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### A Thought for New Years

Now that the Christmas holidays are over, and we have started on a new year, some of us have made a lot of resolutions concerning this thing and that. However, the custom of making New Year's resolutions seems to be slowly dying in popularity.

Of course, such resolutions are in themselves more or less useless because they are seldom upheld beyond a period of a week or two, but the deliberation behind their making is valuable. The man that swears to do his Calculus every night "from now on," will be trotting off to the show on week nights in another fortnight. That is to be expected. However, when he stopped to make this lightly honored resolution, he took mental inventory of his failings and his needs. He stopped to review his present habits of life, to look ahead into the future. He decided which way he was headed, which way he wished to travel, and determined to make such corrections in his paths as seemed most advisable in order to reach the end which he had in view.

If we all would spend a little time to stop and look ahead, to chart our course, we could gain a great deal. Less of this aimless wandering through college would result. Our curriculum is proscribed in each course to a greater or less extent, but what we do with our extra time is left to each individual. Some seem to believe that they obtain the most from their spare time by spending it in a "movie," or rather "talkie," some are prone to spend all their time buried in their books; others seek athletics for diversion, or a hundred different things. But anyone could take a few moments once in a while to do some constructive thinking about his own problems. The time thus spent might help him, and certainly it would do no harm.

#### DEAN MONIN

The appearance of a message in this issue from our former Dean, Doctor Louis C. Monin, brings word from a man with whom only this year's senior class and faculty are personally acquainted. We are sorry indeed that the under class men of the present have never had an opportunity to know him. In the three years since his departure, many changes have taken place, but the memory of his wonderful personality, of his kindly philosophy is still in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. Very few men are ever regarded with such universal regard as Dean Monin was held by his student body. We hope that we will receive other communications from him in the future.

"That is accounted probable which has better arguments producible for it than can be brought against it." —Robert South.

### THE SLIPSTICK

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

### IMPORTANT

They tell me that the cuttlefish  
Is not a very subtle fish.  
And I don't doubt it.  
And I have heard it said, no carp  
Has ever learned to play the harp.  
But what about it?

B. S.

It sure was a relief to get back to school again where one can catch up on his sleep. This opinion was voiced by everyone we met here, January 6. No doubt you all had an enjoyable vacation and partook heartily of the Christmas goose or pork chops. We did.

Prof: "What is the most outstanding contribution that chemistry has given to the world?"  
Chorus: "Blondes."

Walt.

### FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

You're not so tough, big boy—you just forgot to shave.  
Snow again sonny. They didn't get the drift.  
Never mistake asthma for passion.

"Your hair needs cutting badly, sir," said the barber.  
"No, it doesn't," retorted the student. "It needs to be cut nicely. You cut it badly last time." T. M.

There are more spongers in this country than there are sponges.

### WHAT DOES A DRAFTSMAN DO THEN?

Do you know that there is a fellow in our "cale" class who thinks a draftsman is a fellow who opens the windows?

J. S. McC.

Perambulating Pete: "Wot's dat horseshoe nail in yer suspenders for?"  
Hobo Harry: "Dat's de combination. Ef yer takes dat out, I fall to pieces."

She looked like a fallen angel,—one that had fallen on its face. Plato.

Prof. (in Biology): "What animal makes the nearest approach to man?"  
Student: "The mosquito." R. F. S.

The past vacation afforded the conductor of this column a new experience, one that will be remembered for some time, even longer perhaps. Hunting, that's the key word to the new experience. Did you ever hunt? Some sport! I never will forget the first shot I fired. I pulled the trigger, then came the reaction. That gun (cannon, I think it was) came back in a hurry and liked to have knocked me into the next county. The net result of the day, for me at least, was a black and blue shoulder and wet feet.

ATTENTION! YOU EXPERTS ON PHYSICS  
What happens when an irresistible college boy meets an immovable cold?

#### CAUTIOUS

Little Boy: "Conductor, will you please give me a transfer?"  
Conductor: "Certainly. Where to, my little man?"  
Little Boy: "Oh, I can't tell you that. It's a surprise party."

Customer: "I'd like twenty-five cents worth of Zinc Ointment."  
Drug Clerk: "Yes, Sir. On white or rye bread?"

#### EXPERIENCED HELP WANTED

Detective: "You're wanted for a safe-cracking job."  
Prisoner: "All right, I'll take the position."

### THE POSTMAN IS THE DEAN

We don't need Harvard  
We don't need Yale  
We get our education  
Through the mail.  
Rah, Rah, Correspondence. Plato.

One way to "put on the dog" is to refer to the office clerk as "my secretary." R. S. F.

You may be incense to your mother, but you're just a punk to me. Chuck.

#### SKEPTIC

"But, Tommy," said his mother, "Didn't your conscience tell you that you were doing wrong?"  
"Yes," replied Tommy, "But I don't believe everything I hear." Chester.

The average girl who receives a penny for her thoughts nowadays is getting darn good money.

"What is a slide rule?"  
"Never slide with your new pants on."

Then you know that studious boy who, just from force of habit, took notes on the commencement lecture. J. D. N.

The snow that came on the last day of school in 1929 offered some relief. The concert was postponed. K. K.



### Professor Otto Louis Robinson

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY P. EMIL SEIDELMAN '31

Otto Louis Robinson, Associate Professor of Fire Protection Engineering, was born at New Albany, Indiana, on January 11, 1893. He received his grade and high school education in that city. He entered Purdue in the fall of 1912, and received his B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering in June, 1916.

After graduation Prof. Robinson joined the staff of Underwriters' Laboratories as an Assistant Engineer in the Hydraulic Department.

Six months later, in the spring of 1917, he joined the Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Engineers Corps. He was then ordered to France and assigned to the Chemical Warfare Service with the rank of First Lieutenant. An interesting incident in

Prof. Robinson's service abroad was an assignment to the British Army for three months.

In the early part of 1919 he returned to this country and again joined the staff of Underwriters' Laboratories.

Prof. Robinson began teaching Armour students at the opening of school in 1920. He was promoted to an Assistant Professor in 1922, and to his present rank of Associate Professor in 1925. He now devotes about one half of his time to the instruction of the F. P. E.'s, the other half being spent in the investigation and testing of new devices of a hydraulic nature in the fire protection line, such as foam generators, dry pipe valves, signal appliances, etc. At the present time he is concentrating his efforts on the preparation of an article covering the history, development, and present wide usage of foam extinguishing apparatus.

On June 24, 1920, he married Miss Evelyn Meyer of Louisville, Ky. They now have three children, one girl and two boys.

Professor Robinson is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Business Mens Art Club. He is also a member of Acacia Fraternity and an honorary member of Salamander.

Fire Protection Engineering holds Prof. Robinson's attention and it is to this subject that he devotes the greater part of his time. However there is just a little time left and this he gladly gives to his avocation, which is sketching, especially landscapes and other outdoor subjects.

Columbia University houses some bright freshmen.

On registration day one wrote after the notation, "Give full name," the remarkable answer: "Same name whether full or sober." In the space for names of parents, another brilliant high school graduate wrote "Ma and Pa."

### Inquiring Reporter

How did you spend your Christmas vacation?

L. W. Krizan, '33, Ch.E.—Mostly catching up with back homework—doing my semester theme for English. Also I put in some time working in a drug store.

T. C. Foin, '31, Ch.E.—Mostly catching up on back work and sleep.

Wirth Gustafson, '33, M.E.—Eat, sleep, and work. I had plenty to do. An English theme was the outstanding factor. However, time for basketball games and skating should always be found in a vacation and such was my case.

James Thomson, '33, Ch.E.—How did I spend it?—Liberal!

Walter Hollman, '33, Ch.E.—I spent the greater part of my time making up lost sleep. The remainder was partly spent doing homework and other amusing pastimes.

Stan Lind, '32, Ch.E.—Sleeping and Eating!

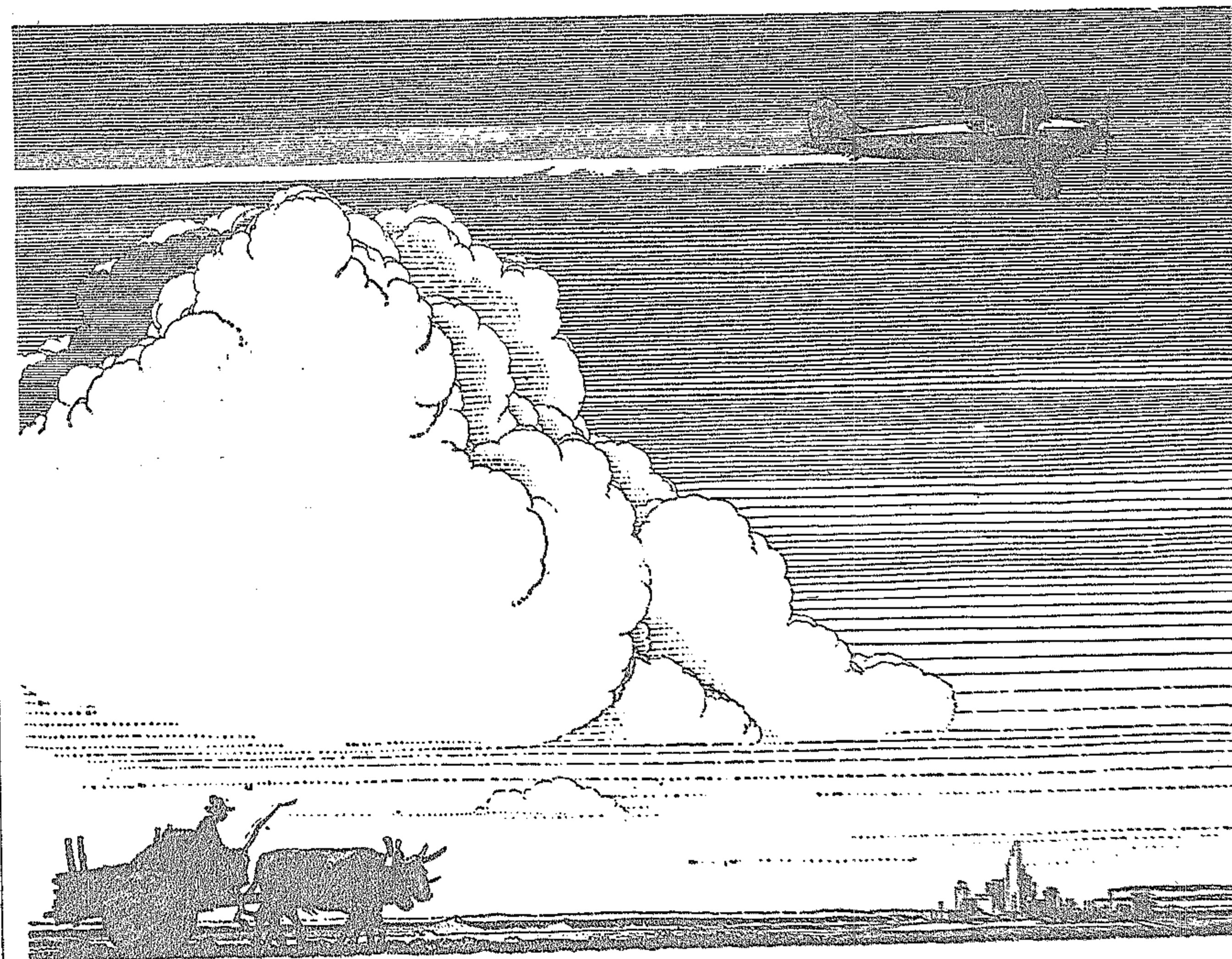
The lowly has come into its own in the form of a scholarship at the University of Idaho. Students of the agricultural department of that university will compete with each other for a cow, instead of pecuniary prizes. The proceeds from the cow will enable the winner to remain in school for at least another term.

Conscience is a coward, and those faults it has not strength to prevent, it seldom has justice enough to accuse.—Goldsmith.

Ice cream was first made in Italy.

For to give is the business of the rich.—Goethe.

A suppressed resolve will betray itself in the eyes.—George Eliot.



## UP FROM THE OXCART

"Acceleration, rather than structural changes, is the key to an understanding of our recent economic developments."—From the report of President Hoover's Committee on Recent Economic Changes

YESTERDAY, the rumble, creak, and plod of cart and oxen. To-day and to-morrow the zoom of airplanes. Faster production. Faster consumption. Faster communication.

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