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The fourth fall meeting of Air Hygiene Foundation was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 14-15, at Mellon Institute. Two hundred and forty-seven persons were registered. The total attendance was a little higher than that since there are always a few who fail to register, as special guests, etc. There were exactly 101 companies represented, about half of them non-member firms and therefore good prospects for membership. The U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Labor Department and both branches of the labor movement were represented. Hence management, government, the AFL and the CIO were all assembled in one meeting at Mellon Institute. Further, there was a wholesome spirit of good-natured harmony that, as several speakers said from the platform, was "a tribute to the organization which could bring about such a meeting. The sessions were by far the most successful the Foundation has ever had. This is substantiated by the comment and letters that have resulted.

The annual meeting is, of course, the highpoint in the Foundation's year. Monday was devoted to the rush of last-minute details and arrangements -- completion of the Report of the Membership Committee for presentation at the meeting; arrangements with representatives of the press, including photographers; preparation of late abstracts of meeting reports; final arrangement of exhibit material, etc.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to the maze of activities in connection with the meeting itself. The main work revolved around membership contacts with companies which we have no other opportunity to contact throughout the year; talks with members; contact with news writers, photographers, etc., and the distribution of news to the national news services.

We talked with a great many prospective members and received an encouraging response. The Talon Company promised to take out membership. Dr. Hamor talked to Mr. Perry, Talon representative. We introduced Mr. Perry and one of his associates (Dr. Gamble) to a number of people they were anxious to meet. A representative of the Barrett Company advised that his firm was very much interested and asked him for "a good report on the meeting." He thought membership prospects were good. We talked to several representatives of Standard Oil. One of them, a representative of the Peoples Gas Company -- said the parent firm should join but that they were considering joining individually. Dr. Hamor talked to Mr. Hazard of the Toledo Scales Company. The latter told Mr. Hazard of our Preventive Medicine Committee that "I guess we'll have to join." Mr. Hazard promised to join the company upon his return to Toledo. American Viscose Corporation and Tubing Corporation (an Institute donor) both showed keen interest.

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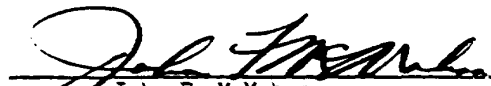
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Mr. Brown, of the Iron and Steel Institute, told us, "we just have to get your bulletins." We talked to him regarding an association membership for the Institute. J. S. Stanley of the Maryland Self-Insurers asked Dr. Meller regarding a membership by their association. Dr. Meller has been in contact with this group. We are endeavoring to work out something more substantial than the usual association membership. Acme Protection Equipment Company agreed to join following Dr. Meller's talk with their representative.

On Tuesday, noon, we had a meeting of the Membership Committee. A list of prospect companies, represented at the meeting, was given out. The committeemen promised to aid with some of these. Dr. Frary agreed to contact Dr. Spine, DuPont Vice President, at his next opportunity. A number of new membership "leads" were developed. All of these are being followed up. Mr. Cook of the Preventive Engineering Committee is working on Pullman Company for us. One of their principal officials told him to "come back from the meeting and tell us why we should join." We aided him with necessary information.

The meeting received excellent publicity on both days. The local papers all carried good stories, including pictures. The Associated Press and the United Press both carried several stories to their client newspapers throughout the country. In fact the (AP) carried several good stories which we released in advance of the meeting. I understand the (AP) also sent out, or plans to send out, one of the news pictures made at the meeting. We are in correspondence with Mr. McDonough, Associated Press Science writer, in this connection.

SCIENCE SERVICE sent out approximately half a newspaper column on the meeting. Advance notices appeared in HEATING & VENTILATING, EXCAVATING ENGINEER, NATIONAL SAFETY NEWS, and COAL AGE. FACTORY advised they could use part of one of the papers (Fletcher).


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