

INVITATION MEET TOMORROW

Assembly Talk on Washington

Doctor Louis C. Monin, Retired Dean Of Students, Sends Message To Armour Tech From Zurich, Switzerland, Via, The NEWS

"Greetings To A. I. T. Students" Is Reprinted On Page Two of This Issue; Theme of Letter Is "Comradship"

A fine and inspiring message addressed to the student body has been received by the editor, recently, from retired Dean of Students, Dr. Louis C. Monin. The message came in response to a request made of Dr. Monin last December for a Christmas message. Because the letter containing the request was sent too late, a reply timed to arrive here for publication before Christmas was not possible.

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The message of Doctor Monin is found on page two of this issue. Along with the message, Dean Monin enclosed a letter addressed to the editor, which is reprinted in its entirety here:

Dufourstrasse 30,
Zurich, Switzerland,
January 15, 1928.

Dear Mr. Hommes:

Greetings and all good wishes to you! Your very kind letter of Nov. 22 gave me great pleasure, although you do me too much honor! It arrived here Dec. 8, so that it was too late for me to comply with your request of sending you a Christmas message for the Armour Tech News. It always takes from eleven to fifteen days for any mail from Chicago to reach me here. And as Christmas rush was then upon us, both at home as well as in the post-office, it was useless for me to attempt any communication with you before the holidays, with their Christmas vacation, etc. Since then I also had a cold, and was not in a condition to give flight to fancy. Also you must be indulgent with an old man whose powers to adjust himself rapidly to any task before him are no longer keyed up to the pace set by dear A. I. T.—Anyway, kindly pardon the delay of this letter, and my inability to satisfy (Continued on page 4, column 5)

Trognitz, Strauch, Star In Crane Meet

The swimming team of Crane Junior College overwhelmingly defeated Armour Tech's natators last Friday evening at Bartlett Gymnasium Pool. The score at the end of the meet stood: Armour, 20; Crane, 42. A. A. Stagg, Jr., refereed the meet.

Wiz Two First Places

Armour swimmers won two first places, Trognitz of Armour copping the lead in the back stroke event, and Strauch winning first honors in diving.

Meet "Y" College Today

The swimmers will next face "Y" College in a contest to be held at the "Y" pool this afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Following is a brief summary of the events of the Crane affair:

Relay—Crane, winner (names of Crane relay team were not obtained). The Armour squad consisted of McLane, Davidson, McInerney, and VanderVelde.

200 Yd. Breast Stroke—Won by Trognitz (A); Monson (C), second; Cavanaugh (A), third.

150 Yd. Back Stroke—Won by Weston (C); Fuhr (C), second; Filmer (A), third.

100 Yd. Free Stroke—Won by Bilinski (C); Knox (A), second; Bilinski (C), (brother of first), third. Diving—Strauch (A), winner; Ewald (C), second; Meisenheimer (C), third.

220 Yd. Free Stroke—Won by Lakin (C); Weston (C), second; Davidson (A), third.

Writes From Abroad



DR. LOUIS C. MONIN

Essay Contest Closes Soon; Get Papers In

The essay contest sponsored by the Illinois Central System will close on February 28. Get in your essay on "The Future of the Railroads?" This contest calls for 600 to 1000 words. A prize of \$25 is offered for the best essay from Armour. This essay will also be placed in the contest for the \$100 system-wide award, which includes various universities and colleges on the I. C. System.

The essays are to be submitted by mail to L. A. Downs, president of the Illinois Central System, Chicago, Ill. They must be typewritten, double-spaced on white paper of letterhead size (8 1/2 x 11 inches) with the name and address of the author and, the college attended to be shown on upper left hand corner of the first page. The essays must be mailed flat and not rolled. The Illinois Central System reserves the right to retain for its own use all prize winning essays.

The purpose of this contest is to test student interest in the educational advertisements on railway topics placed in student publications by the Illinois Central System for several years, according to President Downs. Copies of preceding years' advertisements will be furnished those desiring them upon request from President Downs.

At the present time Armour Institute has entered about 300 contestants, representatives of the freshman and sophomore classes for the greater part.

Beaux-Art Contest Results Are High

The Senior "Archs," in the last Beaux-Art Institute of Design judgment, made one of the best records of the last several years. The third class "A" project consisted of the execution of "A Restaurant in the Air." This was the first time that practically all of the class received mentions. Erickson and Ware received second medals.

REV. A. W. PALMER, OAK PARK PASTOR, TO GIVE LECTURE

Answers Question, "Who Was Washington?"

The assembly to be held today at 10:30 o'clock will feature the Reverend Dr. A. W. Palmer, who is to speak on "Who Was George Washington?" Dr. Palmer, who at the present time is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but at an early age moved to California, where he received his education. After graduation from the University of California, he took up a course in theology at Yale. Completing this course, he moved to Hawaii, where for seven years he was pastor of the Central Church of Honolulu.

During the war, he served as Y. M. C. A. Secretary in Siberia, having occasion to go as far into the interior as Irkutsk. At the close of the war, he took up his post as pastor of the Congregational Church in Oak Park, which position he has held since.

He has written two books, "The Human Side of Hawaii," and "The New Christian Epic." The first deals with the life and habits of the people of Hawaii; and the latter is a collection of lectures.

Dr. Palmer comes to us by special request of President Raymond, who, after hearing the Reverend over the radio from the Sunday Evening Club at Orchestra Hall, was so impressed with his message that he determined to invite him to speak to the students at Armour Tech.

Samples of the Senior graduation announcements are on display in one of the cases in the foyer of the Main building. The price, according to the chairman, R. J. Guenther, is to be about 55c for the leather ones and 25c for the cardboard ones. These prices are dependent on the cost of shipping. Orders will be taken within the next few weeks. The E. A. Wright Company of Philadelphia is to manufacture them.

The Armour chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary Mechanical fraternity, initiated Mr. Ernest L. Hartford of Yonkers, N. Y., as honorary member last Saturday afternoon at the Phi Pi Phi house. A banquet at the Blackhawk restaurant followed the initiation. Mr. Hartford is a prominent factor in mechanical engineering circles and is assistant secretary in charge of membership of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Dr. Cooper To Lecture Before Literary Group

Dr. Clyde B. Cooper, professor of English, will give the first of a series of monthly talks tonight before the Little Literary group, at the Nelson-Baude bookshop, 1218 Bankers building, 105 W. Adams Street, beginning at six o'clock. The lecture will be followed by discussion on the part of those in attendance.

Dr. Cooper will meet with this group on the third Thursday of each month to discuss literary topics.

FLASK AND BEAKER

Flask and Beaker, chemical club, will hold a smoker at the Phi Kappa Sigma house tonight at 8:30. The second semester sophomore chemicals have been invited, and are promised a plentiful supply of smokes and entertainment.

Arx Initiate Frosh With Much Whoopie

The annual initiation of the freshman architectural students is scheduled for next week, with the general paddling event to take place March 1, and a banquet to be given that night at the Sketch Club. This banquet brings to a close the activities of the initiation.

The torture will start at 1 o'clock, every freshman being required to bring his own paddle. Students in the entire architectural department will be excused during the afternoon to enable them to attend the exercises. The freshmen will be conducted through the loop, performing their stunts, then journey back to the institute. There the freshman class will amuse the upper classmen and faculty with performances of their own development. The freshmen will be divided into groups of eight or nine to give these skits.

In the evening, the banquet will be held at the Architectural Sketch Club, 18th and Prairie Ave. Here, a social program will be put on by the upper classmen for the amusement of the freshmen. One of the prominent architects of the city will be the speaker of the evening. Tickets for the banquet will be \$2.25. All freshmen not attending the banquet will be forced to pay fifty cents initiation fee.

Last year a very successful initiation took place, the chairmen of which were Max Boshes, '29, and Harry Turk, '29. Every event was properly timed, and they were carried out on exact schedule. The freshmen were forced to wear the usual green bow tie, sailor cap and canvas gloves, and forced to ride the renowned lions that guard the entrance to the Art Institute. The initiates were then marched through the city hall where a petition promoting another Chicago fire was signed by the city officials.

Seeking lighter diversions, the gate of the Chicago theatre was crashed, but success was only temporary, the poor freshmen being thrown out after the disturbance had stopped the show. This did not end the celebration, later the loop being thrown in an uproar when a push-cart carrying three burly freshmen dressed as babies, and drinking milk from bottles was pushed through the streets. Of course paddling was included in the day's work, and the initiation ended with a banquet, where the freshmen were forced to smoke loaded cigars.

Not satisfied with the successful precedent set by the previous class in last year's initiation, plans have been made for a still more elaborate one by this year's seniors.

Reason For Holiday? Prof. Holmes' Birthday

No classes will be held tomorrow, February 22, it being a legal holiday. This is the order which issued from the Deans' office while this number was under preparation.

Despite strenuous protestations on the part of your correspondent, Professor Charles P. Holmes, Instructor of Schedule Rating, insisted that the one-day holiday was declared solely on his account, it being his birthday tomorrow.

Far be it from us to doubt his word. However, we do wish that our first President had been born on another day than the 22nd, so that George Washington's birthday would also be the occasion of a holiday!

MAURICE ZWART ENGAGED

The unconcealed happy mood of Maurice Zwart, '30, M.E., during the past week is based on fairly good reasons. His engagement to Miss Bordin Mansfield was recently announced.

ANNUAL INVITATION INDOOR TRACK MEET WILL BE STAGED IN U. C. GYM; MANY TEAMS ENTER

Students Expected To Turn Out In Large Numbers To Root For Home Team; Dr. H. M. Raymond To Be Honorary Referee For Occasion

The Armour Tech track team is holding its first Annual Invitation Indoor track meet on Friday, February 22, 1929 at Bartlett Gymnasium. The gun will crack for the first event at 2:30 P. M.

Because of the fact that tomorrow is a school holiday, and that no admission will be charged, it is hoped that a large percentage of the student body will attend. Quite a number of universities and colleges have been invited, among whom are: the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Northwestern University. The colleges invited are: Crane, Beloit, Lombard, Milliken, Illinois Wesleyan, Culver, Loyola, DePaul, "Y" College, Chicago Normal, Joliet, Cornell (Ia.), Illinois State Normal, Wheaton, Butler, Carrol (Wis.), North Central (Naperville), Concordia, North Park (Chicago), Thornton (Harvey), Knox (Galesburg), Monmouth, Morgan Park, Mooseheart.

At Assembly Today



DR. A. W. PALMER

Staff Announces Circulation Rules

All architect subscribers who are unable to get their copies of the NEWS at the circulation desk in the Main building on Thursday, are requested to leave their names in the NEWS box in the Main building before Wednesday, Feb. 27. Copies of the NEWS will be delivered to Mr. Wagner at the Art Institute each Thursday for those whose names are received.

Any subscriber who fails to receive his copy on Thursday may receive it by calling at the NEWS office during the noon hour on Friday or Monday. The NEWS office is located on the third floor of Chapin Hall, in the second entrance.

There are several openings for freshmen and sophomore assistants on the circulation staff. This work offers exceptional opportunities for advancement. As in all other departments of the NEWS, advancement is based solely on the merit of the work done by the individual. Underclassmen who are interested, are asked to see J. W. Gamble, or J. E. Barnard in the NEWS office.

F.P.E. Society Hears Mr. H. L. O'Brian Talk

Mr. H. L. O'Brian of the Illinois District Telegraph Co., was the speaker at the meeting of the Fire Protection Engineering Society on Wednesday, February 20. His subject was, "The Watchman Supervisory System," the second of a series of three lectures.

The annual F. P. E. Society smoker will be held at the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity House, 3155 S. Michigan, on Thursday, February 28.

Seniors are asked to return the proofs of their pictures to the Mabel Sykes Studio at their earliest convenience or run the risk of being omitted from the Cycle.

Replies from all the above mentioned have not been received and consequently the exact number that will attend is not known. However, about ten or fifteen schools are expected.

Ribbons will be awarded to the first five places. President Raymond will be honorary referee with judges from Armour and University of Chicago faculties.

Points will not be counted except as individuals competing. In other words, there will be no competition of schools between teams, but only between the individual men. Eligibility of contestants will be governed by the rules of the institutions that are competing.

Drawings for starting places will be made at 1:30 o'clock. Coaches should be present for the drawings, which will be held on the gymnasium floor of Bartlett Gymnasium. National Collegiate rules will be adhered to in the judging of events. There will (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Next Cage Encounter Is With Augustana

Tomorrow evening our cagemen will set their strides to square accounts with Augustana when they serve as guests to that team in a return tilt on the hardwood floors.

After winning from "Y" College and Northwestern University's McKinlock Campus five, Armour commenced to feel that the breaks were coming their way, and the much coveted victory wave had at last entered their shores.

Lady Luck or Skill?

But after all, the storm did not cease and Armour again lost. The return match with Augustana will determine whether the pair of victories were acquired by the hand of lady luck and last Friday's defeat marked the passing of the fair maiden, or whether Armour finally acquired the skill and was just off form.

Augustana, unlike Armour, has had a very successful season. Lombard, Knox, and Monmouth have met Armour's fate in their tilts with that team.

Armour Stars Flare

Each game thus far has shown that some one individual is more talented than the others. But the difficulty centered about this fact is that the one person never seems to repeat his performance in two or three consecutive games.

Thus the chief source of trouble is that the quartet fails to function in the star cast and their inconsistency spells Waterloo.

There are but three games remaining on the schedule, and it is Augustana's scalp in particular that Armour craves.

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THIS ISSUE IN CHARGE OF DAVID T. SMITH

Two Basketball Victories

The Armour basketball team defeated Northwestern University's McKinlock Campus team by 28 to 19 and Y. M. C. A. College by 29 to 23 in games played week before last. Thereby hangs a tale. Usually when a team has suffered a string of defeats, the men get discouraged and lose heart. The tendency is to say, "Oh, what's the use. We already have a bad record, we might as well lose a few more."

In the face of a string of defeats, the Armour team battled courageously to win these two games by close scores. Such spirit is worthy of commendation. Any body can play a hard game when the season is going fine, but it takes real courage to fight to the last when discouraged by successive trouncings.

A struggle in the face of disheartening losses often reveals strength of character and "intestinal fortitude" better than many victories. No matter what the loss and win record, the spirit of "never say die" displayed by our team and our coach deserves the praise and support of the whole student body.

Dean Monni's Letter

We consider it a rare privilege with this issue to publish a message to the student body from our former Dean, Doctor Louis C. Monin. The juniors and seniors, who remember Dean Monin, since he left only two years ago, will see in the letter the same sparkling enthusiasm, the refreshing wisdom, and the same loving personality that endeared him to the students when he was here. May the freshmen and sophomores, in reading the message, catch the identical spirit, and be imbued with that sense of comradeship which distinguishes our student life.

It is our hope that sometime in the not too distant future, Professor Monin will again favor us with such an inspiring message.

One Hundred Per Cent Perfect

Two great tests in mental discipline are accuracy and honesty. It is far better to master a few subjects thoroughly than to have a mass of generalizations about many subjects. The world will have little use for those who are right only a part of the time. Whatever may be the standards of the class-room, practical life will require something more than 60 per cent or 70 per cent for a passing mark. The standards of the world are not like those set by the faculty, but more closely resemble those set by the student body themselves. They are not at all content with a member of the musical organizations who can strike only 90 per cent of the notes. They do not tolerate the man on the diamond who catches only 80 per cent of the balls. The standards which the student body set are high. They want accuracy that is well-nigh complete. They apply the same standards to candor and honesty. Bluff and pretense may be permitted in the classroom; but in their relations with each other students regard such practices with contempt, and those who resort to them are properly considered to be cheap. They may be willing to view with considerable tolerance those who break the rules of the school, but they will not fail to mete out condemnation and penalty to those who break the rules of training. When the world holds its examinations it will require the same standards of accuracy and honesty which student bodies impose upon themselves. Unless the mind is brought under such training and discipline as will enable it to acquire these standards at an early period, the grave danger increases that they may never be acquired.—President Coolidge.

Book Reviews

"The New Universe,"
by Baker Brownell

In this book Baker Brownell tackles a subject which is too big for him, or for any other man. He tries to explain life, and misses the mark miserably. If life is no more than he would have us believe, ours would at best be a sorry and hopeless existence.

"All life," says Brownell, "can be explained on the basis of physical fact. Life is a struggle, and the competition often is intense, but it is no less chemical in its last analysis, so far as science is concerned." Last analysis, indeed! If life is chemical in its last analysis so far as science is concerned, why cannot science produce life, or even so much as see the possibility of producing life? Science has to make many more analyses before it can presume to say it has reached its last, and has definitely settled this mystery!

Baker Brownell continues: "Life is a part of a large evolutionary process, a small, insignificant part at that. All living is chemical reaction. An ounce of tallow takes up the same amount of oxygen, sets free the same amount of heat, and produces the same amounts of water and carbon dioxide, whether fed to a dog or burned in a candle. In scientific terms, life is metabolism, which is, in short, the ability to transform matter and energy. This ability is not unique to life, however. Fire can do it; so can a turbo-generator, or a waterfall."

Which all sounds very scientific and authoritative, and is absolutely true, so far as it goes. But let's read on.

Somebody brings up the argument that life is different from the ordinary chemical process in that it possesses the power of sensitivity, the ability to perceive its surroundings, and to react to them. In the term "sensitivity" is included emotion, thought, consciousness, as well as the five physical senses.

In answer, he brings up the "behaviorist" idea. "All sensitivity consists of stimuli and their responses. From without come stimuli that we call the outer world, and from within, from all our muscles and viscera, come other stimuli which govern our reactions. As to conscious control of our reaction, bah! Emotions from this point of view are predominantly glandular and visceral reactions which have not been put into words."

In other words, he's trying to make us believe that all living is mechanistic,—its metabolism, its reproduction, its consciousness, its emotion, and its intelligence. All are reactions to stimuli, reactions that we cannot control, reactions meaningless and purposeless. And if we ask of what use is life to the individual when he cannot control the external world, the future generation, or his own behavior, and when he has no prospect for continued existence after death, Brownell goes on to say, "However dismal the prospect of life may be under this theory, it is better to react uselessly than not to react at all, for death is a discontinuity, similar to that of any chemical change, and though we usually try to avoid it with much earnestness, it is the natural end to a metabolic process."

Well, as to Baker Brownell, all we've got to say is that we sympathize with him. His must be a dreary and monotonous existence, with so depressing a philosophy. And with due regard to his learning, we doubt if modern youth will fall for his speculations on life, for speculations they surely are.

We have always believed that the first goal in life was the attainment of true happiness. That being the case, we prefer to accept the teachings of Jesus Christ as our conception of life, and believe them to be far more logical, and far more satisfying, than the wide guess which Brownell has made. —J. H.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

Probation week is now being held, to be followed by initiation Saturday, Feb. 22, and a banquet at the Brevoort Hotel. The following men are on probation:

Edward Stehno, '31.
Barton Roffee, '30.
Raymond Mills, '32.
Henry Fox, '31.
Charles Link, '31.
Guy Cornwell, '31, is back in school again after being away for a year.

A Greeting To The Students of A. I. T.

By Dr. Louis C. Monin
Retired Dean of Students

At the invitation of Mr. John Hommes, editor-in-chief of the Armour Tech News, to send a line of greeting to the students of A. I. T., I herewith gladly comply with his request, and walking quietly through the hall of the Main Building into the Library, I permit myself to say to the assembled young men who are crowding the Library tables: "How do you do, boys? How are you getting along? How is everything? Are the professors behaving as you expect them to do? Is dear A. I. T. taking hold of you so that you are steeped in wisdom and learning,—and good behavior? And how is the young lady?"

You have no idea how fortunate you are compared to students of other lands. Of course, young men with red blood, healthy hearts, and good minds survive in any climate and triumph even over physics and calculus. Yet what gives your college career an especial value and significance is that you belong to a COLLEGE OF COMRADESHIP.

The outstanding and glorious characteristic, the best and most important feature of the college course in A. I. T., besides the thoroughness of the work, the zeal of research, the acquisition, theoretical, and practical engineering knowledge, is the inspiring, hopeful, invigorating atmosphere of comradeship between student and student, between faculty and students, between the college and its alumni. It is the most precious asset of our "old school." See to it that you are worthy of it!

Whenever I explain it to my friends here, to students or professors of this country, this feature of our American student life has their unqualified admiration.

No snubbery, no class distinctions (except on the day of the Freshman-Sophomore rush!), no aloofness of professors and instructors, no foolish, exaggerated self-importance of the students with "the audacity of their ambitions":—all work together in amicable rivalry—even the fraternities most of the time—and throughout the entire concern, students, faculty, and alumni, there is the all-pervading spirit of good fellowship and helpful mutual understanding.

This close companionship of faculty and students is utterly lacking in European colleges and universities except where the personality of a great teacher may bring about harmony and cohesion of interests.

My congratulations, therefore, students of A. I. T.! What an approachable, sympathetic President, lenient with all your endeavor,—what upright, fine, understandable Deans,—what helpful Professors and Instructors! Let me call them your friends. Be worthy of such friendships! Remember the saying, "As you shout into the woods, so the echo will come back to you." It is "up to you" to make the most of this fine spirit of comradeship in the class room, on the athletic field, in the fraternities and clubs, in your daily intercourse with fellow students and faculty members. This spirit will help you in later years to win trust and appreciation,—to win friendship and love, to make your life rich and significant for yourself and those dependent on you.

And thus I see you advancing through the four years of college life and finally graduate, not as "one who has risen from nothing, but as one on the top who means to stay there."

Wherever this spirit of comradeship, of tolerance and helpfulness, prevails, there is happiness and true civilization. It is still the curse of European conditions that class hatred prevails here. No true and lasting peace can come to the world unless nations and individuals perceive and understand that only the spirit of comradeship can sustain mankind in the tremendous travail of cosmic change. Has man no friend in the Universe? No, except another man,—or perhaps his dog.

It will be easier and profitable to understand this spirit now that we are again approaching toward spring. For

"In the spring a young man's fancy
Lightly turns to songs of love—"
(I hope I quoted this correctly).

Let it be not merely "songs,"—but thoughts and deeds of helpful teamwork in play, in study, in the affairs of every day.

Three cheers for the A. I. T.—this College of Engineering and Comradeship!

The thirty-three years of work in and through this spirit have brought to me the solace of old age, the bright and cheerful sustaining power of life. May you also find and keep it. And God bless you.

L. C. Monin

Zurich, Switzerland, Jan. 15, 1929.

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

To My Sister

If I had a wish,
And wishes came true,
I'd dream for a sweetheart
A dream girl like you.

A pal to laugh with,
To tease,—never sore.
And always forgiving,
Can sweethearts do more?

—Andy B. W.

As All of Us

Frosh: When do you do your hardest work?
Soph: Before breakfast, always.
Frosh: What do you do?
Soph: Try to get outa bed.

'Tis Their Salvation, Verily

Dear Al:
You know this infinity thing (oo) lets a lot of instructors out of many a tight corner, doesn't it?
—I. O. N.

You're so dumb you don't even know what a mayor is. Don't kid me, of course I know a mayor is a horse's sister.
—F. B. A.

They're Real Antiques, Too

With the price of antique furniture what it is, it is reported that Stanley "Dough" is having a huge sale on log tables.
—Bill.

Just a Matter of Opinion

Where's your roommate?
Well, if the ice is as thick as he thinks it is, he's skating; if it's as thin as I think it is, he's swimming.

This Futuristic Stuff

Goldman: Vell, Ikey, I hear you had a fire sale in your store last Tuesday night.
Silverman: Shhh. Not so loud. It's next Tuesday.
—Freddie.

One of the seniors was home over Lincoln's birthday and the old folks had a little gathering in his honor. Picking up a beautiful silk shirt, he was showing it to his friends. "Isn't this keen? And to think that it came from a poor, little insignificant worm."
His dad turned and wearily said, "Yes, and darn it, I'm that worm."

Close To Home

Where is the capitol of Illinois?
Springfield.
That's right. Now where is the capitol of Africa.
Thirty-First and State.

This naturally leads to the story of the colored chap who was in a cell sleeping off a good spree. The jail was rather dark, and the desk sergeant peered into the cell to try and see the inmate. "Are you colored?" he called in. "No sah," was the reply. "I was born this way."

Tobacco is a dirty weed,
It satisfies no normal need.
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,
It takes the hair right off your bean,
It's the worst stuff I've ever seen,
I like it.

The Blunderer

Senior: Tough luck, old man, I hear your girl got married the other day.
Grad: Yeah.
Senior: Purty tough.
Grad: Yeah.
Senior: Who did she marry.
Grad: Me.

A fellow waiting for a train kicked a dog quite viciously. The owner rathfully demanded an explanation. "Why your dog is mad," the fellow explained. "Mad! Mad! Why you double dyed blankety blank fool, he's not mad." "Oh! Isn't he? Gosh, I should be awfully mad if any body kicked me like that."

My, How Subtle

Do you think you could ever care for a fellow like me? Yes, if he wasn't too much like you.

Inquiring Reporter: Are you favor of clubs for women?
Cynic: Certainly. Clubs, sandbags, or any other weapons that are handy.

In answer to Dr. Scherger's question in a History of Civilization quiz: "What are the Five Great Races of Mankind," Iverson wrote. "The 100 yard, the hurdles, the quarter-mile, the mile, and the cross country."

The Acid Test

One: He seems to be very clever.
Two: Yes indeed. He can even do the problems that his children bring home as homework.

Active: Did you take a bath?
Pledge: No, is there one missing?

'Sno use tryin'. The last humor issue has just about worn out the last lines, and with the weather as it is, we're completely baffled.

Lewis E. E. Students Share 'Talkie' Films At Armour Assembly

Last Thursday at a joint meeting of the Armour and Lewis Institute branches of the A. I. E. E., held here, a program of talking movies, furnished by the Bell Telephone Laboratories, was given.

Many of the Lewis students arrived some time previous to the assembly, enabling them to make an inspection of the school. A number of senior electricals under the leadership of J. M. MacDonald took groups of these guests on trips throughout the main building and to those laboratories as they might be interested in.

In preparation for the meeting, talking movie apparatus had been installed in the assembly hall. The principal parts of which were a projector, not greatly unlike the ordinary projector, and an amplifier with a loud speaking device.

The projector is the same as standard except that the speed is greater, twenty frames per second, and a sound reproducing device is built in it. Along side of the picture, on the film used, is to be found a strip of light, of varying value. As the picture passes in front of the lens, this strip also passes, at distance of 12.5 inches behind the picture, between a small lamp and a photo electric cell. The impulse generated by the photo electric cell is fed to the amplifier, and greatly increased in value is used to actuate a cone speaker of the conventional Western Electric design. This speaker was concealed behind a novel perforated screen, doing away with the effect of seeing the picture at one point and hearing the voice come from a different point, so noticeable in many talking movie installations.

Mr. L. S. O'Roark, information manager of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, addressed the meeting. He wished to dispel any belief, that in spite of all the marvelous things already done by science, room for research was exhausted. He cited the fact that such a seemingly commonplace thing as the resistance of a material to the flow of an electrical current, is hardly understood at all.

He predicted that in the future, professors would be relieved of much of the routine work of lecturing to classes, by means of the talking movie.

As an illustration of this, two reels of talking pictures were shown, in which the operation of various pieces of telephone equipment were explained. In presenting these Mr. O'Roark pointed out that they were also laboratory experiments in another field, but in common with any laboratory experiment they were not always completely satisfactory.

Before the program of pictures was completed, it became apparent that further operation of the projector would be impossible due to repeated burning of the film as it passed through the frame.

Discuss "Inhibition" At A. C. S. Meeting

Tomorrow evening at 7:30, the American Chemical Society will hold its February meeting in the City Club rooms. The speaker of the evening is to be Dr. H. N. Aleya of the University of Minnesota. His subject will be "Chain Reactions and the Mechanism of Inhibition." Dr. Aleya is one of the foremost authorities on inhibition, and he will present a suitable theory to explain this phenomena.

Science has recently discovered that negative catalysis of inhibition is just as interesting and fundamental as is catalysis; products that deteriorate or spoil can be preserved by adding traces of substances called "inhibitors."

It has been pointed out that inhibitors cannot be discovered by the trial and tribulation method. It must first be understood how inhibitors work. The research laboratories during the past few years have done much to answer the question, "By what mechanism can a tiny quantity of inhibitor exert so powerful an influence?"

This lecture should prove profitable to all those interested in chemistry.

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R. N. WILSON, '31

Soph Dance Turnout Poor, But Good Time Was Had By All, Etc.

The Sophomore Dance, held last Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel LaSalle, attracted about one hundred couples. This was the third of the school dances held during this school year. According to R. N. Wilson, sophomore social chairman, only eighty-five bids were sold and therefore the dance was not a financial success.

Lack of numbers, however, had nothing to do with the success of the dance in other respects. The music was furnished by Lew Diamond's Bal Tabarin Orchestra, a Benson organization, which was all that the committee claimed that it would be when it comes to playing good dance music. As a special attraction Byron Nevilier, the dancing architect, and a beautiful little Spanish girl gave those present an exhibition of how the Tango should be danced.

Sr. Fire Protectors See C.F.D.'s High Spots

On Friday, February 8, a group of Senior F. P. E.'s, about twenty-five in number, went to the City Hall to make an inspection of the central alarm station of the Chicago Fire Department. They witnessed several calls going through and turned in some alarms themselves, learning how the city is covered in times of conflagrations.

From the City Hall they went to the Franklin Street Bridge where the Fire Boat, Graeme Stewart, is located, proceeding to make an inspection of it from turret nozzles to boilers.

On the following Friday, February 15, the senior F. P. E.'s visited the Chicago Fire Patrol No. 5 at Hill and Orleans Streets, where the fire patrolmen's school is located. Their training school resembles the Underwriters' laboratory in miniature. The only thing the seniors didn't do there was go on a run with the patrolmen.

The chaperones for the dance were:

Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Raymond, Dean and Mrs. C. I. Palmer, Prof. C. A. Tibbals and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Mangold.

The members of the Sophomore Social Committee were: R. N. Wilson, chairman, M. C. Larkin, F. M. Pfeiffer, F. M. James, J. M. McAlear.

LIBRARIANS THANK DONORS

Mrs. Sanders and Miss Rowls, librarians at the Burnham library, Art Institute, wish to thank their unknown admirers for the collection of valentines which they have received.

ANNUAL POWER SHOW ATTRACTS MANY STUDENTS

The fourth annual Power Show and Midwest Engineering Conference was held at the Coliseum February 12 to 16 inclusive. There were over four hundred and sixty displays by manufacturers of mechanical products, ranging from a Deisel switch engine in the booth of the Fairbanks Morse Company, to an automatic saw sharpener, which may have improved the saw, but certainly was hard on one's ears.

All week long, groups of students took the opportunity to visit these interesting exhibits and converse with men already engaged in engineering work. Soon word was passed around as to where hydraulic handbooks, catalogues giving specifications of hoists, pipes, and key rings were to be had for the asking.

Much interest seemed to be shown in the several displays of automatic stoking equipment. The individual displays varied as to size and in certain other mechanical features. All, however, sought to enable soft coal to be burned smokelessly with the convenience of oil, yet at a cost lower than hand fired coal.

Both the "Iron Fireman" and "Combustioneer" displays showed models suitable for economical operation in the smallest of homes. There

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was a "Combustioneer" stoker in actual operation in a full size furnace, showing exactly how the firing was accomplished.

The exhibit of the New Departure Mfg. Co. contained a very clever display. From an opening in a case, three quarter inch steel balls were dropped a distance of a foot and one-half to strike on a metal surface, rebounding through a bearing race to fall on a second metal plane and be so deflected as to re-enter the case several feet from where they issued. When in operation, one ball falling but a second after the previous one, a very amusing sight was presented, the balls seeming to follow one another as if fastened together by some invisible means.

THETA XI

The Armour Chapter of Theta Xi was host to several members of Eastern chapters on their way to the annual convention of the Fraternity, being held, in San Francisco, California, this week. E. R. Rowley, '30, is Armour Chapter's delegate.

A banquet was given last Monday evening at the Interfraternity Club of Chicago for delegates from the chapters of Theta Xi near Chicago and east of here, before they boarded a special train for San Francisco. Several members of the Armour chapter attended the banquet.

The Armour Chapter of Theta Xi wishes to announce the pledging of: A. W. Griesman, '31, J. E. Taylor, '32, and H. P. Richter, '32.



Protection of Freight

Transportation, to be efficient, must be not only rapid but safe. This applies to both passengers and freight.

In their freight business the railroads are entrusted with the safeguarding to destination of approximately 165,000 newly loaded freight cars every working day. Since most railway freight spends several days on the road, the value of the total amount of freight in the possession of the railroads at any one time must run into the billions of dollars. To protect this freight from damage, robbery and loss through misdirection is a task requiring the co-ordinated efforts of many thousands of railway employees.

Besides inspecting carefully the condition of cars and insisting upon certain standards of safety in the packing and stowing of freight, the railroads school their trainmen and engineers in the proper handling of their trains, even going so far as to check up, by means of impact registers, on the degree of roughness in the handling of individual cars. Every railroad of any size has its own police department to protect its shipments from robbery. Station and accounting forces are carefully trained in the billing, checking and tracing of freight. Special departments are maintained for the adjustment of freight claims.

With all this care, is it any wonder that railway payments for freight loss and damage have declined remarkably in recent years? Between 1920 and 1927, for example, the number of such claims presented declined from 4,721,497 to 2,527,055, payments of all freight claims declined from \$119,838,127 to \$37,146,813, and payments per car loaded declined from \$2.66 to 72 cents. Robbery losses per car in 1927, for example, averaged 2.2 cents—just a trifle more than the cost of a postage stamp for a letter.

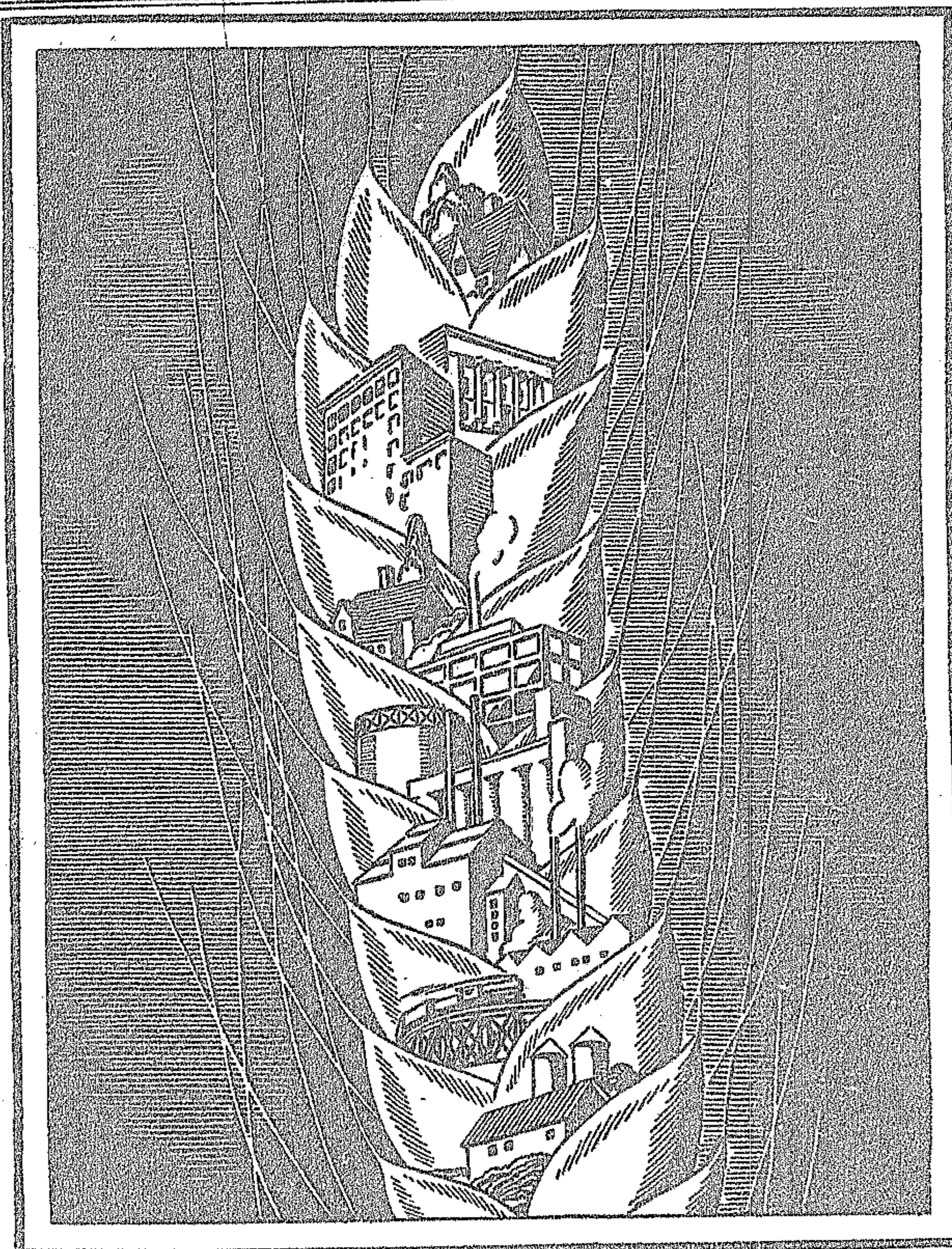
Because of the safety and financial responsibility which they present, the railroads feel well justified in soliciting the continued freight patronage of the American public.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

L. A. DOWNS,
President, Illinois Central System.

CHICAGO, February 15, 1929.

(An essay contest on "The Future of the Railroads," now in progress, will close February 28. For details address L. A. Downs, President, Illinois Central System, Chicago.)



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TECH PUGILISTS HOLD HYDE PARK "Y" TO A 3-3 DRAW

Armour Men Fail To Get Any Breaks In Hotly Contested Match

Garbett's band of rip-sportin' pugs added a little more color to their 1929 ring conquests when they captured 3 out of the 6 events in last Wednesday's match against the Hyde Park Y. M. C. A.

Figuring on the basis of wins and losses the outcome of the evening's proceedings was generally considered as a draw. But in considering the event in detail, it is safe to boast that the Hyde Park fist-cuffs were treated with more than their desired quota of left and right arm crosses.

Buehling Loses in Overtime

The unfortunate experience of Buehling, in the gruelling match with Lewis of the Y. M. C. A. gave the "Y's" the break that set them on par with Armour as far as the scoring was concerned. It was a dazzling three round affair that ended in a draw; then was prolonged for another round. Lewis slightly shaded Buehling by finishing up the round with a few choppy strokes and won the decision.

Taylor a Promising Ringman

J. Taylor's three round exhibition in his fight against Obler showed that his fellow opponent was a poor match for him. Taylor made a decisive victory of the affair. This young nose-cracker has three and one-half years of fighting before him and promises to be a dangerous man in the ring before he regards Armour as his alma-mater.

The Mitchell-Cook entanglement was another demonstration of Armour's fistic prowess. Although Cook outweighed the Armourite by 10 lbs. he placed second in the match.

Wind-Up a One-Sided Brawl

In the wind-up Whitfield and Carrol formed the opposition. Whitfield's win over Carrol was so impressive that there is but little doubt that the Hyde Parker will long remember the details connected with the fight.

Jammer and Nelson were the other two who fell on the losing end. Jammer's battle was a hotly contested argument and the honors went to Durand because he threw in a few extra swings that made him look like the more aggressive fighter.

Fifteen Men on Boxing Squad

Coach Garbett's chief worry, however, is to find somebody who can replace Captain Larkin, and "Frosh" Bryant. Larkin was forced to bid adieu to his gloves for a while until he rates a little higher in his studies. Bryant has handed in his resignation until next semester when he expects to find the going in his school work a little smoother.

There are fifteen representatives on the squad and all are well inclined along the pugilistic line. Thus far the team has only been able to mix in a half dozen or so bouts, because the opponents have failed to furnish enough men in opposition. Garbett feels as though the ideal show is one that will feature "Armour Versus Opponent in 15 Bouts" and he looks forward to securing such a match.

BEAT WEST SIDE "Y"

Armour's pugilistic hopes again rose when the score showed a win in the Armour column after the match with the West Side Professional Y. M. C. A. boxers.

Only a few of the Armour men got a crack at the opponents' jaws as only five men were furnished by the opponents for the encounters.

The score showed the following results:

Taylor, 125, of Armour, scored a technical knockout over Crane, 124, of "Y" in their three round bout.

Sandstrom, 119, Armour, went four hard rounds to a draw with

Augustana Stops Cagemen's Winning Streak

After breaking into the winning column by trouncing "Y" College 29-33, and Northwestern's McKinlock Campus five to the tune of 28-19, Armour again slipped when they were defeated by Augustana College 38-25 last Friday.

The interesting feature of the "Y" College game was Rossing's basket bombarding which netted Armour 13 points. The entire team was working in perfect co-ordination with one another which resulted in their playing one of the best games this season.

Armour's second victim was the McKinlock Campus quintet who fell before the Kraftsmen by a score of 28-19, marking the second defeat our cagemen have handed that team this season.

Scarcely had Armour enjoyed the taste of victory when Augustana intervened and stopped our cagemen's winning march, crushing them 38-25.

Rossing again led the Techs in scoring by collecting 11 points. If Rossing can maintain his marksmanship and if the other members can regain some of the skill that they've shown in the two preceding games, tomorrow's contest with Augustana should bring about a change of results.

ARMOUR-"Y" COLLEGE (29-23)

B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Manz, rf. 0 4 1	Sistrunk, rf. 3 0 1
Simpson, lf. 3 2 1	Sparks, lf. 1 2 2
Rossing, c. 4 5 1	LaRue, c. 0 2 1
August, rg. 2 0 0	Barbour, rg. 0 1 3
Goodht., lg. 0 0 0	Welting, lg. 0 4 2
Ott, lf. 0 0 0	Reed, rf. 1 0 1
Robin, c. 0 0 0	Schreud, c. 2 0 2

Final score: Armour 29, "Y" College, 23.

ARMOUR-NORTHWESTERN

B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Ott, rf. 2 2 4	Reed, rf. 3 0 3
Manz, rf. 2 3 0	Berman, lf. 1 0 2
Carlson, lf. 0 2 0	Moffie, c. 0 0 4
Simpson, lf. 0 0 0	McKean, c. 0 0 0
Robin, c. 2 1 1	Veigel, rg. 3 4 1
Rossing, c. 0 0 0	Ognon, lg. 0 1 1
August, rg. 3 2 1	
Goodht. lg. 0 0 2	
Rutkowski, lg. 0 0 1	

Final score: Armour, 28; Northwestern, 19.

ARMOUR (25)

B. F. P.	B. F. P.
Manz, rf. 0 3 2	Apple 0 2 4
Ott, rf. 1 1 0	Johnson 3 2 0
Ewing, rf. 1 0 1	Gordon 0 2 4
Simpson, lf. 0 0 3	Herd 0 0 1
Robin, lf. 0 0 1	Thoman 4 5 2
Egan, lf. 0 0 0	Kanashu 3 2 3
Rossing, c. 3 5 1	Stroherf 0 0 0
August, rg. 0 2 1	Alaine 2 1 1
Goodht. lg. 1 2 2	Mac Whin'y 0 0 1

Invitation Track Meet At Bartlett Tomorrow

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be no entrance fee or fees of any kind.

The following events will be on the program:

- 50 Yard Dash
- 50 Yard Low Hurdles
- 50 Yard High Hurdles
- 220 Yard Dash
- 440 Yard Run (Two Races)
- 880 Yard Run
- 1 Mile Run
- 2 Mile Run
- High Jump
- Pole Vault
- Shot Put.

Brown, 126, of Y. M. C. A.

Sid Swartz, 135, Armour, lost a 3-round fight with Corbett, 135, Y. M. C. A.

Buehling, 147, Armour, won in 3 rounds over Balek, 147.

Garbett, 130, Armour, won by default from Patt, 135, Y. M. C. A. star.

The results show:
Armour won 3
Armour lost 1
Armour drew 1

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SOPHOMORES COP INTERCLASS MEET BY BIG MARGIN

By taking four firsts, three seconds, and three thirds, the Sophomore contingent of trackmen won the interclass meet despite strong competition last Thursday afternoon at the Bartlett Gymnasium. One school record was broken, and excellent showings were made in several events. The final score stood Sophomores, 32; Juniors, 17; Freshmen, 7; and Seniors, 6.

Paul Breaks Shot-Put Record

The outstanding point collectors for the second year men were the Fox brothers, Timmermans, and Iverson, who among them accounted for a total of 23 points. High point man of the meet was Don Paul, who made a total of 10 points by firsts in the Shot Put and the High Jump. By putting the shot a distance of 46 feet and 11 inches, he established a new school record, and set a new unofficial record for Bartlett Gymnasium. All of his heaves went beyond the 43 foot mark, anyone of which would have won him a first place.

Yount Is Only Senior

The lack of Senior contestants shaded the graduating class' hope of making themselves a factor in the meet. Yount was the only representative from a long list of eligible men who were expected to attend. Third honors for Thursday's meet went to the Freshmen due to the efforts of three men who came through with two seconds and one third. H. P. Richter, J. Taylor, and R. Doubt served as the point collectors for their class.

Summary

The complete list of events and winners is as follows:

50 Yard Dash—1st, Ransel, Jr.; 2nd, Taylor, Fr.; 3rd, Wogciezek, Soph.

50 Yard High Hurdles—1st, Henry Fox, Soph.; 2nd, Yount, Senior; 3rd, Ransel, Jr.

440 Yard Run—1st, Harold Fox, Soph.; 2nd, Henry Fox, Soph.; 3rd,

Culver Hosts To Rifle Team; Drub A.I.T.

The Rifle Team's first out of town match was held at Culver Military Academy last Saturday and though the final score stood in favor of Culver (911 to 752) the A. I. T. team voted the contest a great success. After the match the Armour representatives witnessed an ice hockey game with Notre Dame and then inspected the campus and buildings. In the evening, after a hearty meal in the school mess hall where they received loud and prolonged applause, the team saw Billie Dove in "The Night Watch." Besides this the second installment of the thrilling "Tarzan of the Apes" set their blood boiling. The day was closed with a midnight pillow fight in the visitors' quarters. The next morning after breakfast, and more applause, the team left for Chicago. The teams were:

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| Armour | Culver |
| W. Dickey | S. Galbraith |
| F. Farrell | G. Hayden |
| D. Garen | L. Hayden |
| G. Heller | J. Hogan |
| A. Hess | I. Martin |
| J. Jacobson | G. Whittlesey |
| S. Janiszewski | |
| H. Montgomery | |
| S. Pulaski, Capt. | |

Janiszewski was high point man for Armour.

Doubt, Fr.

880 Yard Run—1st, Iverson, Soph.; 2nd, Podlipec, Soph.; 3rd, Bowman, Soph.

One Mile Run—1st, Timmermans, Soph.; 2nd, Richter, Fr.; 3rd, D. T. Smith, Jr.

High Jump—1st, Paul, Jr.; 2nd, Bowman, Soph.; 3rd, Setterberg, Soph.

Shot Put—1st, Paul, Jr.; 2nd, Yount, Sr.; 3rd, No Entree.

The men listed above may obtain their awards from William E. Greene, track manager.

Students Receive Dr. Monin's Message

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your flattering request.

I herewith enclose a short "something," which you may deem worthwhile to put into one of the issues of the Armour Tech News. You are very kind indeed to have remembered me. May your college career be bright and successful.

Accept my compliments upon the excellent paper you and your colleagues of the staff are getting out! I only hope that your friend and co-worker, Mr. R. E. Johnson, business manager, will collect the dues for it, which I owe you—for I want gladly to support such an excellent work—from Mr. Allison, Comptroller, to whom I wrote about it.

Give my regards and kindest greetings to the students of A. I. T., who certainly are as fine a body of young men as I have found anywhere. I am proud of them and proud to say to my friends here: I too was once part and parcel of this live "bunch" of young America.

To you personally, my best wishes and kind greetings.

Cordially yours,
L. C. MONIN.

Dean Monin has been receiving each issue of the NEWS since it was started last April. The staff is particularly pleased to know that he has been enjoying his weekly portion of news from A. I. T.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA
Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma announces the initiation of the following men on Feb. 16, 1929: Emil Blomme, '30, C.E. James E. Bryant, '32, F.P.E. Howard S. Hendricks, '32, F.P.E. Raymond Nelson, '32, Arch. Carroll K. Simons, '32, Arch. George N. Waniata, '31, Ch.E. Claude M. Westerman, '31, F.P.E.

TRIANGLE

This being "hell-week" at the Triangle house, pandemonium reigus supreme. Formal initiation will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 at the house, followed by a banquet at the Hyde Park Hotel.

The following men are being put through:

- Stanley Lind, Ch.E., '32.
- Maynard Venema, M.E., '32.
- William Davern, E.E., '32.
- Leslie Kantner, C.E., '31.
- Lloyd Lamping, F.P.E., '32.
- William Schultz, M.E., '32.
- Roger Waindle, F.P.E., '32.

Henry Christiansen, the president, is convalescing from a case of blood poisoning which resulted from injuries received while tobogganing. He expects to be back within a week.

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