

FRANK J. SPRAGUE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1857 - SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS - 1932

FRANK HEDLEY
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FRANK H. SHEPARD
COMMITTEE

ROOM 1613 - 150 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y.

April 15, 1932.



Dear Henline,

July 25, 1932 will be Frank J. Sprague's seventy-fifth birthday. Several of us have thought that this event should be recognized by his many friends in some appropriate manner which would give expression to their personal regard for him and appreciation of his contribution to the world's welfare. Sprague is seventy-five years young - he is alert, energetic and still going strong.

The committee invites you to participate in this tribute by writing to him a personal letter of reminiscence and congratulation. Your contribution of such a letter, mentioning some incident of mutual interest, would certainly afford him real pleasure, and this pleasure would be the more complete if you would forward with your letter an unmounted photograph of yourself.

The letters and photographs will be mounted in suitable volumes and presented to Mr. Sprague on his birthday.

Please write your letter (preferably on your business or professional letterhead) on a single sheet of paper not over $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ " using one side of the sheet only. The photograph should be within the same dimensions. Send both letter and photograph flat with cardboard to prevent bending. Mail to the committee at the above address.

It is the committee's sincere hope that you will enter into the spirit of this undertaking by sending a letter and photograph for inclusion with others in the collection to be given to Mr. Sprague.

Mr. Sprague has no knowledge of this activity and we trust it will be a complete surprise. To be ready by July 25th, it will be necessary for us to receive all replies on or before June 15th.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. Shepard

P.S. The enclosed published brief of Mr. Sprague's record will serve as a reminder of his activities and attainments.

Mr. Henry H. Henline, Asst. National Secretary,
A.I.E.E.
39 West 39th Street,
New York, N. Y.

April 21, 1932

Mr. F. H. Shepard,
Room 1613 - 150 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th,
I shall be glad to write a personal letter to Dr.
Sprague, to be sent to you by June 15th.

Very truly yours,

Assistant National Secretary.

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COPY OF LETTER SENT FROM PROVIDENCE, R.I.

May 4, 1932

Dr. Calvin W. Rice, Secretary
American Society of Mechanical Engineers,
29 West 39th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Rice:

In accordance with your request, I discussed with President Skinner the various questions connected with plans for the Sprague meeting to be held on July 25th.

He approves the suggestion that the New York Electrical Society be included, and thinks the invitation should be extended by Mr. Shepard. He also thinks the committee preparing for the meeting should pay the rent on the auditorium, and is writing Mr. Shepard regarding this and other details.

President Skinner will be in New York next Tuesday, May tenth, probably a large part of the day, but at any rate during the afternoon and evening.

Very truly yours,

Assistant National Secretary.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York

CABLE ADDRESS: DYNAMIC, NEW YORK
TELEPHONE CONNECTION

MEMBER, AMERICAN ENGINEERING COUNCIL,
AMERICAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

MAY 6, 1932

Dear Mr. Coleman,--

A testimonial is to be tendered to

Frank J. Sprague, Past-President, New York Electrical
Society and Past-President, The American
Institute of Electrical Engineers

Monday evening, July 25, next.

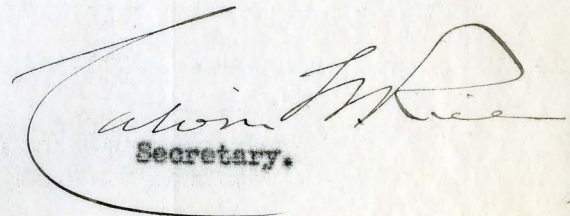
This will be Mr. Sprague's 75th birthday. President Skinner of the A. I. E. E., at the suggestion of President Kidder of the United Engineering Trustees, and which I cordially endorse, is inviting the New York Electrical Society to join the other societies in this testimonial.

Mr. Hedley is actively promoting this appreciation. It is expected that the Secretary of the Navy and Mr. Hedley will be among the speakers.

You will shortly receive a letter from Mr. Skinner, but as he is traveling among the A. I. E. E. sections, I thought I would send you this advance word as I am inviting Mr. Dorting, to whom I am sending a carbon of this letter, to join some of the above gentlemen at lunch with me next Tuesday.

I trust in the meantime you will give Mr. Dorting your assent to the idea. I can assure you the expense would not exceed \$25.00 per Society.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

Mr. L. A. Coleman, President,
New York Electrical Society,
c/o New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co.,
New York, N. Y.

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May 6, 1932

Confirmations

Dr C E Skinner
Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, R I

Calvin W Rice invites you and Messrs Kidder Shepard and
Dorting to lunch with him Engineers Club New York Tuesday
May tenth at twelve thirty oclock to develop plans for
Sprague testimonial

F B HALLOCK

A I E E Headquarters

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers

29 West Thirty-ninth Street, New York

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May 6, 1932

Mr. H. A. Kidder, President, United Engineering Trustees.
Mr. C. E. Skinner, President, American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Mr. F. H. Shepard, Westinghouse Elec. & Manufacturing Company.
Mr. E. E. Dorting, Secretary, New York Electrical Society.

Dear Friends:

Subject:- Testimonial to F. J. Sprague.

You are invited to lunch with me Tuesday, May 10th, at 12:30 o'clock at the Engineers' Club, 52 W. 40th Street, to develop the plans for the Sprague testimonial July 25th.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

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ROOM 1613 - 150 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, N. Y.
May 20, 1932



Dear Sir:

In your acknowledgment to Mr. Shepard of April 21, you have advised that you will participate in the joint tribute to Mr. Sprague. As all letters and photographs must go to the binder on June 15, Mr. Shepard has requested that I call this to your attention.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Turner

Secretary to the Committee.

Mr. Henry H. Henline, Asst. National Secretary,
A. I. E. E.
39 W. 39th Street,
New York City

June 13, 1932

Mr. F. H. Shepard,
Room 1613 - 150 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of April 15th,
I am enclosing a letter addressed to Dr. Sprague, and
a photograph.

Very truly yours,

Acting National Secretary.

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Enclosures

June 13, 1932

Dr. Frank J. Sprague,
Sprague Safety Control & Signal Corp.,
421 Canal Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Sprague:

As your seventy-fifth birthday draws near, I extend sincere congratulations upon your many important contributions to the development of electrical equipment of various types upon which our present civilization depends to a large extent.

You have been a member of this Institute during forty-five of its forty-eight years. Your services as Vice-President, as President and as a committee member, and especially your recent election as an Honorary Member have given you a position of outstanding prominence in the membership.

On behalf of the officers and members, I wish to express our appreciation of your contributions to Institute activities and the hope that you may be privileged to have many more years of enjoyable work in the electrical industry.

Very truly yours,

Acting National Secretary.

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Dear Mr. Henline:

On behalf of the informal committee, we want to thank you for your letter to Mr. Sprague and for your photograph.

You will be interested to know that the responses have been most cordial and inspiring and while forming a tribute that is sure to be most pleasing to Sprague, will in fact in their bound form constitute a most interesting, permanent historical record.

Prompted by such spontaneous response, our committee has arranged to have these volumes presented to Sprague, and we trust as a surprise (with your help), during the birthday program covered by the enclosed announcement.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. Shepard

Mr. Henry H. Henline, Asst. Nat. Secy.,
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June 30, 1932.

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Mr. G. R. Henninger, Asso. Editor,
Electrical Engineering,
33 West 39th Street,
New York City.

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PHILIP TORCHIO
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT.

July 8-1932

Mr Henry H Henline Assistant National Secretary
American Institute of Electrical Engineers
39 West 39th Street
New York N Y

Dear Mr Henline

The request of the informal committee for letters and photographs for mounting as a surprise present to Mr Frank J Sprague met with a gratifying response.

The letters and photographs, appropriately and permanently mounted, will form six volumes of unsurpassed interest.

While the handling of this undertaking has been economical since it has been carried on by volunteered effort, there will have to be a cash outlay for preparing these volumes and for the meeting at the Engineering Societies. It has been suggested that these expenses be met by a comparatively small group and I have been designated to ask you to be one of these subscribers.

We propose to contribute \$10 each, participating on an equal basis.

We earnestly hope that this will meet with your favor, and that you will welcome it as a privilege.

Sincerely yours

Philip Torchio

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Please draw check to the order of Philip Torchio.

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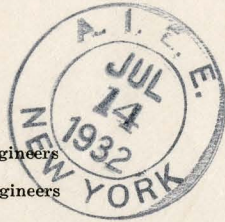
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39 W. 39th St.
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Dear Mr. Henline:

It is our sincere hope there will be a full attendance at the meeting in honor of Mr. Sprague on July 25th, and we count upon the presence of yourself and of such friends as you may wish to invite; in order to make suitable provision will you kindly state the number of seats you wish to have reserved for your use?

The program for the evening is enclosed herewith; - in addition, it is expected that there will be a national broadcast outlining Mr. Sprague's career.

Furthermore, Rear Admiral Robison, at the conclusion of his "Tribute" to Mr. Sprague, will present to him a handsomely bound collection of nearly five hundred letters of congratulation and appreciation, with photographs of the writers. Mr. Sprague knows nothing of this proposed presentation, therefore it is not mentioned in the program; we hope that this feature will be a complete surprise to Mr. Sprague.

Yours very truly,

Cary T. Hutchinson
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Frank J. Sprague Anniversary Committee,
52 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

With reference to your letter of the 14th,
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