



FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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By means of an extensive program the Fire Protection Engineering Society during the past year has successfully upheld the basic purposes of its formation, namely, those of bringing the members into closer contact with men experienced in the field of fire protection engineering and insurance and of fostering a spirit of fellowship among students in the department.

Speakers covering a number of phases in the field presented their views and experiences at the regular meetings of the society. The first meeting of the school year was held October 12 with Mr. John A. Neale, Chief Engineer of the Chicago Board of Underwriters, the speaker. Mr. Neale spoke on "The Chicago Stock Yards Conflagration" and, having had charge of the investigation of this fire, was able to present the inside information on the disaster. His discussion disclosed the strategy of the fire department in combating the fire, the obstructions that hampered the department, and the impractibility of using dynamite.

Mr. Curtis R. Welborn, superintendent of the Underwriters Laboratories' label service, presented one of the most interesting and enjoyable talks of the year when he addressed the society on the nature of the work of his department. He emphasized the significance of the inspection and re-examination services in the improvement of the many products submitted.

All was not work throughout the year as the annual smoker held at the Beta Psi house evidenced. As usual, the fire protects turned out one hundred percent for this most enjoyable event, and a pleasant evening was had by all. Mr. Jackson V. Parker, the fostering guardian of the fire protects, made the principal address of the evening.



F.P.E.S. Smoker at Beta Psi House