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Organizational Papers

The Worcester Engineering Society Collection covers the time period from 1927, when the WES began, to 1989, when it ended. A substantial part of the collection is information on candidates for the Admiral Ralph Earle Award. Much of the rest of the collection is comprised of financial records. There are also many WES Bulletins (newsletter), as well as meeting minutes, news clippings, and other materials related to the history and operation of the WES.

In 1927, some insightful individuals decided that the application of science and engineering could be substantially improved in Worcester by founding an organization for the cross fertilization of ideas and progress. After a year discussion about how to best serve and nourish their goal, the members of this very active group sought the aid of their parent societies. A letter written on May 3, 1927, outlines their reason for bringing together five existing active societies to form the Worcester Engineering Society. A charter was obtained in 1928 and the first presidential election was held.

As the society grew through the subsequent sixty years, there was a succession of awards and articles that gave substance to the Worcester area and its educational and scientific communities.

Naturally, the organization did not just flourish unattended. It developed from organized planning, acceptance of constructive ideas, and careful selection of majority interest. At various times, sixteen individual societies have been members of the Worcester Engineer Society. Each has added its share of people. Each has contributed to the sixty years of successful collaboration and brotherhood. Each member of the society has served Worcester well.

Our list of awards, organizations, activities and accomplishment will be worthy news to be published over the next six months. The next few months will culminate in celebrating our sixtieth anniversary on May 4, 1987, at the Sheraton Lincoln Inn in Worcester.

We ask each society that has been and that is a member of the W.E.S. at this banquet to honor one of their outstanding, hard working and accomplished leaders with their society's award. The Worcester Engineering Society will also award the Scientific Achievement Award and the Admiral Earle Award at this banquet.

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