

PARKER, '28, WIPES SHIP ENGINES ON BUM TO ORIENT

Letter From Former Cycle Editor Finds Him Australia Bound

LEAVES MAC HORN IN FRISCO

Kent H. Parker, '28, and W. MacDowell Horn, '28, students in the F. P. E. course, who were granted leave of absence by J. V. Parker, have been very successful so far in their ambition to reach the Orient. They wandered westward in August in a twenty-five dollar 1922 model Ford, planning to go to the coast—but wait and listen to the last letter received from the Editor-in-Chief of last year's Cycle.

"S. S. Golden Rod, Matson Navigation Co., San Francisco, Cal.

"Dear Gang:

"Oh—a life on the ocean wave"—and all that sort of thing. For here I am, a wiper in the engine room "Black Gang" of the good ship Golden Rod, bound for Australia and the Orient with a load of collapsible toothpicks. But so that Dave and Mike can understand what it's all about, I'll begin at the beginning and narrate what happened so far to the two T. X.'s out west.

Geysers by Moonlight

We were last heard from in Denver, where the streets are paved with gold bricks—not. Well, from there we headed through the high grass to Rocky Mountain Park, where we sheared the mountain goats, and got shorn ourselves (at Estes Park). They have no compunction against fleecing the innocent tourist in Colorado. After exhausting its possibilities, we took a run up to Yellowstone, and sported around there for ten days or so until we got so we could call each geyser by its first name. Camped by the new geyser and saw it by moonlight. Ever see one by moonlight? It's wonderful.

They finally ran us out of the park, and we headed our trusty steed's nose towards Butte (where we went down in a mine) and Spokane. Then down to Portland via Columbia River Highway and from there to Frisco by way of Crater Lake and the Redwood Highway. A Redwood you know is one of those trees you can build forty bungalows out of and still have enough wood left over to build three trestles, six broom handles and a pair of (deleted).

Chow Mein in Frisco

By the time we hit Frisco, we had perambulated some 4500 miles, worn

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Jacobson New Feature Writer For Tech News

A new and important addition to the NEWS staff was made last week, when Joel M. Jacobson, '29, was appointed to the position of Feature Writer. Jacobson has the distinction of ranking highest scholastically in the senior class.

His first contribution appears on page two of this issue, in the form of a review of the books of Albert Edward Wiggam, author of "The New Decalogue of Science," "The Fruit of the Family Tree" and "The Next Age of Man."

Jacobson will have charge of all the feature articles which appear in the NEWS, whether book reviews, biographical sketches, or "human interest" stories. Next week he will review one of the new novels which have recently arrived at the Armour Tech library.

Ships As Deck Hand



KENT HAMILTON PARKER

TO COMPETE IN PRIZE CONTEST

The Beaux Arts Institute of Design will conduct a contest for the cover design for the program of their annual ball to be held January 25 in New York City. This competition is open to students in all departments of the institute who have registered for the school year 1928-29.

The committee on architecture proposes as the subject of this competition "Cover Design for Beaux-Arts Ball Program, January 25, 1929." All designs must be presented in colors that are suitable for reproduction.

The first prize will be \$100, and five other prizes of \$10 each are offered for this competition. The ball committee will act as jurors, and the winners will be required to make any reasonable changes in the drawings deemed necessary for successful reproduction. All drawings must be at the institute by 10 a. m. October 15. Announcement of winners will be made on October 23.

The Beaux-Arts ball for 1929 will be planned in the period of Napoleon, with episodes depicting the Egyptian and Russian campaigns and his coronation as emperor.

Next Sunday Night Is End of Rushing Season

Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock saw the official opening of the rushing season of the Armour social fraternities. From that time on for ten days, until Sunday evening, October 14, at 8 o'clock, a swirl of activities, including everything from yacht parties to football games, will mark the introduction of the incoming freshmen to fraternity life.

According to regulations set down by the Interfraternity Council and agreed to by all the fraternities, no pledging will be done until 8 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, October 14. Lists of the new pledges to the fraternities will be published in next week's issue of the NEWS.

Heller and Olson, '24 Grads, In Army Corps

Duane L. Heller, '24, M. E. '28, and Alden T. Olsen, '24, have received appointments as cadet flyers in the Army Air Corps and leave Chicago on October 22 for Riverside, Calif., where they will be stationed for training. Both Olsen and Heller took ground school work in aviation at the night school at Armour last year. Heller also holds the degree of mechanical engineer, which was conferred upon him in June, 1928.

HOYT, SO. PARKS ENGINEER, TALKS AT W.S.E. MEET

Presents Slide Lecture On Outer Drive Bridges

Mr. Hoyt, chief engineer for the South Park Board, furnished the subject matter for the first meeting of the Armour Branch of the Western Society of Engineers. The theme of his talk was, "Structural Reinforced Concrete Bridges."

Actively employed during the past few years on all the improvements promoted by the South Park Board, Mr. Hoyt has been able to gather a large amount of first-hand information on the subject. He personally supervised the design of the bridges across the Illinois Central tracks—which bridges were part of the improvement project being carried out by the South Park Commissioners on the lake front. The bridges have aided greatly in beautifying the outer drive, and in making it more accessible to near South Side traffic.

Mr. Hoyt's talk brought out the special features and structural difficulties encountered in the construction of these bridges. He illustrated his lecture with slides, many of which were of a technical nature, while several were actual photographs of the progress of the work.

The speaker was introduced to an exceptionally large audience by Mr. Mohr, the present chairman. For the information of the members, the W. S. E. has already obtained promises from several excellent and authoritative speakers for future meetings, promising a very successful year for the society.

The meeting was held in Room B, Mission, October 4, at 11:30 a. m.

3 Juniors, 3 Seniors Pledged Pi Tau Sigma

The Armour Chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary M. E. fraternity, has pledged six new men—three seniors and three juniors. The seniors are Gordon C. Olson, Arthur E. Nuemann and Howard C. Newman, while the juniors are Carl G. Anderson, Henry W. Faulstich and Edward R. Rowley.

Pi Tau Sigma pledged earlier than the other fraternities this year because they are to hold the initiation ceremonies at the national convention which is to be held here on Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3. The initiations will be effected on Friday at a combined smoker and banquet.

Schueler Wins Soph. Class Presidency

Last Thursday the sophomore class held a ten-minute meeting and cast ballots for class officers. The architects, not being in the building at the time, were required to cast their votes the following morning. The results of the vote were:

President	
T. Schueler	82
C. Robin	69
Vice-President	
R. Timmermans	86
E. Craig	64
Secretary	
P. Kjellgren	108
T. Jankowski	42
Treasurer	
H. Bailey	120
L. Bramson	30
Social Chairman	
B. Wilson	97
W. Winkler	53

First Meeting Held By Tech Radio Club

The Armour Tech Radio Association held its first meeting of the school year October 9, in Science Hall. Officers for the year were elected and plans laid for the operation of Station 9NV, Armour's own broadcasting station. The attendance was somewhat disappointing, but it is hoped that a larger number will attend the next meeting.

The following officers were elected: Chief Operator Harvey H. Dozois, '29 President F. H. Bigelow, '30 Vice-President Beverly Dudley, '30 Secretary R. L. Van Osdol, '30 Treasurer W. J. Ehrmeyer, '29

Eight members have already received or have signified their intention of making applications for station operator's licenses.

2-1 VICTORY FOR HOOVER IN POLL

Early results in the ARMOUR TECH NEWS straw vote indicate a landslide for Herbert Hoover, the Republican candidate, by a two-to-one ratio. For Hoover 176 Armour students cast their ballots, and only 84 were for Al Smith. This result may be taken as representative, although less than one-third of the total number enrolled voted.

This poor showing is attributed to the fact that most A. I. T. men did not care to mutilate their copies of the NEWS. To get a more accurate result another count may be taken. One plan which is being considered is to have separate printed ballots enclosed with a regular issue of the NEWS. Any other suggestions from the student body are welcomed. These will be published in the "Letter Box" column.

The cardboard ballot box, which was located in the corridor north of the Dynamo Laboratory, was prepared by Frank Oster, building custodian. His political leanings may be gauged by the partisan cartoons decorating the outside of the box.

Campus Club Receives Sixteen New Members

Sixteen new members have been received into the Campus Club from the upper-classmen, and in addition many freshmen have expressed a desire to join. This number is already greater than the number of members lost due to graduation last June, and indicates a decided growth.

At an election last week, H. H. Stebbins was elected to the office of vice president. The position was left vacant by the resignation of F. W. McCloska, who had been appointed to serve as executive secretary of the organization.

The Campus Club extends an invitation to all students to visit the club rooms in Chapin Hall.

New Material Is Needed For Band and Orchestra

The orchestra needs new men, especially those who play instruments other than the violin, according to George A. Rezac, the director. The freshmen responded well to the call of the band for new material, but more men could still be placed. The band rehearses Monday, and the orchestra Tuesday, from 5 to 6 p. m. in the assembly hall.

The band made its first public appearance at the freshman handshake, where it was enthusiastically received.

FROSH JUMBLE SECOND ATTEMPT TO ELECT HEADS

More Ballot Stuffing Stops Proceedings; To Hold New Elections

PRINTED BALLOTS USED NEXT

The second attempt at an election of Freshman Class officers was made last Monday morning, with President-elect Jerome Laden as chairman of the meeting, Dean Palmer as unofficial adviser, and 97 of the 273 freshmen as the innocent "suspens."

A request by Dean Palmer for orderliness and honesty opened the proceedings. Immediately afterward nominations for the office of vice-president were called for, and O'Conner, Ackerman and Curran were proposed for the office.

A vote taken on these men resulted in the following distribution of choice, 92 ballots being cast:

O'Conner	37
Ackerman	35
Curran	20

At this time a point of order was raised to the effect that the nominations were not legally closed, no vote having been taken on the question. The motion was then duly made and produced a vote of 48 to 24 in favor of closing the nominations, thus making official the previous vote on the candidates.

Burnett, Billings and Arends were nominated for the office of secretary. The poll which followed showed a victory for Billings with 47 votes, while Burnett and Arends received 37 and 27, respectively, according to the count. Totalling 47 plus 37 plus 27 gives the figure 111, whereas actual count of those present showed only 97.

Upon protest from the meeting, a recount and an accurate count was made upon those same ballots, revealing that the winner was Burnett, who polled 37 votes, against 24 and 21 for Billings and Arends.

The conclave was now ready to proceed with the election of a treasurer. Nominations resulted in Edmonds, Richter and Jackson being named for this office.

Another protest now proceeded from the floor to the effect that the tellers were self-appointed, and all of the same department of engineering at the Institute. While this was being discussed it was further revealed that a block of ballots had been marked on the back with the name O'Conner, and then passed out to the voters with the blank side up. Upon this "expose" Dean Palmer declared all counts for that day un-

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Archs' Copies of News Individually Addressed

In order to secure a more satisfactory distribution of the ARMOUR TECH NEWS, those subscribers who are at the Art Institute on Thursday morning of each week will receive their papers there in individual envelopes, personally addressed to them. The business department has finally resorted to this scheme as promising the best and surest distribution of the NEWS to the architects, who until this time have had difficulty in securing copies of the paper on Thursdays.

Students taking the architectural course and who are here at the Armour Institute buildings on Thursday mornings will receive their copies in the regular way at the circulation desk in the foyer of the main building.