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ACTION

It has been the custom for nearly every student at Armour sometime to voice his displeasure at some phase of the student life here; and while most of the points have been exceedingly trivial, occasionally a point of major importance has cropped up. The News, too, has been wont to point out faults, but, as with the students, most of our energy has gone into talk and not into actions.

Probably the reason for the general lethargy in such matters is that everyone has labored under the delusion that the student body and its activities are under the direct supervision of the deans. While this is not true, no one seems really to know just how we are governed and what rights we have as students. We feel that by making this point clear, it will be possible to see many of our hopes gratified, and all disputes ironed out without the futile talk that has characterized the past.

We should like to quote verbatim two important clauses of the Constitution of the Armour Tech Athletic Association and Student Union, the governing body of the students. They read as follows:

"The object of this organization shall be to develop a unified Armour spirit by . . . organizing and systematizing all inter-class relations, all class customs, and privileges; . . . passing and enforcing such acts as it may deem advisable for the government and regulation of the student body providing that such legislation is approved by the executive council of the Institute."

"Act as a Court of Appeal . . . [in which] . . . the officers of this organization shall act as a committee with the president as chairman when considering . . . appeals of the classes, organizations, committees, or students."

Thus it lies in the hands of any interested group or groups of students actually to take action upon any project that they deem will be for the good of the Institute. In the previous editorial, we have mentioned two matters that struck us as desirable; should the students feel that such a course of action is desirable, they can act through the A. T. A. A.

Likewise it is equally possible for a student or a group of students to make a formal protest against actions which they consider detrimental to their class or the Institute. It seems that we have had periodic outbreaks of dissatisfaction; but to date it seems that no one has known of their right of appeal.

Needless to say, we hope that the A. T. A. A. will not be burdened with petty details, but that by taking action upon any major project that may be presented, make it impossible to find discontent among the student body.

A. B. A.

"The Slipstick"

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

WHETHER OR NOT

Some thirst for glory, love, or money,
Just as the bee seeketh the honey.
But whether in Shanghai, London, or New York,
We all thirst after eating salt pork.
—M. C. H.

At Armour the first four years are the hardest.

Hazards of a Coach

Coach: "Hey! Don't do that! Why don't you use your head?"
Football player: "Oh! Is that allowed?"

Gems of Ancient History

"Egypt is bounded on the South by the Mediterranean, on the East by the Arabian Desert, and on the Northwest by Persia."

"The Pyramids are built of artificial stone."
"Cretan civilization was a civilized kind of civilization."

"Egypt is a dry country except for the three rivers which flow through it: the Nile, the Tigris, and the Euphrates."

"The Pyramids were made of solid rock like a human being with the face of some one on it."
"Egypt is famous for its system of alphabets."

WHO EVER HUNTED BIG GAME?

Game Hunter: "When I was in Africa I shot all my big game on an instant's notice."

Englishman: "Really?"
G. H.: "Yes, I got up late one night and shot an elephant in my pajamas."

Englishman: "But how did the bally thing get into your pajamas?"
—Dutch.

Ad in paper: "Wanted: A boy to take care of post-office with two years college education."

Traffic Cop: "Yer hitting sixty!"
Young Speedster: "But the man said I could go as fast as I wanted—after the first five hundred miles."
—Al.

Cubist Astronomy

"Day and night are caused by the rotation of the earth around itself. One-half is turned towards the sun and is called day. The other half is turned towards the moon and is called night."

After trying desperately for two days to balance his ledger the student is astounded to discover that one does not add the dates.

"Wife says I gotta give up the club or she'll leave me."

"Tough ain't it?"
"Yeah. I'll miss her."
—The Bongineer.

DOT'LL DO!

"There's a dot on my paper," said I in dismay.
But alas, it was a falsehood,
For the dot had moved away.

"Just been to the cemetery."
"Any one dead?"
"Yea! All of them."

Stout Lady: "I'm bothered with a little wart that I'd like to have removed."

Doctor: "The divorce lawyer is at the second door to your left."

Abe: "Do you play golluf vit knickers?"
Levi: "No, vit white people."

It was on a State Street car that a buxom woman was standing in the aisle hanging onto a strap. In front of her sat a rather cantankerous looking man, apparently absorbed in a newspaper. The car stopped suddenly and she trod sharply on his foot.

He looked up over the top of his paper with anything but a happy expression.

"Madam," he said, "will you please get off my foot?"

"Put your foot where it belongs," she replied shortly.

"Don't tempt me, Madam, don't tempt me," he countered.

English Professor: "Well, Jones, I suppose you were absent on account of the inclemency of the weather yesterday."

Freshman: "No, sir, I couldn't come on account of the rain."

FAIR ENOUGH

She had done everything wrong. She had disregarded the signal lights, then stalled in the middle of the street, and before starting, had taken out her powder puff and started to apply it to her face. An irate cop rushed up: "Say, lady, do you know anything at all about traffic rules?"

"Why, yes, what is it you wanted to know?"

Magistrate: "You are charged with habitual drunkenness. What excuse do you have to offer?"

Offender (brightly): "Habitual thirst, your worship."

Can't you smell that turkey and dressin' a cooking? We can.
—Phil J.

SALAMANDER

Honorary Fire-Protection Engineering Fraternity



Salamander is an honorary fraternity in Fire Protection Engineering which was founded at the Armour Institute of Technology in January, 1923. Its purpose is that of promoting high scholarship and encouraging original investigation in all branches of fire protection engineering.

Origin

The initial steps for the formation of Salamander were taken by O. L. Cox, '23, and R. M. Beckwith, '24, in cooperation with Professor J. B. Finnegan, head of the department of Fire Protection Engineering. At that time the aim was to develop a student activity in the form of a student branch of one of the established fire insurance fraternities.

In the end the founders deemed it a better plan to promote a distinct association in the form of an honorary fraternity. Since all members of the senior class in the department were outstanding in their school life they became the nucleus of the organization. These charter members were: O. L. Cox, '23; R. M. Beckwith, '24; G. G. Blair, '23; C. W. Hauth, '23; O. R.

Matson, '23; J. C. Worley, '23, and Professor J. B. Finnegan.

Election

The prime requisite for the election of a student to membership in the fraternity is a good scholastic standing. To be qualified for membership the man must be of good moral principles and show evidence of superior abilities. These may be indicated by his activities.

The badge of Salamander is a gold key whose general outlines represent a conventional sprinkler head. Corresponding to the fusible link in a sprinkler head we find the mythical Salamander, a creature which lived and rejoiced in fire. The seven notches in the deflector are in agreement with the number of founders. Engraved on the reverse side of the key, in addition to the bearer's name, are found two numbers, one giving the number of the chapter and the other the seniority of the member.

The colors of the pledge button are red and black, the red standing for fire and the black for the destruction inevitably following in the path of the fire.

A news letter, the "Deflector", is published annually by Salamander. In its pages are found news of the alumni members as well as that of the active members.

Each year an award, the "Handbook of Fire Protection" by Crosby, Fiske and Forster is made to the student of the freshman class in Fire Protection Engineering standing highest scholastically.

The six honorary members of the organization are: Professor J. B. Finnegan, O. L. Robinson, Fitzhugh Taylor, J. V. Parker, C. P. Holmes and W. R. Townley.

The alumni members are fifty-one in number and the actives are: A. F. Wilde, A. J. Lenke, F. S. Austin, W. E. Schirmer, P. E. Seidelman.

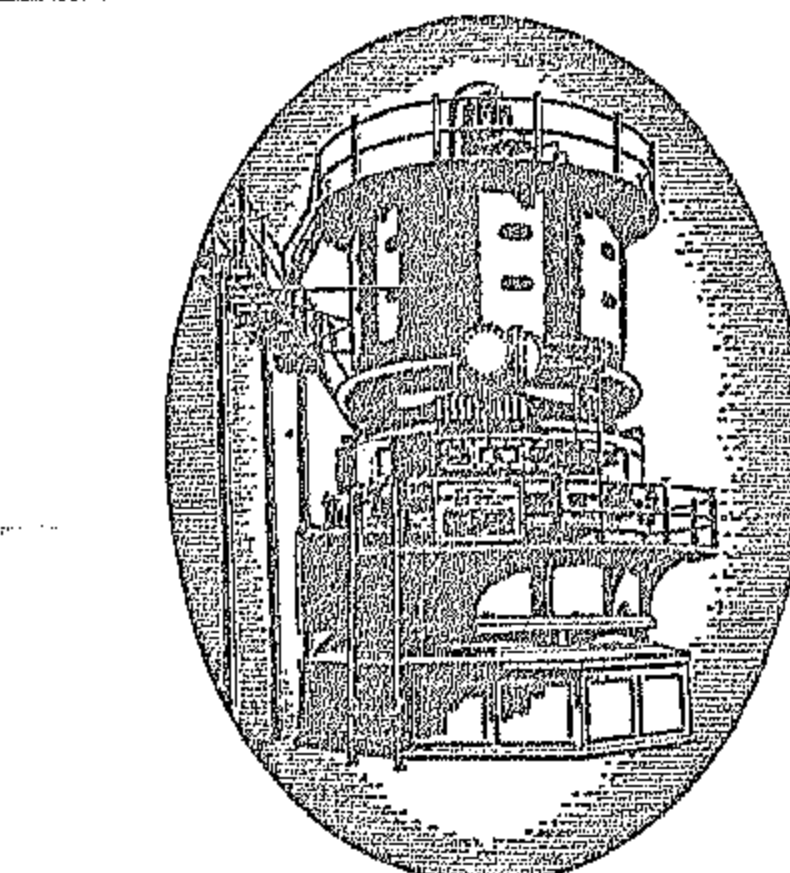
E. C. K.

When Small Machines Were Big

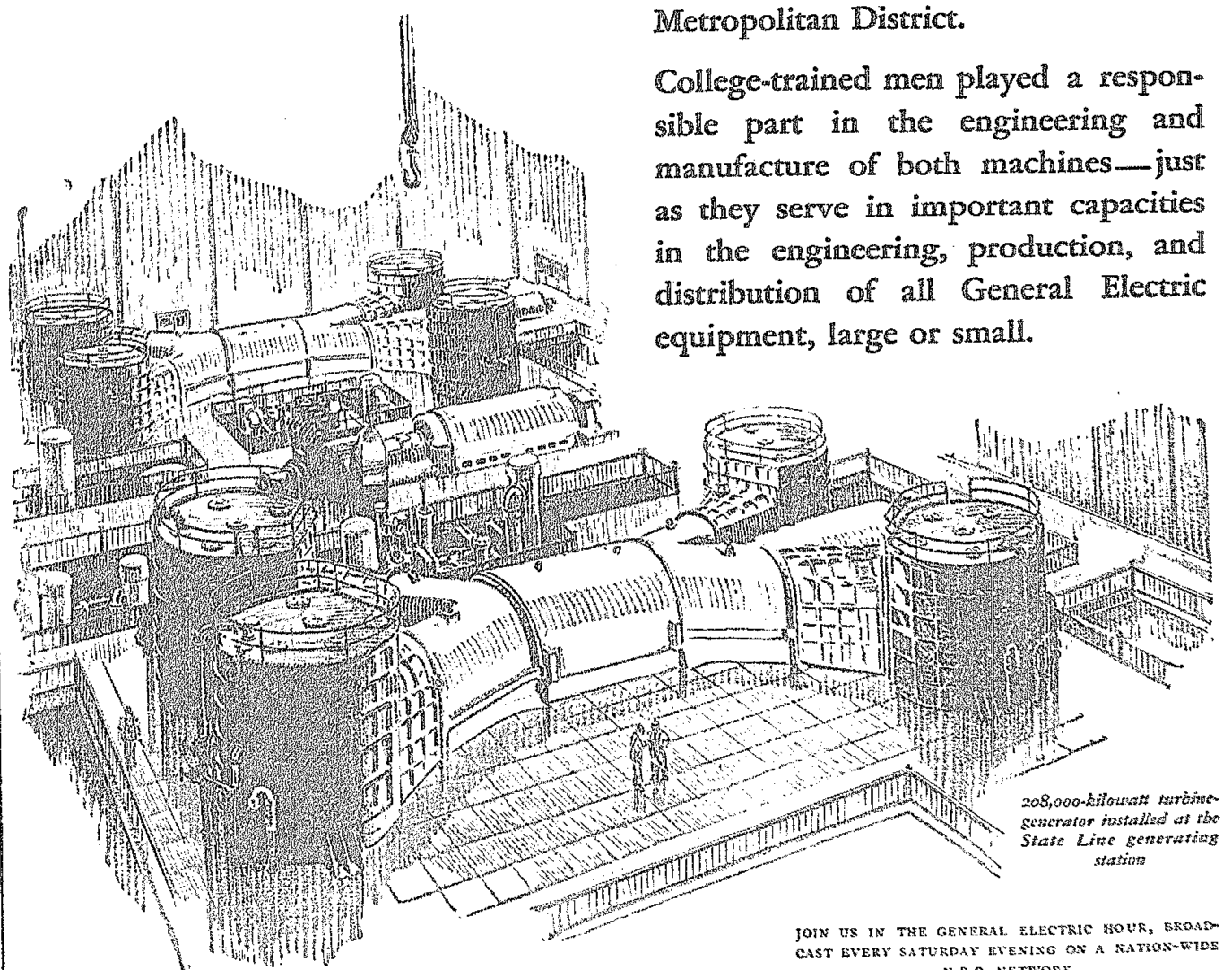
MORE than a quarter century ago, the Commonwealth Edison Company, prophetically alive to the immense possibilities of the future, ordered from General Electric a 5000-kilowatt steam turbine—in those days a giant of electric power.

To-day, a General Electric turbine-generator of 208,000-kilowatt capacity sends out its vast energy to the Chicago Metropolitan District.

College-trained men played a responsible part in the engineering and manufacture of both machines—just as they serve in important capacities in the engineering, production, and distribution of all General Electric equipment, large or small.



5000-kilowatt turbine-generator installed in 1903 at the Fish Street station of the Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago



208,000-kilowatt turbine-generator installed at the State Line generating station

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