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The Armour Man

For about a third of a century, the Armour Institute of Technology has been distinguishing itself in the field of engineering education. Its position today is one distinctly preeminent. During this period, it has been turning out—not in mill fashion, let it here be said, a product of excellent quality. The name of that product is, familiarly, the ARMOUR MAN. His species has been rapidly increasing, so that now he may be found in all parts of the world, and at works that bring honor to himself and credit to the institution of which he is a graduate. The judgment of that man is sure, his vision broad, his execution decisive. Oddly, too, he is a dreamer. But he is the dreamer whom Thoreau mentions in Walden,—that man who builds castles in the air, where castles belong, who builds at the same time on a firm foundation. He is the pathfinder, the roadmaker, the bridge-builder. And the man and this Institute are inseparably linked.

Now, let it not be thought that this is mere editorial enthusiasm. These are facts that are being constantly brought home to us. Evidence may be had on every hand. The most recent affirmation is to be found in an invitation from the Public Utilities Committee on Co-operation with Educational Institutions, an invitation extended to members of our Faculty and to our upper classmen to spend as its guests a day of inspection of the great industries,—those vast public utilities this Committee represents, and at its conclusion, a banquet. This invitation has been extended the Armour Institute of Technology because the Committee believes, on cumulative evidence, in the worth of our Institution and its students. If it means anything, it certainly means just that.

Here, then, are an opportunity, a rare opportunity, and a responsibility. The ARMOUR MAN is the man who will appreciate both.

Good Scholarship Pays!

That good scholarship at college is an achievement worth striving for has again been emphasized by an investigation conducted by President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. In a survey made upon all the employees of the A. T. & T. Co., Mr. Gifford found it to be an invariable rule that the man who made his mark in college was the man who was making his mark in business, and conversely, that the man who ranked low in his classes has ranked low since. His findings are based on a study of 3,806 men. Of these 1,468 graduated in the middle third of their classes, and the median man's earnings in this group, by the time he is thirty years out of college, is somewhat less than two-thirds that of the median man among those in the first tenth of their classes.

The men in the highest third of their classes had a correspondingly higher average salary, but still not nearly as high as that of the men who were in the first tenth.

The 784 men who graduated in the lowest third of their classes have earned by far the least.

This investigation simply marks another significant proof of a fact long known to be true. If a similar survey should be made upon Armour men, the result would undoubtedly be the same.

The student, then, who conscientiously studies and attains a berth in the upper section of his class is doing a wise thing. The odds are very much in favor of his attaining equal success later in his chosen field of work.

Inquiring Reporter

In order better to express the views of the student body, the News with this issue is featuring an "Inquiring Reporter" column. The question for this week is:

"What is your opinion of the new school paper?"

Thomas McArdle, '31, C. E.: "It's a keen idea, and the first issue sure was of first class quality. I'm sure the rest of the Freshman class agrees with me in this opinion, too. If the paper had been here last fall it would not have taken as long for some of us to become acquainted."

J. P. Edstrand, '29, C. E.: "I think it's the nuts. It's just what we need around here to get a little pep floating around."

Professor Bibb, Mathematics Department: "In a little school in South Dakota which I attended we published a paper every day—but that was a bit too often. I think the weekly idea is just about right for a school of this size. It certainly helps to bring the students and faculty together. I'm all in favor of it."

J. E. Higgins, '30, M. E.: "Oh, it will be all right in time."

George Moore, '30, F. P. E.: "I believe it to be a very good thing. There shouldn't be any question of it not being a success, especially after everyone has seen how good the first issue was. If high schools have successful weekly papers, I'm sure Armour can, and as for circulation, putting a lot of personal notes in it always is a big help. After all it is very gratifying to see one's name in print."

Professor Paul, Professor of Mechanics: "The first issue of the Armour Tech News is one of the cleanest and finest student publications I have ever seen. The staff is to be congratulated. Keep up the good work."

J. R. Marcus, '29, M. E.: "So far it seems pretty good. Hope it continues."

Bernard Hau, '30, E. E.: "To tell the truth I haven't read it yet. You can print anything you want to for me."

George L. Scherger, Professor of History and Political Science: "My heartiest congratulations to the staff of the 'Armour Tech News' on the splendid appearance of the first number! It is the equal of any college paper I know of. I sincerely hope that the new venture will meet with the best success. It certainly deserves the enthusiastic co-operation of every member of the faculty and of the student body. The Alumni likewise will enjoy such a publication. It will prove one of the best means of stimulating pride in our school and if the work is kept up to the high standard set by the first number will reflect great credit on our institution."

Automobile Students Visit Service Station

On Wednesday, April 11, Prof. Roesch's classes in automobile engineering were permitted, through the courtesy of Mr. Waterman, to inspect the modern service station of the Oakland Motor Co., located at the corner of Prairie Ave. and 33rd St. Both mechanicals and non-mechanicals made the trip, which was chiefly for the purpose of seeing the Cowdrey brake testing and adjusting apparatus. This machine is one of the latest types of brake equalizers. For the benefit of the class several new and used cars were demonstrated on this machine. Other parts of the station were inspected and modern service methods explained.

The Western Society of Engineers will hold its Spring Smoker at the Delta Tau Delta house on April 25, 1928, at 8 P. M. A very novel program has been arranged for it, something different!

Schommer's Mother Critically Ill

Mrs. Herman H. Becker, 66, step-mother of Professor John J. Schommer, athletic director, is critically ill at the St. Francis Hospital. She has been sick for the last two years, and for the last six weeks she has grown steadily worse. An operation became imperative, because of her advanced age complications set in, and recovery is deemed impossible. Since Professor Schommer's father and mother are dead, and since he has no brothers or sisters, he has been very close to his step-mother. The News staff extends its deepest sympathy to Professor Schommer.

It is with regret that the News announces the death of Prof. Harry McCormack's father, who died Wednesday morning at his home in Koskonong, Missouri. Prof. McCormack was called to his father's bedside early in the week and hence was unable to attend the St. Louis convention of the American Chemical Society, as he had planned. He will return to Chicago Saturday. The News staff, in behalf of the faculty and student body, extends its deepest sympathy.

Mr. Paul Neslon to Speak at Press Club Meeting

Members of the ARMOUR TECH NEWS staff should not fail to attend the meeting of the Press Club, to be held next Thursday, April 20, at 11:30 in Science Hall. Mr. Paul B. Nelson, who is editor-in-chief of the "Scholastic Editor," well known publication which has for its purpose the improvement of high school and college publications, will be the speaker. He will not only give the members helpful criticism on how to improve the general appearance and make-up of the paper, but will also give much first class instruction on how a news article should be written. Mr. Nelson is also a member of the Art Crafts Guild.

All contributors to the News, and any others interested, are urged to be present at this meeting, whether they are members or not. However, those who are not members of the Club as yet should make out an application immediately and drop in the News box, which will be placed in the Main Hall next Monday.

Prof. Henry Penn Gives Illustrated Talk at W.S.E.

Professor Henry Penn gave a very interesting illustrated and non-technical talk on "An Eight Track and Other Bridges" yesterday at the meeting of the Western Society of Engineers in Room B, Mission. His lecture was principally on the details of operation and construction of the four double track Scherzer bridge. This type of bridge operates on the principle of a bridge truss balanced on a wheel, thereby giving the advantage of a clear span and a large clearance for river traffic. The engineering problems of erection, illustrations of steel connections, details of the lifting machinery, and other factors concerning the operation and construction of the Scherzer rolling lift bridges were well brought out by the illustrations. Slides were also shown of several other types of bridges, including the rustic, cantilever, and suspension bridges.

At the bi-weekly meeting of the F. P. E. S. yesterday at 11:30 A. M., Mr. Harry M. Melville, of the Insurance Company of North America, addressed the members on the subject of "Marine Insurance." All the "Fire Protectors," and especially the Juniors, who just recently took up the subject of Marine Insurance in Prof. Finnegan's class, reported that the meeting was one of the most interesting and instructive of the season.

:: "THE SLIPSTICK" ::
Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let the Slipstick fly where it may.

"THA 18TH OF APRIL '75"

Listen my chilern, an you shall here,
of tha midnite ride of Paul Rever.
Hardly a man is now alive,
who remembers that famous day an year.

One if by land, and two if by sea
an I on tha opposite shore well be.
So Paul ups and spansk tha old gray mare
and away they went to do and dare—(horatio alger).

So tha hay-burner pulls up at tha first farmhouse.
Knock! Knock! Knock! Knock! "Who's thar" they said,
"Tis I tha dook, that got thee outa bed,"
"Away dook 'ere this pot's on thy head."

So with a clatter paul ups and away
To warn each Middlesex willage and farm
and spread thro' tha country tha fearful alarm.

Knock! Knock! Knock! (deep bass voice) "Waddywant?"
"I've come to warn tha countryside
of tha British marching on land,
Walking some miles for some "Camels" (not an advertis)

Away again with the swift night wind
to a lonely cottage by tha road.
Knock! Knock! Knock! Knock!
(with a feminine tremulo) "Oh! Who's there."
"Tis Paul, my dear, 'tis Paul Rever."
"Oh! Hello Paul!" "But I've come to—to warn,"
"To—Oh! Damnth countryside."
—L.F.B. & H. Paul E.

She calls me Pilgrim; every time I call I make a little progress.

They call her gunmetal; she's a dull kid.

DATA ON DATING

"Hello."
"Hello. Is this Youmuscova 9999?"
"Hello. Is this the Gotta Lotta Data Sorority house?"
"Is Josephine Speck there?"
"Well where'd she go?"
"Oh! Well then is Helen Hartford home?"
"Is zat so! Well I guess I did mean Helen Hansen."
"Is there anyone there that wants to go for a ride?"
"Well then, how would you like to go?"
"Well why didn't you tell me you was the cook!!!"
—L. F. B.

Stealing a kiss may be petty larceny, but sometimes it's grand.

K. K. K.

KOLUM KONDUKTOR KOMPETITION

Due to the fact that our column conductor has high hopes of graduating this year, we are in need of a new and better one for next year. We have decided to give the position to the man who gets the most contribs printed before the present year closes. The runner-up will be made assistant column conductor. Hop to it now, you who would be humorists.

BIOLOGY SIMPLIFIED

After six months the canary was ausgespielt; he sang no more.

The lady went to the bird store where she bought the bird and told her trouble.

"You need a mate for your bird, madam."

"Well, is he a male or is she a female?" asked the lady.

"How can I tell, madam? You will have to find out yourself."

"How can I find out?"

"Why, you take two worms, a male and a female, and put them in the cage. If your bird is a female it will eat the male worm; if it is a male it will eat the female worm."

"But how can I tell a male worm from a female worm?"

"You will have to ask that question in a worm store, madam. This is a bird store."

You can tell when you are on the right road, because it's an upgrade.
—E. P. E.