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Mrs. Pat Allard Fritzenkotter
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Dear Pat:

It was good talking to the other night and to find that there were a few more days left to submit info to you. A response of 173 returns sounds excellent.

Here is my effort; hope it meets the requirements.

You asked me to mention that I have a fairly complete collection of 1938-42 "Aztec" newspapers. I have a couple of possible options to place them but thought that you might know of someone or someplace where they might be wanted.

If your collection becomes too large for an insert in the "SDSU Report", perhaps you could make photocopies available for a nominal fee to interested persons.

Good luck, and I'm looking forward to finding out what many of my college friends have been doing this last half-century.

Sincerely,

Leon

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Born: 11 Dec 1920, Chula Vista, CA. Attended: John Adams Grammer School (1925-1932); Woodrow Wilson Junior High (1932-1935); Herbert Hoover High School (1935-1938); San Diego State College (1938-1942). My SDSC activities included: Football, Oceotl/President, Phi Lambda Xi (Social), Tau Sigma (Economics), Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics).

After Pearl Harbor (7 Dec 1941) I enrolled in the Navy's V-7 program and graduated in June 1942 with an AB degree in General Engineering (the first class to ever receive a degree in engineering from State). In September I was sent to The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and was commissioned an Ensign in January 1943. I then reported to a destroyer under construction in San Francisco (USS Ammen, DD527), where I served as Assistant & Chief Engineering Officer for the remainder of the War. The ship was commissioned just in time to participate in the invasions of Attu and Kiska in the Aleutian Islands. Following that we were sent to the Seventh Fleet in the South Pacific and operated under General MacArthur on his return from New Guinea to the Philippines and then on to Japan. Our worst experiences occurred when the ship was badly damaged by a kamikazee plane during the invasion of Leyte and during 60 days of radar picket duty off Okinawa, where the Japanese put one destroyer out of action every day. Our best times were two different weeks of R & R in Sydney, Australia; home to San Francisco for repairs after our kamikazee hit in time for Christmas 1944; and when Japan finally surrendered.

After my release from the Navy, I attended USC for one year and in June 1947 received a BE degree in Mechanical Engineering. I then went to work in the Engineering Test Laboratories at Convair (which later became General Dynamics) in San Diego. In 1952 I transferred to their missile division in Pomona, CA as Supervisor of the Mechanical and Hydraulic Test Laboratory and also in charge of the environmental test facilities for temperature, humidity, altitude, and acceleration testing. I was active in the Society of Environmental Engineers, serving as Director, Vice Chairman, and Chairman. While Chairman, I worked with the President of an eastern environmental engineering group to accomplish a merger to establish the Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES), which is the major society in environmental engineering today.

In 1956 I married my wife, Elsie, and inherited two daughters (aged 12 & 17). We now have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1958 I left General Dynamics to start my own company, High Accuracy Products Corp (HIAC) in Claremont, CA. We developed a unique instrument to count foreign particles in liquids and measure their sizes (from large to microscopic). It is called the HIAC Automatic Particle Counter. It has countless applications; two of the major being to measure the cleanliness of (1) critical hydraulic fluids in missile and aircraft hydraulic systems and (2) intravenous and other fluids critical to the pharmaceutical industry.

During this time I was active in the Claremont Chamber of Commerce and the Claremont Rotary Club, serving as President of each. I was also active in another technical society, the American Association for Contamination Control (AACC). This was later absorbed into the IES.

In 1970 my company was merged into Pacific Scientific. In 1974 I left the company and consulted for several years. Much of this was for Pacific Scientific to represent them on numerous technical committees. One of the most interesting was a joint ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) - NBS (National Bureau of Standards) Committee, which was formed to develop standards for particle size which would be perfect spheres of absolutely uniform size. I was chairman of this committee and for one of our experiments we manufactured the spheres in space on board the space shuttle (to see if weightlessness would improve the sphericity). I still have a sample of these. They are 10 micrometres (ten millionths of a metre) in diameter. They were not appreciably better than those made right here on earth.

In 1979 we moved to Rancho California (Temecula) to a 5-acre avocado grove. Here I was active in the Chamber of Commerce and served as President of the local Rotary Club. I later served as chairman of the Polio-Plus campaign for our Rotary district and also established a new Rotary Club in Temecula.

By 1988 the 5-acre grove with its beautiful view was too much work for a retired person whose wife and he wanted to travel. So, we sold it and now have a nice mobile home with minimum upkeep in a pleasant park near Lake Elsinore. And we are doing a lot of traveling, mostly by our automobile throughout the US and Canada with a cruise thrown in now and then.

When younger, I enjoyed basketball, softball, and bowling in local civic leagues and also played a lot of tennis and duplicate bridge. I still play tennis, and Elsie and I enjoy traveling, square dancing, and genealogy.