

## 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 "Comradeship"

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.

Wia 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 (8½x11 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 chairman 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 Berlin 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), Concoridia, North Park (Chicago), Thornton (Harvey), Knox (Galesburg), Monmouth, Morgan Park, Mooseheart.

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)

### 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. Barman 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.

### 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 quietest 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.