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Worcester, Massachusetts

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Claremont, New Hampshire

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Maine Medical Center
Portland, Maine

SOCIETY NEWS

A: at the May meeting of the planning committee, there was much discussion regarding the different titles of the members of our society. In order that we might unify titles, it was agreed that all members be classified as Hospital Engineers.

The President requested a position of 2nd Vice-President be created and to be filled at the next Annual Meeting by election of membership. The membership voted in favor.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Requests for applications for membership should be made to the secretary, Warren E. Marble, Engineer, Danbury Hospital, Danbury, Conn.

Payments of dues shall also be made to the secretary, who will, after making proper record, turn them over to the treasurer.

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DATE SET FOR FALL MEETING

PRELIMINARY PLANS MADE

November 14-15 are the dates set for the Fall meeting. The place: The Colony Motor Hotel, Cranston 5, Rhode Island. The Colony is ideally situated overlooking Narragansett Bay. The program, as presently outlined, I am sure will prove interesting as well as helpful, but more about this later. Just mark up the date and plan to be present.

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Architects and Hospital Engineers

(9) Have full knowledge of plans and specifications. This will enable you to know at a glance if they are not being followed, enable you to answer almost any question concerning the job, and also give you a needed understanding in depth, since you will be responsible for the structure long after the architect and contractor have finished the project.

Many projects become cluttered with problems which should not even exist. A modern medical structure is complex enough without having uncomfortable relations between the owner, architect, and sometimes the contractor. Why does it happen and where do we look to find the answers? After having passed the question to several engineers, architects and contractors, we made several observations which might be given some thought.

(A) Often when there exists a lack of mutual trust, a feeling of suspicion, and the refusal of men to take an objective attitude, one will find poor communications an underlying cause. Without direct clean cut means of handling the details and problems as they arise, there is a tendency to have them build up, the fixed responsibility is lost, and accusations occur which results in unpleasantness.

(B) The handling of complaints is an area where personalities and lack of objective viewpoints often exists. A legitimate complaint properly supported by data, and documented to the architect with copies to interested personnel within your own organization, will usually receive the attention it deserves. Verbally complaining, especially in the presence of the third party, will usually bring only questionable results.

(C) Many an engineer holds a few bitter feelings toward an architect, or all architects, and a closed mind may prevail when new or unknown subjects to the engineer are recommended by the architect. The right to disagree is important, but understanding the reason for disagreeing is an absolute necessity. The engineer can be placed aside and only referred to when absolutely necessary if he becomes hard to get along with. The engineer loses and the hospital may indirectly suffer as a result.

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JOINT MEETING
SOUTH SHORE AND
BOSTON CLUBS

The Boston Hospital Engineers Club was host to the South Shore Group, the meeting being held at the New England Deaconess Hospital where Don Sabine holds rein. The group had an opportunity to inspect the new medical building going up, and many new features and methods of construction were observed. After listening to all the remarks and criticisms, it is surprising that architects are able to make a living at all. It seems that the architect knows so little about hospital buildings, we wonder how the darned thing gets up, but it does, and lo and behold, soon we have a livable, workable building that does not have as many problems as the old ones, and soon we settle back and find a way to make the whole thing click.

ENGINERS’ BOOK

SHELF

In the life of every Hospital Engineer, there comes a time when you are asked to fit in a new toilet or utility sink. It may be that you are asked how you may increase the seating capacity of your dining room without physical change. It may be that you will be asked to change drawings, lay out a tennis court or to express your opinion regarding storage facilities, or hundreds of other questions.

All this calls for a tremendous amount of knowledge, much more than any one man could have to have or remember.

There is, however, a book entitled Architectural Graphic Standards by Ramsey and Sleeper, and published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York.

This book gathers into one well organized source, the vast and important references which are necessary to the architect, engineer and builder, (and sometimes a hospital engineer is all three), but which are too complex to be memorized and too scattered to be available in the files of any one office.

WELCOME ABOARD
MEN

The membership of N. E. H. E. S. has now reached 168. We take great pleasure in announcing the names of the following new members.

Clarence E. Bugbee, Engineer
Plainett Hospital
Edmonds Street, Adams, Mass.

Lloyd F. Burman
Chief, Engineering Division
V. A. Hospital
Northampton, Mass.

John N. Cavanaugh
Supt. Power and Maintenance
J. B. Thomas Hospital
15 King Street, Peabody, Mass.

Ralph J. Curtis, Plant Engineer
Jordan Hospital
Plymouth, Mass.

Peter J. Doherty
Acting Asst. Chief
Engineering Division
Northampton V. A. Hospital
Northampton, Mass.

Arthur Gendreau, Plant Engineer
St. Anne’s Hospital
795 Middle Street
Fall River, Mass.

Raymond M. Guillaume
Plant Superintendent
Pittsfield General Hospital
Pittsfield, Mass.

Waldo D. Heath, Chief Engineer
Litchfield County Hospital
Spencer Street, Winsted, Conn.

James M. Lawson,
Administration Engineer
Mary Fletcher Hospital
Burlington, Vermont

Joseph C. Martyna
Supt. of Buildings and Grounds
Falmouth Hospital Association, Inc.
Ten Heun Drive, Falmouth, Mass.

Harry B. Poole
Building Superintendent
Litchfield County Hospital
Spencer Street, Winsted, Conn.

Vincent F. Gardner

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
OF
VINCENT F. GARDNER

Vincent F. Gardner, P. E., was born in Boston, Mass., and was educated in the Boston schools. He was graduated from Mass. Institute of Technology in 1929 with a degree of B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He took further courses at Lowell Institute, Franklin Institute, Boston University, Petersen School of Engineering and the American Hospital Association Institute of Hospital Engineering.

Mr. Gardner is Administrative Engineer at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and also acts in lieu of the Director of House Services when he is away from the hospital. He has been at Beth Israel Hospital since October, 1950.

He is a member and a past president of the Hospital Engineers Club of Boston, the Vice-President of the New England Hospital Plant Engineers Society, a charter member of the American Hospital Association, a member of the New England Hospital
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Association and chairman of committee for Maintenance Supplies for the Hospital Purchasing Corp. of Boston. He has been a speaker at the New England Hospital Assembly, New England Hospital Plant Engineers' Society and the American Hospital Association Institute of Hospital Engineering. Recently, he became President-elect of the American Society of Hospital Engineers. His past experience is very extensive.

Plant Engineer
Beggs & Cobb, Winchester, Mass.

Plant Engineer
Maverick Mills, East Boston, Mass.

Export Sales Engineer
U. S. Machinery Co.
New York, N. Y.

Research Director
Berkshire Fine Spinning Association
Providence, R. I.

Laboratory Assistant
Mass. Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Mass.

Plant Engineer
New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.
Newark, N. J.

He holds the following licenses in the State of Massachusetts:

Professional Engineer
Electrician
Second Class Stationary
Boiler Plant Engineer.

We take pleasure in congratulating Mr. Gardner as President-elect of the American Society of Hospital Engineers.

ARCHITECTS AND HOSPITAL ENGINEERS
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(D) Some architects have, on occasion, sold the administration on having complete control without outside consideration being given to the experience, background, education, or knowledge of the engineer. The engineer is very apt to show limited interest other than putting the administration on the spot by pointing out errors and mistakes being committed on the project. The architect loses because he denies his firm the knowledge which the engineer possesses. Again the hospital suffers as a result.

The need for open and complete understanding in this field is so important that it may be necessary to do some serious soul searching when it comes to spending very large amounts of money on structures expected to endure for many years. Good plans and specifications, honest dealings, good communications, real understanding and cooperation will make the architect-engineer relationship a success.

LOUIS B. ELY, JR.
Chief Engineer
Mary Hitchcock Memorial
Hanover, New Hampshire

Welcome Aboard Men
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William J. Sargeant
Ass’t Chief Engineer
Newton-Wellesley Hospital
2014 Washington Street
Newton, Mass.

John S. Sperling
Ass’t Chief Engineer
Melrose-Wakefield Hospital
585 Lebanon Street
Melrose 76, Mass.

Charles E. Wiggins
Chief Engineer
Franklin Hospital
Akin Avenue, Franklin, N. J.

William Harney
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Bill operates one of the finest hospitals in those parts in the most efficient manner and the lowest possible cost, making him one well qualified to express facts and opinions regarding hospital engineering.

Bill also has another outstanding quality — that of building and maintaining excellent relations with his staff as well as related industries. Among his co-workers, he is known as the Greatest by everyone from the Administrator down to the laborer. A truly wonderful person, always willing to help.

Bill, along with leading our Society, is a member of the Worcester Engineering Society and also editor of the monthly publication, the Bulletin. He is also a member of the National Association of Power Engineers. Bill likes to go skiing in the winter and plays golf in the summer. I don’t know what his scores are, but I do know he tries hard.

His philosophy seems to be that of always helping and assisting others.

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.

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