



## MARSHALL DAVID

FIRM: BOSTON GAS COMPANY

BORN: LOWELL, MASS. 1905

EDUCATION: LOWELL HIGH; M.I.T.

If an annual "Good Guy" award were voted each year in New England, it would probably be ruled---NO CONTEST, for the winner for the past 25 years just may have been Marshall S. David of the Boston Gas Company. Not to say that Mr. David's success is wholly attributed to his personality (he is a graduate of M.I.T.), but much of his value in business has been his ability to get along with and work with others. As he puts it, "Ever since I played baseball at college and in the sand lots and then umpired, I have believed in the importance of team work."

David joined the Gas Company in 1929 at the height of the depression when one was lucky to have any employment. He was the first to be hired in the firm's "Cadet Training Program". In the early '30's he was placed in responsibility of finding a suitable site for new headquarters. After researching the situation suited to their needs, Marshall selected land in Jamaica Plain.

Between 1941 and 1946, David spent 31 months overseas with U.S. Ordnance, eventually in charge of 8,500 men throughout France and Germany. He landed on beaches in Italy, Africa and Balcan. In a soon-to-be-published book on the history of the Ordnance Department, five chapters refer to Marshall by name.

"When area development became so obviously important they asked me to take charge of this new department in 1960. I have to admit I knew little if anything about the field when I started, but I feel I have a pretty good group around me now, especially my assistant, Bob Darpisnero."

Marshall is married with a Masters Degree son working with Dupont. A member of numerous industrial development and business associations, David is active in most of them and was named a director of the Society of American Engineers. Covering 21 cities and towns keeps David pretty busy, but he occasionally finds time for his favorite pastime - gardening.