathews . . . . . Log Manager
- Clare Barron . . . . . Sales Representative

The phone number at the Center is (805) 398-0551.

## New Members

### COAST

**Steven M. Richardson** — Robert L. Richardson, Inc., Ventura; **Susan Wickham**, Ventura.

### LOS ANGELES

**Richard G. Blake** — Fleet Oil Co., Irvine; **Robert J. Floran**, UNOCAL, Brea; **Willard J. Guy**, San Diego; **Gilbert M. Wilson**, Alhambra.

### SACRAMENTO

**Susan F. Hodgson** — D.O.G., Sacramento.

### SAN JOAQUIN

**Rand Cantrell** — Bakersfield; **Ulrich A. Franz**, Mobil.

### OTHER

**William C. Booher** — GTS Corp., Houston; **George Dellagiario** — U.S. Mineral Management Service, Reston; **Claude True** — Mobil, Denver.

## Deadline For Convention Papers Extended

The Technical Program Coordinator for the 1988 Pacific Section Annual Meeting has postponed the deadline for submission of abstracts from October 1 to **November 1, 1987**. Back to the future is the theme for the meeting which will be held at the Santa Barbara Red Lion Inn.

Papers should be suitable for 20 minute oral presentation or poster session. Abstract forms may be obtained from the Coordinator; Tom Redin, 756 Monte Vista Ave., Ventura, CA 93003.

Notice of acceptance, along with speaker or poster kits, and presentation schedules will be mailed to the speaker's address by December 15, 1987. Abstracts accepted for the meeting will be published in the March 1988 AAPG Bulletin.

## Recent Moves

Division of Oil and Gas District 6 office from 117 West Main Street, Suite 11 to 221 West Court Street, Suite 1, both in Woodland, CA 95695.

# Northwest

The membership of the Northwest Petroleum Association (NWPA) has sent a resolution by its' Board to the Army Corps of Engineers opposing the expansion of the Yakima Firing Range.

In the resolution the Board noted that the Firing Range is "located in a geological basin which is known to have significant hydrocarbon potential and the proposed expansion will have the effect of limiting the development of this potential in the Yakima area." Also mentioned was the present depressed state of