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"Lord of himself;—that heritage of woe,
That fearful empire which the human breast
But holds to rob the heart within of rest."
George Gordon Byron.
Born Jan. 22, 1788.

ACHIEVEMENT

At this time, when those who have been in charge of the Armour Tech News have just retired, and others are endeavoring to fill their places, it is perhaps appropriate to look back for a moment and see what has been accomplished by the retiring staff members and their predecessors.

For many years before the first issue of the Armour Tech News appeared the student body in general had felt the need of a school newspaper. The freshmen came from high schools where weekly or monthly publications were accepted as a matter of course. These new men constantly kept up the cry for some method of unifying the student body—a task that can be accomplished only by a newspaper.

An attempt was made to start the publication of a college weekly but this failed when the student organizer left school through ill health.

Several years passed and then, three years ago, another group of journalistically minded men succeeded in producing the first issue of the Armour Tech News on April 9, 1928. Four more issues were published that first semester and the following September it was made a weekly newspaper.

The Armour Tech News has made an enviable record during its life of nearly three years. Thirty issues have appeared each school year and never has an issue varied from its time of distribution by more than ten minutes.

The News has had for its policy the unbiased dissemination of school news and has adhered to that policy to the best of the ability of the staff members.

The News has filled a hitherto vacant place in the school life and is here to stay. That the student body has come to appreciate and want the News was proven at the last assembly by the unanimous vote to support the News. That declaration on the part of the students as a whole has removed the most difficult and most constant problem the paper has had to cope with during its life—namely, that of financial backing.

The incoming staff of the Armour Tech News is composed entirely of men who came to the paper after it was founded. The last members of the original staff have now retired and left the News in our hands. We appreciate the honor thus given us and accept the responsibility it entails. To us is given the task of maintaining the high standards on which the News has always been operated. We will give our best, and we sincerely hope that our best may be found satisfactory.

W. H. R.

"The Slipstick"

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

TELL ME

Tell me, friend, oh, tell me!
Who was Paul Revere?
Do Jersey cows wear jerseys?
Is near-beer very near?
Are humbugs bugs?
And why are rugs?
Do swallows swallow fast?
Are highbrows really always high?
Do flies like to be cast?

And if you think I'm going bats,
Be lenient, worthy brother,
I found a dusty old book
That's called, "Ask Me Another."

If some of the boys don't scrape Gillettes over their faces pretty soon the janitor is going to use them to clean up the classrooms.

Abie: "Poppa, vot is science?"
Poppa: "My goodness Abie, how could you be so dumb? Science is dose thinks wot says, 'No Smoking.'"
—Dutch.

Instinct

Little Isaac was crying bitterly on one of the main streets of a big city. His sobs soon brought a large crowd about him. He was a miserable looking little wretch and his howls were loud and terrifying. An elderly woman stepped from the crowd and, placing an arm around the boy, asked sympathetically:

"What's the matter? My child, are you lost?"
The boy sobbed for a moment and then paused. He looked all around at the large audience he had assembled. Then, lifting up his voice, he shouted, loudly:

"Yes, ma'am, I'm lost. Will somebody please take me home to Jacob Silverstein, the well known clothier of the West End, who has just got in his new stock of spring overcoats, suits, neckties, shirts, hats, and umbrellas, which he will sell cheaper than anyone else in the city?"
E. K.

CURSES ON NOAH

We have to shoo and swat
The fly from dawn to dark,
Cause Noah didn't swat the two
That roosted in the ark.

SOUP

"If not delivered in five days, never mind," said the parcel post inscription on a shipment of ice cream.

Patron: "May I have some stationery?"
Hotel Clerk (haughtily): "Are you a guest of the house?"

Patron: "Heck, no. I'm paying twenty dollars a day."

No Choice

Kelly and Cohen were having dinner together. Cohen helped himself to the larger fish and Kelly said:

"Fine manners you have, Cohen. If I had reached out first I would have taken the smaller fish."
"Vell," Cohen replied, "you got it, didn't you?"

A man's life was saved the other day when he tried to look into the gasoline tank of a cigar lighter.

An Eye For An Eye

Motorist—"Five gallons of gas."
Gas Man—"Yes, sir; and any oil?"
Motorist—"No, just gas."
Gas Man—"Want the car washed?"
Motorist—"No, just the gas, I said."
Gas Man—"How about some skid chains?"
Motorist—"No. Gas is all."
Gas Man—"Does she need greasing?"
Motorist—"No! Gas, gas, gas! Nothing but gas. Cut the chatter."
Gas Man—"Yes Sir." And as the motorist drove away very hot under the collar, the garageman added, "Well, that's one time I got even with my barber."

Students may come late, but the professor who comes late is very scarce. In fact he's in a class by himself.

NOW HE HAS A HEADSTONE

Prof. Scherger: "We have stones upon which the ancient Gauls wrote centuries ago."
Voice: "Aha! Gaul stones!"

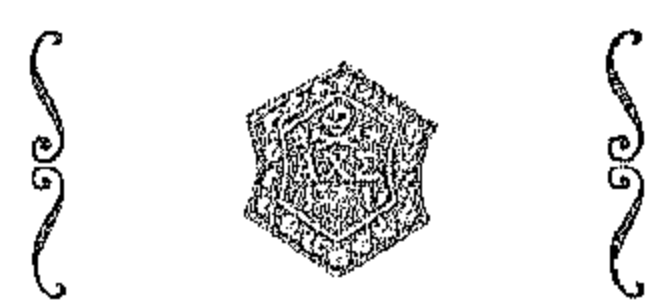
"Gotta flat tire."
"Musta been that fork in the road."

Yessir—with this new system of advance registration we feel that it will be just one more step until we'll probably register in real comfort.

—Phil J.

ALPHA CHI SIGMA

Professional Chemical Fraternity



Alpha Chi Sigma, national professional chemical fraternity, has the distinction of having established most recently a chapter of a national fraternity at Armour. On December 13, 1930, the members of the local fraternity known as Flask and Beaker were initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, and the forty-seventh collegiate chapter, Alpha Psi, was founded.

The charter members of the new chapter are Professors C. A. Tibbals, A. H. Carpenter, and W. J. Bentley; C. E. Morris, '30; P. M. Ruzevich, '30; J. E. Tarman, '30; W. R. Trognitz, '30; L. C. Brunstrum, '29; J. J. Doheny Jr., '27; M. P. Johnson, '28; M. E. Lovejoy, '27; Eugene Naef, '28; G. L. Parkhurst, '27; C. H. Seeley, '27; A. J. Stabovitz, '29; E. A. Armit, '26; F. B. Attwood, '31; O. J. Flala, '31; H. J. Latham, '31; I. B. Lehman, '31; L. V. Melcarek, '31; C. J. Stamborg, '31; A. F. Bigelow, '32; R. H. Blom, '32; J. O. Cavanagh, '32; O. G. Linnell, '32; O. R. Steinert, '32; and G. J. Stockmann, '32.

Flask and Beaker club was founded early in 1926 under the leadership of G. L. Parkhurst, J. J. Doheny, the late John Urban, M. E. Lovejoy, and other members of the senior class. One of the purposes of the organization was to petition Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity for a chapter at Armour. Correspondence was established with their officials, and last fall it was

decided to grant a charter to the members of Flask and Beaker.

Aims of Society

The fraternity does not conflict in its aims with Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical fraternity. The purpose of Alpha Chi Sigma is to bring chemical students and men in the chemical profession in closer contact, and to strive for the advancement of chemistry both as a science and a profession in every way possible. Phi Lambda Upsilon is an honor society formed for the purpose of rewarding students who have attained a high scholastic average in their collegiate studies.

In addition to the forty-seven collegiate chapters located throughout the country, there are seventeen professional chapters situated in the principal cities of the United States. These chapters are made up of men formerly members of collegiate chapters. A placement bureau is maintained by these chapters for the purpose of securing positions in the chemistry field.

Candidates are elected twice yearly from the members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes in chemical engineering. Election is based on ability, personality, and scholastic standing.

The pin of the fraternity is shown at the head of this article. The pledge pin is of similar shape and size, but bears the alchemical background.

Each year the fraternity awards a membership in the American Chemical Society to the Freshman in the chemical department with the highest scholastic average.

The officers of the local chapter are: F. B. Attwood, pres.; G. J. Stockmann, vice-pres.; J. O. Cavanagh, reporter; I. B. Lehman, treas.; R. H. Blom, recorder; O. R. Steinert, master of ceremonies, and A. F. Bigelow, alumni secretary.

Arx News

It is with this biography, that of Robert Adams, that we begin a series of short biographies of notable architects.

Adams was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, in 1728 and is supposed to have studied at the University of Edinburgh. He spent three years studying in Italy—1750 through about 1754—and while there was struck by the fact that so little material existed on Greek and Roman architecture other than public buildings. The private palaces, which had been thought so highly of by Vitruvius and Pliny, were practically all gone.

In his enthusiasm he visited the ruins of the palace of Diocletian at Spalato, in Dalmatia, and with three assistants in five weeks time managed to accumulate enough material and measurements, in the face of much opposition from the Venetian governor and the population, to produce a restoration of the entire building. He published his findings under the title, "The Ruins of the Palace of Diocletian."

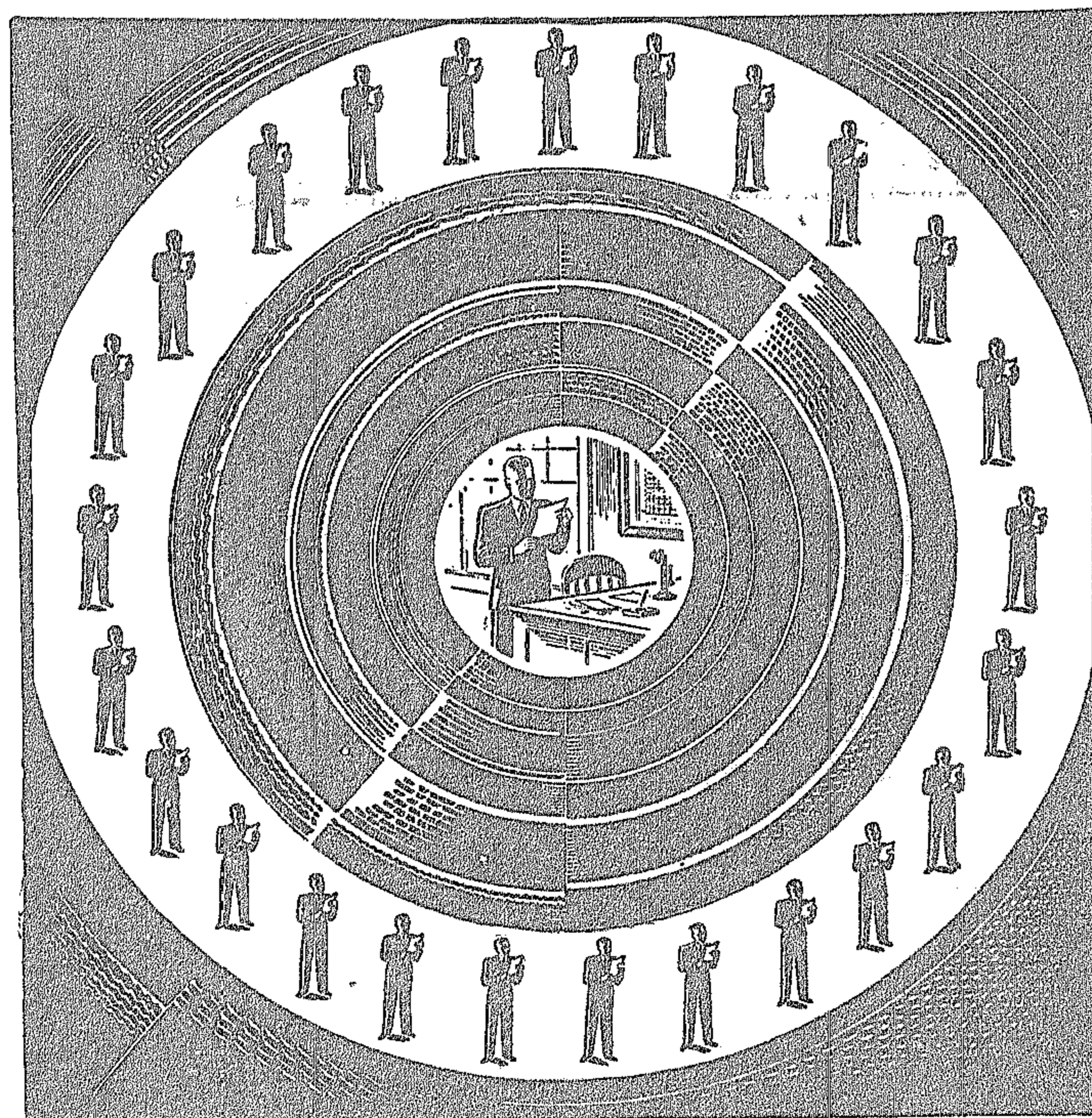
His work, done in conjunction with his brother on a series of terraces, the Adelphi, in England, showed much skill and taste. He then turned his attention to the study of furniture design and interior work, such as doors and mantelpieces.

Upon his death, in 1792, his burial took place in Westminster Abbey.

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