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Armour's Fall Vaudeville

Armour Tech's annual vaudeville shows are rapidly
nearing the completion of another very successful run.
Four major spectacular performances have been com-
pleted, three of which proved so popular that continu-
ances were demanded; four hilarious audiences have pro-
claimed the recent shows unparalleled in the school's his-
tory.

The central theme of each entertainment was an elec-
tion. And the actors performed so marvelously and so
true to life, that a few of the more serious-minded on
each occasion got the impression that an actual election
was taking place. Every actor knew his part perfectly;
not one spoke out of turn.

It is regrettable that the managers did not provide
suitable costumes for their employees, say those of
clowns. This would have made their triumph complete.
Then, as their acts proceeded, and their characters were
duly elected, we could see them garbed as they should
be, and could then enjoy the joke without restraint. But,
of course, that is expecting a great deal from the man-
agement, for, as you know, no admission was charged at
any of the performances.

A few dissenting remarks have been voiced, however,
not on the technique of the performance which all ad-
mitted was perfect, but on the choice of subject. These
critics argued that, in choosing for their theme an elec-
tion, the dramatists are guilty of a plagiarism, since they
are copying direct from our city and state politicians.
The dissenters suggest that the vaudeville directors be
more original.

While we agree with these contentions to a certain ex-
tent, we doubt if the suggestion will have any effect on
our erstwhile entertainers, since they have found the
election racket to be the most profitable.

Strangely, and unfortunately, the several class groups
have decided to retain in office the men who were so
clownishly elected. In so doing, they are certainly cheap-
ening the positions of class officers, until they are even
now well-nigh meaningless. Yet it is true that these very
officers, elected on such an unrepresentative basis, will
brazenly continue to appear before their class meetings,
innocently believing themselves to be held in high and
unrestricted popular esteem. What sad delusions!

Our Own Prohibition Enforcement

There has always been an unwritten law at Armour to
the effect that smoking in the buildings and near the
front entrance to the Main building is taboo. The "law"
is usually explained to the students upon their entry as
freshmen, and from then on they are expected to remem-
ber it.

By the time that they are juniors and seniors, many of
the students have either forgotten ever being forbidden
to do so, or they think that they now have acquired
"sufficient drag to get by with it." In any event, there
is a growing number of offenders who insist on gracing
the Main entrance with their smoking persons. The nat-
ural result is an accumulation of cigaret stubs in the
vicinity, not to speak of the unfavorable impression which
the sight of several inhaling idlers makes upon visitors.

As has been intimated, these "law-breakers" are most-
ly upper-classmen. Since the seniors are soon to be dis-
tinguished by jackets, they have especial cause to guard
their actions lest the freshmen, in mimicking fashion,
innocently follow suit, and cause complete breakdown of
the ruling.

With so negligible a number of rules of student con-
duct as exists at Armour, it should not be necessary to
carry on any active police duty. We hope that the Deans'
office is not compelled to pass a Volstead Act of its own
in order to enforce this unwritten statute.

Dr. Scherger Visits
Dean Monin Abroad

Dr. George L. Scherger spent the
summer in Europe, landing in Oslo,
Norway, and returning by way of
Liverpool and the St. Lawrence to
Montreal. He visited thirteen differ-
ent countries, gathering impressions
at first hand of conditions and study-
ing the cultural treasures of the
great art centers of the Old World.
Dr. Scherger was particularly im-
pressed with the wonderful progress
that has been made in Italy and Ger-
many since his visit a year ago. He
feels as much at home in European
capitals like London, Rome, Florence,
and Berlin, as he does in Chicago.
No doubt the material he gathered
will be of great interest to his classes
and audiences.

Professor Scherger visited our
former Dean, Professor Louis C. Mo-
nin at Zurich, Switzerland, and trans-
mits Dean Monin's greetings to all
his friends.

Prof. Griffith's Floating
Stone Looks Very Fishy

Professor J. R. Griffith attempted
a little demonstration of volume dis-
placement last Monday to the sur-
prise of his spectators. Having been
asked for a contribution to the News,
he thought a while, and presently a
condescending smile spread over his
face. He walked into his office and
came out with something carefully
hidden in his hand, then he obtained
a cup of water and placed it in front
of him. He opened his hand and held
up a stone. This was magnanimously
dropped into the cup of water,—but,
dammit, the fool thing didn't sink.
Yep, the stone can be seen by the in-
credulous, if Professor Griffith can be
induced to show it promiscuously to
their curiosity.

LETTER-BOX

(Ed. Note: This column is
open to opinions of any stu-
dents who care to write a
signed letter. No anonymous
mail will be honored, but the
name of the writer may be
omitted in the NEWS if so
sired. Articles may be on
any topic, but should be lim-
ited in length to 200 words.)

To the Editor:
Could the support of the NEWS
be enlisted in obtaining a day off on
November 6? This is election day
and 10,000 workers will be drafted
by Judge Jarecki to watch the polls
at ten dollars a throw. Any student
will admit that ten dollars for such
a day's work is not disagreeable to
accept, but such will probably not
be the case in event there are classes
on that day. The Chicago Tribune
a few weeks ago printed an edito-
rial suggesting to Judge Jarecki that
college students be given the oppor-
tunity to work on election day and
earn a little money. But the college
students are out of luck if they don't
get the day off. How about the
NEWS "talking it up"? Can never
tell what might happen.
—Ten Spot.

To the Editor:
Making a credit equivalent to the
grade of C seems rather unfair to
me. Why should a student's average
suffer just because he has had some
required work and gets credit for it?
There is the point of view of the
student who has transferred from
another college. Armour is a good
school, but there are also many other
good schools that have just as high
scholastic standing.
Why count in these credits when
determining a student's average?
That average, when computed, is
certainly not a record of his work
at Armour.
I think a modification of this
severe and unjust rule should be
made.
—A Sufferer.

THE INQUIRING
REPORTER

Question: How do you like morn-
ing shops and afternoon classes?

E. L. Cordes, '32, C. E.: Morning
shops offer an outlet for the surplus
energy that has a tendency to make
a student restless during the day and
take his mind off of his studies. With
this energy worked off he can apply
his mind to his studies much better.

C. N. Pannon, '32, M. E.: Morning
shops have many disadvantages for
the student, but are an advantage for
the Institute. Not only does it "de-
energize" a person but we must re-
main dirty throughout the day.
However, since we need more class
room, and shops in the morning give
more, I suppose there is an advan-
tage in the end as smaller classes are
available.

G. E. Wieland, '32, M. E.: Morn-
ing shops take all the energy out of
a person, so that when he must apply
himself to his studies in the after-
noon he has no more pep, or rather
less than if he would not have had a
shop.

L. Majewski, '32, C. E.: By taking
shops in the morning one has a
chance to become thoroughly awake;
it also affords some time for one to
finish the homework left over from
the night before. The shop affords a
means to get rid of the tired restless
feeling, and aids the student with a
fresh mind for his afternoon tasks.

J. O. Cavanagh, '32, Ch. E.: For
my part, I would rather have shops
in the afternoon. In the morning a
person feels fresh and is able to
think much better for his classes. If
the morning is spent in shops, he be-
gins to feel rather drowsy around 3
or 4 o'clock.

Arends, '32, F. P. E.: Well, that
verse in the Slipstick last week about
core sand down your shirt expresses
my sentiments exactly.

Dan White, '32, M. E.: Morning
classes are no good. They steal the
best time of day for laboring pur-
poses, and leave us spend the sleepy
afternoons in stuffy class rooms try-
ing to absorb our deeper studies.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN ILL

Mrs. E. O. Smith, assistant librari-
an in the Armour Institute Library
since September, 1928, has been ill
for the past two weeks, and is at
present under observation at a sani-
tarium at Cleveland, Ohio.

Her place is being taken by Mrs.
M. H. Dickerson, previously of Evan-
ston Township High School Library.

New Names Added To
Sub. List; Drive Closed

Since last week a few stragglers
have run in under the subscription
deadline. The campaign is now defi-
nitely closed to the students. Fac-
ulty subscriptions will be taken for
the remainder of the week, since they
were not solicited until last Friday.
Following are the remaining stu-
dents:

- Banta Levin
Boula Lutz
Briggs McLane
Christiansen Missner
Dean Olsen
De Ruyke Reichle
Durrant Schinke
Ehrmeyer Setterberg
Falconer Sitzler
R. Goldsborough Smith, G. H.
Haegele Stebbins
Hawes Steck
Hill Swanson
Hillam Tayama
Horras Taylor
Jillson Theede
Katz Turk
Klopp Ware
Kohout Watson
Leardi Zane

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

How To Operate a Slide Rule
In Four Slips

Prof. Noah Webster defines the slide rule as follows:
Slide—derived from the Egyptian Cleopatra—to slip
—to glide, to pass smoothly.

Rule—(Ancient Hebrew) an instrument, a rude proc-
ess or operation. Hence, slide-rule, an instrument used
to pass a course smoothly by a rude process.

A slide rule is something like a woman. It is slippery
and no one ever learns to manage one. It has a variety
of figures which are more or less true. Its beauty is only
skin deep, but, like the girls at a dance, it has sines on
its back. Men are crazy until they get one, and after
they get it they wish they had saved their money.

Slip I—Obtaining a Slide Rule

In order to impress your friends and your girl that you
are really an engineer, determine to secure a good rule.
Get one, either buy it or find it, with as many numbers
and scales as possible. The more scales it has the greater
the impression. Get a magnifying glass on the slide by
all means. Your errors will be more accurate.

Slip II—Carrying a Slide Rule

On first obtaining a slide rule, print your name, ad-
dress, telephone number, home address, and reward of-
fered. Take the rule with you everywhere. Wear it in
the right coat pocket exposed to full view.

Slip III—Fundamental Relations

Remove the slide rule from the case. Remove slider
and let drop easily from a height of ten feet on some-
thing hard, such as iron or concrete. Buy a new slider
and place a standing order for one per week. Work the
inside scale up and down the rule until it moves easily
from one mark to another. If the rule sticks, whittle off
about half an inch and try again.

Slip IV—Relations—Continued

Take some simple numbers, as two, ten, seven, eleven,
etc., which you know are right. Follow directions closely.
Place the slider and slide over the same number on the
lower scale. This takes time to learn and must be learned
thoroughly. Now, if you wish to multiply two by three,
place the glass slider over three on some other scale.
Look on one of the scales and read your answer. If you
find that somewhere along the line you find a six, repeat
until the result is 5.95 or nearly that. A little practice
such as this will soon wreck your arithmetic, but you
don't need it, anyway. Now that you have learned the
principles, the next important thing is the decimal point.
Use this method in finding the point. If your grand-
mother married your grandfather in 1842, place the point
after the second figure, but if the moon is made of green
cheese place the point after the fifth figure. In any case
you will be wrong and will have to check it with long
hand.

Some big hay and horse men were around the other
day looking for "Big Bill" Brady. They wanted some
advance betting "info," having learned that E. B. B. had
picked all the winners in the recent senior election.

Packer Brown: "Do you think you are as good look-
ing as I am?"
Bill Berry: "Why, sure!"
P. B.: "Well, you're conceited!" D.

Horras: "Put a guest towel in the bathroom."
Kutteruff: "What do you mean by a guest towel?"
Horras: "A clean towel, sap!" T.

Cooper: "Do you like Shakespeare's work?"
Bill: "Where does he work?" S

Colvert: "I believe that you might talk more intelli-
gently if you had more sleep before coming to this class."
Timmermans: "But you see I have only one class
before this." M

Higgins: "I'd have gotten here sooner, but my car
broke down."
Serason: "Tire trouble?"
Higgins: "No; I think they said it was the trolley. I

Those that flunk their condition exams next week
should remember that, after all, a zero is nothing. T

Prof. Scherger (addressing prospective group of states-
men): "I want you to get out of this course in public
speaking just as much as you can." H

Sing a song of collich daze,
A beer stein full of water;
Along comes the election craze—
Oh, ma! Can I be social chairman?
—Sum dum fresh.

NOTICE
Chicago politicians wishing to learn modern methods
of ballot stuffing, etc., are asked to communicate with
the sophomore class, A. I. T. Reasonable rates; success
guaranteed. A. A.