

Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education

Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section

University of Virginia

April 28-29, 1939.

The sixth annual spring meeting of the SOUTHEASTERN SECTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION was held at the University of Virginia on the afternoon of Friday, April 28th and the morning of Saturday, April 29th.

The first session was called to order by the chairman, Dean J. M. Robert, of Tulane University, at 2:30 P. M.

Dean W. S. Rodman, representing the University of Virginia, gave the society a most cordial welcome. This was followed by the introduction of members from the different member colleges, fourteen of which were represented by forty-seven members in attendance.

The first order of business was the appointing of a nominating committee which was composed of the following members:

Professor John M. Gallalee, University of Alabama
Professor W. G. Seeley, Duke University
Professor W. M. Bragalle, Vanderbilt University

The topic for this session was "What Shall We Do for the Entering Student Who Comes to Us Unprepared to Handle Our Work?" Dean F. L. Wilkinson led the discussion by a very interesting paper on the subject in which a number of pertinent facts were brought out. A few of these follow:

- "Teachers with the highest degree of teaching skill should be assigned to the freshmen."
- "Orientation course is desirable."
- "Too much time spent in laboratory and shop practice."
- "Too much duplication of subjects."
- "Aptitude test advisable."
- "The freshman is the most important student in our midst."

This paper was followed by an informal discussion led by Professor J. L. Vaughan of the English Department of the University of Virginia. Some of the high points of this discussion follow:

- "Engineering students poor in English."
- "Teachers should learn the boys."

- "Send copies of exams to high school teachers."
- "When student comes unprepared he needs help early."
- "Tutoring should be done by scholarship students."
- "Have students go back and study high school subjects without credit."
- "Lower fifth to lower eighth in placement tests will likely require five years."

The afternoon session was adjourned and the members taken on a tour of the new engineering laboratories in Thornton Hall.

In the evening the members of the society were guests of the University of Virginia at a very delightful dinner at which there was no toastmaster, no speaking and no formality. It was very enjoyable.

The morning session, Saturday April 29th, was convened at 10:00 o'clock with the vice chairman, Dean Blake Van Leer, of North Carolina State, presiding.

The topic for this meeting was "Development of Citizenship in Engineering Students." Professor F. T. Morse, of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Virginia, was the first to present this subject: *Some facts brought out were*

- "Is not enthusiastic about college course in citizenship."
- "Frequent change in place of residence makes it difficult for engineer to strike deeply into civic life."
- "Economics tends to make better citizens."

This presentation was followed by a discussion by Professor W. N. Hicks, Professor of Ethics and Religion of North Carolina State. Some of his points were:

- "Citizenship starts in the cradle."
- "The future of the nation depends upon the superior students."
- "You don't have a good engineer unless he is a good citizen."
- "Citizenship means community cooperation."
- "Faculty must set the example."
- "Have chance to learn dirty politics on college elections."

Many other points were brought out in a general discussion in which a majority of the members took part.

The committee on time and places of future meetings was called upon for a report and they made the following recommendations:

The afternoon session of the spring meeting in 1940 to be held at the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. The session the following morning to be held at Tulane University in New Orleans.

The committee suggested that the 1941 meeting be held at the University of Kentucky and that the 1942 meeting be either at North Carolina State at Raleigh or at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, this matter to be decided upon at a later date.

The recommendation for the 1940 meetings was adopted.

Next was the report of the nominating committee which was as follows: 1939-1940

For Chairman - Dean Blake Van Leer, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.
For Vice Chairman - Dean W. E. Freeman, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
For Secretary - Professor W. G. Haynes, The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

These nominations were unanimously approved.

This was followed by a short discussion of the topics for the 1940 meeting, but no specific recommendations were made. It was decided to leave the final selection to the executive committee with the suggestion that they refer to the minutes of the 1938 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved. May 3-1940

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. R. Hixon

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Secretary

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The Southeastern District of S. P. E. E. was especially pleased to have Mrs. J. M. Robert, Tulane University, and Mrs. H. E. Satterfield, North Carolina State as its guests.

April 28, 1940.

Financial Report:

Received from former Secretary ----- 20.50

Expences

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| Postal cards ----- | \$3.75 |
| Stamps ----- | 6.92 |
| Printing Programs 1940 meeting ----- | 10.00 |
| Ledger Book for Minutes ----- | 1.90 |
| Total Expenditures ----- | \$22.57 |

Balance on hand. Deficit \$2.07

H. Gale Haynes

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Secretary.