

HISTORY OF
MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING
AND AIR CONDITIONING ENGINEERS
REGION VII

EARLY HISTORY

The Mississippi chapter of ASHRAE was chartered on May 25, 1953. The charter having been approved by the society council in April of the same year. The Mississippi chapter with headquarters in Jackson became the 53rd local chapter chartered by the society. The charter was signed by Reg F. Taylor of Houston, Texas, the society President, and A.V. Hutchinson, Executive Secretary of New York, New York.

The receipt of the charter was the culmination of months of organizational activity in Mississippi. The organization was a success due to the leadership efforts of Burt Lomax, Jr., I.E. Rowe, James E. Davis, Jr., W.H. Lambeth, James G. Coleman, Forrest North, Owen Rogers, Bill Piatt, F.L. Cooper, Stuart Thomas, C.L. Nicholson, and Tom Dent.

The first organizational meeting was held on March 24, 1952 at which time Burt Lomax was elected to serve as Chairman. Burt, at the April meeting, appointed a membership committee and a program committee. Those assembled set the fourth Monday of each month as the established meeting date for the group.

The meeting at which the Mississippi chapter's charter was presented was held at The Walthall Hotel in Jackson on May 25, 1953. Distinguished guest included:

Reg F. Taylor, President, A.S.H.V.E.
Robert Young, President, Mississippi Society of Professional
Engineers
Walter Cooke, President, Delta Chapter (New Orleans)
A.G. Holmes, Professor M.E., Mississippi State University

The charter was presented to the new chapter by Reg F. Taylor, and it was accepted by Burt Lomax on behalf of the Mississippi chapter. Officers of the chapter were:

Burt Lomax, President
I.E. Rowe, Vice President
James G. Coleman, Secretary
Robert Porter, Board of Governors
Ray Vernon, Board of Governors
Jim Taylor, Board of Governors

Charter members were: Burt Lomax, I.E. Rowe, W.H. Lambeth, James E. Davis, James G. Coleman, Robert Porter, Ray Vernon, Tom Dent, James Taylor, John Doggett, L.J. Beasley, Forrest North, Tom Curtis, Don Urqhart, Gene Price, Raymond Craig, Murrell Knipp, Carl Whaley, Bowden L. Palmer, Charlie Broad, Stuart Thomas, F.L. Cooper, T. Stephen, Bill Piatt, J.B. Edwards, Bruns Meyers, J.R. Rayburn, A.E. Bradley, A.H. Walters, R.S. Munford, and Owen Rogers.

PRESIDENTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
CHAPTER FROM 1953 THROUGH 1989

1952-53	Burt Lomax, Jr.	1971-72	Denny Terry
1953-54	I.E. Rowe	1972-73	James Storey
1954-55	James E. (Jack) Davis	1973-74	Larry Miller
1955-56	Bowden L. Palmer	1974-75	Frank Krause
1956-57	John Doggett	1975-76	J.R. Dickson
1957-58	Thad Luke	1976-77	Leroy Cooper
1958-59	Don Ingram	1977-78	David S. Butler
1959-60	Forrest H. North	1978-79	Jim Snider
1960-61	William D. Fortner	1979-80	Doug Palmer
1961-62	C.E. Strahan, Jr.	1980-81	Brenda McManus
1962-63	Jerald Beasley	1981-82	Robert Perry
1963-64	W. Frank King	1982-83	Tom Ward
1964-65	George Fenten	1983-84	Del Taylor
1965-66	Nelson Douglas	1984-85	Pat Nelson
1966-67	Gene Price	1985-86	Ray Nalty
1967-68	Orrin Swayze	1986-87	Tom Longcrier
1968-69	Bill Pope	1987-88	Bernie Steen
1969-70	James N. Busby	1988-89	Charles Catledge
1970-71	W.E. Austin	1989-90	Norman Ford

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE CHAPTERS HISTORY

- 1953 Received society charter
- 1953 Visit by society President, Reg F. Taylor
- 1954 Mississippi chapter writes society recommending merging of A.S.H.V.E. with A.S.R.E.
- 1955 Mississippi chapter visited by John W. James, first Vice President of the society
- 1958 Mississippi chapter votes to approve merger of A.S.H.V.E. and A.S.R.E.
- 1960 Burt Lomax elected to serve as Regional Director
- 1961 John Everetts, society President and Frank Faust, Vice President, visited the Mississippi chapter
- 1961 Mississippi chapter host CRC for the first time
- 1963 Gerald Beasley was elected to serve as Regional Director
- 1965 Burt Lomax served as Chairman for Region VII CRC held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 1968 Student chapters were established at Mississippi State University and Hinds Junior College
- 1974 Region VII holds CRC in Jackson for the second time. William Weathersby served as Chairman of the event for the chapter
- 1975 Mississippi chapter establishes four scholarships at Mississippi State University and Hinds Junior College
- 1978 An eventful year for the Mississippi chapter:
*Mississippi chapter establishes 14 week basic air conditioning courses in Jackson Public Schools
*Chapter begins publication of "The Southern Breeze"
*David S. Butler was elected to his first regional office; that of Vice Chairman, Education Region VII
- 1980 David S. Butler was elected Region VII Chairman at the CRC in Mobile, Alabama
- 1980 Brenda McManus, who was elected President of the Mississippi chapter, became the first female to hold this office in the history of the society
- 1981 Mississippi chapter is host to Region VII CRC. Tony Ansley acted as Chairman of the event for the chapter. Richard P. Perry, society President from Van Couver, Canada was in Jackson for the occasion

- 1984 David S. Butler was elected Director at large for the society
- 1986 Mississippi chapter established student chapter at The University of Southern Mississippi
- 1987 David S. Butler was elected Vice President of the society
- 1987 Del Taylor was appointed to serve as Regional Historian for Region VII
- 1988 David S. Butler was elected President Elect of the society. Louis F. Flagg, President of Society visited the Mississippi chapter.
- 1989 David S. Butler becomes President of the Society with inauguration ceremonies in Van Couver, Canada. He became the first Mississippian to hold this office. Del Taylor appointed to membership of the Historical Committee of the society.

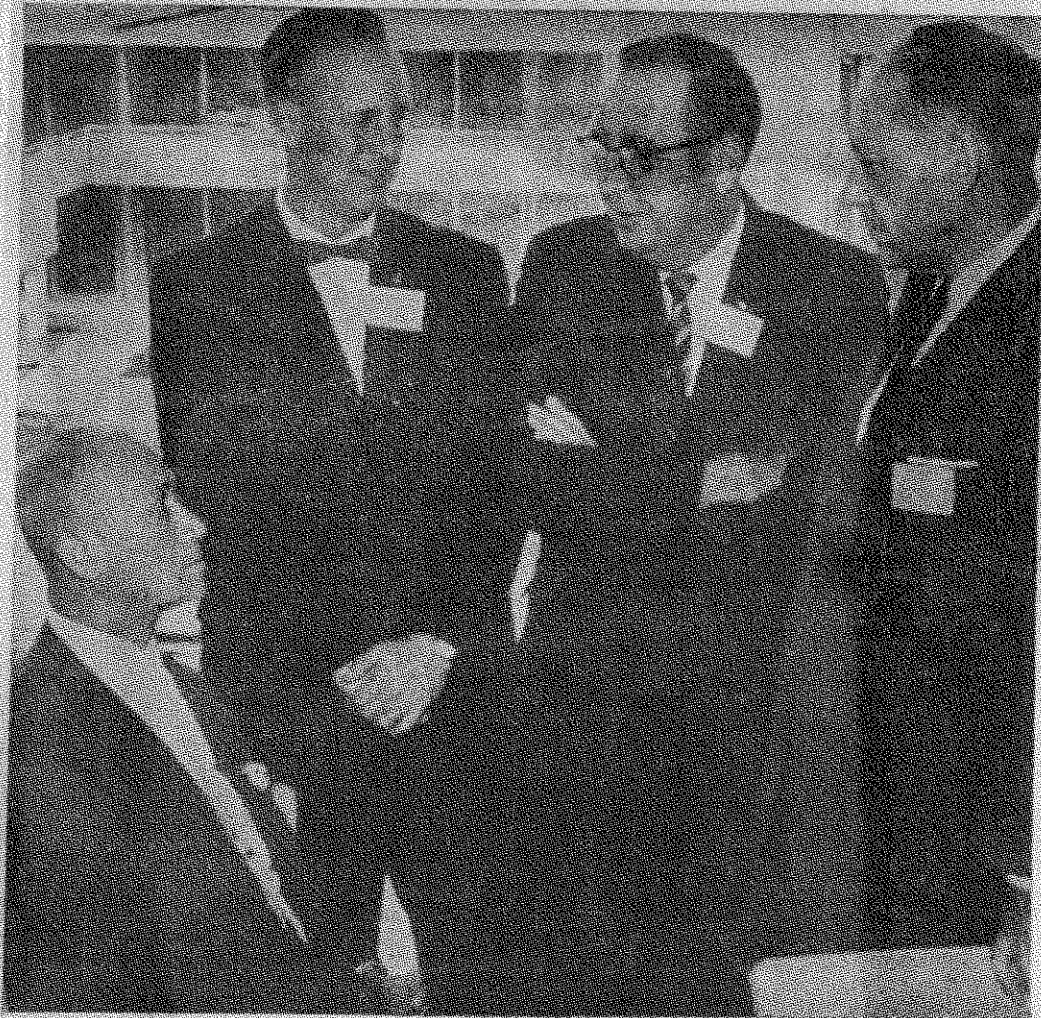
AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

1978	Red Presidential Award of Excellence
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1980	Red Presidential Award of Excellence
1981	Star Presidential Award of Excellence
1982	Star Presidential Award of Excellence
1983	Star Presidential Award of Excellence
1984	Silver Honor Roll Presidential Award of Excellence
1985	Silver Honor Roll Presidential Award of Excellence
1986	Silver Honor Roll Presidential Award of Excellence
1987	Red Presidential Award of Excellence
1988	Red Presidential Award of Excellence
1989	Star Presidential Award of Excellence

In 1985, The Region VII, David J. Levine award was presented to Pat Nelson, Chapter President, in recognition of the Mississippi chapter placing first in Region VII in P.A.O.E. points. The Mississippi chapter ranked seventh in society for the year.

CRC - JACKSON 1961

State Times, Jackson, Miss. Tues., Nov. 7, 1961



ENGINEERS MEET—The regional meeting of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers met here Monday at the Sun-N-Sand Motel. Participating were (from left) John Everetts Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., na-

tional president; Burt Loamx, Jackson, regional director; C. E. Strahan, Jackson, president of Mississippi Chapter; and Frank Faust, national vice president, Tyler, Tex.

(Staff Photo by Bart Parker)



Attend convention

Tony Ansley, right, Rankin County resident and chairman of the upcoming southeastern regional conference of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) discusses plans for the upcoming conference with Rob Perry, left, president of the Mississippi Chapter. ASHRAE is a technical society of 45,000 members organized to advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. The conference is slated for Oct. 15 through 17 at the Jackson Downtown Holiday Inn.

Local man chairs air engineer's meeting

The Mississippi Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) will host the annual ASHRAE southeastern regional conference, according to Tony Ansley, Rankin County resident and conference chairman, and Rob Perry, president of the local ASHRAE chapter.

The conference is slated for Oct. 15 through 17 at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Heading the list of

scheduled speakers will be Richard P. Perry, president of Perry Engineering, Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia.

Perry is currently serving as vice president of ASHRAE, a technical society of 45,000 members organized to advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration.

Also scheduled for technical seminars are Pat Patton, director of engineering, Union

Carbide, Dave Flettrich, Flettrich Engineering Service, and Dr. Glennon Maples, Auburn University.

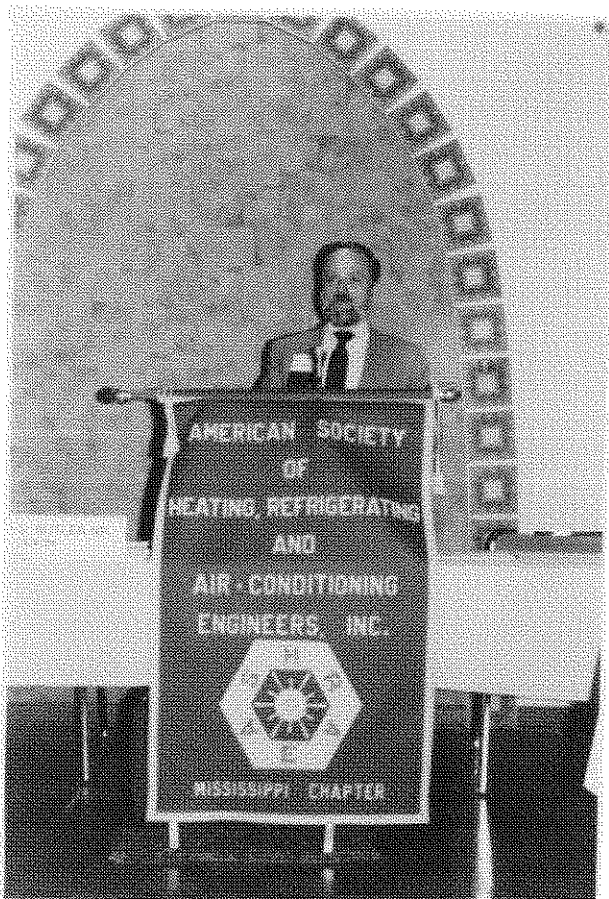
Other members of the committee planning the conference are Tim Jones, Ray Nalty, Sharon Butler, Jim Snider, Pat Nelson, Tommy Ward, Bill Pope, David Dickerson, Del Taylor, Charles Williams, Charles Catledge and Devere McLennon.

The conference will conclude on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m.

CRC - JACKSON 1981



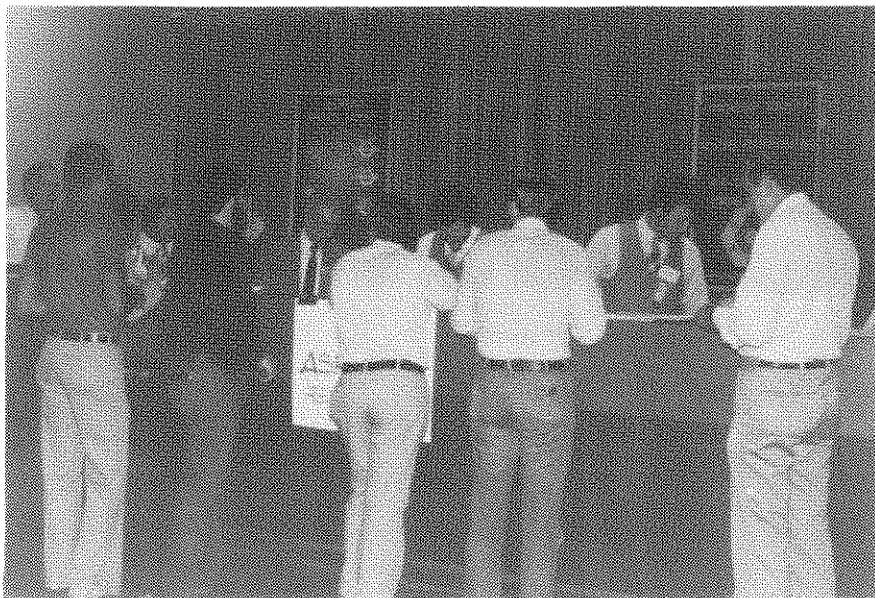
CRC TREASURER, RAY NALTY,
HELPS OUT AT THE REGISTRATION
DESK.



DAVID BUTLER, CHAIRMAN, REGION VII,
CALLS THE BUSINESS SESSION TO
ORDER.



PLANNING STARTED EARLY EACH DAY WITH COFFEE AT THE HOTEL.



CONFERENCE CHECK IN WENT WITHOUT A HITCH.



CRC CHAIRMAN, TONY ANSLEY AND HIS WIFE AT THE HEAD TABLE.

Butler installed as 1989-90 ASHRAE President

David S. Butler, Sr., P.E., president, Engineering Resource Group, Inc., a Jackson, Mississippi, consulting engineering firm, was installed as the 1989-90 president at the Society's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.

An ASHRAE member since 1968, Butler is a member of the Mississippi Chapter, and during the 1970s he held all major offices, including president for the 1976-77 term. He received the Region VII Award of Merit in 1978 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1987.

Butler has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1981. Last year as president-elect he served as chairman of the Region Council and the President-Elect Advisory Committee.

Previously, he was vice chairman for education from 1978-1981 and chairman and director of Region VII from 1980-81.

ASHRAE: Volunteers Advancing Environmental Technology

During his inaugural address, President Butler outlined ASHRAE's theme for the upcoming year.

"My objective as your president this next year is to emphasize the volunteer aspect of ASHRAE while giving equal billing to what you, the volunteers do—advance environmental technology.

"As we enter the decade of the 90s and approach the 21st century, we in ASHRAE must renew our efforts to continue to strive to bring forth new technological advancements; advancements that not only

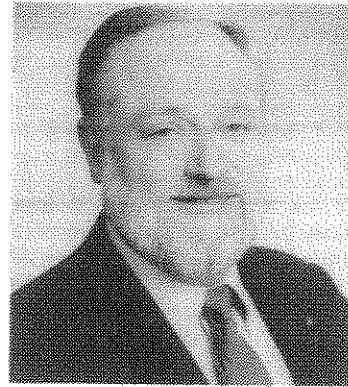
address national issues, but, equally important, global issues. Issues that not only impact our member's ability to live and work and play in a healthy environment, but the general public as well.

"I believe these five issues—living and working in a global economy, energy conservation, indoor air quality, and outdoor air quality—are the major issues that we must deal with during the decade of the 90s and perhaps on into the 21st century. They will present unprecedented challenges to our industry, ASHRAE and the world—these challenges are great opportunities for ASHRAE to advance environmental technology to better serve future generations.

"What can we as a society possibly do about problems of such magnitude and complexity? Very simply expressed, what we have been doing and what we are doing now! But we must expand and intensify our efforts in the areas of research, standards, handbooks and continuing education for our members.

"With the emphasis directed towards these issues, we must be innovative and we must reach out beyond our usual horizons, we must 'stretch the envelope' for this is truly an age when the only way of really discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible!

"Who is going to venture past the possible into the impossible? This answer is simple—the very same committed, dedicated, member volunteers and professional staff members of ASHRAE who have unselfishly and untiringly led the



David S. Butler, Sr.
ASHRAE President

way in HVAC & R technology for the past 95 years!

"I dare say, there is no technical society on this earth that can look at the heritage of their predecessors with the sense of pride and accomplishment that ASHRAE members can.

"Many of our members, lacking the ability to become personally involved in our efforts, nonetheless, have recognized this same obligation. They have discharged this debt by joining with us and supporting our efforts to conduct research, disseminate technology and preserve our heritage.

"We in ASHRAE have a vast and challenging job to do. While we can't even hope to do it alone, and must have the help of men of good will in every calling, without us it could never happen at all. The very foundation of HVAC & R technology would be lacking and the new world of men's dreams—would be only words."

Minutes of Meeting

3/24/52

7:00 PM, Edithall Hotel, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Burt Lomax served as temporary chairman, and called the meeting to order. After a few brief remarks about the purpose of the meeting and the organization, the subject of a name for the organization was entered. It was decided by the assembly that the organization be called "The Committee for the Formation of a Mississippi Chapter of the ASH&VE.

The officers of the organization were then elected. They ~~XXX~~ are: Burt Lomax, by acclimation; James Coleman, Sec., by vote, and James Taylor, by vote, treasurer.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the Committee on April 28th. During the discussion of the motion, the subject of regular meeting dates was brought up. After deciding the motion on the floor, Chairman Lomax appointed Mr. Frou, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Dent as a committee to take a poll and report of the members preference. Mr. Frou was appointed Chairman of this committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS

April 28, 1952

Report of Meeting.

Attendance: 22 members, 1 guest.

Meeting was opened by Chairman Lomax.

First item discussed was the formation of a program committee. A motion was introduced directing the chairman to appoint a program committee, and was carried. Chairman then appointed the following members to the program committee, and also directed that they arrange to have a speaker at the next meeting, and also to make a report at the next meeting concerning the availability of speakers: W. Lambeth, Chairman.

Owen Rogers
Stuart Thomas
I. E. Rowe.

Mr. Stuart Thomas then suggested that the Regional V.P. be contacted with reference to our application for membership.

A report was given by the committee assigned on the members' preference of permanent meeting night. A motion was carried to have the committee's regular monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, except under conditions which might require a change.

A discussion then followed about the advisability of the members of the committee applying for membership in the national organization before chapter is accepted.

A motion was introduced and carried directing the chairman to appoint a membership committee. Mr. Lomax made the following appointments for this committee:

Mr. Chantes, Chairman
F. L. Cooper
W. Piatt
G. L. Nicholson

The meeting was adjourned.