I am not certain that the beet-sugar industry should establish a separate research organization for this work. Such an organization offers many problems. I do, however, strongly recommend a further study by the society of the establishment by the industry of a coordinating research project.

As you well know, the beet-sugar industry in this country has established a precedent of working together in the field of agriculture. Certainly the development of mechanization of sugar-beet operations has been greatly accelerated and advanced by the project sponsored by the U. S. Beet Sugar Association. This association, after careful study, selected an established research organization, with capable leadership and equipped with buildings and machines, to carry on the beet-machinery project. You know something of the success of the project, which is being directed by Professor II. B. Walker, our most able general program chairman. You will learn more of the project during these meetings.

In undertaking this work, the industry has recognized the necessity of combined effort to solve the beet-machinery problem. I firmly believe that the industry should and will pool its efforts in an attempt to make further progress in the problems of increased production, if a definite and logical program is developed.

This is our challenge.

## **Old Timers**

## FRED G. TAYLOR<sup>1</sup>

It seems proper to record a report of a dramatic incident that occurred at the banquet, in which special recognition was given and tribute paid to those present who had been employed in the sugar industry for 40 or more years.

The toastmaster, Fred G. Taylor, referred to the presence of several men whom he characterized as Old Timers, and, calling them by name, asked them to present themselves at the speaker's stand and be introduced.

Henry A. Vallez of Isabella Sugar Company, was introduced as the Dean of Beet-Sugar Technologists, having been engaged in the business for 54 years—"and still going strong."

The toastmaster expressed happy recollections of having come under the benign influence of Superintendent Vallez at Lehi, 43 years ago, when he went there as a student sugar boiler.

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Mark Austin was the next in terms of length of association with the industry, he having served an even 50 years. Mark was introduced as one of the pioneer stalwarts of sugar-beet agriculture of America.

Then were introduced in the order of the lengths of their employment, the following: Charles L. Pioda, Spreckels; Fred G. Taylor, Utah-Idaho; Frank S. Ingalls, Utah-Idaho; N. R. McCreery, Great Western; Wm. F. Schmitt, Great Lakes; R. L. Howard, Utah-Idaho; J. W. Bressler, American Crystal.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Keane then presented each with a boutonniere, and the toastmaster, himself an old timer, made the following comment:

It is a matter of particular pride and satisfaction to me that I should be permitted to introduce to you this fine group of veterans of the sugar industry. I immodestly include myself in all the compliments I may pay to them. Each has given an average of nearly a half century of service to this industry and surely looks capable of service for years to come.

Someone has facetiously said: "It is given man to be born but once, but many men die twice. The date engraved on a man's tombstone does not always mark the true date of his death; it may only be the date on which society took official notice of his passing. He may have, to all intents and purposes of usefulness, been dead for years."

Someone else, however, said truthfully and reverently: "The valiant die but once!" And you, my fellows, I know, are of the valiant I

My heart-felt wish for you is that each may find the future, that is left to him, as interesting as has been his past. My last and greatest wish is that you may "die but once!" To each and all of you, I say, Godspeed in all your efforts!