

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The second meeting of the Board of Direction for the year 1947 was held on April 7 and the usual long agenda confronted the Directors. A considerable length of time was devoted to a discussion of the best way of handling the petition, which is opposed to the present member classification articles as written in our Constitution and By-Laws. Mr. E. S. Massie presented his interim report which represents a very logical and clear analysis of the situation. It is hoped that the voting on this issue can be done by mail very soon and thereby settle this matter once and for all.

I cannot refrain from expressing my complete satisfaction with the efforts of the various committee chairmen and committeemen upon whom devolves the real work of the Society. The plea which I made at the annual meeting in January for willing workers has been answered many times over. Not only have a great number of our members offered their services but they are actually digging in with a vim, vigor, and enthusiasm which I think is an outstanding credit to them and our Society. If you will refer to the Section on Committee reports you will see what is being done.

Our full time Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Haynie, is now well established in his position. Some of the fears which I and other Officers of the Society had concerning this venture have been completely dispelled by the results of Mr. Haynie's efforts which are already apparent. I recently visited Mr. Haynie's home to go over some Society business with him and to see the office which he has set up. He has a beautifully pine paneled cellar room with attractive linoleum block floor. The room, in spite of being in the cellar is very light due to the fact that the land slopes away from his house making possible natural window lighting. He has several desks, typewriters and various other items of necessary equipment, together with files and shelves of our stock of manuals and journals. Doc Haynie insists on records being kept in a precise and businesslike fashion and it is a pleasure to ask him a question and see how simple it is for him to lay his hands quickly and easily on the proper piece of correspondence involved. Mr. Haynie is fortunate in having the services of a very competent secretary who lives very near to him. All in all, even though our Society headquarters are at the present time in the home of our Secretary-Treasurer we can be exceedingly proud of the set up which we have there.

The membership campaign is going along at a great rate. Here again I am simply overwhelmed by the cooperation I am receiving from the members of our Society. In another section of this issue you will find a list of the names of men who have turned in applications and membership fees from five and six new people. Others are doing their bit to the extent of one and two members. In Mexico City, Mr. Gabriel Ortiz-Santos and Mr. Luis Struck are endeavoring to organize a local chapter. In Denver, Colorado Mr. Robert O. Davis and Professor Arthur J. McNair are endeavoring to establish a local chapter. Another local chapter is in the formative stages in Southern California through the energetic efforts of Mr. R. William Lindberg, of Lindberg Photogrammetric Surveys. I am so encouraged by the success of our "Every Member Get a Member" drive to date that I feel it is in the realm of possibility to double our membership this year. With this in mind, let me urge every member to do his share.

The Program Committee has been very active with regard to the Antarctic Expedition meeting. By the time this material is printed the meeting will have been held. I wish to compliment the committee on the excellence of the job which they have done. The success of the meeting is due entirely to their efforts.