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The appointment of Houlder Hudgins, Vice President of Galen Van Meter, Inc., Financial Management Consultants, as Professor of Industrial Management in the School of Industrial Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was announced by Dean E. P. Brooks today.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, on May 22, 1900, Mr. Hudgins has had extensive business and industrial experience. He prepared for college at the Horace Mann School in New York, and was graduated from Cornell University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1923. From that year until 1927 he was instructor of Industrial Management and Accounting in the School of Engineering at Cornell University. From 1928 to 1932 he was assistant to the treasurer and successively controller, assistant general manager and merchandise manager of Mandel Brothers, a department store in Chicago. For five years beginning in 1933 he was manager of the Furniture and Home Furnishings Division of Montgomery Ward & Company. He left this firm to become President of Sloane-Blabon Corporation, manufacturers of linoleum in New York. Subsequently he became Chairman of the Board of Sloane-Blabon Corporation and Executive Vice President of Alexander Smith Carpet Company, its parent organization.

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From 1942 to 1944 Mr. Hudgins was on leave of absence for war service. He was Director of Purchases of the War Production Board and Vice Chairman of the Joint Board of Procurement Policy from 1942 to 1944 and for the ensuing two years he was Chairman of the Floor Covering Industry Advisory Committee of the War Production Board and the Office of Price Administration.

Other positions held by Mr. Hudgins are: Chairman of the McLain Trucking Company, 1945-1952; Director and member of the Executive Committee of Certainteed Products Corporation, 1939-1945; Director of Allied Overseas, Ltd., 1946-1948; President of Hudgins & Ratsey, Ltd., 1945-1950; Director and member of the Executive Committee of United Cigar-Whelan Stores Corporation, 1945-1953. He is now serving as Director and member of the Executive Committee of W. & J. Sloane, Inc.; and Director of Wilson Brothers, Inc. His service as Vice President of Galen Van Meter, Inc. began in 1953.

Mr. Hudgins is a member of the American Management Association, the American Ordnance Association, the Regional Planning Association, and the Newcomen Society of England. He is also a member of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club and the Cornell Club of New York, as well as a member of Alpha Chi Rho and Eta Mu Pi.

Aside from his business interests, Mr. Hudgins has been active in civic, church and social programs in Greenwich, Connecticut. He is widely known on the Atlantic Coast as a yachtsman, having served as Commodore of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club and as former Secretary of the Cruising Club of America. He is a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Essex Yacht Club, the Off-Soundings Club, and the Royal Swedish Yacht Club, as well as the North American Yacht Racing

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Union and the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound. He has participated in many ocean races, including those to Bermuda and Annapolis and the Off-Soundings Race, and has cruised extensively on the Atlantic Coast and in England.

In 1934 Mr. Hudgins married Miss Vallie K. Olson of Minot, North Dakota. They have a son, John W. Houlder Hudgins and a daughter, Llyssa V. Houlder Hudgins.

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