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For those of us with hobbies, this has meant less time for our hobbies, less materials to work with and fewer tools with which to do that work. The New York Society of Model Engineers is no exception to that condition. Approximately half of our members are now serving in the various branches of the armed forces. Most of the rest of the membership are working long, hard hours in industries essential to the war effort. In all approximately 98% of the membership are actively engaged in defense work of one type or another.

Although we believe that an interesting hobby is more essential now for everyone than at any other time, we know that many materials normally used in our hobbies should not now be used for that non-essential purpose. For that reason there has not been the expansion in our Exhibition this year that our many friends have learned to expect.

Because of the many model makers who are not now able to exhibit their models, the number of models is less, but we believe the quality of those shown is better.

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The New York Society of Model Engineers is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a central meeting place where model makers of every description can meet others interested in the same or kindred subjects and exchange views and information.

While the Society is interested in all phases of model making, there are two major groups — the railroad group, and the marine group. In addition to these major groups, there are also members interested in live steam locomotives, stationary engines of various types, trolley cars, architectural models, and many other phases of model making. There is no formal division of membership, however, and any newcomer or member of the Society usually gravitates to that group in which his major interest lies. This flexible type of organization is well suited to the model maker whose interests may shift as his field of endeavor changes.

New members can find experts in almost every branch of model making ready and willing to help them solve their particular problem. The accumulated experience and knowledge of the members represents one of the Society's most valuable assets.

The tools in the well-equipped shop of the Society are available to qualified members without any additional obligation.

The officers and members of the Society extend a hearty welcome to those visiting our show. We hope that your visit will give you an insight into what model makers are accomplishing. We have attempted to assemble the best models from every field for your inspection.

Should you require aid or help with a problem, do not hesitate to call on any of our members for assistance.

Membership in the N.Y.S.M.E. is open to mature-minded model makers who are vitally interested in some phase of model making and who can devote some of their time to the practical benefit of the Society. Should you care to join the Society, additional details and information can be had at the office or from any member.

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Starting from the conventional loop, the UCON has continued to grow each year. While the growth in track layout has been small since the war began, many innovations are planned for the future. Indications are that the portion of the railroad now under construction will not be completed until about ten years after the war.

Visitors to the Society are apt to assume too readily that most of the members are professional craftsmen or technicians. Actually, membership is comprised of men in widely unrelated vocations, representing almost as many different fields of endeavor as represented by the personalities involved. The common meeting ground is simply one of hobby. There is a place for either the beginner or the experienced model maker in some phase of the activity of the railroad group. The pres ent layout represents the blending of numerous talents of a large group of members in an evolutionary manner over a long period of years.

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### Marine Activities

Because of the fame of the Union Connecting Railroad, many people are apt to assume that the N.Y.S.M.E. is a Model Railroad club. Such is not the case. It was actually started by a small group of steam and gas engine enthusiasts, many of whom installed these engines in small boat hulls to try them out under racing regulations. While the Railroad Group is probably better known to the public in general, the Marine Group of the Society is one of the outstanding model power boat groups in the United States.

The hobby of model speed boat racing was, until the war, gaining in popularity all over the country. Many rapid strides have been made in both hull and engine design. The small steam and internal combustion engines, which power these boats, develop about two and a half to three horse-power at approximately 12,000 to 15,000 rpm, producing almost phenomenal speeds. The highest official speed today is approximately 70 mph. Anyone at all familiar with boats will well realize the difficulties encountered in attaining such a speed.

The boats and engines are built and designed by their owners, who spend a great deal of their spare time in experiment and research for new ideas in design. The Society has provided a glass-sided tank, which may be seen in the shop, to be used in studying the slipstream of water flow around the hull of a racing boat as an aid in detecting errors in design.

Racing is in accordance with the American Model Power Boat Association rules and regulations. The boat is attached to one end of a stainless steel line, the other end of which is attached to a pole approximately sixty feet off shore, each boat being raced

separately in a circular course 105 feet in diameter. The first three laps are timed and the speed computed. Because of the intense competition, it has been found necessary to develop an electric timing mechanism for accurate timing of these laps.

The activities of the Marine Group differ from those of the Railroad Group in one basic principle. While the Railroad Group acts together as a group in the construction and operation of the railroad, in general the Marine Group acts as individuals in the design, construction and operation of their respective boats. Groups from this Society and other model power boat groups throughout the country get together at frequent intervals during the summer months to race their boats.

The oldest model power boat race in the United States is the Walter Elliott Memorial Race sponsored by the N.Y.S.M.E. in honor of its first president. This race is normally held on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. For the past few years, the lake in Bowne Park, Flushing has been used.

The objectives of the sport are to develop a power plant and hull design capable of attaining the maximum speed on water. Aside from the fact that the sport itself is thrilling and there is a certain amount of satisfaction to be gained in seeing your own creation perform as you hoped it would, there is the added benefit that the sport is conducted in the open. It also provides a certain amount of exercise in trying to start a balky motor.

Anyone interested in joining the activities of this group is invited to visit the Society's quarters Tuesday evenings at their usual meetings.

# Lociety Exhibit

The Annual Exhibition of the New York Society of Model Engineers comprises not only models made by members of the Society but also those made by its many friends in all branches of the model making field.

A special section of the exhibition area has been set aside to collect some of the more outstanding models which have been made by the members of the Society. A study of these models will give an indication of the wide range of activity in the Society and the variety of raw materials used in producing those models.

Part of this exhibit has been set up as "how-to-do-it" plaques. These plaques have been assembled in an attempt to partially answer the most popular question of the visitors at previous exhibitions of the New York Society of Model Engineers. "How do you make that?" We realize that it is an impossibility to make these plaques entirely self-explanatory. Therefore any member of the Society will be glad to answer questions regarding these plaques or any other part of the entire exhibit.

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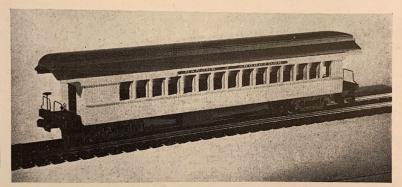
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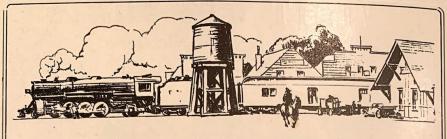
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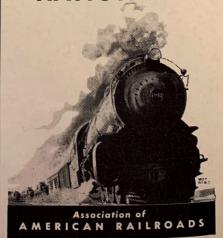
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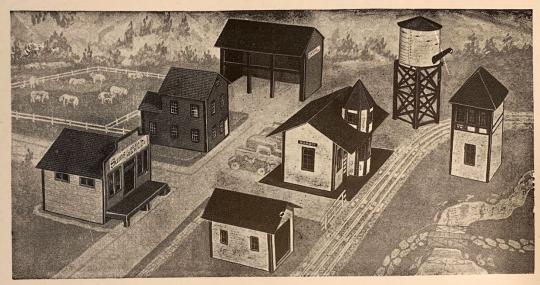
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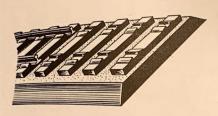


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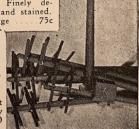
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