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SPECIAL IN THIS ISSUE

INTERCOM HALL OF FAME GREETES TWO

INTERCOM is proud to offer in this issue two IEEE staff Profiles. Mr. L.G. Cumming is retiring, as a parting gesture, we offer his Profile, which we might have done long ago, except that INTERCOM is only a few months old! The "Hall of Fame," for the time being, is at best more like a corridor.

Nonetheless, we want to introduce in to our "Hall" another worthy entry, from our present staff, Mr. Nelson Hibshman.

SEEK TRUTH

With election day coming, it would be well to avoid political apathy. The proper and intelligent way to vote is to explore the issues of the candidates, and find out, to the extent of your knowledge, which one is really best suited for the job at hand. Remember, that you have a vested interest in any election, because the man elected will be well paid by YOU to handle YOUR government affairs. Remember also, opinion like a coin has two sides. Keep this in mind when selecting your candidate. If what you are reading contains only one side of the story consistently, take a look at the other side, it may be extremely enlightening. Try not to believe only what you want to believe. Mete out facts and weigh them against reality. Seek truth.

Positive thinking is a great power when recognized and utilized. It can spur constructive thinking, and in turn, action. Action is a positive force used to get results.

APATHY IS:

Apathy can lead to negative thinking, and is indifference in situations requiring action.

Apathy is a passiveness which can allow a negative to devour a positive.

Apathy is the easy way out of a decision.

Apathy forces someone else to do the job, if the job is to be done at all.

Apathy is a balloon in the wind.

Apathy is limbo for the indifferent. Heaven for the lethargic. And hell for the wise and active.

Apathy clears a highway for permissivity.

An intelligent person who is apathetic is dangerous, because he may allow evil to perpetuate itself, though he recognizes it.

Apathy allows a man to be elected into office that 60% of the voters do not want, with 51% of those who do not want him neglecting to vote.

LARRY CUMMING AND GENE BOND RETIRE

After well over a decade of service each, two of the IEEE's familiar personalities will be linked with the Institute by means of a list of retired personnel. Their many friends and associates gathered to offer good wishes on October 14 at the UEC. The hall seemed at times to brim with enthusiasm. All came with but one idea— to toast two fine people who worked dedicatedly for the Institute.

Both Mr. Cumming and Mrs. Bond gratefully accepted gift tokens of the IEEE staff and Mr. Cumming surprised the surprisers with a salute to his associates in the form of a short speech. Some of the excerpts of his speech are presented as follows:

"What a complete surprise— But long years with engineers and the Navy have taught me the best defense is a good offense— Therefore I have prepared a concise address of only an hour and a half! Occasions like this always arouse mixed emotions. I am reminded of the state of mind of the chap who watched his mother-in-law drive his Cadillac over the cliff." He spoke of the pleasure he has derived working with his associates over the years.

Mrs. Gene Bond looked demure, as she always does after business hours, but her calm belied the fact that on the job, she is a great dynamo always enmeshed with the business at hand. It is always a pleasure to be associated with her in either aspect.

Mr. Cumming's closing comment, was what we in IEEE would like to repeat in turn. "Au Revoir, not goodbye, and God Bless."





NELSON S. HIBSHMAN

Mr. Hibshman was born in Harrisburg, Pa. He was graduated in Electrical Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University where he taught briefly in the Physics Department. Later, he joined the faculty of Lehigh University where he conducted research in electrical machinery and published the first technical investigations of electric arc welding underwater. During his 18 years at Lehigh, he was also employed in various capacities in the steel, automotive, and electrical manufacturing industries.

In 1942, Mr. Hibshman was appointed head of the Electrical Engineering Department of NYU, from which position he later moved to Pratt Institute as Dean of the School of Engineering. At that time, he took up residence in Brooklyn and became active in civic affairs. He was for a number of years a member of the Brooklyn Rotary Club.

The record shows that Mr. Hibshman has been active in IEEE since 1927. He was Lehigh Valley Section (AIEE) Chairman 1933-34, District Vice President (Regional Director) in 1941. The same year he was elected a Fellow, and in 1952 became Treasurer. In 1953, he left Pratt Institute to accept a full time position as Executive Secretary of AIEE with offices in the Engineering Societies Building on 39th Street, to which he finds a good deal of his mail is still addressed. This, he says, proves that keeping mailing lists up to date is a universal problem.

Mrs. (Adaline Miller) Hibshman is also a Penn Stater. Their son, his wife (Joan Morrison, a Brooklyn girl), and twin grandchildren, Dolores and Kurt, live near Syracuse. Visiting them a couple of times a year is the extent of the traveling Mr. and Mrs. Hibshman have done in the past three years—to him a welcome change from the life of an Executive Secretary.

With the merger of AIEE and IRE on January 1, 1963, Mr. Hibshman became one of the Executive Consultants of IEEE. This he points out, can be abbreviated to Ex Con and insists that he has been "paroled" because of good behavior. Furthermore, according to Mr. Hibshman, his consulting services are not limited to the Executive Department. He is always available to share his experience and lend a hand wherever needed. He was especially active in helping organize the Power and Industry Groups and is a member of the INTERCOM staff. He likes all his various jobs. They keep him busy but leave the worrying to Axelrod and the INTERCOM Editor.

LAURENCE GORDON CUMMING

Mr. Laurence G. Cumming has served as Technical Secretary and Professional Groups Secretary of IRE since 1947, and as Field Secretary since the merger in 1963. He has been Secretary of the top level Joint Technical Advisory Committee formed by IRE and the Electronic Industries Associates in 1948, at the request of the Federal Communications Commission, to advise government agencies in radio spectrum matters.

Larry was born in Hampton, Va., on February 21 (the day before George Washington). In 1912 his family moved to Massachusetts. He attended and received his degree from MIT in 1926. He was one of the earliest Ham Radio operators, first licensed in 1916. He built WBET for the Boston Evening Transcript while still attending MIT. After his graduation, from 1927-1930, he served as Plant Manager WBZ-WBZA (Boston and Springfield.) From 1930 to 1936, he was New England Division Engineer on sound movies for Paramount theatres.



In 1928 Laurence Cumming was commissioned in the Naval Reserve as Lieutenant J. G. In the years 1936-1939, he was Radio Engineer for the Signal Corps, New England, until December of the latter year, when he received active duty orders from the Navy. His active duty as Engineer Officer included construction of power and communications equipment in Naval Air Stations at Quonset Point, R.I.; Argentia, Nfld; Iceland and Scotland. In 1942 he was ordered to the Combat Readiness Staff of Admiral E.J. King, and in 1943, to the development Staff of the Navy's first Guided Missile Team. During 1944-45, he was Engineering Officer developing Navy's Airborne Early Warning System, under Commander Lloyd Berkner, a past president of IRE. Commander Cumming retired from the Navy in September 1947. Larry Cumming married Adelaide Hawley, best known to television and radio audiences as Betty Crocker, in 1950. Mrs. Cumming is known to Institute personnel through her volunteer work at the IEEE Conventions.

Larry plans to continue actively as a Consultant. His old hobby, Ham Radio, is supplemented by other interests including hunting, sailing, and hiking. Undoubtedly he has sipped from the fountain of youth, because he continues to retain all the vigor with which he has become well-known to his many friends.

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

NEWS NOTES

MOVING STORY

Welcome to Mike Sosa who was transferred from Treasury to the Accounting Department.

JUDY O'DELL

Judy Cwiekalo, Student Branches, is being wined and dined in anticipation of her coming marriage on October 30 to Donald O'Dell, her childhood sweetheart.

TRAVELING

Christina Porter, Sections, is more than busy preparing for her coming vacation which she will spend in Europe with friends. She plans to go to England, Spain, Portugal and France.

WET WEST

Diana Shapiro, Membership, returned from her vacation spent on the West Coast. She ran into rain and snow during the entire trip and was glad to get back to balmy New York.

NO MIRAGE

Lydia Hines is back from retirement temporarily working in administration on the convention and elections activities.

PUERTO RICO BOUND

Millie Smith, Supervisor of the Coding Department, and Dolores Wright, Supervisor of the Servicing-Groups Department, are leaving for Puerto Rico on November 2 for two weeks vacation.

CONDOLENCES

This week Raymond Diaz, shipping, had the sad duty of preparing a wake and burial of a nephew whose family reside in Cuba and were unable to attend the funeral.

The nephew, Umberto Grijalba, died for his adopted country in Viet Nam. He was a native of Cuba who came to the U.S.A. at about the time of the Cuban Revolution.

UPLIFTED

Tony Canarozzi was appointed supervisor of the shipping department. We wish Tony the best in his new job. Congratulations also are in order to Tony on the birth of a 10-pound baby boy last month. The new baby is named Michael. Tony's first born son is 22 months old.

PAT SPEAKING

Pat Tuzzio, shipping, returned to work after a bout of virus.

THE HUNT IS OVER

Shiela Hunt, Gen. Serv., will be married to Ray Denis on October 23, at St. Jean Baptiste R.C. Church. They will spoon in the Poconos.

NOEMI ROMERO BLENDED

Noemi Romero became Mrs. Rico Torazo in a wedding on September 24.

NEW IEEE PEOPLE

We would like to welcome to the IEEE staff:

Eve Otto-Jewett	Educational Services
Blanch Chapin	General Servicing
Elizabeth Mc Carthy	General Servicing
Alfreda Donlon	General Servicing
Doris Mc Guire	General Servicing
Dorothy Orlando	JTAC
George Fitzpatrick	Printing

FAREWELL

We hereby extend our best wishes to the following people who have recently left IEEE.

Maria Crisci	General Servicing
Dolly Branley Learhy	General Servicing

THE GOURMET

What better way to end a delightful weekend than to sup delicately (after that big midday meal) and deliciously while huddled round the flickering eye, cheering the invincible Perry Mason on to foil another villain!

The perfect treat for that latish Sunday Eve Supper is Quiche! Quiche is French for cheese pie—but not at all like the Italian kind. This is light, custard textured, and looks like a real pie. Serve it with a crunchy toast (I recommend Thomas' Protein bread, well toasted, or English muffins), and/or a green salad, and pots of steaming coffee. All can be ready and served long before Mr. Burger figures out whom to prosecute! Here's how.

- Baked pie crust
- ½ pound bacon
- 3 lightly beaten eggs
- 1¾ cups light cream
- ¾ pound grated Swiss or Gruyere cheese
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- Dash cayenne
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese

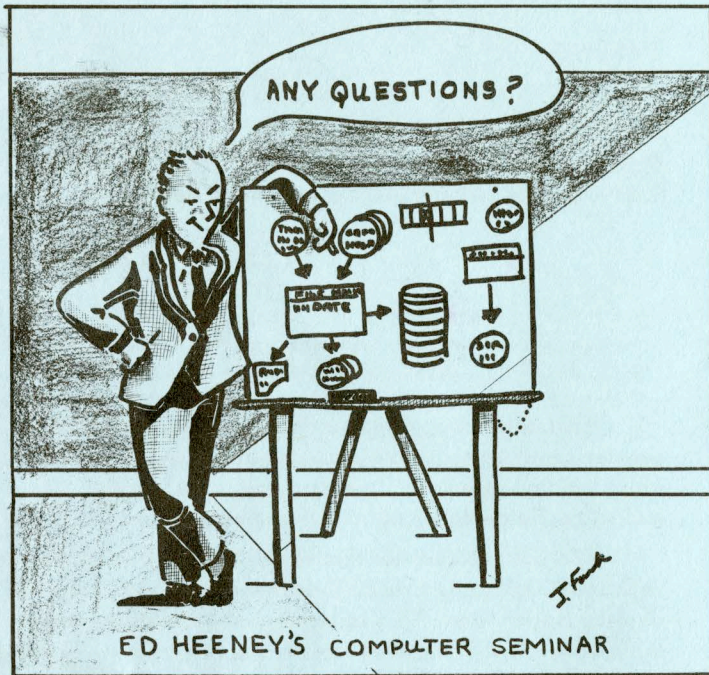
Lightly brown bacon, cut into small pieces, and drain. Sprinkle on pie shell. Combine eggs, cream, Swiss or Gruyere cheese, onion, salt, Worcestershire, cayenne. Mix well and pour into pie shell. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake at 325° for 50 minutes, or until golden brown and center is firm to touch. Let cool 10 minutes before serving. This is supposed to serve 6 to 8, but I find it perfect for four, especially if two or even one are hungry men.

Variations are many, and if you like this basically, you will enjoy experimenting according to taste with cherry tomatoes and green pepper (Quiche Jardiniere), ham, different cheeses, etc.

(Did you see that? Perry Mason just lost his case! What? You were too busy enjoying your Quiche to notice? And you think I'm putting you on? You'll never know...)

HOLIDAY NOTE:

The IEEE offices will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, and on Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day.



ED HEENEY'S COMPUTER SEMINAR

Joan Funk, secretary to Mr Keyes, submitted the above caricature in commemoration of the Computer seminar held recently at IEEE headquarters.

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

Winnie Marks (General Servicing)	October 2
Antoinette Grant (Coding)	October 5
Bett Brooks (Office Services)	October 7
Susi Stasny (Editorial)	October 7
Sheila Hunt (General Servicing)	October 11
Dolly Willin (Research)	October 14
Dorothe Lee (Coding)	October 16
Richard Moeller (Printing)	October 24
Shelly Sedlack (Research)	October 24
Rose Lauria (Research)	October 25
Steven Stalmack (Printing)	October 25
Pat Corcoran (Standards)	October 25
Kay Wallis (Editorial)	October 28
Rose Mary Zimic (Research)	October 29

Still looking for that Bird Dog as specified in last months INTERCOM.

X293 Rudy

The apartment in Jackson Heights to sublet still available.

X620 Cathy Jennings.

Halloween, that eerie eve which today is lightheartedly devoted to ghosts and goblins and such, is one of the very oldest of celebrations. The ancient Romans enjoyed some of the pleasurable aspects in a festival which included bobbing for apples. But for the Druids of early-day England, Halloween was much more fearful than fun. They seriously believed that witches and warlocks and other frightening creatures were wandering the earth on this night of horrors. It took the Irish, who have always been on rather good terms with the "little people," to inject a bit of good humor into this grim celebration. It was the Irish who gave us the jack-o'-lantern.

Gaelic legend has it that one Jack, an altogether wicked man as well as a notorious tippler, was confronted in a pub one dark Halloween night by Satan himself, come to claim poor Jack's soul. The Irishman soon proved to be as sly as he was mean, for he talked the Devil into converting himself into a sixpence to pay for "one last brew," and then Jack locked him neatly into a purse which just happened to be fastened by a silver cross. The Devil, rendered powerless by the sign of the cross, agreed to leave Jack alone for a year if he would release him.

Jack fully intended to mend his wicked ways in the year of grace. Alas, by the time the next Halloween rolled around, Jack's good intentions were lost in the misty, misty past. This time Satan wisely avoided the pub and instead encountered Jack as he was walking along a dark country lane.

This time the friendly if incorrigible Irishman suggested they stop for an apple from a nearby tree. The apples were out of reach, so Jack hoisted the Devil into the tree and, while he was merrily picking away, Jack whipped out a knife and slashed a cross on the trunk. This, of course, left Satan quite literally up a tree. To get down, he had to promise to leave Jack alone forever more.

All well and good, except that Jack died the following year. He appeared at the Pearly Gates where he was immediately recognized and turned away. Since there was no place else to go, he headed for his old adversary's abode. Satan, however, had had enough of wicked Jack. He refused him entry, but when Jack complained that he was having a terrible time seeing his way in the murky dark, the Devil tossed him a coal from the brimstone furnace. Jack popped the glowing coal into a turnip he happened to be munching, and this became Jack-o's lantern, which he uses to light his way in his incessant shufflings about the earth.

The Irish, kindly even to such wicked creatures as Jack-o, have helped out through the ages by lighting candles in carved-out turnips, potatoes and rutabagas. When many Irish immigrated to America in the nineteenth century, they brought the happy custom with them. Here they discovered that pumpkins made fine, bright jack-o'-lanterns.

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