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THOMAS H. WICKENDEN

Thomas H. Wickenden has served as Vice President of The International Nickel Company, Inc., since December, 1947, and Manager of the Company's Development and Research Division since August, 1943. He joined the Company in August, 1922, when he was placed in charge of developments in the automobile field for International Nickel's Development and Research Division in New York, and in 1931 was appointed Assistant Manager of the Division.

Well known in engineering circles in the automotive industry, Mr. Wickenden was in charge of engineering at Studebaker Corporation's South Bend plant from 1913 to 1920, and later did consulting work for the Chrysler Corporation in a metallurgical capacity. Numerous inventions connected with the use of nickel in cast iron are credited to him and his papers and engineering data sheets on the use of nickel in steel and cast iron have been widely published in trade journals.

In addition to his affiliation with International Nickel, Mr. Wickenden is a Director of the Associates Investment Company, of South Bend, Indiana.

Mr. Wickenden was born in 1888, a member of a pioneer Toledo, Ohio, family, and son of the late Thomas R. Wickenden and Ida Consaul Wickenden. His father was a Toledo city engineer and supervised the construction of the power dam at the Maumee River, Defiance, Ohio. Mr. Wickenden attended Denison University in Granville, Ohio, from 1906 to 1909, and the University of Michigan from 1911 to 1913 from which institution he graduated with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree. While at the University of Michigan he was elected to the Sigma Fri and Phi Epsilon fraternities. Mr. Wickenden now resides at Short Hills, New Jersey.

He married the former Dee F. Shuman of Covington, Ohio, daughter of William C. Shuman and Eugene Shuman. They have two children, Thomas C. Wickenden, M.D., of Hyde Park, N. Y., and Mary Jane (Mrs. Vincent Scofield), of Short Hills, N. J. Mr. Wickenden is a brother of Dr. Arthur Wickenden, author and director of religious education, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The late Dr. William Wickenden, former President of Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio, was another brother.

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Mr. Wickenden is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, American Society for Mechanical Engineers, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the American Society for Metals. He served as a member of Iron Alloys Committee of The Engineering Foundation which has published the Alloys of Iron Research Monograph Series. He is a member of the following clubs: The City Midday Club, N. Y., The Downtown Athletic Club, N. Y., Short Hills Club, Short Hills, N. J., Awosting Yacht and Country Club, N. J., and the North River Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons. His hobbies are sailing and navigation.