



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to inform you of the death of Ernest N. Gelotte, Associate Professor of Construction, Emeritus, on Sunday, August 7. A member of the Department of Architecture for 32 years before his retirement in 1963, he had provided effective liaison between that department and the Institute's Civil Engineering Department, with which he had earlier been associated for two years.

After his retirement he was named Lecturer, an appointment he held until his death.

Born in Quincy, Massachusetts on August 10, 1897, Professor Gelotte attended Quincy High School and was graduated from M.I.T. in 1923. He returned to the Institute in 1926 as Assistant in the Civil Engineering Department and was Instructor in that department a year later. He was named Instructor in the Architecture Department in 1930, Assistant Professor of Construction in 1937 and Associate professor in 1943.

Professor Gelotte's special field of interest was structural aspects of buildings and he made a substantial contribution to the M.I.T. teaching program through his imaginative appreciation of the relation of structures to architecture.

For many years, Professor Gelotte served as a consultant to an architectural firm in Springfield, Mass. From the mid-1940's until his death, he served on the Quincy Planning Board where rarely, if ever, did he miss a meeting. He was also active in the Masons and was a member of the Square and Compass Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Vera Ljungberg of Stockholm, Sweden, and two sons, both of whom are also M.I.T. alumni; Erik M. Gelotte of Watertown, Mass., now a staff member of the Instrumentation Laboratory and Karl O. Gelotte, a member of the faculty of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York. Professor Gelotte also is survived by a sister, Miss Anna Gelotte. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wickens & Troupe Funeral Home in Quincy.

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