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### ASSEMBLIES

The two assemblies recently held have emphasized the ridiculous arrangement for the seating of classes which is now in use. The upper-classmen, who by right of seniority should be allowed the best seats, are found in the balcony, while the freshmen occupy the choice seats. Many times when a speaker's voice does not carry, it is impossible to follow the talk in the balcony seats. At other times, when an illustrated talk is given, or experiments are conducted, the juniors and seniors are in the dark as to just what is going on.

The reason for such an absurd arrangement is custom. Custom only demands that seniors and juniors should sit in the poorer seats, but it takes quite a bit of courage to break away from custom and one's crowd and take a better seat downstairs.

The impression a speaker gets of his audience is obtained from the men on the main floor, and it is an unjust impression by virtue of this system. From force of habit, he will talk to the men on the main floor, assuming that the older and more serious minded men are to be found there. He will judge the age of these men, and carry away the false impression that the student body at Armour is made up of youths eighteen or nineteen years old.

The numbers in each class will readily adapt themselves to a more sensible plan. The seniors could take the seats in the center section of the main floor; the juniors, the seats remaining on the main floor. The sophomores could occupy two sections of the balcony, the middle and one on the side, leaving the freshmen to fill the less desirable seats on the sides of the balcony.

This plan of seating is merely a suggestion put forward by the News in the interest of bettering our assemblies. If the plan is a sensible and a logical one, it is up to the student body to defy custom, and put it into effect at our next gathering.

#### SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

All Sophomore and Junior students seeking Summer employment in Chicago or cities in neighboring states and interested in sales work, arrange to meet Mr. E. B. Kapke (A. I. T. '28), of Milwaukee Electric Crane & Hoist Corporation, in Science Hall at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday, April 16th. The work will consist of concentrated sales work with small industries.

## "The Slipstick"

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

### THE HUNTER

I shoot the hippopotamus  
With bullets made of platinum  
For if I should use leaden ones,  
The hippo's hide would flatten 'em.

Micro Mike

H. A. M. says, "Now that we have prohibition all we can do is 'gin and beer it.'"

It takes mighty little jack to raise a car, but it takes a lot of jack to keep it up.

Sparks

Which Proves a Saying—A Stitch in Time Saves Nine  
The new stenographer looked like a million dollars. "Class" was written all over her. The office force in accord acclaimed her "some dame." Then she opened her velvet lips and said to the office boy: "Say, Bozo, ain't there no carbon paper around this dump?"

Chester

Accomplishments—Getting your Irish Terrier to bark with the brogue.

They Probably Weren't Any Good Anyhow  
Magistrate: "The police say that you and your wife had some words."  
Prisoner: "I had some, sir, but I didn't get a chance to use them."

Dick

You cannot sue the city for getting pneumonia while riding in open patrol wagons.

This Same Guy Hums the Theme Song at the Talks  
Director: "Have you got a good musical education?"  
Aspirant: "You bet. Just mention the name of any song, and I'll tell you what's on the other side of the record."

R. S. F.

### NOT FROM ARMOUR THOUGH

One fellow is so dumb he thinks he will graduate in four years.

Two lazy seniors were trying to outdo each other, while discussing the future.

No. 1: "I think I'll open an ice factory in Alaska."

No. 2: "Swell, I'll be your bookkeeper."

Chuck

If you noticed something strange about school, it's probably the quietness of the library. And how?

#### College.—

An institute of scholars  
Wiser than I.  
But, just as human as I.  
Why am I  
Not as learned as they?  
Am I only a blot  
On Humanity?

Bob D.

### What About B. O.?

"Come forth, come forth, Ben Hur," shrieked Iras.  
But he came fifth and just escaped pyorrhea.

Micro Mike

Teacher: "Joseph, what are you going to give your little sister for a birthday present?"  
Joseph: "I dunno, last year I gave her chicken pox."

C. C.

A very efficient F. P. E. lost his job, because he ordered unbreakable glass put in all fire alarm boxes.

J. S. McC.

Sonny Boy, Singing in the Bath Tub  
Frat: "Has she a very good musical education?"  
Fred: "Splendid. You can tell her the name of a song, and she can tell you what's on the other side of the record."

A. J.

### FAST WORKER

The young woman who had entered college to get a degree had suddenly, in the middle of her sophomore year, announced her engagement to her "prof." Her friends said, "But, Henrietta, I thought you came up here to get your Ph. D.?"

"So I did," returned the girl, "but I had no idea I'd get him so soon."

J. S. McC.

A Scotchman was heard to remark that he would give a thousand dollars to be a millionaire. We don't believe it.

The Kidder Again—He's Witty—What?  
The kidder comes back to us with an answer to his riddle, "Why is a mouse when it spins?" Answer: Because, the higher the fewer. Now this leaves us pretty dizzy. It would anybody.

All absence this afternoon can be attributed to the attraction over on Thirty-fifth and Shields—the Sox are here—Batter up!

K. K.

## Professor Eugene Edward Gill

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY CHARLES BLAHNA '31

Eugene Edward Gill, Associate Professor of General Chemistry, was born at Boring, Maryland on September 17, 1875. He attended grammar school at Boring and high school at Reisterstown, Maryland about five miles away. From high school he went directly to Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania and received his Ph.B. and A.M. degrees from there in 1897 and 1898 respectively. Strange to say his A.M. degree was taken in history but that is explained by the fact that his subject could be taken while not in residence while chemistry could not.

From 1898 to 1899, he taught in a high school at Montgomery, Pennsylvania. The following year he was engaged as instructor in mathematics and science at Morrisville College, in Morrisville, Missouri. During the next three years he was part editor and half owner of *The Budget*, a country newspaper with offices located in Brookfield, Missouri.

The teaching profession, however, called to him again and for three more years Professor Gill returned to it. This time he taught in the Colorado Preparatory School affiliated with the University of Colorado, located at Boulder, Colorado, a small city situated within fifty miles of Denver. Besides changing from school to school, from city to city, and from occupation to occupation, he also changed the subjects which he taught, and picked on physics and chemistry for his topics.

In 1906, he returned to Maryland and entered the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore where he studied for three years. The degree

## FRATERNITY NOTES

### DELTA TAU DELTA

The following men were elected to office April 8, 1930: President, James McAlear; vice president, Julie Lenke; corresponding secretary, J. R. Jackson, Jr.; secretary, Elmer Holin; ritualist, Harmon Holt; sergeant at arms, Daniel Pearson.

The Chapter held a dance at the house Saturday, April 12.

of Ph.D. in chemistry was conferred upon him in 1909 after his presentation of a thesis on the "Accurate Measurement of Osmotic Pressure of Cane Sugar Solutions at Five Degrees Centigrade." During the same year he came to Armour and has been bothering the freshman with courses in chemistry ever since. Besides the day school courses he also gives night and summer school courses each year.

Professor Gill married Miss Ora Powell of Macon, Missouri, in 1903 and they have two adopted children, a boy and a girl.

He is co-author with Professor Tibbals of the textbook on Qualitative Analysis used at the Institute. He is also the author of a book of General Chemistry edited by Professor Freud and used by the American School in Chicago.

While at college he was connected with all school publications and was business manager of the newspaper and the annual at Dickinson College. He is member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

Outside of school work he is chiefly interested in touring the country. A true contrast to the close, fume-filled laboratory is this form of recreation, especially when one camps out as Professor Gill does.

### TRIANGLE

R. H. Windbigler was unanimously elected to succeed R. Spencer as president of the fraternity. The other officers that were elected are as follows: Vice president, Harry Bailey; treasurer, Stan Lind; recording secretary, Harvey Rossing; steward, Maynard Venema; corresponding secretary, Art Oberbeck; chapter editor, Harold Bodinson; house manager, Don Fetterman, and librarian, Roger Waindie.

Herb Hoff of the alumni board administered the oath, after which he called a board meeting.

Stan has completed the plans for a "Father's Night."

### SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

Henry Fox, '31, is out of school with scarlet fever. Everyone in the house has been tested and there is no danger of anyone else taking it. The Annual Hard Times party was held last Saturday, April 12, 1930.

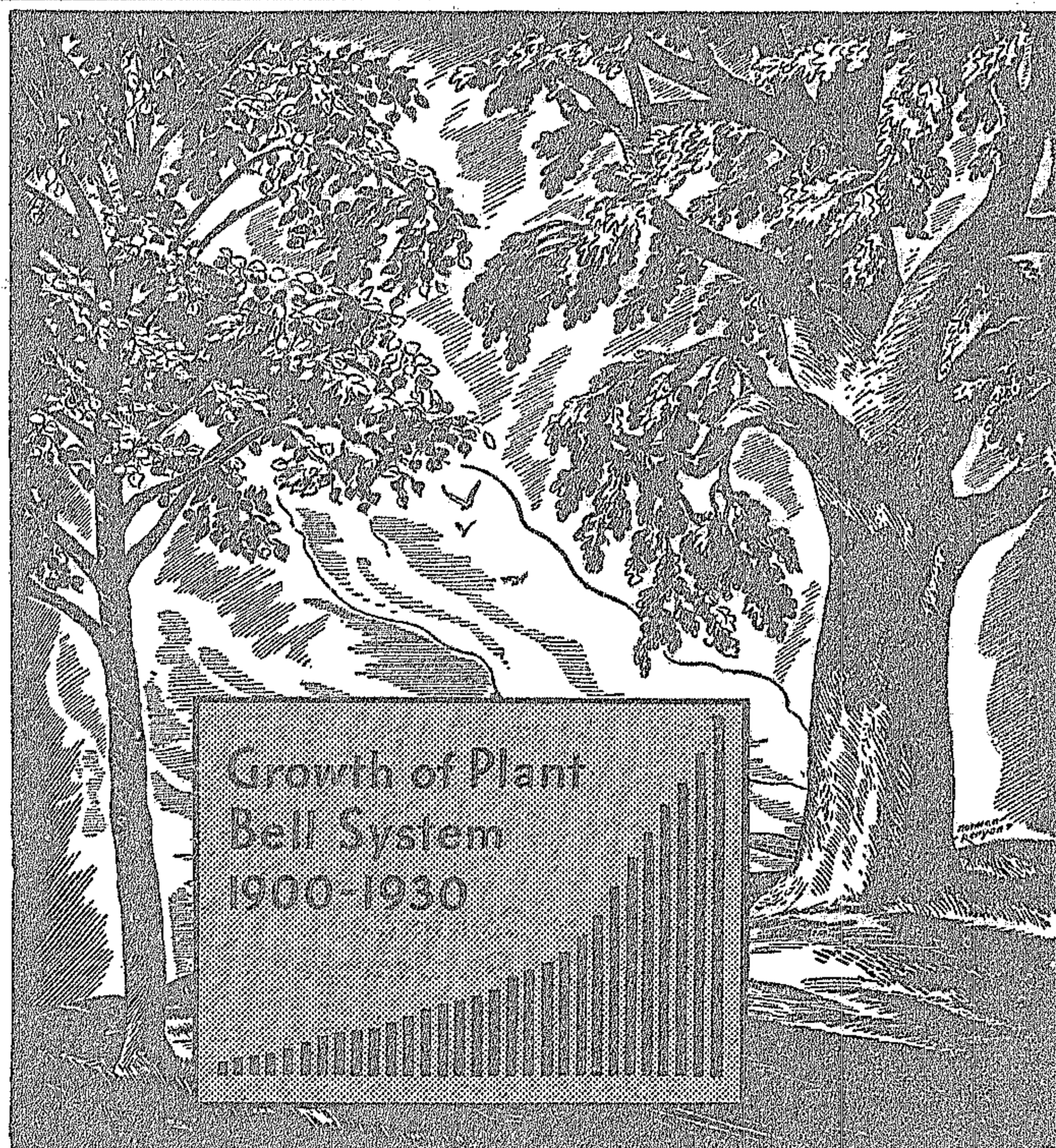
### BETA PSI

At a meeting held Friday, April 4, the officers for the coming year were elected. The results are: President, Berlyn G. McLaughlin, '31; vice president, Frank S. Austin, '31; treasurer, Alton J. Jungels, '32; secretary, Walter M. Trauten, '32; sergeant at arms, Frank A. Rutkowski, '31.

Beta chapter will be well represented April 19 at the annual "black and gold" dance to be held in the Grand Ball Room of the Drake hotel with Waddy Wadsworth entertaining. Sponsored by the chapter at U. of Illinois this dance will see large numbers of Armour and Lake Forest men present.

### PHI PI PHI

Gamma Chapter of Phi Pi Phi wishes to announce the formal pledging on April 8, 1930 of Bert Lindquist, '31, and John Fako, '33.



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