

Roy Edwards Clark

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Professor Roy Edwards Clark was born in Norwood, New York. He attended Norwood High School and was awarded a New York State Scholarship at Cornell University in 1907. He worked for one year at the Norwood Paper Company where he had worked while in high school and then entered Cornell in the fall of 1908. Midway through his college program he took a leave of absence for one year to earn money to finance the completion of his college education. He received the degree of Mechanical Engineer from Cornell in 1913.

Professor Clark was appointed an instructor in the Department of Heat-Power Engineering at Cornell in the fall of 1913 and thus began a long teaching career at Cornell. He was appointed assistant professor of heat-power engineering in 1919 and associate professor of heat-power engineering in 1944. Professor Clark was awarded the title of emeritus professor of thermal engineering July 1, 1957.

A veteran of World War I, Roy Clark was an engineer in the Army Ordnance Department from September, 1918, to January, 1919. He was a charter member of the American Legion, Ithaca Post 221.

Professor Clark's interest in engineering was in the field of heat-power and particularly steam power plants. He spent his sabbatic leave during the spring term of 1927 at the General Electric Company's steam turbine division at Schenectady, New York, where he investigated performance factors of steam turbines. During several summers, he worked for the General Electric Company, the Westinghouse Electric Company, and several smaller companies where he was engaged in testing steam turbines, steam condensers, and steam boilers. Professor Clark held a professional engineer's license in the state of New York.

His main academic interest and consequently his primary academic activity was teaching. To this end, he devoted his full energy, and courses in his specialties were among those frequently chosen by mechanical engineering students. He was well liked and remembered by his students, and for years following his retirement there were always requests for information from returning alumni as to the whereabouts of "Entropy Clark." Professor Clark was always ready and willing to serve the Department of Heat-Power Engineering to the fullest extent of his ability. He was highly regarded by his colleagues.

Professor Clark gave generously of his spare time to outside interests. He was active in Boy Scout work for twenty-seven years and was business manager at Camp Barton for ten summers. He held the awards of Scouter's Key and

Scoutmaster's Key. He was also active in the American Red Cross, in which organization he taught first aid over a period of twenty-five years. He was a member of the Ithaca Stamp Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Barber Shop Quartet.

Professor Clark was a Mason for over fifty-nine years and he was a member of the Balbec Grotto and the Acacia fraternity. He was a member of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education and of Atmos. He was an active member in the First Methodist Church of Ithaca.

Upon his retirement in 1957, Professor Clark and his wife, the former Ina Williams of Ithaca, moved to Florida and made their home in Fort Meyers.

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