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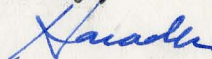
Dear Nelson,

Here are some extracts from Marriott's autobiography dealing with the formation of IRE and its predecessor societies. I thought it particularly interesting that the first one, The Wireless Institute, received organizational assistance from the Secretary of AIEE and that, in fact, AIEE people had suggested that the wireless people come in with them.

It seems to me, with the wealth of information recorded by Marriott, that our merger history effort might be expanded a bit by going into some details of the beginnings of these societies and perhaps have less of IEE merger details (if length of the paper is to be a consideration which I think should not be). What little I have read of the beginnings of AIEE seemed very interesting, particularly about the Wheeler collection that led to the building on 39th Street and the Engineer's Club that Carnegie donated because he previously had stipulated that the plans for the 39th Street building eliminate provision for eating. In fact the paper might well start with the first engineering society in the world (I suspect that would be in England), then the first one here in 1852, the Civil Engineers and then introduce us in due course when AIEE was established with the development of the various disciplines that the Civils couldn't care for very well. What do you think of this idea? I could collect some details by staying an extra day or two at the time of the March Convention. I could, meanwhile, ask the Executive Committee what they think of such a plan.

Herewith is copy of a letter to Don Fink about digging up some information that I need in order to write my recollections of the merger.

Sincerely,


Haraden Pratt

P.S. I have found a typewriter ribbon that corrects errors. It is black on the upper half and white on the lower half. If you make an error you shift to "red" ribbon and retype the letter that was wrong. Shift to black and type the correct one. Here is an example, this is a phrase that has been corrected.

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Dear Nelson,

If you send a check for ~~\$~~ 3.53
to Sunset House, 107 Sunset Bldg.,
Beverly Hills, Calif. 90213 you can
get the self correcting typewriter
ribbon, catalogue F-6667 "Ribbon
Type-away." Two would be a little
less - ~~\$~~ ~~6.71~~ ^{\$6.71}. I bought a tape in a
plastic holder, 114" long called "Taperase" in
a local store which does the same thing
but not as handy - you have to insert it
under the ribbon by hand - 79¢. Haraden



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