Plan Now For Fall Meeting
Nov. 15 - 16, 1962

The Hospital Engineering One-Day Conference will be held at the Grantmoor Motel on U. S. 5, just south of Hartford, Conn., the exact address being 3000 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Conn.

There will be a session of the Engineer's Round-Table which will run from 7:00 to 11:00 Thursday evening, Nov. 15, at which time the mutual exchange of ideas along with a question and answering hour will be moderated by Past President Richard Stockwell, of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Providence, R. I. If you have no questions, perhaps you have some of the answers.

The program promises to be an excellent one with an aim toward the future of Hospital Engineering and just what can we expect to meet in the next few years. A progressive attitude is very important and stimulation which you will receive, may well start your thinking along many new lines.

PROGRAM
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 1962

"Electronics in Hospitals"
Stuart Sprague
Administrative Engineer
Hartford Hospital
Hartford, Connecticut

"Challenge of the Future"
Gordon A. Friesen
Friesen Associates Inc.
Hospital Consultants
Washington, D. C.

"Keeping the Old 'Doll' Fit"
NEHES Panel

"The Hospital Engineer of the Future"
Herbert Klein
Plant Superintendent
Massachusetts Memorial Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Welcome Aboard
We are pleased to announce the following named men have joined the New England Hospital Engineers Society.

Fred E. Hanson
Assistant Chief Engineer
Danbury Hospital
Danbury, Connecticut

Anthony Medeiros
Asst. Chief Power Plant Engineer
Lawrence F. Quigley Memorial Hospital
Chelsea, Massachusetts

Guy W. Moody
Plant Engineer
Waltham Hospital
Waltham, Massachusetts

William E. Perkins
Assistant Engineering Officer
VA Hospital
150 South Huntington Ave., Boston, Massachusetts

Keith Robinson
Chief Engineer
Calais Regional Hospital
Calais, Maine

Maurice Smith
Assistant Engineer
Malden Hospital
Malden, Massachusetts

AHA Institute
Held in N. Y. City

The Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in downtown New York was the site of an excellent program sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Hospital Assembly, Hospital Association of New York State, Greater New York Hospital Association, Hospital Executive Engineers' Association of Greater New York, and the Executive Hospital Engineers of New Jersey.

Robert Lewis and Samuel White of the American Hospital Association carried out a fine job of coordinating the program.

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The Assistant’s Point of View

Dear Editor:

The author knows how an assistant feels since a good part of his life has gone into being some kind of an assistant. Like the time when the boss went roaring out to some hot meeting, but didn’t fill me in on all the dope, and people came around asking all sorts of questions about all kinds of deals which were cooking but somehow I was not cut in on the know. This sort of thing makes you feel a little foolish. I swore that some day when one of the wheels came around and put the blast on me concerning some job which was supposed to be in progress and the boss went without a word, that I’d look this particular wheel right in the eye and say, “He didn’t tell me anything.” The only reason I never did it, was, I usually liked the guy I was working for and didn’t want to let the department appear in a bad light.

Now let us talk a little about THE ASSISTANT. Use the term “The Assistant Engineer,” and not “My Assistant.” It is a position, not a sign of ownership. If you write letters and it affects any project or job, which THE ASSISTANT may have any interest in at all, ask the secretary to give him a copy for his information. If you write an instruction which is going out to the men in the shops, try bouncing it off THE ASSISTANT; you might be happy you acquired the habit.

Even if you do not agree with him at all times, do you back him in front of others? Are you trying to help him become a better man than you are? Remember, someday when you leave the sap works for a length of time, you just might return to find that he said, “He never tells me anything,” and he just might be justified in doing it.

The moral of this story is not to necessarily hire an assistant that likes you, but to inform him, support him, and recognize him in his position.

signed:
The Outspoken Assistant

EDITOR’S NOTE: Perhaps all of us who are privileged to work with an ASSISTANT, might well do a little soul searching.

New Positions

George Stilgoe

Named to succeed Arthur Stromberg as Plant Engineer at Childrens Hospital Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.
Albert Cournoyer
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Ponded hospital plant. Over the years the responsibilities have increased and today Albert heads a department with an Assistant and eight other personnel. Several expansions have built the Morton Hospital into a modern plant of 121 beds and 22 bassinets.

Albert enjoys deep sea fishing for mackerel and haddock and goes whenever he has a chance. He takes an active part in his church and is President of St. Jacques Federal Credit Union, and has served on the board of directors of the Credit Union for twenty years. He is Vice-President of St. Jean de Baptiste fraternal society and Auditor of the Francis American Club. He is a charter member of the South Shore Hospital Engineers Club and the New England Hospital Engineers Society. Albert has always taken the time and made the effort to attend group meetings and institutes, and been a constant visitor to other hospitals, giving him a better insight and standard of comparison for his own department at the Morton Hospital. Those who know Albert feel that through his example he has shown, “Attainment of any real goal is the result of hard work, personal sacrifice and continual self improvement, plus the ability to get along with others.”

Next month the Morton Hospital of Taunton, Mass., will start fund raising for another expansion program which will result in ever increasing responsibilities for the engineer. Albert has requested that his administration find a capable and competent hospital engineer to eventually assume the duties as chief engineer. There are not many men who care for an institution for nearly half a century and then assist in finding the right successor to carry on this fine tradition of long service he has established.

Engineer's Book Shelf

How many engineer's offices have you seen with shelves filled with outdated catalogs and a few old text books?

This is the rule rather than the exception. When was the last time you purchased a text book or handbook? How much professional reading are you doing? "I am too busy," or "I don't have the time," is the usual answer, and yet we all know that a good engineer must read to keep up with the technological advancements, and to improve himself in areas where he may not be well informed.

There is one answer: READ, both on and off the job. There are many excellent articles in the trade journals which should be read and studied. Have you a copy of any of the following?

FUEL OIL MANUEL
Paul F. Schmidt
Industrial Press, N. Y., 13, N. Y.
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
ESTIMATING
George H. Cooper
McGraw-Hill Book Company
BUILDING CHECK LIST
Ben John Small
Reinhold Publishing Corp.

Send us your thoughts and ideas about your books.

The Editor

The Seven Mistakes

Recently we came across a bit of thought-provoking wisdom. The piece, entitled "The Seven Mistakes of Life," warns against:

The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing down others.

The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.

Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.

Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do.

Failure to refine the mind by acquiring the habit of reading good literature.

Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.

Failure to establish the habit of saving money.

In Memoriam

1895 - 1962

HENRY J. BAILEY
Asst. Admin. Engineer
Beth Israel Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

1908 - 1962

GILBERT A. LOWN
Plant Superintendent
Pittsfield General Hospital
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

You are invited to submit material and news items for publication. Subjects should be of special interest to Engineering and Maintenance personnel in the Hospital Field.

Please write.

L. B. Ely, Jr.
Editor
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital
Hanover, New Hampshire
Onward - Upward

When an engineer achieves the position of Administrative Engineer in a modern, well-run 700 bed hospital, he is usually considered a success and pursuing a path which leads to opportunities of fulfilling his personal and professional desires. The challenges and associations certainly are present and the financial return for such a position is usually acceptable. These advantages plus a fine administration with compatible conditions would make most men very content, yet Edwin W. Chaffee gave these things up to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota.

Why? He wanted to become a better versed, more competent man in his field. Selling his home and going to a very small income, represents a great sacrifice for him and his family, but it is an example of the sincerity and deep feeling this man holds for his profession. It takes precedence over the concerns of everyday life. If you want to look for "the top" in this profession, I suggest Edwin W. Chaffee as an example. There are very few who will reach this zenith in Hospital Engineering.

Electronics

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Evidence is the fact that at the same time that the medical profession demanded these methods for measuring and processing, the machines became available, and we can thank the space age for this. For it was the space age that provided the impetus in the form of government contracts for the multitude of small electronic companies which have come into existence in the last few years, and it was these space age contracts which have provided the bread and butter for these companies and allowed them to devise these highly specialized devices in associated fields, including medicine, ventures which could not have been financially possible as an end in itself.

This, then, is the story of electronics in hospitals. Since each hospital is unique, it would be ridiculous to state where and how fast each can be expected to progress into this field (although we could probably analyze it electronically). The important thing to realize is the fact that this subtle evolution is taking place. In the smaller facility, the situation may not change for years, while in the largest institutions, electronic engineers may be replacing technicians in whole new research and development sections. Cost control, service to medical departments, and safety to patients — these are three major responsibilities of every hospital engineer, and since all three are affected every time a new electronic machine appears on the scene, it behooves all of us to watch carefully this fast-moving field.

Stuart Sprague
Administrative Engineer
Hartford Hospital
Hartford, Conn.

Bernard Smalley

Bernard Smalley, Chief Engineer of the Claremont General Hospital of Claremont, N. H., was named and approved as New Hampshire Representative by the officers of the NEHES during their last meeting on Sept. 12 at Rhode Island Hospital. Mr. Smalley will replace Richard Hersey who has left the hospital field.

AHA Institute Held in NYC

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During the week of Oct. 15-19, 1962 a well planned and enjoyable session was held. The NEHES was well represented both in the audience and on the speakers platform. Joe Degen, Vince Gardner, Lou Hough, Stuart Sprague, and Lou Ely took part in the program. (Ely spoke for Ed Chaffee who is attending graduate school!) Stuart Sprague spoke on the Hartford Hospital fire and came out with some real words of wisdom which should make us all stop and review our own circumstances.

Lister below are a few:

Document all training and emergency procedures with signatures of all parties.

Eliminate the human factor wherever possible. Use auto detecting devices and fully sprinkle all areas.

If chutes are going to be used, install recessed sprinkler heads in each level.

Check all construction for fire blocks over all doors above the false ceilings.

Make sure all areas are protected with doors. (No life was lost in any area where they were protected by a smoke barrier.)

In New Positions

Arthur Stromberg

Has been elevated to the Administrator for Planning and Construction at the Childrens Hospital Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

Walter G. Troy

Named to position of Chief Engineer at Saint Raphael Hospital of New Haven, Connecticut.

Everett C. Benoit

Named to succeed Edwin W. Chaffee as Administrative Engineer at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I.

Donald T. Burton

Named to succeed Walter G. Troy as Chief Engineer at Malden Hospital, Malden, Massachusetts.