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JOHN PARKER DIES; EDISON EXECUTIVE

Vice President Who Retired in 1949 as Head of Research and Development Was 73

John C. Parker of 155 East Seventy-second Street, who retired in 1949 as vice president of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, in charge of the departments of research and development, died yesterday in the Brooklyn Hospital after a brief illness. He would have been 74 years old on April 15.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Parker received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1901. After an apprenticeship with the General Electric Company, he was appointed an instructor in the electrical engineering department of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., under the late Charles P. Steinmetz.

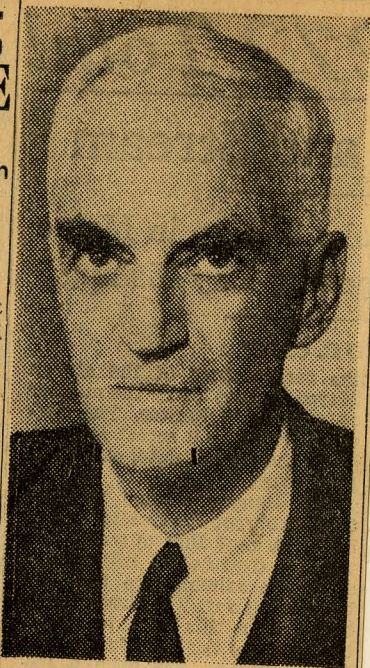
Later Mr. Parker was for nine years a mechanical and electrical engineer with the Rochester Railway and Light Company, and then for seven years, head of the department of electrical engineering at the University of Michigan which, in 1940 made him a Doctor of Engineering.

In 1922 Mr. Parker joined the Brooklyn Edison Company, (now a part of Consolidated Edison) as an electrical engineer. Later, as a vice president, he had charge of all the company's engineering. In this capacity he established the engineering basis for Brooklyn's modern electrical supply. He directed the design and construction of the Hudson Avenue electric and generating station, still the largest steam-electric station in the world, with a net capacity of 914,000 kilowatts, (1,220,000 horsepower.)

After serving as president of Brooklyn Edison from 1932 to 1936 Mr. Parker took a post with Consolidated Edison. In World War II he was a consultant to the War Production Board and organized the Office of War Utilities under the Office of Production Management. He also was a consultant to the War Manpower Commission and the Foreign Economic Administration, and took an important part in the World Power Conference.

A former president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and a member of other scientific groups, he had been a trustee of the Brooklyn Savings Bank, Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences and Barnard College. His clubs included the Engineers, Downtown Athletic and the Century Association.

Surviving are his widow, who was Elizabeth Payne at their marriage in 1910; two sons, John C. 3d, of Dayton, Ohio, and Brooks O'C. Parker, and a daughter, Mrs. Holland N. M. Sherwood, both of New York; and eight grandchildren.



John C. Parker

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PARKER—John C., on March 23, 1953, beloved husband of Elizabeth Parker, father of John, Brooks and Mary Parker Sherwood. Funeral private. Please omit flowers. In his memory kindly send a gift to Brooklyn Botanic Garden "Flowers for the Living." Ann Arbor papers please copy.