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The lengthening and lowering of automobiles has been a trend in recent years. Conscious that they overshot their market, the manufacturers are now moving back to shorter and smaller cars. Some trends, such as these, may be of short time duration and easily discernible; others take years to develop and are not apparent except to those in positions of opportunity.

Engineering education has its trends too, usually of such long duration as not to be apparent to a particular student. In the early days, engineering training could be satisfactorily obtained through practical experience, but since World War I the selfmade practitioner has almost disappeared, and the Bachelor's degree has come to be the normal path into the engineering profession.

With the rise of research and development as a part of engineering activity since World War II, a trend toward the graduate degree level has developed. As the engineering field has become more complex and scientifically based, many of our engineering employers have learned to appreciate the special abilities of the holder of a Master of Science or Doctor of Philosophy degree, and are actively seeking many more of these men than are available each year.

It should also be pointed out that many very good men, holders of only the B.S., find themselves handicapped and unable to advance to levels of which they believe themselves capable, when faced with many of today's problems, and with the competition from the holders of graduate degrees. We should recognize this, too, as a long term trend, a movement toward the day when the B.S. degree will only be a pause on the path to advanced degrees in the engineering profession.

May I again repeat that which I have said to many of you—any student who will stand in the upper half of his class on graduation should give serious thought to continuation of his education beyond the Bachelor's level. In the broadly scientific and fiercely competitive world of the future it will pay off, measured either by standards of satisfaction and achievement, or by economic ones.

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Editor's Corner

We are literally engaged in a fight for survival. Whether or not we want to admit it, we have entered into direct competition with Russia. Day by day this competition inevitably creeps into every area of our daily existence.

One of the most crucial areas of competition is the struggle for technological supremacy in science and engineering. Already the Soviets have wrested the lead from us in many areas of nuclear and space development, despite protests to the contrary.

In 1950, when the difference in political ideologies and increasing international competition between the United States and Russia became apparent, we had approximately 100,000 more trained engineers than the Soviets had.

Today, the U.S.S.R. not only has more trained engineers than the U.S., but continues to pull away by an ever-widening margin. The Soviet Union is currently graduating 90,000 engineers annually—double the number of U.S. engineering graduates.

A recent survey by the Engineering Manpower Commission estimates a fifty percent increase in the need for engineers in U.S. industry in 1966. Yet educators tell us that each year as many as 200,000 of our nation's most talented high school graduates do not go on to college and that freshman engineering enrollments are decreasing.

This tremendous waste of talent is due mainly to a lack of financial means to pay for a college education. The realization of this untenable situation has prompted the establishment of a considerable number of scholar-ship foundations. Such non-profit organizations have been of tremendous help to large numbers of students. But even the financial resources of these groups are inadequate to cope with the problem single-handedly.

We, as a nation, cannot rest on our laurels; we must move ahead to stay ahead. We *must* produce more engineers and scientists if we are to win this fight for survival.

What can you do to aid in the fight? As a student, you may not be in a position to do much, but in the future, as a citizen and a parent, you can help considerably. You can make an individual contribution by supporting science and engineering interest among our youth, by encouraging them to take science and mathematics courses in high school, by seeing to it that the local high schools provide the proper guidance and training for college, by encouraging the pursuit of a science or engineering career, and finally by financial assistance.

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You may ask, "What is a fuel cell and how does it operate?" Basically, a fuel cell is an electrochemical device which converts the free energy of a chemical reaction into electrical energy. It does this by consuming an inexpensive fuel and an oxidant which are fed continuously into the system.

Consider Fig. 1, which pictures the simplest type of fuel cell. This type

of fuel cell is called an oxygen concentration cell and it consists of a sandwich of a cathode, an eletrolyte and an anode. Oxygen molecules are introduced to the system at the porous cathode. They diffuse through the cathode and form oxygen ions by picking up four electrons. A potential difference is created by the difference in concentrations of oxygen at the cathode and anode. When the ions diffuse through the electrolyte, a positive charge is left at the cathode and the anode becomes negatively charged.

If a load is connected across the cathode and anode a current will flow in the external circuit. This current



Figure 1

will continue to flow as long as there is a vacuum or a fuel to react with the oxygen to produce a difference in oxygen concentration between the anode and cathode.

There are many types of fuel cells being developed in the laboratories around the world. A few of the many types are listed in Fig. 2. These fuel cells vary in the type of electrolyte used, nature of the cell reaction, temperature of operation and the direct or indirect use of the cell reactants. All of the fuel cells are subject to catalyst problems because a catalyst is needed to speed the electrode reactions.

Note that all the cells operating below 250 degrees centigrade use hydrogen or some other type of special fuel. The hydrogen-oxygen type fuel cells have the best operating characterists, but hydrogen is a high cost fuel. To improve the economy of present fuel cells, a cheaper source of hydrogen would have to be found.

A different approach to this problem involves the design of high temperature fuel cells which use the inexpensive fossil fuels. Most research devices of this type have used molten salt electrolytes. One of the advantages of the high temperature fuel cell is that the electrode reactions of fuel such as natural gas or coal occur much faster at higher temperatures. This gives a better long range potential by reducing the catalyst problem.

However, operation at higher temperatures induces some very severe requirements upon the components of

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by DON ANDERSON, E.E.

the fuel cell system. These components must be made of a low cost, highly corrosion resistant material that will retain its conductivity for sustained periods of time at high temperatures. Special ceramics, fused salts, and metal alloys are presently being studied to determine specific physical and chemical requirements that will enable operation at high temperatures.

CELLS

In present experimental units, the size of the furnace and containers for the fuel cell overshadows the size of the cell itself. It is expected that the size of the furnace can be reduced by substituting for the electrolyte sandwich a series of stacked plates. The heat generated by this type of cell would be sufficient to maintain the high temperature required for operation. Such a high temperature fuel cell might be built as a small mobile unit or as a large central power source because the efficiency would be independent of size over a few kilowatts of power. This type of fuel cell could and would operate on some of the cheapest fuels available today.

Some of the unique characteristics of the fuel cell that offer advantages in electric power generation are silent operation and efficiency independent of the size of the cell over a wide range of power output. Fuel cells are low voltage, direct current devices, which makes them readily adaptable for use in electrochemical industries. The fuel cell does not operate on the heat cycle which limits the efficiency of steam turbine generators and other heat engines. Theoretically, a fuel cell should be able to produce over twice as much energy from the fossil fuels as the most efficient steam turbine of today.

The efficiency of fuel cells is usually defined as the ratio of electrical energy output to the heat of combustion of the fuel for a direct comparison with heat engines. On this basis fuel cells can theoretically operate at efficiencies as high as 70 to 90 percent, compared to a maximum of 42 percent for today's most modern central station plants.

The efficiency noted above is not the complete picture because efficiency is also a function of the load on the system, efficiency decreasing as the load increases. To use fuel cells economically, a compromise has to be reached between efficiency and cost. The ideal fuel cell would use cheap fuels, be made of low cost materials, operate at high efficiency and have high power output per unit of volume and weight.

On the basis of estimated power per unit volume at 50 to 80 percent efficiency and present trends in fuel costs, it appears that the high temperature cells might become competitive with conventional large scale power sources in ten to twenty years if the critical research is completed. For economical large scale power generation, fuel cells that use cheap fuel such as coal or natural gas must be developed. To use such fuels, cells operating at temperatures of 500 degrees C. and above appear to have the most promise.

Fuel	Electrolyte	Operating Temp.	Estimated KW/ft ³ (cell only)	
Hydrogen and oxygen	Aqueous alkaline 50 atm.	200-240°C	2 - 4	
Hydrogen and oxygen	Solid ion exchange membrane 1 atm.	Ambient to 50°C	3 - 1.5	
Hydrogen and air	Aqueous alkaline 1-5 atm.	50-80°C	.2 - 1	
Hydrogen and air Carbonaceous materials and air	Aqueous chemical intermediates (redox) 1 atm.	Ambient to 80°C	.2 - 2	
Carbonaceous gases	Molten salt 1 atm.	500-850°C	1-4	

Figure 2

Laboratories in Space

USAF scientists pave the way for manned space flight

by JOHN THORNTON, E.E.

TO the average reader, the use of rockets containing animals for experiments in space medicine seems to be a relatively new field. Actually, USAF scientists of the Aerospace Medical Division experimented with mice and monkeys as early as 1950.

Soon after World War II, with the coming of jet fighters and supersonic, rocket-powered research aircraft, scientists realized that man was the weak link in their experiments. Just as any sensitive mechanism needs protection from vibration, temperature, and pressure to operate correctly, the pilot of a modern plane or rocket needs adequate protection in order to survive on the fringes of space.

The Aerospace scientists were primarily concerned with the problem of bailout from high-altitude, supersonic aircraft.

Rockets are ideal vehicles for studies of this nature. Under power, an Aerobee sounding rocket reached speeds of 2000 mi./hr. After burnout of the main engine, while coasting to its peak altitude, a rocket decelerates at 1 "g" because of lack of air resistance. During this short period, a "year gravity" state is produced, and any objects not anchored to the airframe will hang suspended in space.

During a four year period, three Aerobee rockets containing mice and monkeys were flown from Holloman Air Force Base.

Two basic types of study were conducted. The first consisted of physiological observations of the pulse rates



The nose cone of Aerobee III with the skin stripped away. The monkey, at top, is in the compartment in which he rode into the upper atmosphere. (USAF photo)

and respiratory rhythms of several rhesus monkeys.

The monkeys, after being anesthesized, were securely strapped to a sponge rubber bed. The purpose of these beds was to prevent the monkeys from struggling and to protect them from the shock of the opening of the parachute.

Various electrodes and needles were inserted into the monkey's legs and chests in order to obtain electrocardiograph data. A special rubber face mask, fitted with thermocouples, measured the rate of respiration.

In Aerobee III, two monkeys were used. One was placed in an upright position while the other was lying prone. The object was to determine whether directional effects of the rocket's acceleration on various parts of the body made any changes in the respiration rate. The monkey in the upright position was connected to an electrocardiograph which recorded the heartbeat. The second monkey had small electrodes inserted into his body which were connected to a transducer. These signals were fed into frequency modulated oscillators and then to an FM transmitter mounted in the tip of the nose cone. These signals were picked up and recorded at Holloman Air Force Base, eighty miles away.

The Aerobee nose cone also carried a complete air purification system consisting of a fan and an eight hour oxygen supply. A small can containing soda lime was used to absorb carbon dioxide and water vapor. Once the parachute had lowered the nose cone safely to the ground, this system provided air until the cone was recovered.

The second study was of mice under weightless conditions. A cylindrical drum six inches in diameter was free to rotate on an axle mounted across the main axis of the rocket. The drums were divided into two small compartments with plastic fronts. A small paddle was mounted in one compartment of each drum. An electric motor drove the drums at various speeds. A sixteen mm gun camera took movies of the two mice during the three minute "zero gravity" condition and parachute descent. By using three accelerometers to measure the roll, pitch, and yaw of the rocket, scientists were able to determine the exact amount of gravity, if any, which affected the experiment.

The rockets used in these experiments were the standard Aerobee highaltitude research rockets manufactured by Aerojet General Corp. Aerobee is a fin stabilized rocket of low cost, using nitric acid as the oxidizer and aniline as the fuel. The main part of the rocket is eighteen feet long and fifteen inches in diameter. Loaded, the rocket weighs about 1050 pounds, but it is capable of sending a payload of 150 pounds a distance of seventy-five miles.

The Aerobee's main engine gave 2600 pounds of thrust for forty-five seconds. Besides the main engine, a booster giving 18,000 pounds thrust for 2.5 seconds was used to increase the takeoff acceleration to fifteen g's, giving the rocket more stability.

Both nose cones for the second and third Aerobees were specially designed for biological experiments. Each had a complete eight channel telemetering system for transmitting data. The mounting of instrumentation as well as the mice and monkeys required compact packing.

When the rocket reached maximum altitude, the nose cone was separated from the engine and fuel tanks. After falling approximately thirty seconds, a drag chute popped open, slowing the nose cone to the speed at which the main parachute could open.

The results of the experiments using anesthesized monkeys showed the possibility of manned space flight. The monkeys' pulse rates and respiration rates were not disturbed to any great extent by the effects of the rocket flight. During the flight, the internal temperature of the nose cone rose about 59°F (15° C), but this didn't seem to affect the passengers at all.

When subjected to "zero gravity" conditions, the mouse in the compartment without a paddle thrashed wildly, losing his orientation. The second mouse clung to his paddle, apparently undisturbed. It was proven later that a small gravitational force of 1/20 g existed due to the rolling of the rocket about its main axis, but the experiment was considered a success. Once the chute had opened, both mice resumed normal activity.



Aerobee III roars aloft from Holloman Air Force Base, carrying mice and monkeys to an altitude of 200,000 ft. in 1952. (USAF photo)

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ENGINE OF TOMORROW

FREE PISTON ENGINE SHOWS GREAT PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

by PAUL BUTLER, M.E.

The "engine of tomorrow"—what is it and what does it promise? Researchers working with what is called the "free piston engine" have tagged it with this title—full of hope, but promising some difficulties that may be solved—"tomorrow."

Investigators have been impressed with the engine's high thermal efficiency, excellent torque, low exhaust temperature, and few moving parts. On the other hand, they have had problems with starting and low efficiency when idling and when operating under part load conditions.

The common gasoline engine has several disadvantages which hinder further development. The maximum force which the crankshaft bearings can withstand severely limits the range of possible compression ratios. The problems of knocking at high compression, low thermal efficiency, poor torque, and expensive fuel are also inhibitive.

In contrast, the free piston engine has no crankshaft, and therefore is practically unlimited in compression ratio. The use of direct fuel injection in the free piston engine eliminates the problem of knocking. It has high thermal efficiency, excellent torque, and can run on anything from peanut oil to high octane gasoline.

The other engine presently being developed is the gas turbine. This has the disadvantage of low efficiency, especially under part load conditions, and it requires expensive alloys for turbine blades. Because of the low exhaust temperature of the free piston engine, this latter disadvantage is eliminated.

The free piston engine is basically an opposed piston, two stroke diesel engine without a crankshaft or con-



necting rods. The free piston engine itself does not produce mechanical power. It simply generates hot, high pressure gases which are passed through a turbine to produce power.

The free piston engine has two horizontal pistons with a combustion chamber between them, as shown in Figure 1. When the engine fires, the pistons (1, 1) are thrust outward, compressing air in the cushion or bounce chamber (3).

As the pistons separate they uncover first the exhaust ports (10) and then the intake ports (9). Pressurized air rushes in from the air box (11) through the intake ports, clearing the chamber of exhaust gases and bringing in fresh air for the next cycle. On the outward stroke the inlet valves (5) open and admit air into the compression chamber (4).

When the pistons reach the end of the outward stroke, the compressed air in the bounce chamber acts as a spring to force the pistons together. On the inward stroke the air in the compression chamber is compressed and forced under pressure through the delivery valves (6) into the air box. At the same time the air in the combustion chamber is greatly compressed.

Because of the high temperature produced in compressing the air to about one-fortieth of its original volume, spontaneous combustion occurs when fuel is injected into the cylinder as the pistons reach the end of the inward stroke. This starts the cycle over again.

As the exhaust gases, considerably cooled and diluted by the pressurized fresh air used to clear the cylinder, leave the combustion chamber they pass into a collection chamber, which eliminate the pulsations of the engine in the flow of the gases. From the collector the gases pass through a turbine which utilizes the hot, pressurized gases to produce mechanical energy.

Because the exhaust gases have been mixed with fresh cool air and have expanded within the cylinder before passing to the turbine, they enter the turbine at about 900 degrees F, compared with 1800 degrees F for a gas turbine engine. This permits the use of cheap and easily obtained alloys, and an afterburner to increase power for short periods of acceleration can be added without damage to the turbine. Part of the power produced by the gas turbine engine must be used to drive the compression turbine, but all the power generated by the turbine of a free piston engine can be utilized to do work.

The compression ratio of a free piston engine varies between 35 to 1 and 50 to 1, depending on the amount of fuel being burned. This high compression results in high thermal efficiency, as high as 45%, which, combined with a turbine efficiency of 80%, gives an overall efficiency of 36%. The average efficiency of a gasoline engine is 25%.

The high temperature produced by the compression makes it possible to burn almost any kind of clean burning fuel in the free piston engine. The low cost of fuel, combined with high thermal efficiency, makes the free piston engine very economical to operate.

Since the speed of the engine is independent of the speed of the turbine, approximately the same amount of power is produced at all vehicle speeds. In fact, the torque produced is greater at low turbine speeds, which makes the engine very useful for tractors, trucks, and buses because they require power and acceleration at low speeds.

The independence of the engine and the turbine also results in better response and more flexibility than either the gasoline engine or the gas turbine. This results in better performance and allows the engine to be placed anywhere while the turbine is placed at the point of power application, with only a small tube for the hot gases connecting the engine to the turbine.



The engine is mechanically very simple, requiring few moving parts and few precision tooled elements. Only the pistons, the injector, the valves, and the synchronizing linkage move and therefore only these parts and the surfaces they contact require machining.

Two or more engines can be used to supply gases to one turbine and thus double the power output. Output can also be varied considerably by changing the fuel, since the energy produced is directly related to the heating value of the fuel.

However, serious difficulties must be ironed out before the free piston engine can be widely applied. Many different methods have been tried for starting the engine but none of them have proved to be completely satisfactory. Some starting procedures are too complicated or too expensive, others are not dependable.

Much of the development has been devoted to improving the engine's part load efficiency, and although considerable improvement has resulted, this facet of the engine's performance is still unsatisfactory.

The contest between the free piston engine and the gas turbine will probably be decided by metallurgists. If a cheap, high-temperature alloy for turbine blades is developed, the gas turbine will probably win. With present day materials, the free piston engine has the advantage.

In order to replace the established powerplant, the challenger must not only perform as well as the present

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THE ENGINEER IN QUEST

OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS

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The dramatic changes taking place in the engineering function and in engineering education are well known. In the decade ahead, it is certain that other changes will occur. The new changes in processes, techniques and defense requirements have had and will continue to have their impact on the engineering profession. As a result, new terminology has been created. The curricula of the engineering schools have been revised to meet the needs of the mid-twentieth century engineer.

The changes taking place are vividly portrayed by looking over the ads for engineering personnel. In a recent issue of the New York Times there appeared ads for the following: Supervisor of Analysis, Ionospheric Training Specialists Operations, Research Scientists, Analog and Digital Computer Design, Aerodynamicist Electronics Production Engineer, Microwave Specialist, Reliability Engineers, Rocket Engineer, Missile Range Instrumentation. The list could be extended.

These ads make interesting reading. They show the kinds of engineering skills currently in demand. They reveal the price tag for such skills. They also point out the changing nature of the engineering profession. These ads were placed by *large* firms who *employ* many engineers. Most engineers today are employees. They work in some company under some manager or supervisor. Their salaries and conditions of employment are laid down by rules which are determined by their employers. This is indeed a significant change. Once upon a time, the working unit of engineers was small. Their work involved a high degree of independence in day-to-day decisions. They themselves set their fees or other remuneration, they regulated their own hours and conditions of employment according to market conditions and personal inclinations. They were in a sense, free practitioners. Today the individual who wants to be an engineer is dependent, for the most part, upon an employer of engineering personnel.

The market place has become a dominant force in the life of the engineer because it is the market place where the engineer sells his service. The employer-employee relationship becomes most important. In this kind of relationship, the engineer seeks status and recognition.

What can be said about the status of the engineer in the decade ahead? There is much discussion these days concerning the professional status of the engineer. The term profession has been widely used and abused by many groups. For example, a football player signs a contract to play professional football. By being paid to play, he becomes a professional. Other examples are just as ludicrous. There are many definitions, criteria and characteristics of professionals depending on the source used. It is not my intent to add another set of definitions or criteria to the already growing list. It seems that all kinds of groups seek status, recognition and prestige by affixing the term professional to their job title. The avidness with which the term is used has been explained, in part, as a cultural phenomenon of the United States.

It seems that status has become all important. Many popular books have been written on the subject of the status seekers. Status can take many forms. There is status in the work place, in where one resides, in the kind of clothes one wears, where he purchases them, the kind of car he drives, etc. The available evidence suggests that the engineer seeks status in the work place.

How does the engineer obtain professional status in the work place? Is status related to job duties? Is it related to earnings? Is it related to emoluments? Is it related to education? Is it related to job assignment? Is it borrowed directly from the nature of the service performed? Is it a function of proficiency on the job? Is he a professional just because he says he is or lays claim to it?

Certainly the engineer can't claim professional status on job duties alone. Some engineers are just technicians who in the discharge of their duties perform highly routine functions. Claim cannot be made on earnings because the professional engineer is pledged "to place service before profits." Emoluments alone do not make for professional status. Educational background standing by itself is not a basis. There are some engineers who have not kept pace with changes in their field of specialization. For these the learning process ended with graduation. They have not participated in

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WHAT'S NEW

NEW MATH HEAD

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Dr. Frame has stepped down at his own request to spend more time in writing and research.

Dr. Wells has been a member of the mathematics faculty since 1938. He is coauthor of a book "Differential Equations" and has done post-doctoral study and research at Brown University and California Institute of Technology.

At MSU he has been connected with various mathematical research projects for the government.

PLENTY OF JOBS

Virtually all of this year's engineering graduates are assured of jobs. Demand continues highest for chemical engineers, as during the past three years. Graduates in business, commerce, and the arts are about ten percent below engineers in definite commitments.

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"COMPACTRON"

A significant new development in the history of controlling electron flow was unveiled by General Electric late in June. The device is called a "Compactron" and consists of a packaged combination of electronic functions.

The "Compactron" eventually is expected to be widely used in entertainment electronic equipment such as radios, television receivers, and high-fidelity in place of transistors and ordinary tubes.

An example of the versatility of "Compactrons" lies in the fact that two of these devices can provide all the functions in a table radio that now are provided by five tubes or seven transistors.

Similarly, twelve "Compactrons" will provide all the electron flow control functions in a television receiver which now requires about seventeen tubes or twentyfive transistors. Further, automobile radios which combine the best qualities of both tubes and transistors eventually can be built with two "Compactrons" instead of four tubes.

DISCOVERY STARTLING

Sound waves can be used to measure more accurately the rates of fast chemical reactions, it has been found by a physicist at the University of California, Los Angeles.

One way of measuring very fast reaction rates, those that occur in one-millionth of a second, is through sound waves, whose velocities change with the time of reactions.

Using a complex apparatus, U.C.L.A. research physicist Harvey Blend has developed a method for detecting very small changes in sound wave length and velocity, which in turn allows him to measure reaction rates more accurately.

Through a combination of optical, acoustical and electronic techniques, Mr. Blend has been able to measure changes in wave length of two thousand five hundredths of an inch, and changes in frequency of one cycle in a million. These measurements, taken together, represent a new high in accuracy.

In his apparatus, which he largely designed himself, Mr. Blend used two transducers to generate and receive sound waves. He sent his waves in short bursts to eliminate the echoes which had clouded measurements of earlier researchers.

"WINDOW" ENGINE

A single-cylinder overhead valve engine with a quartz-topped piston may give new information about the burning of air and fuel in high compression auto engines. Already it has made possible a series of high-speed color photos of combustion at compression ratios as high as 10.7-to-1, offering researchers a more realistic view than they could get before, and combustion occurring under both load and full throttle engine conditions.

Earlier "window" engines, L-head designs with quartz heads, never could be operated above 7-to-1 ratio, while today's valve-in-head engines range from 8-to-1 to 10.5-to-1.

Basic difference between the new "window" engine and its predecessors is that high-speed photos are taken through the transparent top of its piston rather than through a quartz "window" in its head from the bottom upwards instead of the top downwards.

NEW SOUND

The first experimental effort to correlate satellite instrumentation by broadcasting a standardized timing code or clock signals over National Bureau of Standards Radio Station WWV is underway as a cooperative effort by NBS Boulder Laboratories, the Electronic Engineering Company of California, and Convair Astronautics.

Listeners to WWV are now hearing a new sound in addition to the precision once-per-second ticks. During the third minute of ten five-minute periods a buzzing sound interrupts the ticking and too fast for the human ear to decode indicates the day-of-the-year, hour-of-theday, minutes, and seconds. During this oneminute period this timing information is read out sixty consecutive times.

Scientists and engineers at satellite instrumentation sites within the effective range of WWV can put the timing signal on their oscillographs and tell time to an accuracy of one milli-second or a thousandth of a second. WWV is used by missile test ranges and satellite tracking stations to synchronize their timing systems. These are in operation 24 hours per day to correlate the data received from telemetering receivers, tracking radars, special cameras, and to correlate data from the equipment operated during the launching phases.

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3.531x10-5	cubic feet.
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1.308x10-6	cubic yards.
2.642×10-4 10-3	liters.
2.113x10-3	pints (liq.).
2.832x104	cubic ems.
1728	cubic inches.
0.03704	cubic yards.
7.481	gallons. liters
59.84	pints (liq.).
29.92	quarts (Inq.). cubic cms. per sec.
0.1247	gallons per sec.
0.4720	lbs. of water per min.
16.39	cubic centimeters.
5.787x10-4 1.639x10-5	cubic meters.
2.143x10-5	cubic yards.
4.329x10-3 1.639x10-2	liters.
0.03463	pints (liq.).
106	cubic centimeters
35.31	cubic feet.
1.308	cubic yards.
264.2	liters.
2113	pints (liq.).
1057 7.646x105	cubic centimeters.
27	cubic feet.
46,656 0.7646	cubic meters.
202.0	gallons. liters.
1616	pints (liq.).
807.9	cubic feet per second.
3.367	gallons per second.
12.74	liters per second.
24	hours.
86,400	seconds.
0.1	grams. liters
0.1	meters.
60 0.01745	radians.
3600	seconds.
0.1667	revolutions per min.
0.002778	revolutions per sec.
10	liters.
10 5.182	meters. francs (French).
4.20	marks (German).
0.2055	pounds sterling (Brit. shillings (British)
1.772	grams.
1.020x10-3	ounces. grams.
7.233x10-8	poundals.

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Tom Speer, Senior Engineering Research Supervisor at Standard Oil, inspects one of the 12 sections in a new miniature road tester. Under simulated weather conditions, four wheels whirl around to reveal wear patterns and other vital information. (INSET) Ruler shows wear pattern after strip has taken pounding from tires during rain, freeze, thaw and heat.

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Within weeks, the new test-tube roadway can determine what happens to roads during years of use in all kinds of weather. It can pretest paving formulas and techniques, and may show how to eliminate washboard pavement and chuck holes. Savings in highway research alone may run into millions of dollars. Even larger savings in auto and road repairs and possibly in gasoline taxes are in sight.

This test-tube roadway is just one of the many exciting developments at Standard. Every day, scientificresearch, pure and applied, points the way to new or improved products. This work holds great challenge and satisfaction for young men who are interested in scientific and technical careers.

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FUDGE FACTORS

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MULTIPLY	BY	TO OBTAIN	MULTIPLY	BY	TO OBTAIN
dynes	2.248x10-6	pounds.	gram-centimeters	9.807x10-5	joules.
dynes per square cm	1	bars.	gram-centimeters	2.344x10-8	kilogram-calories.
Evers	9 486-10-11	British thermal units	grams per cm.	5.600x10-3	Kilogram-meters.
Ergs	1	dyne-centimeters.	grams per cu. cm.	62.43	pounds per cubic foot.
Ergs]	7.376x10-8	foot-pounds.	grams per cu. cm.	0.03613	pounds per cubic inch.
Ergs	1.020x10-3 10-7	gram-centimeters.	grams per cu. cm.	3.405X10-	pounds per mil-foot.
Ergs	2.390x10-11	kilogram-calories.	Hectares	2.471	acres.
Ergs	1.020x10-8	kilogram-meters.	Hectares	1,076x10 ⁵	square feet.
ergs per second	5.692x10-9	B.t. units per minute.	hectograms	100	grams.
ergs per second	7.376x10-8	foot-pounds per sec.	hectometers	100	meters.
ergs per second	1.341x10-10	horse-power.	hectowatts	100	watts.
ergs per second	1.434x10-9	kgcalories per min.	hemispheres (sol. angle)	0.5	sphere.
ergs per second	10-10	KHOWACUS.	hemispheres (sol: angle)	6 283	spherical right angles.
Farads	10-9	abfarads.	henries	109	abhenries.
Farads	106	microfarads.	henries	103	millihenries.
fathoms	9X10-11	statiarads.	horse-power	1/9x10-11 42.44	Bt units per min
feet	30.48	centimeters.	horse-power	33,000	foot-pounds per min.
feet	12	inches.	horse-power	550	foot-pounds per sec.
feet	0.3048	meters.	horse-power	1.014	horse-power (metric)
feet	1/3	yards.	horse-power	0.7457	kilowatts.
feet of water	0.02950	atmospheres.	horse-power	745.7	watts.
feet of water	0.8826	inches of mercury.	horse-power (boiler)	33,520	B.t.u. per hour.
feet of water	62.43	nounds per square meter.	horse-power (boller)	9.804	Ritigh thormal units
feet of water	0.4335	pounds per sq. inch.	horse-power-hours	1.98x106	foot-pounds.
feet per minute	0.5080	centimeters per sec.	horse-power-hours	2.684x10 ⁶	joules.
feet per minute	0.01667	feet per sec.	horse-power-hours	641.7	kilogram-calories.
feet per minute	0.3048	meters per nour.	horse-power-hours	2.737X105	kilogram-meters.
feet per minute	0.01136	miles per hour.	hours	60	minutes.
feet per second	30.48	centimeters per sec.	hours	3600	seconds.
feet per second	1.097	kilometers per hour.	Traches		
feet per second	18.29	meters per minute	Inches	2.540	centimeters.
feet per second	0.6818	miles per hour.	Inches	.03	varas.
feet per second	0.01136	miles per minute.	Inches of mercury	0.03342	atmospheres.
feet per sec. per sec.	30 48	per cent grade.	Inches of mercury	1.133	feet of water.
feet per sec. per sec.	1.097	kms. per hr. per sec.	Inches of mercury	345.3	nounds per square meter.
feet per sec. per sec	0.3048	meters per sec. per sec.	Inches of mercury	0.4912	pounds per square in.
feet per sec. per sec	0.6818	miles per hr. per sec.	Inches of water	0.002458	atmospheres.
foot-pounds	1.356x10-0	ergs	Inches of water	0.07355	inches of mercury.
foot-pounds	5.050x10-7	horse-power-hours.	Inches of water	25.40	ounces per square in.
foot-pounds	1.356	joules.	Inches of water	5.204	pounds per square ft.
foot-pounds	3.241x10-4	kilogram-calories.	Inches of water	0.03613	pounds per square in.
foot-pounds	3.766x10-7	kilowatt-hours	Joules	0 490-10-4	Duitinh thoumal units.
foot-pounds per minute	1.286x10-3	B.t. units per minute.	Joules	9.486X10-	ergs.
foot-pounds per minute	0.01667	foot-pounds per sec.	Joules	0.7376	foot-pounds.
foot-pounds per minute	3.300×10-5	kg -calories ner minute	Joules	2.390x10-4	kilogram-calories.
foot-pounds per minute	2.260x10-5	kilowatts.	Joules	0.1020 2 778×10-4	watt-hours
foot-pounds per second	7.717x10-2	B.t. units per minute.		MILICATO -	
foot-pounds per second	1.818x10-3	horse-power.	Kilograms	980.665	dynes.
foot-pounds per second	1.356x10-3	kilowatts.	Kilograms	103	grams.
francs (French)	0.193	dollars (U.S.).	Kilograms	2 2046	poundais.
francs (French)	0.811	marks (German).	Kilograms	1.102x10-3	tons (short).
furlongs	40	rods.	kilogram-calories	8.968	British thermal units.
			kilogram-calories	3086	horse-nower-hours.
Gallons	3785	cubic centimeters.	kilogram-calories	4183	joules.
Gallons	0.1337	cubic feet.	kilogram-calories	426.6	kilogram meters.
Gallons	3.785x10-3	cubic inches.	kgcalories per min	1.162x10-3	kilowatt-hours.
Gallons	4.951x10-3	cubic yards.	kgcalories per min.	0.09351	horse-power.
Gallons	3.785	liters.	kgcalories per min.	0.06972	kilowatts.
Gallons	Å	pints (liq.).	kgscms. squared	2.373x10-8	pounds-feet squared.
gallons per minute	2.228x10-3	cubic feet per second	kilogram-meters	0.3417	British thermal units.
gallons per minute	0.06308	liters per second.	kilogram-meters	9.807x107	ergs.
gausses	6.452	lines per square inch.	kilogram-meters	7.233	foot-pounds.
gilberts	0.7958	abampere-turns.	kilogram-meters	9.807	joules.
gilberts per centimeter	2.021	ampere-turns per inch.	kilogram-meters	2.344×10-5 2.794×10-6	kilowatt-hours.
gills	0.1183	liters.	kgs. per cubic meter	10-3	grams per cubic cm.
grains (troy)	0.20	pints (liq.).	kgs. per cubic meter	0.06243	pounds per cubic foot
grains (troy)	0.06480	grams.	kgs. per cubic meter	3.613x10-5 3.405-10-10	pounds per cubic men
grains (troy)	0.04167	pennyweights (troy).	kgs. per meter	0.6720	pounds per foot.
grams	980.7	dynes.	kgs. per square meter	9.678x10-5	atmospheres.
grams	10.43	kilograms	kgs. per square meter	98.07	bars.
grams	108	milligrams.	kgs. per square meter	2.896-10-3	inches of mercury.
grams	0.03527	ounces.	kgs. per square meter	0.2048	pounds per square ft.
grams	0.03215	ounces (troy).	kgs. per square meter	1.422x10-*	pounds per square in.
grams	2.205×10-8	pounds.	kilolines	106	kgs. per square meter.
gram-calories	3.968x10-3	British thermal units.	kiloliters	108	liters.
gram-centimeters	9.302x10-8	British thermal units.	kilometers	105	centimeters.
gram-centimeters	7.233=10-5	foot-pounds.	kilometers	3281	feet.

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kilometers	0.6214	miles.	microhins per cm. cube	6.015	ohms per mil foot.
kilometers	1093.6	yards.	microhms per inch cube	2.540	microhoms p. cm. cube.
kilometers per hour	54.68	feet per minute.	miles	1.609×105	meters.
kilometers per hour	0.9113	feet per second.	miles	5280	feet.
kilometers per hour	0.5396	knots per hour.	miles	1.6093	kilometers.
kilometers per hour	0.6214	miles per minute.	miles	1900 8	yards.
kms. per hour per sec	27.78	cms. per sec. per sec.	miles per hour	44.70	centimeters per sec.
kms. per hour per sec.	0.9113	ft. per sec. per sec.	miles per hour	88	feet per minute.
kms. per hour per sec.	0.6214	meters per sec. per sec.	miles per hour	1.467	feet per second.
kilometers per min	60	kilometers per hour.	miles per hour	0.8684	knots per hour.
kilowatts	56.92	B.t.u. units per min.	miles per hour	26.82	meters per minute.
kilowatts	4.425x10*	foot-pounds per min.	miles per hour per sec	44.70	cms. per sec. per sec.
kilowatts	1.341	horse-power.	miles per hour per sec.	1.6093	leet per sec. per sec.
kilowatts	14.34	kgcalories per min.	miles per hour per sec	0.4470	M. per sec. per sec.
kilowatts-hours	103	watts.	miles per minute	2682	centimeters per sec.
kilowatt-hours	2.655x106	foot-pounds.	miles per minute	1 6093	feet per second.
kilowatt-hours	1.341	horse-power-hours.	miles per minute	0.8684	knots per minute.
kilowatt-hours	3.6x10 ⁶	joules.	miles per minute	60	miles per hour.
kilowatt-hours	3.671×105	kilogram-meters.	milligrams	10-3	
knots	6080	feet.	millihenries	106	abhenries.
knots	1.853	kilometers.	millihenries	10-3	henries.
knots	1.152	miles.	milliliters	1/9x10-14	stathenries.
knots per hour	51.48	centimeters per sec.	millimeters	0.1	liters.
knots per hour	1.689	feet per sec.	millimeters	0.03937	inches.
knots per hour	1.853	kilometers per hour.	millimeters	39.37	mils.
anow per nour	1.152	miles per hour.	mils	0.002540	centimeters.
Lines per square cm.	'n	gausses.	miner's inches	10-8	inches.
lines per square inch	0.1550	gausses.	minutes (angle)	2.909x10-4	radians.
links (engineer's)	12	inches.	minutes (angle)	60	seconds (angle).
liters	7.92	inches.	months	30.42	days.
liters	0:03531	cubic feet.	months	130	hours.
liters	61.02	cubic inches.	months	2.628x10 ⁶	seconds.
liters	10-3	cubic meters.	myriagrams	10	kilograms.
liters	0.2642	cubic yards.	myriawatts	10	kilometers.
liters	2.113	pints (lig.).		10	kilowatts.
liters	1.057	quarts (liq.).	Ohms	109	abohms.
liters per minute	5.855x10-4	cubic feet per second.	Ohms	10-6	megohms.
log10 N	2.303	logia N or ly N.	Ohms	100	microhms.
logio N or In N	0 4343	logia N	ohms per mil foot	1/9X10-14 166.2	statonms.
lumens per sq. ft.	1	foot-candler	ohms per mil foot	0.1662	microhms per cm. cube.
	1	Toot-canules.	onms per mil foot	0.06524	microhms per in. cube
Marks (German)	0.238	dollars (U.S.).	ounces	8 497 E	drams.
Marks (German)	1.233	francs (French).	ounces	28.35	grains.
maxwells	0.04890	bounds sterling (Brit.).	ounces	0.0625	pounds.
megalines	106	maxwells.	ounces (fluid)	1.805	cubic inches.
megmhos per cm. cube	10-3	abmhos per cm. cube.	ounces (troy)	0.02957	liters.
megmhos per cm, cube	2.540	megmhos per in. cube.	ounces (troy)	31.10	grams.
megmhos per inch cube	0.3937	megmhos per cm. cube	Ounces (troy)	20	pennyweights (troy).
megohms	108	ohms.	ounces per square inch	0.08333	pounds (troy).
meters	100	centimeters.		0.0620	pounds per sq. inch.
meters	3.2808	inches	Pennyweights (troy)	24	grains (troy).
meters	10-8	kilometers.	Pennyweights (troy)	1.555	grams.
meters	103	millimeters.	perches (masonry)	94 75	ounces (troy).
meter-kilograms	1.0936	yards.	pints (dry)	33.60	cubic inches.
meter-kilograms	108	centimeter-grams.	pints (liquid)	28.87	cubic inches.
meter-kilograms	7.233	pound-feet.	poundals	13,826	dynes.
meters per minute	1.667	centimeters per sec.	poundals	0.03108	bounds.
meters per minute	0.05468	feet per second	pounds	444,823	dynes.
meters per minute	0.03	kilometers per hour.	pounds	7000	grains.
meters per minute	0.03728	miles per hour.	pounds	403.6	grams.
meters per second	1968	feet per minute.	pounds	32.17	Doundals.
meters per second	3.0	kilometers per hour.	pounds (troy)	0.8229	pounds (av.).
meters per second	0.06	kilometers per min.	pound-feet	1.356x107	centimeter-dynes.
meters per second	2.237	miles per hour.	pound-feet	0.1383	centimeter-grams.
meters per sec. per sec.	0.03728	feet per sec per sec	pounds-feet squared	421.3	kgscms. squared
meters per sec. per sec.	3.6	kms. per hour per sec.	pounds-neet squared	144	pounds-ins. squared.
meters per sec. per sec	2.237	miles per hour per sec.	pounds-inches squared	2.926 6 945×10-8	kgscms. squared.
mhos per mil foot	6.015x10-8	abmnos per cm. cube.	pounds of water	0:01602	cubic feet.
mhos per mil foot	15.28	megmhos per in cube.	pounds of water	27.68	cubic inches.
microfarads	10-15	abfarads.	pounds of water per min	0.1198	gallons.
microfarads	10-6	farads.	pounds per cubic foot	2069X10-4 0.01609	cubic feet per sec.
micrograms	9x105	statiarads.	pounds per cubic foot	16.02	kgs, per cubic cm.
microliters	10-6	liters.	pounds per cubic foot	5.787x10-4	pounds per cubic inch.
microhms	103	abohms.	pounds per cubic inch	5.456x10-9	pounds per mil foot.
microhms	10-12	megohms.	pounds per cubic inch	2.768×104	grams per cubic cm.
microhms	1/9x10-17	statohms.	pounds per cubic inch	1728	pounds per cubic meter.
microhms per cm. cube	103	abohms per cm. cube.	pounds per cubic inch	9.425x10-6	pounds per mil foot.
microhms per cm. cube	0.3937	microhms p. in. cube.	pounds per inch	1.488 178.6	kgs. per meter. grams per cm.

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SHOCK-STRENGTH of steering spindle soars by designing it to be forged

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pounds per mil foot	2.306x106	grams per cubic cm	square millimeters	0.01	square centimeters
pounds per square foot	0.01602	feet of water.	square millimeters	1.550x10-3	square inches
pounds per square foot	4.882	kgs. per square meter.	square mils	1.273	circular mils.
pounds per square foot	6.944x10-3	pounds per sq. inch.	square mils	6.452x10-6	square centimeters.
pounds per square inch	0.06804	atmospheres.	square mils	10-6	square inches.
pounds per square inch	2.307	feet of water.	square varas	.0001771	acres.
pounds per square inch	2.036	inches of mercury.	square varas	7.716049	square feet.
pounds per square inch	144	kgs. per square meter.	square varas	.0000002765	square miles.
pounds per square men	144	pounds per sq. 100t.	square vards	.801009	square yards.
Quadrants (angle)	90	demonstration of the second	square yards	Q.	acres.
Quadrants (angle)	5400	degrees.	square yards	0.8361	square neters
Quadrants (angle)	1.571	radiane	square yards	3.228x10-7	square miles.
quarts (dry)	67.20	cubic inches	square yards	1.1664	square varas.
quarts (liq.)	57.75	cubic inches.	statamperes	1/3x10-10	abamperes.
quintals	100	pounds.	statamperes,	1/3x10-9	amperes.
quires	25	sheets.	stateoulombs	$1/3 \times 10^{-10}$	abcoulombs.
Padiana			statfarade	1/3x10-9	coulombs.
Radiane	57.30	degrees.	statfarads	1/9x10-20	abfarads.
Radians	3438	minutes.	statfarads	1/9×10-1	farads.
radians per second	0.037	quadrants.	stathenries	9x1020	microfarads.
radians per second	0 1502	degrees per second.	stathenries	9x1011	honries.
radians per second	9 549	revolutions per second.	stathenries	9x1014	millihenries
radians per sec. per sec	573.0	revolutions per min.	statohms	9x1020	abohms.
radians per sec. per sec	9.549	revs. per min. per min.	statohms	9x10 ⁵	megohms.
radians per sec. per sec	0.1592	revs. per sec per sec.	statohms	9x1017	microhms.
reams	-500	sheets.	statuolite	9x1011	ohms.
revolutions	360	degrees.	statvolte	3x1010	abvolts.
revolutions	4	quadrants.	steradians	300	volts.
revolutions per minute	6.283	radians.	steradians	0.1592	hemispheres.
revolutions per minute	0 10/7	degrees per second.	steradians	0.07958	spheres.
revolutions per minute	0.1047	radians per second.	steres	103	spherical right angles.
revs. per min. per min.	1 745×10-3	revolutions per sec.		10-	inters.
revs. per min. per min.	0.01667	rads. per scc. per sec.	Temp. (degs. C.) +273	1	abs temp (degs C)
revs. per min. per min	2.778×10-4	revs. per min. per sec.	Temp. (degs. C.) +17.8	1.8	temp. (degs Fahr.).
revolutions per second	360	degrees per second	temp (degs. F.) +460	1	abs. temp. (degs. F.).
revolutions per second	6.283	radians per second.	temp. (degs. F.) -32	5/9	temp. (degs. Cent.).
revolutions per second	60	revs. per min.	tons (long)	1016	kilograms,
revs. per sec. per sec	6.283	rads. per sec. per sec.	tons (metric)	2240	pounds.
revs. per sec. per sec.	3600	revs. per min. per min.	tons (metric)	103	kilograms,
rods	60	revs. per min. per sec.	tons (short)	2205	pounds.
	10.5	feet.	tons (short)	907.2	kilograms.
Seconds (angle)	1010-10-6		tons (short) per sq. ft.	0765	pounds.
spheres (solid angle)	4.648X10-0	radians.	tons (short) per sq. ft	13.89	kgs. per square meter
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engines, but must surpass them in some category to make the expensive changeover profitable.

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any kind of self-development program. They have not availed themselves of the opportunities designed to keep them properly informed.

Experience likewise cannot solely serve as the basis for claiming professional status. What kind of experience counts? There are wide variations in the work experiences of the engineers. Professional status is rather an elusive item. An event told by a training coordinator of a large west coast employer indicated that status, at least to some engineers, is a state of mind.

In this company the manufacturing division maintained a laboratory which was used to test the items produced. There were fifty engineers working in this laboratory. Although the laboratory was a part of the manufacturing division, the engineering personnel were in the engineering division of the company. Last summer the engineering personnel in the laboratory were transferred to the manufacturing division because of the nature of their job assignments. There was no change in salary, no change in physical place of employment, no change in equipment used. The only visible change which occurred was a change in the first prefix of their identification badge numbers. The personnel in the manufacturing division bore the prefix number 3, while the engineering personnel had the prefix number 7. Thus the only change was from 7 to 3. The training coordinator told me that 25 of the engineers resigned shortly after the transfer was announced. His explanation was that the engineers in this laboratory had lost status because of their transfer from the engineering division to the manufacturing division.

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The problems of status and recognition as revealed in the story above do not lend themselves to easy solution. They cannot be solved just by having canons of ethics and 61 rules of conduct. These may be printed in attractive form; the words are well chosen. They "mean exactly what they say—that there is no concealed, hidden, or obscure intent." These rules are important guidelines and serve a useful purpose. As Heermance once wrote—a united expression of what is best for the common good becomes a strong force for progress.

Status and recognition involve, however, at least two persons, one to claim it and the other to honor the claim. The engineer may claim professional status and recognition but full and complete honoring of the claim has been slow in coming. At first glance there appears to be several reasons for the slow honoring of the claim. One relates to the individual engineer and the other to the employers of engineers.

Some of the shortcomings of the individual engineer in laying claim for professional status and recognition have already been noted. It can be summarized in a brief phrase—he is just not entitled to the claim. His individual actions do not merit his claim being taken seriously. It would do well to remember the biblical injunction—"By ye actions, ye shall be judged." Indeed individual engineers are judged and the "actions" do not measure up to the expectations of employers who are being called upon to honor the claim.

Employers, on the other hand, have attitudes and concepts about engineers. To a very large measure the employers' attitudes and policies control the actual extent of the individual engineer's success in attaining professional status and recognition. For the most part it is the employer of engineering personnel who writes the job description.

The heart of the status problem is found in the employment relationship. The Subcommittee of the Employment Practices Committee of the National Society of Professional Engineers has developed its *Criteria For Professional Employment of Engineers*. These "rules of the road" are for "those who conscientiously desire to serve their own best interests by recognizing and treating engineers as full professionals in every sense of the word." While these are helpful they do not appear to address themselves to the nature of the employment relationship.

There is much misunderstanding and confused thinking about this relationship. The employee-employer relationship inevitably generates problems. The more employees, the more problems and the more complex are the problems. Someone manages and someone is managed. In other words, someone gives instructions and someone carries out these instructions. In the management process, employees will experience at some time or another, feelings of irritation, dissatisfaction, ill treatment, etc. For one brief example, the engineer is assigned to a job which doesn't comport with his notion of what a professional should be doing.

Since there is this relationship, these are essential differences of interest between those who are employed and those who employ. The employer is conscious of costs; he seeks to make a profit. The employee on the other hand wants more money (and, engineers are no exception). The employer wants greater freedom in running his business while the employee wants greater freedom as an individual. It is highly unrealistic to say that there are no differences in interest. While the engineer may be "company minded" he is also concerned with his own interests. At times there will be a conflict in interests and these conflicts must be resolved if a mutual satisfactory working relationship is to be maintained.

It must be noted that human relations and communication techniques will not resolve all the real differences of interest. Would the attitude of the engineers in the story related above have been any different if they were told about being transferred to the manufacturing division and explained the reasons for the transfer? I doubt it. This is not to say that a sound human relations program is unimportant. They can be very useful, but they will not eliminate the differences of interest which grow out of the very nature of the employee-employer relationship.

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ONCE upon a time when t equals zero, there lived in a small cavity in a dielectic medium, a poor struggling dipole by the name of Eddy Current. He was deeply in love with a beautiful coil by the name of Ann Ion, the daughter of an influential force in the town, Cat Ion.

Eddy's first contact with her came at a time t equals a. As he passed by a beauty parlor on his periodic orbit, he saw her having a standing wave induced in her filaments. He made a fine sight in his beautiful doublet and it was a case of mutual polarization.

"YOU SHOCK ME"

By a coincidence they met at a dissipation function of the following night. After a few oscillations to the strains of a number (n) played by Mo Mentum and his Incadescent Tuning Forks, the couple diffused into the field outside.

"Gauss, Ann," he said, "You're acute angle; I am d (termined) that U shall marry for K sphere that I shall never be happy without you."

"Oh, Eddy," she replied, "Don't be so obtuse. Integrate out here in the alpha rays tonight?"

"Ann, are you trying to damp my osculation? Can't you see I'm in a state of hysteresis over you?"

HE CAN'T RESISTOR

"Now, Eddy, be a discrete particle. What will father say?" Alas, there was also in this cavity a mean dipole who was resolved to marry the beautiful Ann, using coercive force if necessary. Hearing these murmurings of love, he went Pi-i'd with fury, and crept stealthily upon the couple with velocity u, his joules drooling with the vestial erg that moved him.

"What the infra red are you doing here you flat-footed vial villian?" demanded Eddy. The situation grew tensor.

THE VECTOR!

Schmidt advanced to choke the beautiful coil: Eddy offered resistance R; His capacity C for absorbing the charge Q was low, and Schmidt suffered little lost work content in knocking him out to infinity with a severe blow on his megative charge. Eddy made a quick comeback with acceleration a, stripping off Schmidt's outer electrons. This so upset the villian's equilibrium that he was converted into cosmic radiation and vanished into the realms of space, leaving Eddy the resultant vector in the combat.

"Our love will not be transient," said Eddy as he formed a closed circle around her.

"Darling, we will raise a one parameter family of second infinitesimals," murmured Ann happily.

And as time t approached infinity, they lived happily ever after.

Editor's note: This is taken from the Houston Ire Section publication, who took it from the Kansas City IRE section publication, who couldn't remember where they got it.

MINUTE BIOGRAPHY

Joseph A. Strelzoff—Professor of Electrical Engineering

Dr. Strelzoff was born on June 21, 1899 in Southeast Russia. After graduating from high school in 1916, he was one of 500 out of 3200 students selected to enter Kharkov Institute of Technology. World War I interrupted his studies after six months, and it wasn't until 1919 that Dr. Strelzoff had the opportunity to return to his studies. He attended the university at Liege, Belgium, receiving a Mechanical Engineering degree at the end of three years and two years later a degree in Electrical Engineering. While in attendance he worked part-time for the Construction Electriques de Belgeque.

Dr. Strelzoff entered the United States in 1929, and, until his entrance to Cornell University in 1931, worked for Stone & Webster, consulting engineers in Boston and later for Gibson-Hill in New York City. It was at this time that Dr. Strelzoff received the Bull Earl Fellowship at Cornell. Dr. & Mrs. Strelzoff were married in 1931. While at Cornell he received his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1932 and his Ph.D. in 1934. From 1934 to 1942 Dr. Strelzoff taught at various schools and joined the teaching staff at Michigan State University in 1942.

Among his numerous hobbies, Dr. Strelzoff listens to opera, reads history, square dances and loves to take long walks. He walks to school every day. Mrs. Strelzoff reveals that until they had their dishwasher installed, her husband washed the dishes every night. Although he has many hobbies, Dr. Strelzoff says his most rewarding hobby is teaching.

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- 2. "Why bother, there's no one home here."
- "You don't think this bathing suit is too tight do you?"
- 4. "Let's go dutch!"
- 5. "Chaperone? What chaperone?"
- 6. "No, it really doesn't make any difference whether I get back at all tonight."

7. "My, but I'm cold!"

8. "Yes!"

It was C.E.'s first date with the Coed.

"No, thank you, I don't smoke."

"Let's go down and sip a beer or two."

"I'd rather not. I never touch liquor."

"Well, let's go down to the stadium for a while."

"No, I'd rather go out and do something new—something exciting."

"O.K. Let's go down to the dairy building and milk hell out of a couple of cows." "May I have this dance?"

"I'm sorry, I never dance with a child," said she, with an amused smile.

"Oh, a thousand pardons," said he. "I didn't know about your condition."

The ferocious lion ate a bull. Afterward he felt so wonderful he roared and roared. A hunter heard him roar and shot him.

Moral: When you are full of bull, you had better keep your mouth shut!

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A Texan, newly arrived in England, was playing poker with a couple of the natives. He was pleasantly surprised upon picking up an early hand to see four aces in it.

"I'll wager a pound," said the Britisher on his right.

"Ah don't know how y'all measure your money," drawled the Texan, "but ah reckon ah'll have to raise you about a ton."

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The EE's Lament

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black, his partner he despises. He shakes his head and says to him, with words so softly spoken, "The last thing that you said to me was, 'Sure, the switch is open.'"

Thermometers—Something else graduated with degrees without having brains.

A farmer who had earlier given two tramps a job chopping wood decided to check on how they were doing. He found one tramp leaning on his ax, watching the other execute a series of flip-flops and somersaults.

"Gosh," said the farmer, "I didn't know your friend was an acrobat."

"Neither did I," admitted the tramp, "till I cracked him on the shin with this ax."

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Since these differences do exist, neither employers nor employees can be trusted to protect adequately the interests of the other. The employers do have power and they exercise authority. Employers often develop policies on the basis of "knowing better what's good for you than you do for yourself." Often policies are introduced with the best of intentions but their application causes friction. Then, too, no group of employees, no matter how idealistic they are, can adequately protect the employer's interest.

In this kind of situation what can the professional engineer do to obtain status? It must be remembered that status and dignity are not given; they must be earned. Occupational competency is a must. Engineers must turn in a creditable performance on the job. In other words, the place to begin is with the individual engineer.

Since most engineers are employees, the employer must be educated so as to establish a clear understanding of employment conditions necessary to meet professional employee expectations. The Engineer-in-Industry Sub-Committee of the Employment Practices Committee has formulated certain criteria for employers of engineers. The criteria include recruitment policies, indoctrination, technical development of the individual, company practices, personnel practices, working conditions, etc. The important question is how to get employers to adopt and to put into practice these criteria.

As was pointed out the best of intention can and does produce frictions and irritations. A number of management practices contribute to engineer dissatisfaction and poor morale. For example, the improper use of engineering talent, haphazard salary administration, work assignment, incompetent supervision are but a few of the areas of friction. In the decade ahead these areas will become more aggravated unless remedial action is taken.

The shortage of certain types of engineering skills has and will continue to produce frictions. Employers give the special treatment to the engineer whom they have pirated away from another firm. Usually these special talent engineers have been brought in at high (or higher) salaries. This policy of "red carpet" treatment may be carried to the point where older engineering employees of less potential develop a chronic case of low morale.

This suggests that while there is a machine and equipment obsolescence there is also the problem of aging and obsolescense in respect to engineering talent. Of course, this condition could be remedied by an educational program plus sufficient will to action by the engineer. With the ever increasing tempo of change, there are also engineers who fall behind in their knowledge of fundamentals which underlie new developments. Employers need to develop educational and training programs which will permit engineers to keep their skills up-to-date. Their investment in engineering talent could be enhanced if proper use were made of these persons.

The employer's attitude and actions are another aspect in the engineers quest for status. The professional societies have a role to play in fostering a healthy professional climate for employed engineers. There is more to be done than establishing standards of ethical conduct or pressuring for more stringent registration laws. Professional societies have a responsibility to promote better salaries and working conditions. To accomplish this may require the development of new institutional arrangements. Professional societies have got to stop talking about raising the professional status of engineers and start doing more than uttering platitudes and cliches. A professional society must be strong and active if it is to assist in enhancing professional status. To be strong, the engineers must support their societies. This means more than sending in the annual dues.

The problems and prospects of raising the status of engineers in the decade ahead are replete with many formidable barriers. The profession of engineering is a heterogeneous complex. The profession speaks with many voices. Perhaps one approach would be to de-emphasize the status question. There are already too many groups in the grips of the "status panic." Perhaps more can be gained by concentrating on occupational competency. Status may well come through creditable workmanship.

But this is only the starting place. Raising the professional status requires both individual and collective action. The individual engineer can work towards improving his own status but by the nature of the employment relationship he can only do so much. He must have the backing of a strong professional society vitally interested in improving "professional treatment," "personal treatment" a n d "financial treatment." This is the age of collective action in which individuals band together to advance their interests.

Professional societies have got to bring their thinking up-to-date. They all too frequently resort to what Professor Galbraith has termed conventional wisdom-"ideas which are esteemed at any time for their acceptability." The articulation of conventional wisdom is in the words of Galbraith "a religious rite." Professional societies devote a good bit of their time to articulating conventional wisdom. But the enemy of conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events. There are dramatic changes taking place in the engineering profession and in the market place where the skills of the engineer are being utilized. These changes are making the conventional wisdom of the moment obsolescent. In time the changes become fatal to these once acceptable ideas. The fatal blow is delivered when the ideas have lost their relationship to the real world. The position of the engineer in America in the 1960's will turn on the adaptation of new ideas to meet new changes.

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AUTOMATION PLUS

A contract to develop an all-electronic Alpha-Numeric Recognition Device for identifying typed or printed envelope addresses has been awarded to Philco Corporation's Research Division by the U.S. Post Office Department in Washington, D. C.

The system will be able to read envelope addresses by separate recognition of all 26 alphabetic and 10 numeric characters, without the use of special symbols or of magnetic ink. It is planned that this machine will be integrated with letter-sorting machines developed by the Post Office Department to further the automation of mailhandling in post offices.

Electronic scanning techniques will be used for locating addresses on envelopes. The contract requires the capability of rec-

ognizing typed or printed addresses which can be sorted to as many as 50 different addresses. A high processing rate is promised, with a character analysis capability of identifying one thousand alpha-numeric characters per second.

FEWER ENGINEERS

For the second consecutive year, enrollment in America's accredited engineering colleges has dropped.

In the fall of 1959, 240,063 students registered in engineering; in 1958 there were 249,950, and in the fall of 1957 the total was 257,777.

Under the influence of high enrollments in the mid-1950's, the number of engineering graduates continues to rise; in the year ending in June, 1959, 41,132 degrees were given in various fields of engineering. But a study of recent enrollments would indicate that there will be fewer engineering graduates within the next one or two years, according to the American Society for Engineering Education.

Total engineering enrollment in the fall of 1959 was down 4% from 1958 and 6.9% from 1957, according to the survey. A decrease in undergraduate enrollment first reported in 1958 continued in 1959 with a 5.7% drop during the year. These engineering enrollment decreases came at a time when total college enrollments were rising-in all, by 10.9% during the twoyear period. In 1959 engineering students accounted for only 7.1% of all college students, compared with the high of 8.4% in 1957.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Lloyd H. Harrington ('30) is an engineer for the western division of Consumers Power Company in Grand Rapids, Mich. His address is 3838 Clyde Park Ave.

R. Clark Dawes ('31) is in his 20th year as a member of the Grove City (Pa.) College staff and his second as chairman of the engineering department. His address is 801 Superior St.

Stan Slezak ('39) is a designer for General Electric in Schenectady, N. Y. His address is Rt. 2, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Fred E. Satchell ('44) is chief chemical engineer for Brunswick, Balke Collender Company in Muskegon, Mich. His address is 1107 Hendrick Road.

E. W. Baldwin ('11) is retired and living in New Oxford, Pa.

Hugh C. Forsberg ('45) is an engineer at the University of California's Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico. *

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Gale D. Sharpe ('47) has been appointed office manager of Anderson Chemical Company, Weston, Mich. * * *

Thomas A. Zechin ('47) writes from 23125 Norcrest Dr., St. Clair Shores, Michigan. A daughter, Nancy Louise, was born March 15, 1959. * *

John Foster ('48) is director of products development for the J. L. Clark Manufacturing Company in Rockford, Ill. He and his wife Juliette live at 1607 Cynthia Drive. *

Edward A. Lau ('49) is vice president of Precision Controls Company in Dexter, Mich. His address is 17547 Stahelin, Detroit 19, Michigan. *

Jack B. Ridenour ('48) is a development engineer for Oldsmobile. He lives at 2201 Quentin Ave., Lansing. * *

Richard Howell ('49) writes from College Park Apts. 6-C, Camp Hill, Pa. A son was born in April. * *

John R. Kelley ('50) is an engineer for Federal Electric Corporation in Paramus, N. J. He lives at 161 Linden Ave., Emerson, N. J.

Uno W. Filpus ('51) is an engineer for Consumers Power Company in Traverse City. He has four sons. His address is 922 Avenue D, Traverse City, Michigan.

Dayton A. Hunt ('52) was married in July and is working for the Schenectady Varnish Company. His address there is 2165C Daisy Lane.

Floyd H. Valentine ('09) has been elected secretary of the Cleveland Consulting Engineers Association. He lives at 3019 Edgehill Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

James A. Smith ('12) is retired and living in Rochester, N. Y., at 4 Beverly Heights.

R. R. Havens ('15) is living in St. Petersburg, Florida, at 6021 Burlington Ave.

Herman C. Zierleyn ('15) is retired. His home is at 119 Maple Terrace, Spring Lake, Mich. *

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A. H. Nichol ('17) has retired from management in the power specialties field after 40 years. He now is associated with an Oldsmobile dealer in Lancaster, Ohio. His address there is Rt. 3, Baltimore Rd., Lancaster.

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SPACE LAB. (Continued from page 21)

AEROBEE ROCKET EXPERIMENTS OF THE **AEROSPACE MEDICAL DIVISION DURING 1951-52**

Aerobee No.	Date of Firing	Peak Altitude (miles)	Animals Carried
I	4-18-51	38	1 monkey 1 mouse
II	9-20-51	40	1 monkey 2 mice
ш	5-21-52	38	2 monkeys 2 mice

Except for the monkey in Aeorbee I, all mice and monkeys were recovered safely. However, after surviving a wild ride into the ionosphere, the monkey flown in Aerobee II died from heat exposure on the way to the laboratory. The mice were used in hereditary experiments to determine whether cosmic radiation would have any effect on reproduction.

These tests, while not conclusive, indicate that man can survive and function in the hostile environment of space. Although it will probably be a while yet before an astronaut is shot into orbit, these early tests and more recent ones involving orbital rockets are laying the groundwork for future, successful, manned space flight.

19 Ways to Flunk Any Course

Learn now that society will provide for you. Just because you are you. Just because you are paying for an education doesn't mean you have to get your money's worth. Don't be ridiculous. "If the learner hasn't learned," it isn't your fault, surely.

1. GENERAL ATTITUDE—The B.B.A. degree is valuable. Successful grads have made it so. It is valuable because they produced. Let them keep up the good work, but don't prepare to rob them of their glory, to increase the value.

2. *BE YOUTHFUL*—Be young while you can. Why discard those good old high school days—and ways? Don't grow up until you just have to. People will always be understanding and appreciative of your adolescence.

3. DRESS—Be yourself, dress naturally. Those business people can be very stuffy about sartorial matters. On that first job, they'll probably start you off as a porter anyway, so why not look like one?

4. AROMATICS—The pungency of the locker room can be carried with you. A gamey "athletic" odor is a great personal asset—in class and out, in business and out—and fast. Carry your own atmosphere be "aromatic."

5. RELAX, ENJOY IT-A stiff posture restricts absorption. Spread yourself figuratively. Chairs in front, occupied or not, are fine for parking feet, thus facilitating relaxation.

6. MENTAL EFFORT-Some say that brain cells, like liquor bottles, can not be used twice. Save them, coddle them, spare them-in class and out. The mind(?) you save may be your own.

7. DON'T ANTICIPATE—Who knows what might happen tomorrow—or for that matter next week, when the paper is due? Don't do it ahead of time—nothing might happen. Then you'd have no excuse.

8. ACCURACY—Is for the birds. A misplaced decimal point is embarrassing but not critical. You can always do it right when and if you get a job (on the basis of your excellent school record, of course).

9. DON'T WRITE, TELEGRAPH-Legibility went out with long underwear. None of the really big wheels like Napoleon, Hitler, or even Confucius-could write good English.

10. SPELLING—Why bring that up? Phonetics are out, "word picture" didn't work, so your generation just can't spell. Everyone understands and is sorry. You are unique—now don't go and spoil it.

11. LATE PAPERS-Promptness here is a sign of servility. Be independent. Be different. A few days late shouldn't matter, especially if you use a good standard explanation.

12. BE LATE-A "fashionable" entrance, after everyone else is seated, and the class is moving alongthis calls attention to one, definitely. You can also be so ignorant about what has gone before and get the spotlight again.

13. ATTEND IRREGULARLY—That's the stuff. Always being there is dreadfully boring. After all, one meeting is like another and the instructor gets tired of your face, too.

14. BE CONVERSATIONAL—Talk it up. If the old buzzard doesn't make it interesting, it surely can't be interesting to your neighbor, can it? Competition is good for business, so why not for business educators?

15. PREPARATION—A dangerous habit. Here again, let's don't anticipate. A heavy snow might make the work useless. And—the instructor might resent having you come to class one day knowing what he is talking about.

16. (BUT OTHERWISE) CLAM UP-Don't ever venture an opinion, don't defend a point; let some other jerk stick his neck out. Remember it may be better to remain silent and be thought ignorant-than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.

17. ON YOUR MARK-Don't get left at the post when the bell rings. A rustling of papers and plopping of books indicates alertness on your part to the hour of parting and reminds the Professor accordingly.

18. REPETITION—A powerful force. If the files show that someone did a good paper on the topic last year, why should such a gem be discarded? The instructor will never recognize it if your pal was at U. of M.

19. PLAGIARISM—If in preparing a paper you find that some author has said it better than you can; and a long time ago—don't dull initiative. Let him have his way—in your paper, too. It should be flattering to him.

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Leonard S. Plee ('18) is supervisor of research and statistics with the Michigan Public Service Commission. He lives in Lansing at 1813 Drexel Rd., and extends a cordial invitation to alumni to visit him.

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Forest B. Crampton ('23) completed his 30th year this summer with Marsh & McLennan, national insurance brokers. His address is 14855 Covle Ave., Detroit 27. *

Ralph E. Decker ('27) is right of way clearance agent for the California Division of Highways in Los Angeles. He lives in San Gabriel at 338 N. Arroyo Drive.

Charles Blattner ('58) is an employee of Commonwealth Associates, Inc., and is currently working on Project Matterhorn in Princeton, N. J. His address is Laurelton House, Rt. 3, Princeton, N. J. *

Peter Chiarenza ('58) works as a systems engineer at the Martin Company in Baltimore, Md. His address is 830 Argonne Dr., Apt. 9, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

Donald F. Colby ('58) is a technical sales representative with Rohm & Haas Company. He and his wife Dorothy live at 38 Glenbrook Drive, Prospect Heights, Ill. They have three children, a girl and two boys.

Mark DeBono ('58) and his wife Joan live at 247 Park Avenue, East Orange, N. J. A daughter, Lori Ann, was born in July.

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Donald E. Janke ('58) is serving two years with the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas.

A. S. Armstrong ('06) retired in 1958 after fifty years with the same company. He lives at 307 S. 16th St., Quincy, Ill. *

Arthur Pulling ('10) is a retired engineer living at 16214 Fielding Ave., Detroit.

John J. Harris ('12) writes from 3231 Jamaica, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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- Q. Mr. Savage, should young engineers join professional engineering societies?
- A. By all means. Once engineers have graduated from college they are immediately "on the outside looking in," so to speak, of a new social circle to which they must earn their right to belong. Joining a professional or technical society represents a good entree.
- Q. How do these societies help young engineers?
- A. The members of these societies -mature, knowledgeable menhave an obligation to instruct those who follow after them. Engineers and scientists-as professional people-are custodians of a specialized body or fund of knowledge to which they have three definite responsibilities. The first is to generate new knowledge and add to this total fund. The second is to utilize this fund of knowledge in service to society. The third is to teach this knowledge to others, including young engineers.
- Q. Specifically, what benefits accrue from belonging to these groups?
- A. There are many. For the young engineer, affiliation serves the practical purpose of exposing his work to appraisal by other scientists and engineers. Most important, however, technical societies enable young engineers to learn of work crucial to their own. These organizations are a prime source of ideas - meeting colleagues and talking with them, reading reports, attending meetings and lectures. And, for the young engineer, recognition of his accomplishments by associates and organizations generally heads the list of his aspirations. He derives satisfaction from knowing that he has been identified in his field.

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How Professional Societies Help Develop Young Engineers

- Q. What contribution is the young engineer expected to make as an active member of technical and professional societies?
- A. First of all, he should become active in helping promote the objectives of a society by preparing and presenting timely, wellconceived technical papers. He should also become active in organizational administration. This is self-development at work, for such efforts can enhance the personal stature and reputation of the individual. And, I might add that professional development is a continuous process, starting prior to entering college and progressing beyond retirement. Professional aspirations may change but learning covers a person's entire life span. And, of course, there are dues to be paid. The amount is graduated in terms of professional stature gained and should always be considered as a personal investment in his future.
- Q. How do you go about joining professional groups?
- A. While still in school, join student chapters of societies right on campus. Once an engineer is out working in industry, he should contact local chapters of technical and professional societies, or find out about them from fellow engineers.
- Q. Does General Electric encourage participation in technical and professional societies?
- A. It certainly does. General Electric progress is built upon creative ideas and innovations. The Company goes to great lengths to establish a climate and incentive to yield these results. One way to get ideas is to en-

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courage employees to join professional societies. Why? Because General Electric shares in recognition accorded any of its individual employees, as well as the common pool of knowledge that these engineers build up. It can't help but profit by encouraging such association, which sparks and stimulates contributions.

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These general observations emphasize that General Electric does encourage participation. In indication of the importance of this view, the Company usually defrays a portion of the expense accrued by the men involved in supporting the activities of these various organizations. Remember, our goal is to see every man advance to the full limit of his capabilities. Encouraging him to join Professional Societies is one way to help him do so.

Mr. Savage has copies of the booklet "Your First 5 Years" published by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development which you may have for the asking. Simply write to Mr. C. F. Savage, Section 959-12, General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y.

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