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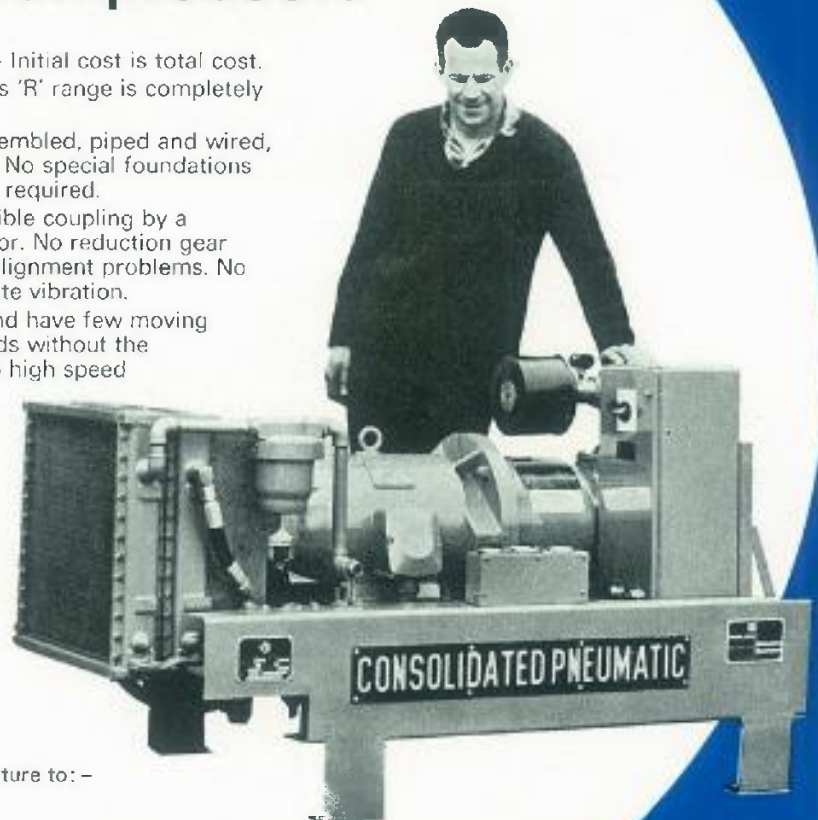
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news section

A supplement to "New Zealand Engineering" sent to all members of the N.Z. Institution of Engineers
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The Secretary's Newsletter

ADDRESSING OF CORRESPONDENCE TO MEMBERS

AT THE annual general meeting in February 1973, a motion was passed to the effect that members should no longer be addressed by the title "Esquire". The speakers to the motion emphasised that the use of Esquire was archaic, not appropriate in the New Zealand scene, and was offensive to some people. So be it. The term will no longer be used in correspondence emanating from the Institution headquarters, but we are in somewhat of a quandary. The experts on such matters inform us that it is incorrect to use the prefix Mr and at the same time follow the name with the abbreviations of university degrees, so it would seem that we either address members as Mr and drop the suffix or use the suffix without any prefix. All very confusing.

However, members will continue to receive their journals in wrappers addressed as they have been. The addressograph plates are not N.Z.I.E. property and we cannot ask the publishers to amend about 75% of their plates, at considerable cost, to accommodate the wishes of those who voted for the motion. As addressograph plates require modification for other reasons the Esq. will be deleted, but we still do not know whether to add Mr or omit a prefix—except, of course, for those members who are professors or have a Ph.D. Our leaning at present is to omit the prefix and add after the name the appropriate membership abbreviation, but we would welcome the views of members on this point.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Proposed technical group for power and light electrical engineering

Electrical engineer members will recall a questionnaire circulated late last year. The response was promising, 297

members being in favour of the formation of a technical group in the general field of electrical engineering.

A meeting will be held in the Institution Rooms, Molesworth House, 101 Molesworth Street, Wellington, on Monday, 28 May, at 10 a.m. The business of the meeting will be as follows:

- (1) Election of an interim chairman.
- (2) Consideration of the scope of the proposed group, bearing in mind the diversity of the replies to the questionnaire.
- (3) Nomination of an interim steering committee to consider the constitution and rules of the group.

Copies of the summary of the questionnaire may be obtained before the meeting from the secretary, N.Z.I.E., P.O. Box 12241, Wellington.

Note: Since in most cases members' names were not given on the reply questionnaire, this statement should be treated as a formal notice of meeting.

I.PROD.E. RECEPTION

Invitation to Industries division

The New Zealand Council of the Institution of Production Engineers is holding a reception on 25 May 1973, at "Wareham", Wellington, to which members of the Industries division, N.Z. Institution of Engineers, are invited. The guest speaker will be C. E. Mace, C.B.E., of Christchurch, past-president of the Productivity Council of New Zealand and immediate past-president of the New Zealand Council, the Institution of Production Engineers; his subject will be "The Productivity Council of New Zealand, its work and what it hopes to achieve".

Cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner, will be served.

Invitations at \$4 single and \$6 double should be obtained from L. P. Coombes, secretary-treasurer of the New Zealand Council, Institution of Production Engineers, P.O. Box 1551, Christchurch.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Both the Institution and the publishers endeavour to ensure that journals, correspondence, etc., are correctly addressed, but unless we receive co-operation from members mistakes are bound to occur. Observance of the following points will do much to reduce mistakes to a minimum:

- DO notify changes of address immediately they occur, but better still, warn us of impending changes.
- DO use the change of address cards supplied by the Post Office or write a letter.
- DO print your name and address on the card or letter; some signatures are indecipherable.
- DO indicate on your notification the names of any technical groups and societies of which you are a member; we keep separate address lists for these bodies.
- DO NOT rely on messages scribbled on journal wrappers or used envelopes. They can so easily be mislaid or lost sight of.