

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION  
SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AND TULANE UNIVERSITY  
May 3rd. and 4th., 1940.

Louisiana State University and Tulane University were joint hosts to the seventh annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of The Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, held in Baton Rouge and New Orleans on May third and fourth, 1940.

The first meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M., May 3, by the Chairman, Dean Blake R. Van Leer of North Carolina State College.

Dean J. L. LaSalle, representing the University of Louisiana, gave the society a most cordial welcome. Following the address of welcome a short business meeting was held. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the following committees were appointed by the chairman.

Committee on Place of Meeting:

Assistant Dean W. Edwin Freeman, University of Kentucky.  
Professor H. A. Fisher, North Carolina State College.  
Professor R. F. Sweigert, Georgia School of Technology.

Nominating Committee:

Dean W. S. Rodman, University of Virginia.  
Dean J. M. Robert, Tulane University.  
Dean S. B. Earle, Clemson College.

Resolutions Committee:

Professor W. W. Dougherty, University of Tennessee.  
Professor L. L. Patterson, Mississippi State College.  
Dean Lee H. Johnson, University of Mississippi.  
Dean W. M. Breazeale, Vanderbilt University.

After the appointment of committees the society's attention was called to the fact that there was no provision made for funds to carry on the work of the secretary's office such as postage and the printing of programs. After a brief discussion Dean LaSalle moved that each institutional member be asked to contribute two dollars each year to take care of these expenses. The motion was seconded by Dean Robert and passed by the society.

After a very interesting inspection trip thru the various departments of the university and a delightful luncheon at Highland Hall, the society again assembled in the main lecture room of the Geology Building for the afternoon meeting.

The presiding officer for the afternoon meeting was the Vice-Chairman, Assistant Dean W. Edwin Freeman of the University of Kentucky.

The first subject discussed was "Trends in Engineering Education in the Southeast," and was introduced by Dean G. J. Davis of the University of Alabama. After a brief historical sketch, Dean Davis spoke of the more recent trends in (1) Curriculum Additions, (2) the selection and guidance of students, (3) methods of teaching and Curriculum planning.

The subject was discussed by Professor N. W. Dougherty of the University of Tennessee and by Professor N. C. Ebaugh of the University of Florida. Professor Dougherty summarized his talk as follows:

- (1) We must question the expansion of our curriculum when funds are inadequate for our present needs.
- (2) More effort and care should be exercised in recruiting men for the minor positions on our teaching staffs.
- (3) We must sell the Engineering College to Industry.
- (4) The engineering colleges must train Engineers and not Bankers, Economists, and Sociologists.

Professor Ebaugh gave us the trends in education as viewed from the University of Florida in the matter of (1) selective admission, (2) Orientation courses, (3) methods for decreasing cost per student, and (4) publicity.

The second subject discussed was, "English for Engineers and was introduced by Dean W. S. Rodman. Dean Rodman pointed out that it was difficult to teach the engineering student English because, first, he wanted engineering and not English, and second, he was handicapped by deficient <sup>a</sup>teaching in the high school and a poor home background. English for engineers, he thought, should be taught with the idea of building a good vocabulary and guiding the student toward good reading habits. The time

required for such a course, he said, should not be less than two full years, three hours a week. In the matter of personnel, Dean Rodman thought that the ideal was a special personnel under the control of the engineering college or department and that they should be, not practical men, but men who knew English and who had excellent personalities.

The subject was discussed by Dr. Lodwick C. Hartley of North Carolina State College, Professor J. W. May of the University of Kentucky and Captain L. H. Lacy of the Louisiana State University.

After adjournment the members were taken on sight seeing trips to various points of interest in Baton Rouge.

The dinner meeting was held in Foster Hall and was presided over by Dean LaSalle, who required all present to introduce themselves. The principle speaker was Colonel Harry P. Newton, Technical Assistant to the Director of the Southeastern Regional Research Laboratory who spoke on the work the laboratory had done and on plans for future work.

The second day of the meeting began at 10:00 o'clock with a meeting at Tulane University with the Chairman, Dean Blake R. Van Leer presiding. The first subject for discussion was, "Correlation of Fundamental Courses for Engineers with advanced Undergraduate Engineering Courses," and was introduced by Prof. J. W. Cell of North Carolina State College. Prof. Cell pointed out, first, that the teacher should use all available supplementary material from other courses, and, second, that "Every teacher of engineers should make an appraisal of each topic in his courses in terms of the basic objectives of both general and Engineering Education." The subject was discussed by Professor W. M. Breazeale of Vanderbilt University and Dr. Fred H. Fenn of Louisiana State University.

The second subject for discussion was, "Simplified Instruction in Hydraulics," and was introduced by Prof. E. A. Memuez of Tulane University. Prof. Memuez gave some very interesting and timely pointers on teaching

hydraulics, which, we feel sure, was better understood by the professors of hydraulics than by your secretary.

Professor G. N. Cox of Louisiana State University, Professor Thomas Lowe of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and Professor Julian Fleming of the University of Tennessee took part in the discussion.

The Principle business meeting followed immediately after the morning session. The Committee on place of meeting recommended that the Society accept the invitation of the University of Kentucky and meet there in the spring of 1941. This was accepted by the Society.

The nominating committee recommended the following officers for the year.

Chairman: Assistant Dean W. Edwin Freeman of the University of Ky.

Vice- Chairman: Dean L. J. LaSalle, Louisiana State University.

Secretary: Professor H. Gale Haynes, The Citadel.

The recommendation was accepted by the Society.

The resolutions committee report was delivered by Prof. N. W. Dougherty and accepted by the Society.

The two-day meeting was crowned with a delightful dinner at the Broussard Restaurant and presided over by Dean J. M. Robert. The principle speaker for the occasion was Mr. Lyle Saxon, noted author and lecturer, who entertained the Society with delightful stories of old New Orleans which he said was a "History of New Orleans in Ragtime."

This brought to a close a very instructive and entertaining meeting with 95 members present. The Society was pleased to have fifteen ladies as guests on this occasion.

*Accepted*

Respectfully submitted,

*H. Gale Haynes*

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Secretary.

REGISTRATION

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT S. P. E. E.

Louisiana State University	May 3, 1940	
Tulane University	May 4, 1940	
Alabama Polytechnic Inst.	J. C. Callen, J. E. Hannum	5
	W. W. Hill, T. M. Lowe, A. L. Thomas	
Alabama, Univ. of	G. J. Davis, Jr.	1
Arkansas, Univ. of	Stuart Mc Lain, R. G. Paddock	6
	L. C. Price, W. R. Spencer, W. B. Stelzner, G. P. Stocker	
Citadel	H. G. Haynes	1
Clemson	S. B. Earle, B. S. Fernow	2
Duke, Univ. of		0
Florida, Univ. of	N. C. Ebaugh, E. S. Frash	2
Georgia School of Tech.	W. V. Dunkin, R. F. Sweigert,	3
	D. B. Wilcox	
Kentucky, Univ. of	A. L. Chambers, James W. May,	3
	D. V. Terrell	
Louisiana Poly. Inst.	E. C. Barrett, J. T. Folk,	3
	H. J. Nethken	
Louisiana State Univ.	John H. Bateman, Wm. G. Brown,	34
	G. I. Cambre, C. S. Carlson, W. H. Carter, Jesse Coates,	
	L. L. Cooper, Glen N. Cox, B. C. Craft, Sylvan Cromer,	
	Don P. Dixon, E. B. Doran, F. H. Fenn, R. F. Fenton,	
	F. J. Germano, P. M. Horton, Hamilton Johnson, A. G. Keller,	
	L. H. Lacy, L. J. Lassalle, E. E. Maser, G. F. Matthes,	
	A. L. Melzian, W. D. Morris, T. Parkinson, L. J. Muse,	
	T. W. Neff, B. W. Pegues, F. F. Pillet, A. K. Ramsey,	
	G. H. Simon, M. B. Voorhies, H. W. Waterfall, Wm. Whipple.	
Louisville, Univ. of	F. L. Wilkinson,	1
Mississippi State	Ernest L. Lucas, D. M. Mc Cain	3
	L. L. Patterson	
Mississippi, Univ. of	J. K. Adams, Lee H. Johnson	2
North Carolina State	John W. Cell, H. A. Fisher,	4
	L. C. Hartley, B. R. Van Leer	
Tennessee, Univ. of	W. W. Dougherty, A. T. Granger	2
Tulane, Univ. of	J. E. Arnold, N. Louis Buck,	14
	C. Floyd, Arthur M. Hill, J. K. Mayer, E. A. Menezes,	
	C. B. Norris, Wm. M. Payne, C. W. Ricker, J. M. Robert,	
	E. R. Stephan, F. M. Taylor, C. S. Williamson, Jr.,	
	M. G. Zervigon,	
South Carolina, Univ. of		0
Southwestern La. Inst.	E. G. Feusse, G. G. Hughes	6
	C. H. Kindig, H. R. Mason, R. F. Parker, W. J. Starr	
Vanderbilt, Univ. of	W. M. Breazeale, A. W. Hutchison	2
Virginia Mil. Inst.		0
Virginia Poly. Inst.		0
Virginia, Univ. of	W. S. Rodman,	1

The Southeastern District of S. P. E. E. was especially pleased to have the following guests:

Arkansa, Univ. of	Mrs. R. G. Paddock, Mrs. L. C. Price,	3
	Mrs. W. B. Stelzner	
Citadel	Mrs. H. T. Haynes,	2
	Mrs. W. W. Wanamaker, Jr.	
Louisiana State Univ.	Mrs. J. H. Bateman, Mrs. F. F. Pillet	2
Loyola Univ.	Cora Sadler	1
Tennessee, Univ. of	Mrs. N. W. Dougherty, Mrs. A. T. Granger	2
Tulane, Univ. of	Mrs. J. E. Arnold, Mrs. N. L. Buck	5
	Margaret G. Henderson, Mrs. A. M. Hill	
	Hortensia H. Zervigon	

Total Registration =

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995