

Harry John Loberg

October 28, 1905 — February 22, 1965

Cornell University, on February 22, 1965, was deprived of a dedicated and erudite scholar, teacher, and administrator in the death of our cherished colleague, Professor Harry John Loberg, fifty-nine, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and the Director of the University's Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering. His absence from the council chambers of the University will be keenly, soberly, sorrowfully and genuinely felt. The sudden death of Professor Harry John Loberg of a heart attack was a melancholy occurrence to his numerous friends in this community, his family, and his professional colleagues. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at Cornell's Sage Chapel Thursday, February 25, 1965. A large number of his friends shared the solemn ceremony with his beloved family.

Professor Harry Loberg was born in Norway, October 28, 1905, and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1913. He attended the United States Naval Academy from June, 1923, to June 30, 1926, and resigned because of faulty eyesight. He received the M.E. degree from Cornell in 1929 and the M.S. degree in 1936.

After working as a sales and methods engineer for five years in Massachusetts and Michigan, he joined the Cornell staff in 1934. From 1946 to 1950, he was head of the Department of Industrial and Engineering Administration. He was named Director of the Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering in 1950, a post he held until his death.

For three years during World War II, Professor Loberg was in charge of the Navy Diesel School and Navy Steam School on campus, which trained about 2,200 naval officers. As a director of training of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association and National Machine Tool Distributors' Association, he developed a program to meet the needs of the small firms in the industry, with the objective of training qualified sales engineers through annual programs at Cornell and Purdue Universities.

Professor Loberg served as chairman of the governing board of the Center for Housing and Environmental Studies (formerly the Housing Research Center) from the time that Center was established in 1950 until his death. Many of his colleagues will also remember him for his significant contributions and deep interest in the improvement of the Statler Club, of which he was president. He also rendered important services to the University over the years by serving on many committees.

Professor Loberg was the author of three books in his field, a member of the American Marketing Association, Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Professor Loberg was elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 1963; he served that group in 1954 as chairman, Materials Handling Division; in 1956 as chairman, Safety Division; and in 1959 as chairman of the Southern Tier Section. He was also a member of the Production Engineering Division.

Until moving to Ithaca about ten years ago, he served in the Township of Ulysses on the Boy Scout committee and the school board.

Professor Loberg is survived by his wife, Aline Johnson Loberg; four sons, Paul W. of Staten Island; Harry J. of Los Angeles, California; and Peter E. and Eric L., both now attending Cornell; two granddaughters; two brothers, Arthur T. of Muskegon, Michigan, and Ole M. Loberg, Syracuse; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Allen of Muskegon, Michigan, and Mrs. Constance Vanderwier of Fremont, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Professor Harry John Loberg will be remembered not only for his leadership in his field, but also because of his friendliness, boundless enthusiasm, patience, and humor. He was an avid follower of Cornell sports. His engaging and genial personality and his sound judgment, unquestioned dependability, and integrity endeared him to everyone.

We share with his family our deep sense of personal loss and the memory of a faithful, loyal, and gracious friend.

*There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend and
no scales can measure his excellence.
A faithful friend is an elixir of life and those who
fear the Lord will find him.*

N. W. Abrahams, G. H. Beyer, J. R. Moynihan