

Edwin Woodworth Hamlin

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Edwin Woodworth Hamlin was born in New York City on July 21, 1905, the son of George E. and Elizabeth Woodworth Hamlin. He spent his childhood and was given his early schooling in Connecticut, where he later married Verna Doris Gunther on June 21, 1931. Because of his scholarly achievements as an undergraduate student at Union College, he was awarded the C. P. Steinmetz Honor in his junior and senior years. After receiving his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1926, he remained at Union College as Instructor in Electrical Engineering and within the next few years completed his graduate study. He received his M.S. in 1928 and his Ph.D. in 1932. After three more years on the staff of Union College, he continued his teaching career at the University of Kansas where he was appointed Assistant Professor in 1935 and Associate Professor in 1937. He went to the University of Texas as Professor of Electrical Engineering in 1939 and later became the first Director of the Electrical Engineering Research Laboratory. He accepted an appointment as Professor of Electrical Engineering at Cornell in the fall of 1947.

Dr. Hamlin's broad command of his chosen field was demonstrated by the variety of his activities beyond the immediate responsibilities of his teaching career. He took active part in the numerous honorary and professional societies of which he was a member. At the University of Kansas he was counselor of the Student Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and a member of the Executive Board of the Kansas City Section in 1937 and 1938. At the University of Texas he assisted in the organization of an Engineering Faculty Seminar, was counselor for Eta Kappa Nu and Representative of the Institute of Radio Engineers. He, also, was a member of the National Committee on Communications of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. During his tenure at Cornell, he served as Secretary of the Technical Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers in 1948 and was elected Secretary of the Electrical Engineering Section of the American Society for Engineering Education. The publication of several original papers resulted from Dr. Hamlin's wartime research on microwave radio propagation close to the earth's surface. A basic textbook on electrical engineering, of which he was co-author, will soon be published by the Ronald Press.

Dr. Hamlin's primary attention at Cornell was devoted to his advanced courses and to the Radio Astronomy Project which he directed. His competence, his sincerity and his willingness to expend himself as a teacher and as a colleague were reflected in his work and in his growing friendships at Cornell. The daily lives of all who came

in contact with him were enriched by his friendliness and his quizzical sense of humor. As his professional career reached its full maturity, he remained an eager student and a keen observer, a respected colleague and a modest man.

Professor Hamlin died at his home on April 27, 1948. His loss is felt not only at Cornell but wherever people knew him and worked with him.

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