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"The three besetting sins of American college and university life are, insatiable impulse to expand materially, the glorification of research at the expense of teaching, and the lack of human contacts between teacher and student."

Hamilton Holt,  
President of Rollins College, Florida.

## FAREWELL

With this issue of the News, the regime of the original staff of the paper comes to an end, and the task of carrying on falls upon men who came to Armour to find the News an established institution.

We "charter members" who have been with the News from its inception and thru its infancy can look back with extreme gratification, and possible pride. With John Hommes at the head, and the best of us tagged as contributors, we saw the first issue emerge . . . and then the others rapidly come into an eager group of readers whose acclamation made the furtherance of the paper possible.

We have had the privilege of seeing the News change from an experiment into a reality; a paper that the school was anxious to read and to whose support the men willingly rallied. Those who never knew the inside story will never realize the amount of work that the staff in those days was forced to do, and was willing to do.

The transformation from the five column format on cheap paper to our present six column sheet was another change that gladdened our hearts in those days; we felt the News was then a "real" newspaper.

Had we merely seen these changes and then stepped out, the future of the News would have loomed as a rocky road; but the action of the student body at the last assembly has made our departure all the more happy. That step has insured the expansion of the News into a feature of our college life that will be appreciated by everyone. The paper will be able to introduce innovations that were prohibited in the past because of expense, and, in short, be all and more than a college paper could be.

Therefore, we charter members, whose abdication this issue sees, leave our charge in the hands of the new men with no feeling of doubt or worry, save that they may surpass us in the years to come with such excellence that our efforts will be then regarded as feeble.

A. B. A.

# "The Slipstick"

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

## The Parade of Christmas Ties

The thing that brightens New Years  
But often hurts the eyes,  
Is the annual occurrence of  
The parade of Christmas ties.

Just ride the "L" or street car,  
And watch each look that cries,  
"Ouch, look at that there neck band" in  
The parade of Christmas ties.

Sister, aunt, and cousin,  
'Fears each relation buys  
And gives another loud one toward  
The parade of Christmas ties.

Yellows, reds and purples,  
And all the gaudy dyes,  
With every combination in  
The parade of Christmas ties.

It takes a lot of courage,  
Be deaf to all Oh my's  
When being a participant in  
The parade of Christmas ties.

-F.F.S.

## Oh, for That Death Fog

Two men who had traveled the world over were comparing their ideas about different capitals.

"London," said one, "is certainly the foggiest place in the world."

"Don't agree," protested his companion. "I myself have been in a much foggier place than dear old London."

"Where was that?" asked the other, a gleam of interest in his eye.

"I don't know where it could have been," was the smiling answer. "It was so blinking foggy."

Little Sandy: "Hey, pa, let's go to the Centennial Pageant, it's only a dollar."  
Big Sandy: "Next time, laddie, next time."

Lest Ye Forget: The contrib box has been moved only two feet from its original position (i.e. to the left.) Wise cracks, jokes, funny gags, etc. are always appreciated.

Doctor: "Did the medicine straighten your husband out all right?"  
Wife: "Yes, we buried him yesterday."

## WHICH ONE NEXT?

A centipede was happy quite,  
Until a frog in fun  
Said, "Pray, which leg comes after which?"  
This raised her mind to such a pitch  
She lay distracted in a ditch,  
Considering how to run.

Al: "Are you going south for the winter?"  
Oysius: "Why go South for the winter when we have lots of winter right here?"

Local Scot: "The price of gasoline is going up."  
Friend: "That's bad news. Have you a car?"  
L. S.: "No—a cigarette lighter."

## Habit

Sitting inside the bus was an old gentleman. He looked very lonely as he read the last word on the last page of the evening paper.

Suddenly he turned to the conductor, who was entering some figures on a sheet.

"I don't know how you fellows manage to do all the writing you do when the bus is traveling over roads as bumpy as this," he said.

The conductor put away his pencil and grinned cheerfully.

"You get used to it, sir," he returned. "When I want to write a letter at home I have to get my wife to shake the table for me."

## SEMESTER WORK DONE

The freshe dashed up to the English prof all out of breath.

"Professor," said he, "how long should the semester themes be?"

"There is no statutory limit," answered the latter. But the would-be author pressed him for some suggestion, and the prof finally admitted that most standard themes were about ten thousand words long. "Hurray!" declared the other. "I've finished then."

## BITTER TRUTH

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.  
All play and no work makes Jack scarce.

Butcher (to young wife ordering a chicken for the first time): "Shall I draw it for you madam?"  
Young Wife: "No thanks. Your description of it is quite sufficient."

See you at the Steuben Club, Friday. Phil J.

## PI NU EPSILON

Honorary Musical Fraternity



Pi Nu Epsilon was granted a charter in 1927, as an honorary music fraternity, at Armour Institute of Technology, having been founded by a group of men who realized the need of a stimulus for the musical organizations at the Institute.

Inasmuch as the pursuit of music at Armour is regarded as being outside the regular school curriculum, there must of necessity be a goal for which the music-minded student may strive in order to keep his enthusiasm alive, for while a musician primarily desires nothing more than the opportunity to produce good music, the possibility of becoming a member of an honorary musical group is calculated to induce greater effort and therefore increasingly finer results. In this respect the fraternity is a success, because each year since the chapter was organized has seen larger and better musical organizations and consequently better attendance at school assemblies and concerts.

The first aim of the fraternity is always to foster a better appreciation of good music among the students and help them to acquire an ear for the artistic, which is necessarily neglected to a more or less extent in their engineering program.

The charter members of Pi Nu

Epsilon are T. J. Clark, N. Markoff, W. E. Vevurka, W. Wilson, D. G. Greenfield, W. M. Horn, and K. H. Parker. It may be truly said that it is because of the farsightedness and initiation of these men that the Musical Clubs are on the high plane they now occupy. It is thru their efforts and those of the members who have followed them that students now join the orchestra or glee club, more of a real desire to do so, than to get their "gym" credit.

Twice each year the members scan the roll of the musical clubs and select therefrom those seniors and juniors who have been prominent in furthering the musical cause. Before initiation into the fraternity each pledge is required to prepare a paper, requiring research in the musical world, which is so seldom dipped into by the engineering student.

As the organization is a musical fraternity there is no set standard of scholarship which a man must attain before he can be pledged to Pi Nu Epsilon. However his musical prominence must not be reached at the expense of his scholarship, and so he must pass a rigid examination of his musical and engineering knowledge before he may be pledged.

The present members and officers of Pi Nu Epsilon are Richard R. Eddy, president; William Schraeder, secretary and treasurer; Frank O'Connor, Robert N. Wilson, L. A. Newman, George L. Bonvallet, Phillip H. Korrell and Frank F. Strasenburg.

When the moon goes under eclipse, says a Carnegie institute report, its surface temperature drops 335 degrees Fahrenheit.

Students at Texas U. have organized a club of tobacco spitters.

## Arx News

The Sophomore class of the architects played Santa Claus at Christmas time. The Monday before the holidays, Walter Anderson, Carlisle Schultz, and Wilfred Davies, from the class, took Goodfellow baskets to two poor families. These baskets were sponsored and contributed to by the Sophomore class.

Wednesday evening, January 7th, the Architects had a Smoker in the Club room of the Art Institute. The guest of the evening was Mr. E. A. Renwick of the firm of Holabird and Root.

Mr. Renwick has for a hobby, color photography and gave a short talk on his travels in Europe during 1925 and '29, and illustrated his talk with 150 of his collection of 3000 natural color slides.

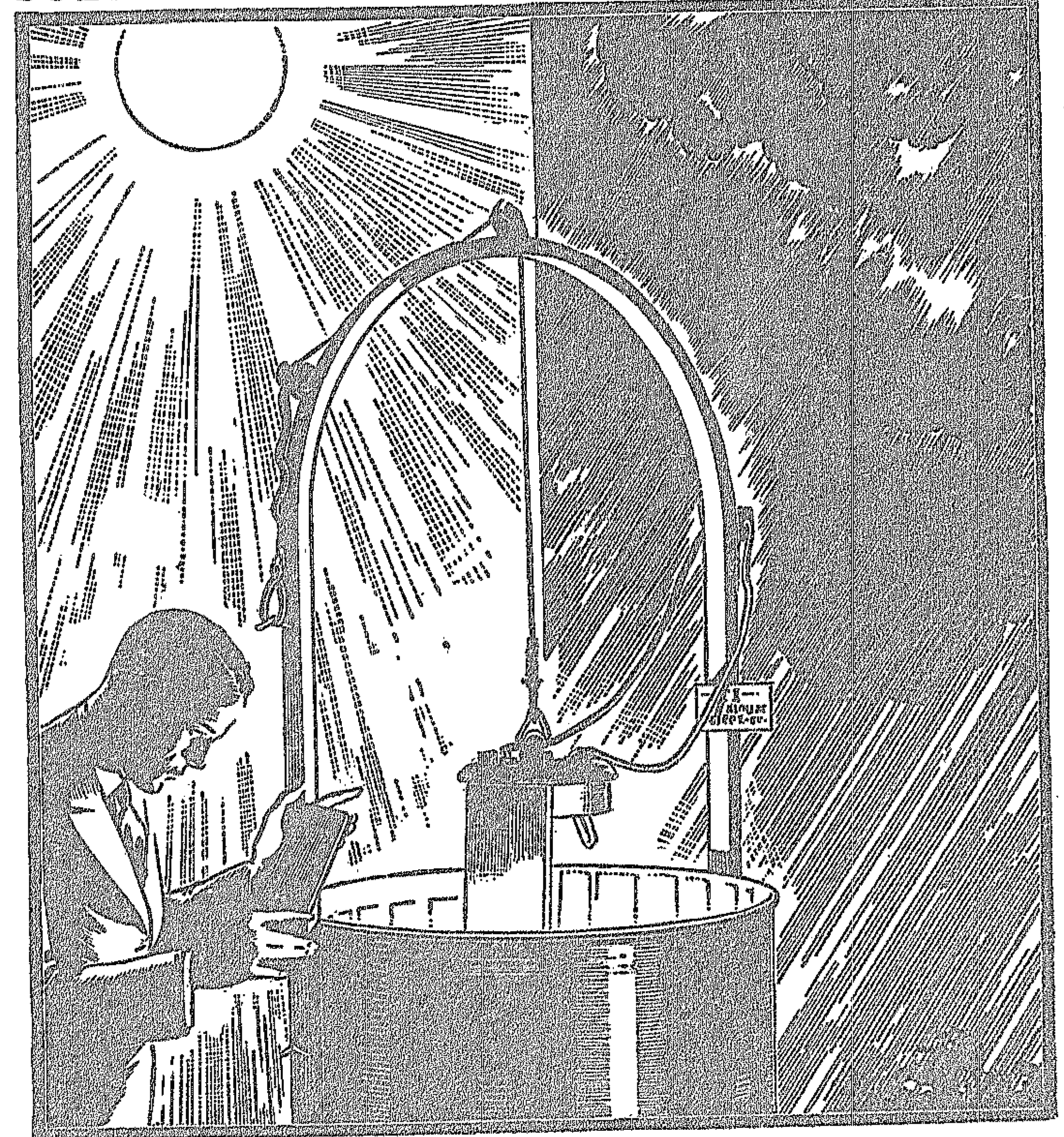
His trip included France, Italy and England. Interiors and exteriors with a specialization on the early 14th and 15th century stained glass windows, in which Mr. Renwick is especially interested, were studied.

It is not possible to appreciate the beauty of these places without the aid of color work. Mr. Suter, critic of the freshman Archs was responsible for Mr. Renwick's interesting talk. The entertainment which followed consisted of refreshments and smokes.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Charles A. Dutt on the death of his brother in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Dutt journeyed there and returned to school the end of last week.

In the last two years 13,000,000 Russian illiterates have been taught to read and write.

## STEPPING INTO A MODERN WORLD



## Now they manufacture weather for telephone testing

A test illustrating work in the Bell Telephone Laboratories is made with the weatherometer. This device produces rain and sunshine to order, and determines the weather-resisting properties of telephone equipment.

This test indicates an interesting habit of the men engaged in telephone research. It is to get sure knowledge

bearing on efficiency, economy, life and reliability of apparatus.

Information is sought continuously during the development of a design, in advance of manufacture and of course long before the equipment gets into use.

Men who delight in thoroughness of method find that *the opportunity is there.*

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