

PAST EVENTS –
QUAD CITY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL
ENGINEERS – 1949-1965
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1949-1950

150 survey letters mailed out by Messers D. O. H. Miller, W. L. Denniston, and R. H. Meier to determine if there are local members of ASAE sufficiently interested in establishing a local section.

Out of the 150 letters mailed, they received 68 replies or 45% and of that 56 were definitely interested in a proposed section. Only 12 were not interested and most of them stated they would seldom be able to attend meetings. 45 of the 68 replies indicated power machinery as a primary interest.

On February 18, 1949, members of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers assembled at an informal meeting at the LeClaire Hotel in Moline, Illinois and hereby requested authorization to organize a local section of the society to be known as the Quad-City Section. The petition was signed by 22 ASAE members and two prospective members.

In a letter written to Kenny W. Anderson of Deere & Company in Moline from Raymond Olney, the secretary-treasurer of the National ASAE and also the twelfth President of ASAE, Mr. Olney congratulated Kenny on the effective help that he gave in getting the new Quad-City Section off to a good start. Mr. Olney was especially pleased with Mr. Anderson's handling of the meeting and the tone that he gave to the whole affair and especially the important policy he laid down at the start of making a special effort to see to it that equalization: of company wise representation was maintained in section activities.

A letter was mailed to the organizational committee consisting of R. H. Meier, Chairman and K. L. Magee and R. R. Roth from ASAE National Secretary Raymond Olney. The subject of his letter was suggestions for a date and program for the organizational meeting of the Quad-City Section. The members present at the informal meeting on February 18 felt that the date of the organizational meeting should be more or less flexible depending largely on whether or not it would be possible to secure Leonard J. Fletcher for the principal address of the occasion. Mr. Olney, in this letter, informed the organizing committee that Fletcher had accepted the invitation and planned to drive over for the meeting from Peoria with a carload of Caterpillar representatives. Mr. Fletcher suggested Saturday, April 2nd, as the best date for himself and would also like to have arrangements made to have some program speaker besides himself and he especially mentioned Theo. Brown. Mr. Olney recommended the following format for the organizational meeting. He suggested calling a meeting at 10:00 a.m. and open with the business session to elect officers. Then have a program to fill the remaining period up to 12:00. He felt it would be more appropriate, rather than having formal papers dealing with technical subjects of interest to the group, to have several chief engineers from the tractor and implement factories in the area give more or less inspirational talks including their opinions on how the section to be organized can serve the engineering departments of the various farm

equipment companies. He also requested that they mention any advantages such an activity would have for engineering.

The Section archives include a small program announcing the organizational meeting of the proposed Quad-City Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers taped to a March 22 letter to Mr. Kenny Anderson of Deere & Company from Raymond Olney informing him that he had just been elected counselor in the annual election of officers. This valuable document tells not only where the event is to be but tells what the order of the events will be and who the members present were.

The formal organization meeting notice went out on March 21st. It invited members to attend the organizational meeting of the new Quad-City Section of ASAE to be held Saturday, April 9th at the LeClaire Hotel in Moline. This announcement acknowledged that the previous selected date of April 2nd had to be changed to April 9th instead. The announcement acknowledged that the ASAE Council had approved the petition for organization. The next step was up to the ASAE members in the Quad-Cities and the surrounding area to affect the formal organization. The announcement was mailed to ASAE members in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. The program agenda was as follows:

A business session for organization of the Quad City Section, including adoption of By-Laws, election of officers, etc.

A panel discussion on how the Quad-City Section may best serve engineers in industry. Those who would serve on the panel are George M. Eveleth, who was Chief Engineer of the Rock Island Works J.I. Case Company; William E. Knapp, Chief Engineer of the Moline Works of Minneapolis Moline Power Implement Company; A.H. Keller, Chief Engineer of the East Moline Works of the International Harvester Company; Carl Widseth, Manager of Steel Building and Equipment Division, Miller Piehl Inc.; and D. C. Hitshu, Chief Engineer of the John Deere Harvester Works.

The main speaker was to be introduced by Theo Brown, Chief of Implement and Research Development for Deere and Company, who was going to introduce Leonard J. Fletcher, Director of Training and Community Relations for Caterpillar Tractor Company, whose address was titled "What Do You Think?"

On March 23rd, Kenny Anderson, Manager of Deere & Company Product Research, sent invitation letters announcing the organizational meeting of the Quad-City Section to the following Chief Engineers at the John Deere factories: Mr. William Oehler, at the John Deere Planter Works, Mr. M. E. McClylon at the John Deere Ottumwa Works, Mr. Knud Sorenson at the John Deere Wagon Works, and Mr. W. W. McCall at the John Deere Dubuque Works. He noted that the Deere & Company people feel that a local section would be very attractive to young engineers who have not had the privilege to attend the national meetings.

The formal organizational meeting was held on April 9th, 1949. The meeting was called to order by Robert Roth of the organizational committee. 85 members and guests were present. Robert Meier was appointed to serve as secretary until permanent officers were elected. After

giving a short welcome to the members and guests, Mr. Roth called on Mr. Olney, ASAE National Secretary, to give a short resume of the previous meeting and state the purpose of the day's meeting. The proposed by-laws were adopted after they had been amended. The section would be known as the Iowa-Illinois Section instead of the proposed Quad-City Section. In effect, this section became regional rather than local. Discussion for this change in name was presented by the group from Peoria, Illinois. Nominations for section officers were received and voted on at that meeting. The results of the election were as follows: Chairman: Robert H. Meier, Vice-Chairmen: Robert R. Roth and C. J. Eveleth and Secretary: Richard McConkey.

The first meeting of the first meeting season began on October 29, 1949. Four section meetings were held that first year with the remaining three held on January 28, March 25 and April 28 during 1950. The first annual meeting was held, of course, on April 28, 1950.

1950-1951

On May 27th, 1950, the Executive Committee of the Iowa-Illinois Section reported on the slate of candidates for the 1950-51 year. The chairman of the Nominating Committee, C. S. Morrison and his two committee members, W. E. Knapp and E. L. Hanson, reported the following slate of officers; Chairman: R. R. Roth, Vice-Chairmen: J. G. Portafield, and Carl Widseth, Secretary Treasurer: D. O. H. Miller and Nominating Committee: J. W. Anderson, W. M. Kaed (Cade ?), and K. L. McGee. The first meeting of the second year of this section's organization was a joint meeting at Waterloo with the local ASME and ASM groups on 8 November 1950.

1951-1952

The Iowa-Illinois Annual Section Meeting was held on 5 May 1951 with 74 members attending. This slate of officers for the 1951-52 year was presented and officially elected: Chairman: Mr. William Denniston, Vice-Chairmen, Mr. C. K. Beeman and Mr. Harold Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. C. R. Recor. The Nominating Committee nominees consisted of Mr. William Knapp, Chairman, Mr. John Marsh and Mr. R. M. Merrill. Mr. Marlin Weakly was nominated for the post of secretary-treasurer from the floor. A unanimous ballot was cast by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Des Miller, for the entire slate of officers with the exception of the secretary-treasurership which was decided by ballot in favor of C. R. Recor. The Executive Committee meeting on 25 August 1951 reported the first documented committees to assist on carrying out section activities. These committees were program arrangements, properties and decorations, publicity, membership and special. Some of the members that were on these committees, I still recognize as active section members as follows: Harold Hanson, Marlin Weakly, Harvey Shriver, Everett Lee, and Mahlon Love.

The minutes of the Iowa-Illinois Section of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers meeting held on March 7, 1952 at the Short Hills Country Club, reported on very interesting activities. Mr. Des Miller, Chairman of the Special Committee, read his committee's report regarding the facilities available in the Quad-Cities for holding the annual meeting of the national society here in the Quad-Cities in June 1954. Mr. Miller made the motion, which was seconded from the floor, that this section send a formal invitation to the Executive Council of

the ASAE to hold the annual meeting here in the Quad-Cities under the sponsorship of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE. The motion was carried unanimously. The Chairman then appointed the following members to present the formal invitation to the next Executive Council meeting in June at Kansas City for their consideration. That committee consisted of: W. L. Denniston, D. O. H. Miller and C. R. Recor.

D. O. H. Miller, French & Hecht Division of Kelsey Hayes Wheel Company, is a chartered member of the section and one of those who took a prominent part in its organization. In 1943, he received his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois. During World War II, he served as an aircraft maintenance officer in the US Army Air Corps. After his discharge from the Army, he joined the John Deere Harvester Works at East Moline as a Design Engineer. Since June, 1950, he has been employed by French & Hecht at Davenport, Iowa as a Design Engineer and Sales Engineer in charge of Experimental Engineering. Mr. Miller became a member of the Society in 1946 and served as Chairman of the first Nominating Committee of this section in 1949. He was secretary treasurer of the section in 1950-51 and is currently serving as Chairman of the Special Committee to investigate the possibility of this section being host to the Annual Meeting of the parent Society in June 1954. He is a member of the ASAE subcommittee on wagon standards which is currently working out wagon dimensions and tests for rating standards.

1952-1953

The annual section meeting was held on 25 April 1952 and the following slate of offices were presented and elected: Chairman, D. O. H. Miller, Vice-Chairmen, C. K. Beeman and C. S. Morrison, and Secretary-Treasurer, M. E. Weakly. The Nominating Committee is to consist of D. C. Heitshu, Chairman, and H. S. Seebern and R. K. McConkey.

The Executive Committee of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE selected the first Steering committee for the 1952-53 section year. This committee was chaired by R. R. Roth and the members on the committee were R. K. McConkey, Mahlon Love, Bill Ailer, and H. S. Seiburn.

The Steering Committee report on January 13, 1953 made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee: a) Number of meetings should continue to be four. b) There should be more plant tours than one per year. c) Technical talks should be mostly power and machinery and talks on other phases of Agricultural Engineering should be geared to the interest of the power and machinery engineers. d) We do not believe that the section should have annual social activities or events involving the wives of members. e) We feel that there are two additional possible uses to which our limited finances can be used to advantage - the first is inviting student branch members to attend our meetings and paying for their dinners - these can be student branch members with many of our neighboring universities, the second is to pay the expense of any speaker the Executive Committee feels we should have speak to us and there is no way for him to be with us unless his expenses are paid.

The meetings began for the 1952-53 section year with a tour of the IH East Moline Plant. That year's Executive Committee certainly had to have one of the Section's most active secretaries is Marlin Weakly. The 1952-53 section file of correspondence of the secretary is certainly still

one of the thickest in the whole section files. The publicity chairman, Harvey Shriver, was also very active. It is interesting to know the newspapers he was sending the announcements of the meetings to at that time. They were as follows; Moline Daily Dispatch, Rock Island Argus, Democratic Morning, and Daily Times. The Democratic Morning and Daily Times were newspapers printed and published in Davenport. The section folder for 1952-53 activities includes a picture that is attached to a March 10, 1953 letter that shows four of the officers of the Executive Committee and the two speakers for one of the meetings held. A tour of the East Moline Works of the International Harvester Company had been planned for the first meeting but, due to the continued strike situation, had been cancelled. This tour was rescheduled for the annual section meeting held on April 24, 1953. The annual section meeting on April 24, 1953 of the Iowa-Illinois section of ASAE was held at the Ships Wheel Club, East Moline, Illinois. This annual meeting was called to order at 9:25 p.m. by Chairman Desle Miller and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. D. C. Heitshu, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for officers for the coming year: Chairman: C. K. Beeman; Vice-Chairmen: A.H. Collins, C. R. Johnson, C. S. Morrison and M. E. Weakly,; Secretary-Treasurer: Roy E. Harrington, J. E. Lane, and D. F. Turner,; Nominating Committee: H. B. Hanson, W. E. Knapp, J. T. Kohavey, M. L. Love, W. P. Ailer, and C. W. Olson,. D. C. Heitshu announced the officers for the coming year as follows: C. K. Beeman, Chairman; C. S. Morrison and M. E. Weakly, Vice-Chairmen; Roy E. Harrington, Secretary-Treasurer; and Bill Knapp, Harold Hanson, and W. P. Ailer, Nominating Committee with Bill Knapp as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Raymond Olney, Treasurer-Secretary for the National ASAE, made the following report on the 1952-53 year. He stated that organizations of professional men are known by their accomplishments on behalf of members in the particular fields of human endeavor they serve. " By their fruits ye shall know them". It is the purpose of this report, therefore, to take stock of the fruits garnered by our own ASAE as a result of its various activities during the past year. Mr. Olney reported that a quick look back to the beginning of the Society, in December 1907, saw a group of young men trained as engineers but with strong roots in the soil of their land who foresaw the need and the opportunity for engineers to do for agriculture what had already been begun for the manufacture and service industries of this country. These men helped to nourish along a very young and very fragile Society that grew as a wave of farm mechanization grew. It was not, however, until 25 years later, at the close of World War II, that ASAE really got into its stride as a professional organization to a degree that made any previous performance appear small indeed by comparison. He reported the best index to the Society's rate of growth over the years is the year to year record of membership enrollment. Organized in 1907 with 20 odd members, ten years later in 1917, it had increased to 170. From then on in 5 years intervals, the record of enrollment is as follows:

1922 - 480 members
1927 - 520 members
1932 - 680 members
1937 - 850 members
1942 - 1240 members
1947 - 1900 members
1952 - 3720 members

The reason he felt the five year period from 1945 to 1950 showed so much growth was for the following reasons; a large number of graduate agricultural engineers returning to civilian life from the armed services at the close of World War II, the growing interest of manufacturing organizations and agriculture as a market for products that would be more generally available once converting from a wartime to a peacetime economy got underway, and the growth appreciation of the place and importance of engineering and the whole scheme of agriculture. Mr. Olney's report also announced the ASAE Annual Meeting for 1954 was to be held at the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota which was a disappointment to the Iowa-Illinois Section.

1953-1954

An 8 January 1954 memo from Roy E. Harrington to the members of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE proposed a change in the by-laws. The proposed change was to split the one man job of secretary-treasurer into separate jobs of secretary and treasurer.

At the annual meeting on April 24, 1953, Carlton Zink offered a suggestion of a series of technical meetings in the form of a course similar in nature to the one held in Milwaukee by the Society of Automotive Engineers. In 1953-54, the annual secretary's report stated that the average attendance for these meetings was 141 compared to the last years of 130. The secretary also reported that an amendment to our by-laws was presented to the group by a letter ballot. It was voted to divide the present secretary-treasurer job into two offices. Mr. Roy E. Harrington was the secretary-treasurer for that year.

The annual section meeting on 23 April 1954 presented the following slate of officer candidates who were elected; C. S. Morrison, Chairman; M.E. Weakly and Roy E. Harrington, Vice-Chairmen; Ed Rowlett, Secretary; G. W. Barryhill, Treasurer; R. R. Roth, C. W. Olson, and C. L. Zink, Nominating Committee with R. R. Roth as chairman of this committee. K. L. McGee moved that the Executive Committee approve the minutes at the first meeting following the annual business meeting. This was seconded by H. D. Witzel.

1954-1955

The attendance list of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE indicated 126 members and 70 guests at the November 5th, 1954 meeting at the American Legion Club, East Moline, Illinois. A message from the National President of ASAE, E. W. Tanquary, was sent out on March 31st 1954. This message noted that Dr. Frank Lanham succeeded Ray Olney as secretary. It also noted that the publication of the Society's Journal, Agricultural Engineering, began in September 1920. President Tanquary also informed us that Raymond Olney had been the publisher from the very existence of that journal.

The minutes of the Executive Committee on 20 August 1954 are very interesting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman C. S. Morrison. The first subject discussed concerned adopting a new name for the section as recommended by the Steering Committee. Mr. Morrison related Ray Olney's thoughts deducted from a recent

conversation. Mr. Olney thought the steering committee suggestion of Plow City was an excellent one. He seemed to feel the change of the name of the section would help encourage a development of other sections perhaps down at Champaign, Illinois, and at Ames, Iowa. The members of the Executive Committee did not appear too keen about the name of Plow City Section and it was finally decided that Mr. Morrison would write to Mr. Frank Lanham, the present Secretary, to obtain his definite thoughts on this entire subject.

The various other recommendations of the Steering Committee were then discussed. With reference to Section 2 of those recommendations, it was generally agreed that the precedent should not be set whereby we would donate \$50.00 every year to the student chapter at Iowa State College and the University of Illinois to help students in attending the annual summer meeting. The Spring, or April Meeting, was also discussed and it was generally agreed that we would attempt to include high school boys and their fathers in an effort to interest the boys further in the field of Agricultural Engineering. It was decided that following the usual plant tour, a concurrent program would be our best choice. It would be the usual technical programs for the section members, plus a separate program for the students and their fathers. The program for the students and their fathers would probably incorporate three speakers: the heads of the Agricultural Engineering Departments from the University of Illinois and from Iowa State College plus someone from industry. For the express purpose of preparing that part of the program, a high school student committee was created. The high school committee for the 1954-55 year was chaired by Mahlon Love.

An Executive Committee meeting was called on November 5, 1954 by Chairman C. S. Morrison to discuss the recommendations made by the 1953-54 Steering Committee for changing the name of the Iowa-Illinois Section. The principles involved were: Ray Olney, representing the national society, Carlton L. Zink, Chairman of the 1953-54 Steering Committee, the Executive Committee, and the 1954-55 Steering Committee. The meeting was broken into two parts: 1) To discuss the reasons and decide if the name should be changed, and 2) select a new name for submission to the section membership. After discussion led by Messrs. Olney and Zink, the following reasons for changing were submitted: 1) Our section doesn't draw from all of Iowa and Illinois. 2) The present name does not indicate our chief interest which is farm machinery. 3) We do not desire to be limited to participation in just Iowa and Illinois, but desire to include members in bordering areas who are primarily interested in power and machinery. Mr. Nabor made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Morrison, and approved. "It is moved that the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee in the joint session recommend that the name be changed from Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE to one more properly representative of the area's interest". After a further discussion on names, the following was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Weakly, and approved. "It is moved that the Executive Committee and the Steering Committee in a joint session recommend that the name of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE be changed to the Quad-City Section of ASAE".

The Executive Committee meeting on 21 January 1955 was busy with main items of news. Mr. L. G. Arnold, Chairman of the Properties Committee, recommended that ASAE purchase a speakers rostrum, pointer stick and blackboard that could be used at all section meetings. Mr. Marlin Weakly moved that we spend approximately \$45.00 for the permanent properties of a speaker rostrum, a light for the speaker's rostrum, a pointer, and a 3 ft. by 4 ft. blackboard and

a four legged easel. Mr. Mahlon Love, Chairman of the High School Student Committee, discussed that they agreed to invite 20 students along with their fathers and vocational instructors to the annual section meeting and tour. It was generally recommended that they were desirous of a boy with a farm background, if possible interested in engineering work. Mr. Morrison then told of attending a meeting of the Quad-Cities Technical Council, which already had 14 local society sections in its membership. It was suggested that we join this council for the following reasons: 1) It would tend to publicize our Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE among other engineers in the area , when also it would encourage their attendance at our meetings which might be of special interest to them. 2) A monthly bulletin would also inform our members of meetings occurring in the other societies which might be of particular interest to them. It was explained that the cost to us would be 30¢ per year per member. The last item discussed was changing the name of the Iowa-Illinois Section to the Quad-City Section. A rough draft of a final ballot was submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, and the national society will mail the ballot out before our March 5th meeting.

The annual section meeting held on 22 April 1955 was another milestone in the history of this section. Our section changed its name from the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE to the Quad-City Section. The Executive Committee had recommended the change "to give the name of our group an equipment flavor". In other years, the section has had college students as special guests for the annual tour and meeting. This time a younger age group was invited to interest them in a field of service to agriculture with which they might not be familiar. Mr. George B. Nutt of Clemson University, South Carolina and also the President of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, cited survey figures to show that the demand for Ag Engineers far exceeds the number being graduated. Average starting salary is said to be about \$4100.00 a year. 35 high school and junior college students from the area attended this particular meeting. Some of the names of those people who attended are familiar with us today: They are Dale Tanis, and Richard Curry. The main speaker for that evening was ASAE National President George B. Nutt. He stated "Farm equipment people in this area are the greatest diplomats the U.S. has and that includes everyone connected with the industry". "In Syria and Iraq, I found no Russian goods of any quality but American made tractors, combines, and other essential tools of agriculture are doing a wonderful job of diplomacy," he added. Corn harvesting was also discussed at that meeting. George D. Johnson, Associate Editor of Successful Farming and former assistant farmer advisor in Whiteside County, presented a talk on corn harvesting. He illustrated his talk on new corn harvesting methods. Four main points he covered are developments in corn harvesting and feeding of corn stalk silage; the combine to harvest corn; the use of ear corn silage and advantages of early harvesting and storage of high moisture ground corn; also the zero pasture idea in which farmers chop crops and haul them directly to livestock.

The 1954-55 annual secretaries' report was submitted by E. G. Rowlett. In addition to the many functional activities reported by Secretary Rowlett, he also reported that the name of the Quad City Section of ASAE was unanimously selected in a joint meeting of the 1954-55 Executive and Steering committees. On March 1, 1955, a letter was sent forth to the members of the Iowa-Illinois Section explaining the reasons for the proposed name change and the effects it would have on our members. Ballots were enclosed with the letter allowing members to approve or disapprove the proposed amendment to section #1 of our by-laws. 248 ballots

were cast with 200 in favor of the amendment and 48 opposed. Also he reported on January 21, 1955, the Executive Committee unanimously moved that the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE affiliate with the Quad-City Technical Council and that the mailing list should consist of active members in the Iowa-Illinois area. The reasons for joining are as follows: 1) Publicity of the Iowa-Illinois Section of ASAE among other engineers in the area. 2) professional society meeting information would be available to all our members. Membership was applied for and approved by the Technical Council. Marlin Weakly of the IH East Moline Works, Roy Harrington of Deere & Company, and Francis Brinkmeyer of the John Deere Wagon Works had been appointed to represent us on the Council.

1955-1956

The 1955-56 annual secretaries' report by G. W. Barryhill reported that, acting on the suggestion of last year's Steering Committee, an effort was made to organize a technical education program in addition to our regular program. A committee was appointed to arrange the series of educational meetings and they did a lot of excellent work on the project. However, unavoidable circumstances prevented carrying out the program to completion. Secretary Barryhill reported that the attendance at the first three meetings were as follows: 200 attended at the first section meeting, including 33 high school students as guests of the section. At the second meeting held on January 20, 1956, there were 181 in attendance. The third meeting held at the Moline Legion on March 9, 1956 had 159 in attendance.

The annual section meeting was held on April 20, 1956. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marlin Weakly. The results of the election were announced, indicating the following new officers are elected for 1956-57: Chairman - Roy Harrington, Vice-Chairmen - Edward G. Rowlett and Gerald W. Barryhill, Secretary - Mahlon Love, Treasurer - Bruce Genzel. The Nominating Committee consisted of William L. Stevenson, Chairman Charles S. Morris, and D. O. H. Miller.

1956-1957

A movie committee was appointed for the 1956-57 section activities year on 24 August 1956. This committee was composed of two members and their specific assignments were as follows: Vern Thede, Financial Division and Robert Myer, Shooting Division. This was also the first section to order personalized stationery with the ASAE logo for local section activities. 1956-57 Secretary Mahlon Love reported the attendance at the meetings as follows: November 16, 1956 meeting at Rock Island Arsenal Cafeteria had 225 meal reservations; the second meeting on January 18, 1957 had 168 reservations; the March 8, 1957 meeting had 133 in attendance.

Mahlon Love, the Secretary of the 1956-57 section year, reported the following: 1.) 225 meal reservations at the November 16, 1956 meeting at the Rock Island Arsenal Cafeteria; 2.) 168 dinner reservations for the January 18, 1957 meeting; 3.) A motion was made that the Chairman would write Mr. Maurice L. Clark of the Des Moines area advising him that we are in full agreement with their organizing a section; 4.) 133 dinners for the April 26 meeting at Johnny Hartman's restaurant in Davenport; 5.) Ray Bargstrom and Arnold Skromme were

nominated to serve on the Steering Committee of the Farm Power and Machinery division, National Council.

A. B. Skromme, Chairman of the 1956-57 Education Committee completed a very successful year. He thanked Messrs. Ackley, Mohl, and Bergren for their splendid efforts as committee members. He stated on September 15, 1955, an Educational Committee was formed to explore into the possibilities of conducting technical meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled section dinner meetings. A program was outlined for that year; but, due to the time element involved in securing speakers, the series was cancelled. The committee agreed to serve for another year if requested to do so. On April 24, 1956, the committee was asked to proceed with the technical series program for 1956-57. The topic selected for the program was important phases of product design. Four meetings were held in the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Company Auditorium. No admission was charged for any of the two hour sessions which were held on January 4, 11, and 25 and February 1. Attendance for the series averaged about 75 with as many as 90 present for one meeting.

Chairman Roy E. Harrington for the 1956-57 year published a newsletter for the first time. He stated that we are planning to include a newsletter with each program announced with this year so that our section members will be better informed as to local activities.

1957-1958

The 1957-58 Executive Committee reorganized as reported by Secretary Ed Rowlett. They abolished the Properties Committee and made both the Membership Committee and Arrangements Committee larger than previously. They abolished the past task of the Arrangements Committee of handling the door reservations and things of that nature and assigned a Membership Committee to that responsibility. The committee also decided to have the High School Student Committee function at a time different from one of the regular meeting nights. Harvey Shriver made this recommendation mainly because it was felt that the fathers and the students do not gain as much from our technical meetings as they do from meetings that are specifically tailored towards the high school students. Bruce Genzel was appointed representative to the Quad-City Technical Society.

Mr. Lee Stevenson was chairman of the Technical Series committee for this year. He organized the series around one theme (Power Transmission). The Technical Seminars held were as follows: 1.) January 31, bearings and seals; 2.) February 7, gear transmissions; 3.) February 21, belt and chain power transmissions; 4.) February 28, clutches. Attendance at the Technical Series averaged approximately 105 members.

The 1957-58 annual section meeting was held in Clinton, Iowa. Features of the program included a tour of the DuPont plant located near the junctions of Highway 67 and 30 at Clinton, with a meal following at the Clinton Isaac Walton League.

1958-1959

125 people attended a tour of the Rock Island Arsenal at the annual section meeting on April 24, 1959 and approximately 185 people attended the dinner and evening program.

1959-1960

At the first meeting of the 1959-60 year, 150 members attended the dinner meeting at the Moline American Legion. The Executive Committee discussed the placing of Agricultural Engineering series books in the local library. John Ackley said that he had been approached by the groups sponsoring a student science fair and was asked to solicit volunteers to help with the student science fair. The 1959-60 section Secretary, Martin A. Berk, reported the following in his annual secretary's report. The first section meeting was held on November 13, with a total of 136 in attendance. The second section meeting was held on January 15, at the Moline American Legion and the total attendance for that evening was 161 people. The third meeting for the season was held on March 4 at the Moline American Legion and the total attendance for that meeting was 166. The fourth and annual meeting of the section was held on April 22 and there was a total attendance of 243 at this meeting. Over 200 people attended the plant tour of the John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline.

1960-1961

The 1960-61 Quad-City Section report disclosed the following. Our regular number of four meetings were held with an average attendance of 222 members and visitors per meeting. This has been our highest attendance average since our section was organized. The program of a large Membership Committee with a representative in every engineering department in the area had boosted membership applications over the previous years. The totals for that year were new members: 11, applicants: 10, and college transfers: 2, and transfer of grades: 2. This year was unique in that the Society had a new film titled "Agricultural Engineering, Profession with the Future". This film was showed in seven high schools in the immediate area, twice at the father and son banquets and once at an implement company open house.

1961-1962

The first meeting of the 1961-62 section year met at the American Legion Building in Moline on November 17, 1961 and was attended by 143 members. The Quad-City Section Executive Committee met on December 7 at the LeClaire Hotel to discuss the ASAE Section organization proposed by the National Forward Planning Committee. No action was taken but they felt they must get answers to some questions about the plans of this committee. The annual section meeting was held on May 4, 1962 at the American Legion Building in Moline with an attendance of 150 members. Three technical series meetings were held at the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Company Auditorium with an average attendance of 102 men. The Steering Committee for this year suggested that there be a time allotted for a social period between the technical sessions and the dinner meeting. Murray Forth, in his final report to J. L. Butt of the National Society of ASAE, reported that the average attendance at three meetings was 150 and that the three technical series meetings had an average attendance of 100 men.

1962-1963

The Secretaries report for the 1962-63 year reported that the final annual meeting of the section was held on April 19. He also reported that the average for four dinner and three technical meetings was 175 and 100 men respectively.

1963-1964

The 1963-64 annual section meeting was held on April 10, 1964. A tour was conducted of the Farmall Works of International Harvester Company in Rock Island. This was followed by our annual business meeting at which 175 members attended.

1964-1965

The annual section meeting for the 1964-65 year was held on April 23, 1965 at the time of that year's record flood of the Mississippi River. It was reported that 165 Quad-City Section members attended, their ranks in(creased ?) by the flood fighters. 238 members were in attendance at the January 15 meeting at the Moline American Legion Hall. The 1965 Technical Series were held at the new Deere & Company Administrative Center on the dates of January 28, February 4, and February 11. Approximately 175 members of the Quad-Cities Chapter of the ASAE attended the November 6 meeting.