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Again the shadow moveth o'er
The dial-plate of time.

John Greenleaf Whittier,
Born December 17, 1807.

Armour and the League

The first page of this issue of the Armour Tech News carries a story telling of Armour's entrance into the Northern Intercollegiate Conference, a baseball league with a present membership of six schools.

To recount the entire situation in this column when it has already been explained in detail elsewhere would be unnecessary. However, a brief resume might not be amiss. In a word, then, the league was formed for the purpose of aiding the intercollegiate baseball of the member schools. This year Armour was invited to join the conference and has accepted the invitation, bringing the total membership to six.

With the above facts in mind, it might be well for us to consider the present conditions at Armour and to endeavor to foresee the results of this step. Under the system followed at Armour for the past ten or twelve years, the manager of the baseball team sent letters to some twenty or so colleges requesting games. Whether or not he was successful in obtaining the desired number of affirmative replies was rather a hit-or-miss proposition and whether or not mutually satisfactory dates could be found was even more a matter of chance.

Turning from the manager and his difficulties, let us look at the team itself. The men practiced for some time before their first game and continued to do so until the end of the schedule was reached. The monotony of this was broken every few days by a game that might or might not draw an attendance from the student body. If the game was one with a school that was generally known to the students, the turnout would be perhaps two or three hundred, seldom more. If the opposing school was unknown or if the game did not give promise of being interesting, the attendance would be extremely meager.

Furthermore, the game at hand was the only prize offered to the team, unless it had an unbroken string of victories and was somewhat keyed up because of that. In other words, the team might go through an entire season undefeated and end the year with nothing more tangible to point to than a column of scores.

Now let us consider the situation under the new system. The difficulties of arranging a schedule are materially reduced, since ten games are automatically determined. The manager can easily obtain the remaining few games desired and thus be able to make his schedule absolutely definite for weeks in advance.

"The Slipstick"

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

THE FRESHMAN
BLACKSMITH

Beneath the spreading clouds of smoke,
The Freshman Blacksmith stands.
The muscles in his scrawny arms
Are strong as rubber bands.
He hits the iron with a blow
T would almost crack an egg;
And watches growing piles of scrap
That fill up many a keg.

He drops his links upon the floor,
With a sigh he sees them break;
His shriveled gate hook, long and bent
Looks almost like a snake.
On Saturdays he comes to school
Some extra work to do;
But after a morning of pounding stock,
He decides that he is through.

Now here, gentlemen, is a good example of what we call barnyard poetry. We are sorry that the composer did not sign his initials so that we could reproduce them, but his signature was to fancy for our printers. Come again, stranger.

Not a single senior electrical was to be seen last Thursday at 8:30 a. m. Why?—oh, an A. I. E. E. smoker Wednesday evening.

And when some of those electricals get to playing pinochle, nothing will stop them outside of a game of pinochle.

MINNICK GOES TO
ELECTRIC CHAIR AT
COOK COUNTY JAIL

Senior Electricals Employ Ruse
To Put Victim In
"Hot Seat"

Four senior electricals, Max, Mort, Virge, and yours truly, paid a visit to the Cook County Jail, last Wednesday, with the express purpose of visiting the electric chair.

Virgil J. Minnick volunteered to sit in the chair that we might see how one feels at such moments. No sooner had he sat down than the rest of the troupe strapped his body, clamped his arms and legs, covered his head with the hood, and applied the electrodes to his head and the calf of his leg.

But to our supreme disappointment the juice could not be turned on. As a result the intended victim has a new lease on life and has sworn to "go straight."

We'll admit that some electricals pick the darndest places to have their fun.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE SENIOR DANCE

Well, first of all, we must say that a most enjoyable time was had by all who were present.

We found that two senior electricals can certainly dance together. How do you do it Jost and Sandy?

A parade was started by a local accordionist playing the "Fight Song." And oh! what a parade.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

With Christmas more than a week away may we extend our greetings at this time?

The Bongineer.

In view of the fact that the team would be striving for a championship, the interest of the students should be greater and more uniform from game to game. A larger attendance might be expected, especially near the end of the season, if the team were winning.

Another point that is undeniably true, although we have not mentioned it previously, is that a school that plays in a league has more athletic prestige than has one that plays "free lance." Newspapers take more interest in leagues than in individual games—a fact that should increase the amount of advertising the school receives. To say that a team is champion of some certain league means much more than to say that it completed a season without a defeat.

Altogether, it would seem that the advantages attendant upon membership in such a league as the one Armour has just entered are much greater than whatever disadvantages may result from such an alliance. Personally, we are very pleased that this step has been taken and feel quite sure that the majority of the students will be of the same opinion.

Christmas Concert Has Added Feature

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shirt, black bow tie, and black shoes and socks.

Programs are being mimeographed at present and will be distributed by the following men on the morning of the concert:

L. J. McDonald, E. P. Reardon, E. H. Shaw, E. H. Stoke, W. Thompson, W. Krol.

The seats in Room A which faces the stage are reserved for the faculty members. The other two open rooms along the east side of the hall are reserved for the members of the musical clubs when not taking part in the concert.

The ushers for the faculty seats and A. T. M. C. reserved sections are as follows: E. G. Avery, J. J. Bachner, J. J. Englander.

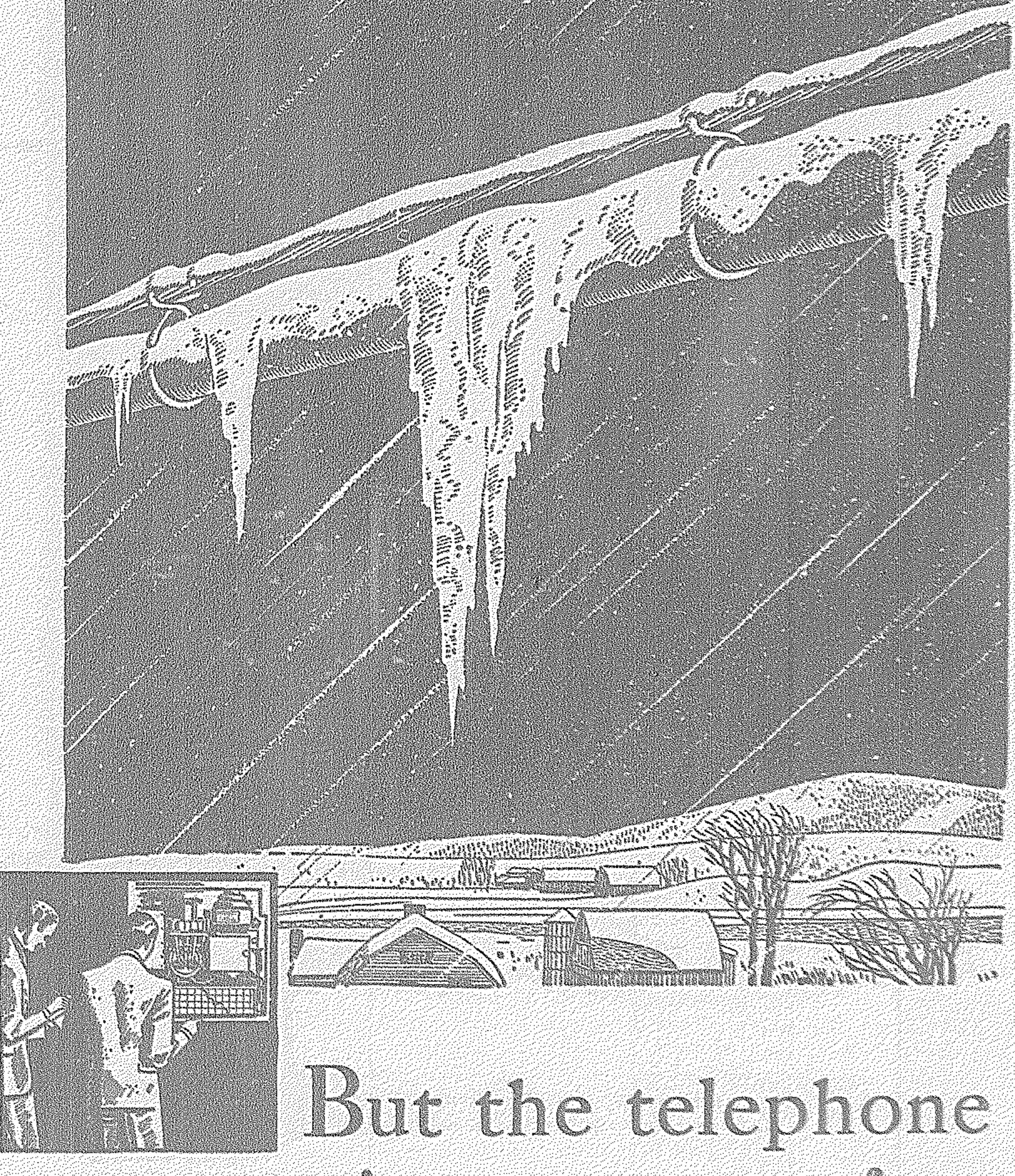
The curtain will be in charge of L. G. Wilkie. The switch board operator will be J. W. Juvinall.

The following committees have been appointed to manage the stage setting of their respective organizations. Orchestra: E. E. Lantz, N. C. Clanton, G. Palmer. Stresses: D. L. Corwall, A. H. Weston, J. A. Clear. Glee club: S. L. Otto, D. F. Landwer. D. R. McFarlane, C. Clarkson. Band: W. H. Hornberger, G. L. Bonvallet.

In order that the students may have fewer opportunities for originality in singing the "Armour Fight Song," we are printing the correct version at this time.

ARMOUR FIGHT SONG

Go team, play hard for dear old
Armour;
We are the fighting engineers.
Raise up the black and yellow
higher,
Safe for all the years.
Fight team, fight hard for dear old
Armour,
Keep her honor pure.
We'll make her glory ever brighter,
Fight on and victory's sure.



But the telephone conversation must not freeze

A sudden cold snap might seriously interfere with long distance telephone service were it not for the studies made by Bell System engineers.

They found that temperature variations within 24 hours may make a ten-thousandfold difference in the amount of electrical energy transmitted over a New York-Chicago cable circuit! On such long circuits initial energy

is normally maintained by repeaters or amplifiers, installed at regular intervals. So the engineers devised a regulator—operated by weather conditions—which automatically controls these repeaters, keeping current always at exactly the right strength for proper voice transmission.

This example is typical of the interesting problems that go to make up telephone work.

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