

Frank Harrison Randolph

November 7, 1892 — October 22, 1975

Frank H. Randolph, Cornell University professor emeritus of hotel engineering, of 101 Oxford Place, died Wednesday, October 22, 1975, in the Reconstruction Home after a long illness. The second of the original faculty members of the School of Hotel Administration, he initiated the courses in hotel engineering in 1923.

Born in Rahway, New Jersey, on November 7, 1892, he received his B.A. degree from Yale University in 1915 and his M.E. degree from Cornell University in 1917.

He taught at Cornell from 1923 until his retirement in 1960. Previously he had worked as an engineer with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the U. S. Naval Steam Engineering School, the Raymond Concrete Pile Company, and the Turner Construction Company and was an instructor in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale.

During leaves from University duties he worked with architects and engineers on the mechanical equipment for the Sampson Naval Station and for Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City. He also worked with the Hoover Commission Task Force on Subsistence Services in 1954.

A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Randolph was also a member of Sigma Xi, Beta Theta Pi, Tompkins County Professional Engineers Club, Exchange Club of Ithaca, and Ye Hosts.

The late Howard B. Meek, first dean of the School of Hotel Administration, said of him, "Professor Randolph pioneered in the organization of technical engineering knowledge applicable to the problems of hotel operation and maintenance and has developed here a whole series of truly unique courses in that field. He is a licensed engineer, has been active as a consultant, and has contributed a number of articles to the technical journals."

Professor Randolph will long be remembered with deep appreciation as a teacher who constantly encouraged and challenged his students.

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