

ARMOUR STUDENT BRANCH A. I. E. E. OPENS ACTIVITIES

The meeting of the Armour Student Branch of the A. I. E. E., held last Monday, opened what promises to be a successful year for the society. About seventy student and faculty members attended.

Student Chairman C. J. McDonald, in an introductory address, spoke on the organization and past activities of the societies, and benefits to be derived from membership.

Supplementing McDonald's talk were short speeches by Professors Freeman and Moreton.

Announcement of the personnel of the three standing committees was made by the chair. The membership of these committees is as follows:

Program Committee—R. J. Guenther, chairman; F. W. McCloska, John Teker, L. F. Bernhard, George Rummer, Harvey Dozois and G. W. Baker.

Social Committee—Vernon Peterson, chairman; B. W. Hindman, F. C. Ong, E. H. Roffee and L. P. Brown.

Membership Committee—John J. Brady, chairman; G. L. Freundt, F. E. Sanborn, J. W. Papantony, C. R. Southwick and Beverly Dudley.

Membership this year is to be open to sophomores as well as to juniors and seniors, under special arrangement. The sophomores have the choice of two methods of enrollment, either as associate members in the A. I. E. E., in which case their enrollment as student members ends when they leave school, or they may enroll as members of the local branch with participation in local activities only.

Membership under the first system will cost \$4.25, of which \$3 is for the monthly publication of the A. I. E. E. and \$1.25 for local activities. Under the second system the \$1.25 alone will have to be paid. The meetings are to be held every second Monday at 11:30 o'clock.

The meeting voted to hold the annual fall smoker on Wednesday, November 7. Detailed arrangements as to time and place, as well as program, were left to the newly appointed social committee.

Prof. Roesch Spends Summer In Research

Professor Daniel Roesch of the Gas Engine Laboratory spent a considerable part of the summer at the experimental laboratories of the Stewart-Warner Corporation at York, Pa. His work consisted of testing and inspecting a new type of hydraulic auto transmission being developed by engineers of that company. Professor Roesch reports that as yet nothing definite has been accomplished, as plans are still tentative.

JUNIORS ELECT OFFICERS

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Steck, his opponent. J. Bechtold was elected treasurer by a majority of 23 votes over C. H. Johnson.

Announcement that nominations for social chairman were in order precipitated a mild riot, but only two men were nominated. They were: R. Serson and A. Reglein. The election resulted in a landslide for Serson, who received 104 votes to 28 for his opponent.

Four nominees were named for sergeant-at-arms. They were: A. Gunther, L. Chanuson, F. Sandborn and L. J. Ferguson. The final vote was: Gunther, 40; Chanuson, 10; Sandborn, 47; Ferguson, 41.

Summary of Ballots

For President—van der Velde, 83; Ransel, 65.
For Vice-President—Buehling, 81; Scott, 66.
For Secretary—Steck, 36; Haffner, 89.
For Treasurer—Bechtold, 81; C. H. Johnson, 58.

Chgo. Sanitary District Opens Big Waste Plant

The \$32,000,000 sewage treatment plant which the Sanitary District of Chicago erected at Howard street and McCormick road was dedicated October 1 in an elaborate public ceremony. Col. A. A. Sprague, acting chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission, presided at the formal opening.

A description of the plant was given in an article in last January's issue of the Armour Engineer, written by H. E. Larson, '28. The plant has a daily capacity of 400,000,000 gallons of sewage, which is treated in three batteries, each containing twelve sludge tanks.

With its vast system of large-sized interceptor sewers, honeycombing twenty-one miles of territory, this plant is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. It will serve a district now supporting a population of 1,000,000.

The sewage works covers seventy acres of land, and, exclusive of the treatment tanks which occupy most of the site, consists of five buildings. These structures have been built upon an attractive architectural plan and with the landscaping that has been done about the grounds, in no way suggests that it is the sewage treatment plant.

Disorder Features Sophomore Election

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the floor to make additional nominations, adding to the disorder which already existed. Holin attempted to recognize these latter speakers but was drowned out in the uproar which ensued.

When order was finally restored, it was found that the greater part of the time had already been spent and that it would be impossible to finish the elections on that day. It was finally agreed to let the presidential nominations stand as they were and to proceed to nominate candidates for the other offices. While this decision did not meet with much favor with the majority, it prevailed and business was resumed.

The nominees for the other offices are:

Vice President—R. Timmerman
E. Craig
Secretary—P. Kjellgren
T. Jankowski
Treasurer—H. A. Bailey
L. Bramson
Sergeant-at-Arms—R. Meagher
E. J. Stehno.

\$15.11 Was For Books, But Yeggs Don't Study

When someone pokes a gun into your ribs, being a member of the Rifle Club does not help your self-complacency any. This was discovered last Wednesday by Joel M. Jacobson, civil senior, who was returning from his weekly (?) visit when he was ordered to "stick 'em up" by two young yeggmen of the North Side. Not having his (t)rusty rifle handy, arguments were useless and he was relieved of \$15.11, which he had expected to be taken from him by Stanley ("Dough") Livingston for a book on the following day. The men disappeared through a neighboring alley, and when the police arrived, two hours later, they were probably using the proceeds for wine, women and song, instead of college algebra. The experience has cured Jake of coming home after 8:30 p. m.

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An Old-Timer



FRANK OSTER

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED—

When the other fellow acts that way, he is ugly; when you do, it's nerves?

When the other fellow is set in his way, he's obstinate; when you are, it is just firmness?

When the other fellow doesn't like your friend, he's prejudiced; when you don't like his, you are simply showing that you are a good judge of human nature?

When the other fellow tries to treat some one especially well, he's toadying; when you try the same game, you are using tact?

When the other fellow takes time to do things, he is dead slow; when you do it, you are deliberate?

When the other fellow spends a lot, he is a spendthrift; when you do, you are generous?

When the other fellow picks flaws in things, he's cranky; when you do, you are discriminating?

When the other fellow is mild in his manner, he is a mush of concession; when you are, it is being gracious?

When the other fellow gets destructive, it is toughness; with you it is forcefulness?

When the other fellow dresses extra well, he's a dude; when you do, it is simply a duty one owes to society?

When the other fellow runs great risks in business, he's foolhardy; when you do, you are a great financier?

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he's spiteful; when you do, you are frank?

When the other fellow won't get caught in a new scheme, he's backwoodsy; when you won't you are conservative?

—Worth Reading Bulletin.

UNIVERSITY MIXER

The Woodlawn Young People's Chapter of the Epworth League announces its "Mixer," which is to be held Friday night, October 5, at Woodlawn M. E. Church, 64th street and Woodlawn avenue. It is an annual "get together" for all university students in and near the community. Plans have been made for the entire evening, and a good time is assured all who attend. All interested are cordially invited. Come and bring a friend! You'll see some Armour students there!

Custodian of A. I. T. Buildings Since World's Fair Is Record of Frank Oster

One bright December morning, in the winter of '92, just as preparations for the Chicago World's Fair were at their height, there walked into the office of Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, then president of the Armour Institute of Technology, a rather tall, stately man, with light hair and long Kaiser Wilhelm mustache, immaculately clad in an elegant Prince Albert suit, and carrying in his hands a high plug hat. The president, upon looking up from his desk, half suppressed a sudden inclination to smile, while the visitor, in a broken, foreign accent, introduced himself.

He was a Mr. Oster. He had come to Chicago from Sweden, expressly to view the famous Exposition. He had been in the country only two months, but in that time certain circumstances developed which made it highly desirable that he stay in America, he explained. Hence he was looking for work. On board ship he had met a man whose brother went to Armour, and through him had heard that the school was in need of a custodian of buildings. Could he be given a try-out?

We—ll, now, let's see,—yes, he could.

And so he went to work. The dress suit was laid aside, and succeeded by a suit of overalls. Frank Oster went to work, and is still at work, as custodian of the A. I. T. buildings. And from the unique introduction on that wintry day, there developed a warm personal friendship between the two men which was broken only by the death of Dr. Gunsaulus in 1921.

No one knows him by any other name than Frank, so we'll have to leave the Oster part off of it.

Frank was born in Sweden 63 years ago. Educated there in the grammar and high schools, he became partner with his brother in the operation of a chain of hotels in the larger cities there.

His home town, Stockholm, having a population of over 400,000 when he left, he knows only life in a big city, and loves it.

Like many other of his fellow townsmen at that time, he was caught with the fever to come to America to attend the World's Columbian Exposition, and entered a migration that almost equalled the gold rush of '49.

He came, intending to return shortly. But then along came those circumstances which he explained to Dr. Gunsaulus made it so desirable that he stay. The circumstances were, of course, marital.

Frank then settled down to become an American citizen. A year passed before he was sufficiently U-S-ized so that he even ceased to wear to church the Prince Albert which was so common in his home country.

Rapidly acquiring a love for Armour and his work here, Frank soon grew to be an indispensable part of the Institute. He knows its history in all details, for he has helped to make it, is part of it. He loves to talk of past incidents; of the exciting times, for instance, when Armour had a football team, or of the time when the seniors hoisted a suit-case bearing their class numerals to the top of the huge flag pole then erected on the Main building, and cut the rope loose, so that one of the instructors (name upon request) had to climb up to bring it down. Frank was held responsible for this, and FIRED, but, an hour later,—well, they could hardly spare him that long!

Frank delights in showing his collections of clippings, manuscripts, speeches, annuals, pictures, and keepsakes pertaining to the Institute, which in themselves tell a comprehensive history of the school.

And speaking of keep-sakes reminds us of a remarkable hobby of his, which also illustrates his unusual talent. He has made a hobby of binding into book form, clippings, stories, or any written accounts that he believes worthy of preservation. His most recent efforts along this line produced a beautiful bound set of the first five issues of the Armour Tech News as they appeared last semester. The volume is really a work of art, decorated with clippings of flags, Institute views, pictures, and containing also messages by Dr. Raymond and Dean Monin, as clipped from the Engineer. All these are mounted on heavy pasteboard stock for permanent keep.

The spring of 1913 was the time he first started this hobby, says Frank. He really hit upon the idea when he was laid up for six months in 1912 as a result of a serious operation.

His first real production was a long scroll, having mounted into it copies of the programs of Dr. Gunsaulus' Central Church services, together with a short comment on the sermon of each Sunday. He continued this scroll for over a year, from 1915 to 1916, when it became unwieldy.

Since that time he has pasted into book form numerous current subjects, including a complete story of Lindbergh's famous flight, as told in newspaper articles. This latter was presented to Mrs. Lindbergh, Lindy's mother. At present he is preparing a bound volume of John McCutcheon's story, "The Master of the World," which is appearing weekly in the Sunday Tribune.

Now Frank is starting to bind Volume II of the NEWS, and intends to keep on binding and preserving a set of the newspaper as long as he's able.

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