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Dear Nelson:

I came across a fact that was rather startling to me but which you are probably familiar with. Just in case you aren't, I'll mention that in the May 1934 issue of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING it is mentioned that, of the 25 men who signed the original AIEE organization call, 21 were in the telegraph business.

I didn't know that both IRE and AIEE were founded by communications men! The two organizations certainly had more in common from the very beginning than the unformed might suspect. You might say they were separated by wires - or the lack of them (wireless).

Most sincerely,

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