FACULTY'S NEW FACILITIES

COHEN HOUSE RENOVATION ADDS SPACE, CONVENIENCE

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KEEPING PACE with the rest of the new developments on the Rice campus, remodeled Cohen House has been formally opened for the use of faculty members.

The new addition to Cohen House along with its furnishings was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. George S. Cohen, longtime benefactor of the Rice Institute. The original building, which was constructed in 1927, was also the gift of Mr. Cohen in honor of his parents and was named Robert and Agnes Cohen House.

APPROXIMATELY 6,500 square feet has been added to the original 7,100 square feet of floor area. The entire building has been air-conditioned, and the old portion has been re-decorated to harmonize with the new. The result is a comfortable atmosphere that retains the traditions and dignity of the Faculty Club. Eighteen ceramic medallions by Mr. McVey, a former Rice student, portraying Dr. Lovett and Dr. Houston, among others, will be placed around the dining room.

THE ADDITION to Cohen House means that 350 people can now be served where only 50 could be accommodated before. The approximate cost for the new facilities and furniture is $260,000.

MR. COHEN'S interest in Rice began with the student body and athletic program, and he financially assisted the budding Physical Education Department. He has been one of the contributors to and has served on the loan committee of the Rice Institute Student Loan Fund. But he finally decided that the faculty needed the most help.

MR. COHEN'S father and mother were approaching seventy years old; he wanted to do something to mark the event. Discussing the matter with Dr. J. Willis Slaughter, then head of the department of sociology, and Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, then president, Mr. Cohen realized the need for a faculty building on campus.

In 1927 Cohen House was constructed—the first building to be erected by private funds other than those of the Rice family. And at that time, a faculty club on the campus and owned by the university was a new idea. Mr. Cohen and his father were made honorary members of the Faculty Club and the 1928 Campanile was dedicated to him.

Many years later, having noticed the tremendous growth of (Continued on Page 2)
the faculty, Mr. Cohen announced the gift of the new addition to Cohen House on his 70th birthday in 1955.

BORN NOVEMBER 14, 1885, in Galveston, Mr. Cohen attended BALL HIGH and later Peekskill Military Military Military Military Academy in New York. He and his father purchased Foley’s in 1917. Not very long ago, he sold Foley’s to Federated Department Stores; but he still maintains an office on Foley’s executive floor as chairman of the board of officers.