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HUMOR

The nature of most men is such that good humor is appreciated and sought. While there may exist some with a cynical nature, an average man has a tendency to read the light, frothy quips of others with a good deal of relish. Realizing that, the "Slipstick" has been an integral part of the paper since the first issue.

The column is a decided asset to the paper, and the success that it has had can be noted by the number of men in classes with a carefully folded copy of the News open to page two and immersed in a formidable appearing textbook. Tuesdays seem to show a decided amount of concentration upon the lesson in the book, as some professors may have noted.

Although nearly everyone can appreciate the column and chuckle at the jokes, few realize the amount of labor entailed in its preparation. Stephen Leacock, one of the foremost humorists, offers facetiously this recipe: "It has long been my custom," he says, "in preparing an article of a humorous nature to go down to the cellar and mix up a half gallon of myosis with a pint of hyperbole. If I want a decidedly literary flavor, I find it well to put in a half pint of paresis."

However, the column conductors realize that it is not an easy matter to furnish a column of good, enjoyable jokes week after week without a contributing body. "It never occurs to the readers," says Leacock, "that making humor is hard, meritorious and dignified; because the result is light and gay, they think the process must be."

In a school of the size of Armour there are bound to be men with the cleverness to write in this vein. We hear a host of humorous repartee in the classrooms, yet the contribution box in the main entrance is consistently weak and wan from the lack of nourishment. It seems too bad that we cannot have dictaphones scattered throughout the school in an effort to save this great waste of material; we feel that the department of economics must be grieved at this loss of energy.

To those who have sent in material and have never seen it in print, we must explain the policy of the paper. The column tries not to use anything that appears to have been taken from any of the copyrighted humorous publications, nor anything whose great antiquity or prevalence would lower the standard of the "Slipstick." Needless to say, jokes that tend too much toward the risqué are out of consideration. However, there exists enough humor in the world today of an acceptable nature that this is no great loss.

We hope that in the future the "Slipstick" may more truly represent the humor of Armour. While there are many who faithfully send in excellent material, it would be gratifying to see the competition to make the column more intense, thus giving more originality to it, and at the same time giving the budding humorists the pleasure of seeing their creations in print.

A. B. A.

THE SLIPSTICK

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

RENAMED

It has been called the coast, the beach,
The strand, and oft the lee shore,
But one piece suits on every peach
Have changed it to the SEE shore.

George Washington maintained his good reputation because no prof ever asked him if he understood an explanation given in class.

Introducing Micro Mike

Swede: "Would you marry an idiot for his money?"
Mae: "Oh, Herbert, this is so sudden."
—Micro Mike.

What a feeling? After two hours in the lab and with data that looks too good to be true you find when you go to calculate you forgot one measurement.

What About a Horn? Beep-Beep

A tourist rushed into the country store: "I wanna quart of oil, some gas, a couple of spark plugs, a timer, a five-gallon kerosene can and four pie tins."
"All right," replied the enterprising clerk, "and you kin assemble 'er in the back room if you want."
—Walt.

True Patriotism

Criss: "What caused that accident to that flagpole sitter?"
Cross: "He tried to stand up when they played the 'Star Spangled Banner.'"

Tough Kid: "Sure my dad has a big political pull. They gave him the best cell in the jail."
—Joe.

Sounds Silly

One—"Let me give you a tip."
Two—"Tip it."
One—"Go down to the bakery and stand in front of the big oven."
Two—"For why?"
One—"There's dough in it."
—Dick.

Musings

Terribly warm today, almost feels like Spring—what's the use of working—. It seems to us that life is just a big joke and all the people are a flock of clowns.

Mark this everyone, the period of depression has past. Look forward to prosperity beginning right now. The wolf at the door lost fifteen pounds since the crash—more anon, maybe.

"Do you believe in marrying one's own relative?"
"Of course, I married my wife."
C. G.

Call the Junkman

"Do you think autos are ruining the younger generation?"
"No, I think the younger generation is ruining the autos."
Chester.

Our idea of misplaced endeavor is the lad who is polite to his room-mate.

Only a Buck, Too

It's never too late to subscribe to the NEWS. You who read this probably have done so already, but tell your friends who have not.

Can You Explain This

Every time you study hard and know your stuff, you don't get called on. Then you date one night during the week and the prof is sure to get you cornered the next day. Why?

Some Civil suggested that sponges be mixed with concrete to make the sidewalks softer.

Poise will be poise—even college poise.
Yes, Why?

Politician: "Congratulate me, dear, I got the nomination."

His wife: "Honestly!"
Politician: "Oh, why bring that up?"
—Walt.

Joe is a light-heavyweight—light in the head and heavy in the feet.
—R. K.

She: "Bob put his arm around me several times last night."

He: "Well, he must have a blamed long arm."
—Micro Mike.

Out of Luck Right

Too bad for the sheep herder who didn't know what to do for his insomnia.
—J. P.

Ques.: "Why do snowflakes dance?"
Ans.: "I don't know, unless they're practicing for the snow ball."
—Chester.

Hope you liked it. We don't care whether you did or not.
—K.K.

Professor Lynn Eugene Davies

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY CHARLES BLAHNA, '31

Lynn Eugene Davies, Assistant Professor of Experimental Engineering, known at the Institute and in the commercial world for his work in heating and ventilating, was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on July 1, 1896. He was graduated from the 18th District Grammar School and the East Division High School, both of Milwaukee. In 1915, he entered the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and remained for one year. Being in a state of poor health he was unable to devote the required energy to his studies and consequently became discouraged with the school in general. The following year he came to Armour as a student in order to be with his friends at the Institute and near the offices of the Model Airplane Club of which he later became president.

Because of Armour's higher standards, he had to register here as a freshman instead of a sophomore, as he had expected. Nevertheless, by intense application and summer school courses, he completed his college work in the scheduled four years and received his B.S. degree from the Institute in 1919. He has remained here ever since and next year expects to receive his M.E. degree.

The Wisconsin Motor Company and the Beeler Organization of New York, a firm of traction engineers situated at Wichita, Kans., each were his employers for short periods, but consulting work on heating and ventilating questions makes up all of his outside work at present.

Professor Davies' hobbies are quite expansive; in fact, they reach from the ground up. Four of his

most beloved are gardening, photography, radio and aviation. He confessed that his home is full of snapshots which he had taken at various times. Like all real radio fans, he constructs his own broadcast receivers although "it is hard to keep up with the times." The last hobby, aviation, he does not follow actively, but none the less is intensely interested in current literature on the subject.

In 1921 he married Lucille Parker, a Chicago girl, who lived near Professor Davies' college home. They have two boys.

Perhaps the most notable of his achievements is the set of data on "The Measurement of the Flow of Air Through Registers and Grilles," taken at the Institute for the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers before which he presented a paper on January 29, 1930. The results were of such accuracy as to be adopted by the Chicago Ventilating Contractors' Employment Association and the City of Chicago as a standard. The formula derived has been named the Davies formula.

New Armour Institute Was Planned in 1920

In the Chicago Tribune of February 21, 1930, there appeared under the heading of "10 Years Ago Today" the following article:

CHICAGO—Details for the new Armour institute to be announced today contemplate the expenditure of millions. It will be built at 75th street and Yates avenue on land once the property of "Long John" Wentworth, former mayor. Some time ago Dr. Frank Gunsaulus approached J. Ogden Armour on the subject of purchasing the 80 acre tract for the institute. Mr. Armour agreed to put up \$1,000,000 to buy the land and further said he would give \$5,000,000 to erect new buildings.

Inquiring Reporter

Question: What is the improvement most needed at Armour?

John Wallush, '33, E. E.—The faculty is excellent, but the equipment in some of the laboratories is out of date. I would like to see the curriculum adjusted so that a man wouldn't be rushed through so fast.

Charles B. Sommers, '33 Arch.—I would like to see all of the Architects get together and design a new school and campus for Armour. Something that would actually be built. We surely do need a new field house for our athletes.

Victor Peterson, '33, E. E.—What we need at Armour is a bigger and better lunchroom. A place equipped with more adequate facilities for our student body.

King Shapson, '30, Ch. E.—I would like to see someone jack up the chimneys of Armour and build a new school under them.

L. A. Newman, '31, E. E.—Everything appears to be all right with me, but we could use some new equipment in the Physics lab.

L. E. Sherk, '32, E. E.—New equipment in the laboratories and especially in the Physics laboratory is what Armour needs most. The majority of the meters in the Electrical shop are run down and haven't been calibrated for many years.

An oyster who a pearl contains is just as glum, and just as selfish, And hasn't any better brains than any ordinary shellfish.

Like a piece of art, a piece of literature, a drop of water, sincerity is simplicity itself. Easy to achieve too—all one has to do is to be himself and sincerity will have been achieved.



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