

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The most outstanding information which I have to pass along to our membership concerns Mr. J. M. Haynie, who has served us so well as Secretary-Treasurer over the past months of this year. It is with a deep sense of loss that I make known to you all that Mr. Haynie has become so seriously ill since early October that it has been necessary for him to resign from his post as permanent Secretary-Treasurer.

During the first week of October, Mr. Haynie was stricken with what I understand to be a heart attack. He was immediately hospitalized at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md. It was there that he was told that in spite of the very encouraging recovery that he was making, he would not be able to carry on work involving strain of any kind.

I have been extremely fortunate thus far during my term as President of this Society in having the full-time efforts of Mr. Haynie to assist me. The Society has grown phenomenally during this period. Furthermore, all phases of Society activity had moved along with a most gratifying smoothness. This has been due to Mr. Haynie's extreme interest in photogrammetry and his personal ability and forcefulness.

I know Mr. Haynie has a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who will probably wish to write to him. By the time this publication is out there is an excellent chance that Mr. Haynie will be back home at 1616 Fort Davis Street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

As you can well imagine, the sudden illness of Mr. Haynie called for some very prompt action in rearranging the organizational setup insofar as the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor are concerned. Our Society is fortunate in having members who have such a deep interest in the Society that the burden of work upon them personally is secondary to their interest in the Society. Mr. Haynie had not been in the hospital more than one or two days when Mr. Kerwin Linck voluntarily stepped into the breach and very effectively took over the problems of the job of Secretary-Treasurer, insofar as his time would permit. Mr. Linck has been officially appointed Secretary-Treasurer on a temporary basis to serve until such time as some more permanent arrangement can be made. Likewise, Mr. John I. Davidson volunteered his efforts to take care of this present issue of PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING and possibly the next issue. Although Mr. Davidson has served long and well in connection with the publication and has well deserved the rest which came to him when Mr. Haynie took over the job, he has nevertheless been willing to get back in the traces again. Needless to say, the Board of Direction was very pleased to appoint Mr. Davidson officially to the post of Editor on a temporary basis.

I continue to be encouraged by the excellent work which Mr. William H. Meyer, Jr. is doing as Chairman of the Membership Committee. Our membership is now well over fifteen hundred members, which constitutes an increase this year in excess of fifty percent. Furthermore, new members continue to join with us. The steady increase in membership at this late stage of the year is due largely to a plan which Mr. Meyer proposed and which the Board of Direction approved. This plan allows any individual joining our Society after the publication of the September issue to become a member for the year of 1948 dating from the time he joins the Society. Thus, he not only has full membership privileges for 1948 but he has membership privileges for the last few months of 1947, together with the December issue of PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING for 1947. This is really an inducement.