

### SIX ASME Tours Local I-H Tractor Plant

Illinois Tech's student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers spent last Friday afternoon touring the nearby International Harvester plant. The plant manufactures small, medium and large sized tractors for use on farms and in construction work.

As part of this semester's technical program, the ASME tour covered the entire plant from the receiving rooms, through the three

assembly lines, to the leading area where the finished tractors are loaded on flat rail cars by means of an overhead crane.

Two different types of assembly lines were seen in operation at the plant. In the manufacture of the small tractors a moving line is used which turns out 200 tractors per day. A stationary assembly line is used in the assembly of the larger tractors. The first task of a tractor finished on this type line is to pull the entire line one step farther towards completion.

### AIEE Election Contested 100 Students Hear Lewis

More than a hundred EE students attended last Friday's meeting of the AIEE officers for the remaining part of the term were elected and Dr. W. A. Lewis spoke on a diverse number of topics.

Nominations for the office to be filled were submitted by a committee and the following men were elected by a majority vote, Gary Hollander, chairman; Leon Starnick, vice chairman; Dudley Buklong, sec-

retary; and Robert Bushnell, treasurer. Gary Hollander declined the office and it was filled by Warren Sommers, a close runner up.

The election results were contested by an attending student on the ground that the method of nomination as required by the chapter of the organization had not been completely followed. He stated that members of the nominating committee were not all student members of the AIEE.

Dr. Lewis opened his address by explaining how organizations such

as the AIEE are essential for industrial progress since they bring about the exchange of ideas from which new developments spring.

He continued his speech by pointing out that there are still many opportunities in the field of power engineering and that a great number of problems in this field are yet unsolved. He suggested that the large number of students who are concentrating on high frequency electronics because they feel that power engineering offers few research opportunities reconsider that decision.

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