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Alcoa, Tenn., April 3--Ballots carrying only the name of J. Elmer Housley, district power manager for Aluminum Company of America, as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, have been mailed to the membership it was announced here today.

The ballots will be returned for counting and the official result will be announced at the summer convention in Detroit in June, and Mr. Housley will take office August 1, to hold for a year.

Only once before, for the 1930-31 term, has a Southerner been named to the highest office in the AIEE, and Mr. Housley is the first to be chosen from the industry group of the organization.

Mr. Housley, a native of Knoxville, Tenn., was educated in the public schools of the city and then attended the University of Tennessee from which he graduated with a degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering in 1915.

For eight years while attending high school and the University, Mr. Housley worked at night for the Dan M. Chambliss Company which operated three drug stores in Knoxville.

On graduation from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Housley joined the Aluminum Ore Co., subsidiary of Aluminum Company of America, as an apprentice engineer, and during three years there established a motor testing routine for the plant and a departmental metering system for electric power.

After a year at Kansas City as electrical sales engineer and three years as supervisor of extensive electrical changes in the East St. Louis plant, Mr. Housley was transferred to Alcoa, Tenn., as assistant district electrical superintendent. In 1927 he was named

district power superintendent, the position he holds today but under the title of district power manager. In this position he has charge of Aluminum Company of America's hydro-electric operations in the Great Smoky Mountains and maintenance of the high power transmission lines.

Mr. Housley, in addition to serving on a number of committees, was vice-president of the ALEE for the Southern District from 1941 to 1943. He has contributed more than 100 technical articles dealing with industrial plant and power subjects to technical magazines.

Mr. and Mrs. Housley make their home in Maryville, Tenn.

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