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These are the times that try mens' souls.
Thomas Paine,
Born January 29, 1737

Honor Seniors

It has been been suggested that the men who receive the *Honor Cycles* should be chosen at the beginning of the senior year rather than at the end, as is the custom. These men have shown their qualifications for this honor in their first three years at school. There is little recognition that they receive in the two or three weeks between the announcement in the *News* and the close of school.

Men chosen for this honor on the basis of their scholastic averages and extra-curricular activities are voted upon by the Armour Tech Athletic Association. As a result of this system of picking the ten outstanding seniors in school, ten very able men are singled out. Beyond this their appointment does neither themselves nor the school any good.

If, however, these men were chosen at the beginning of the senior year, they could form the strongest and most select honorary group on the campus. This organization could be one designed for the best interests of both the school and the students.

Since this year's selection of the honor seniors cannot possibly be made before the beginning of the second semester, let us suggest that the A. T. A. A. choose these men as soon after the commencement of the second semester as possible.

The plan that has been suggested did not originate with us. It has been successfully carried out in many colleges and universities. In the institutions where the senior organization has become established, it is the highest honor a man can attain.

Results of former selections have shown that the men qualified for the *Honor Cycles* have held important positions in several groups about the school. Because of this they have their fingers on the pulses of different school activities. If these men did work of a nature worthy of recognition in societies or in athletics, it is only logical to believe that they will continue their activities when they are seniors. For this reason the selection of men for honor and for membership in this proposed organization should be given immediate consideration.

The *Armour Tech News* is advancing this plan because we consider the proposition worthy of prompt recognition. Any suggestions or additions to this plan should be placed in the *News* in the student supply store.

We are backing this proposal with our whole staff

"The Slipstick"

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



NAME THE PROFS

It's too deep for your uncle,
mister.

Ready for the roll call.

You are at liberty, Gentlemen.

Furzd de one zide, den on ze

odder.—

Now we appreciate, brother,

Face it boldly and pass on.

(Wonder if he means the

finals.)

Now we mathematicians—

Your slide rule's foolin' you,

mister!

Manifestly,—

Splendid, marvelous, to the point! C grade.

Now, men, member . . .

What's the secret, brother?

D. S. D.

About every year, once a year, some person comes out with this original (?) list. We can hardly call it a "first timer" but rather would designate it as a recapitulation for the frosh and sophs. Of course the seniors may try their hand at the game also.

Anybody got any more? Write 'em up and burn 'em.

Sailor (struggling in the water): "Help! I can't swim! Drop me a line!"
Captain: "Ah yes, and you write me sometime too."

Well, Well, Well, a prisoner in Sing Sing (sentenced to the gallows) asked the warden if he would allow him to do some exercising.
He wanted to skip the rope.

Went to see some good vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, and washing machines? You should have gone to the Radio Show.

They also had an airplane and if I am not mistaken they also had a radio set.

IT WAS NOTED THAT TWO REFRIGERATOR MANUFACTURERS WERE NOT REPRESENTED.

We'll have to admit that one vacuum cleaner salesman was pretty good. He succeeded in picking up a few dollars here and there with his cleaner.

In conclusion may we say that, all in all, if they had had a radio or two it would have been a good radio show.

How about it, Kiddo, Rad. D. S. D., "33", Chemiker, Ome Vaal, and a few more of you regular contributors? We still want to see a couple of contributors who would like to continue the work as columnist.

He: (bragging about his ancestry): "Yes, my father sprang from a line of peers."
Bored: "Did he drown?"

Still want to strike oil?
Run into a gas station.

Mrs. Casey: "Faith, and phwat are yez doin' wid that income tax report, Casey?"

Casey: "Oi'm thrying to figger how much money Oi save by not havin' any."

And D. S. D. crashes again with: If education is so refined why is a college course?"

What an atrocious attempt at punning. Remember, pal, that punning is the lowest form of humor.

His mother-in-law died in a distant city. The undertaker wired for instructions as to whether the remains should be cremated or embalmed and buried.

"All three," he replied, "take no chances."

"Have a cigar?"
"No thanks, I've eaten."

"Where do those electricals get all their juice?"
"Oh, an ampere and an amp there."

And while we are on this subject we might say that these senior electricals may not be chemically inclined but last Tuesday and Wednesday they found that one of the by-products of coal is clinkers.

She was only a humorist's daughter but, being a beautician, she, too, made up jokes. (Yeh we know it's stale).

Well, good luck to you all. We always did go for finals in a big way (oh yeahhhh). We recommend some of Herr Livingstone's extra special "NON-FLUNK" quiz books specially priced at two for five cents.

The Bongineer.

in an earnest endeavor to secure for these men the honor they deserve. At the same time we hope to obtain some good work from this group for the benefit of the school.

Now that we have placed our plan before you, the next step is up to the student body. When we receive a sufficient number of replies from the Armour men, we shall carry the idea to completion. Prompt action is essential to the success of our plan.

O. T. R.

Professor Ross Allan McReynolds

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ross A. McReynolds, Assistant Professor of Economics at Armour, was born at Stanberry, Missouri, in 1898, and grew up in Missouri and Iowa. During his early years, he farmed, was printer's devil, and juggled mail before and after school, reading at least all the stray magazines during vacations when he kept the office between morning and evening trains.

He graduated from Maryville High School in 1916 in a mid-year class of thirteen—effect not yet determined—and attended teachers college one year, continuing to clinch second in public speaking and debating finals.

Worked During Vacations

Vacations found him in railroad baggage and freight jobs in Nebraska and Colorado, "chopping" cotton in Oklahoma, and harvesting wheat in western Kansas. Rural surveys took him on horseback for several months into the woods, ridges, and valleys of the Ozark mountains, where time was not quite an economic factor in many households and where hounds rather than live stock abounded.

Graduated from the University of Missouri in 1920 with the A. B. degree, he discovered that Phi Beta Kappa was not legendary when the local chapter let the axe fall just below his name. A scholarship drew him back to graduate school there the next year, and he received the A. M. degree in 1921 in sociology and economics. From the University of Missouri he went to R. O. T. C. camp at Fort Sheridan and then to S. A. T. C., but was only an influenza casualty and found nothing more exciting than digging trenches on golf links, jabbing a bayonet into sacks of straw, and mounting the guard.

Travelled in Europe

During the summer of 1922, he traveled through parts of Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, France, and the British Isles, enjoying particularly Viennese opera, the Paris galleries, and the scenes in the Bavarian Alps and the English lake district. Fighting was raging in southern Ireland, and outsiders were regarded with suspicion in Belfast, where squads of "Tommy's" patrolled the streets, so he hurried to Dublin, with difficulty secured a room, and spent an uneasy night after discovering that the hotel had been in the line of fire during the riots several weeks earlier. The next day he viewed the ruins of hotels, government buildings, and churches in Dublin, but everyone appeared calm, police were few and unsuspicious, and soldiers were not in evidence, perhaps because Free State and Republican forces were fighting toward Cork. He returned to the United States through Montreal and on the way to Salt Lake City the next summer added a few western snapshots to his varied collection.

Most of his time since college has been devoted to teaching and grad-

T. A. Boyd Speaks At A. C. S. Meeting

Mr. T. A. Boyd, of the research laboratories of General Motors Corporation, spoke on "Chemical Researches in Engine Combustion," at the joint meeting of the Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society and its Petroleum Division, held at the Midland Club last Friday night.

In choosing this lecture an attempt was made to get something in the field of industrial work, and not in the purely theoretical line. Mr. Boyd was well able to qualify in this respect as his work has been along very practical lines.

He illustrated how the internal combustion engine indicates the presence of "knocking" elements in fuels, which many chemists are constantly trying to eliminate. He and his co-workers have done a great deal of investigating in an endeavor to discover the relation between chemical constitution and knock properties of a great number of hydrocarbons. The facts which he reported were obtained from chemical photographic and spectrographic studies of combustion in actual engines.

Numbers For Concert Chosen by Glee Club

"The Gay Troubadour," by Grant Wellesley, and "Hoodah Day", two choral songs, were enthusiastically received by the Glee Club, last Thursday night, as prospective numbers for the spring concert.

The men have been invited to voice their own opinions on the songs they sing through a new policy which has been adopted. The song "Hoodah Day" is a favorite of the Yale Glee Club, and it should be a colorful number on the concert program.

Glee Club members have decided not to be "quitters", and are holding a rehearsal this Thursday night, in spite of the fact that it is the last week of school in the semester.

FACULTY CLUB MEETS

Basking in the assurance of twenty years of tradition, the Armour Faculty Club held its regular annual get-together last Friday.

The following are the officers for the coming year:

Hon. Pres.—F. U. Smith.
Pres.—D. P. Moreton.
1st Vice Pres.—J. J. Schommer.
2nd Vice Pres.—J. S. Thompson.
Secretary—W. A. Spencer.
Treasurer—V. B. Teach.

uate study, but for nearly three years he was statistician for the National Meal Trades Association, developing local and general employment indexes and wage surveys in addition to editorial duties, observing that wave of optimism which collapsed after the proclamation of a new type of economics failed to dent the business cycle. Mr. McReynolds is a member of the Economic Association and the American Statistical Association.

Mr. McReynolds' marriage in 1925 was the culmination of a college acquaintanceship. He is the father of a two year old boy, whose experience with colic and dislike for fishy bottled sunshine gave his dad some experience as a floorwalker and as a mixer of foods to fool the consumer.

Working for Doctor's Degree

His teaching experience covers both high school and college, including English subjects among the boys in the Saloniki Agricultural Institute, at the edge of the British Balkan war-base and near a Russian refugee camp; history, civics, and economics among high school students upon his return to the United States; political science, economics, and sociology in the North Dakota agricultural college; and economics in the University of Chicago. He developed at Chicago a large part of the test material that has been used to measure changes in economic knowledge and opinions during the one year course for Freshmen, has completed his graduate residence studies there, and is engaged on his thesis for the Ph. D. degree.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. Leslie C. Meyer, '14, stopped at the school for a brief visit on Monday, January 18.

Mr. C. M. Nelson, '26 is now the editor of a magazine, "Better Roads," which has just put out its second issue.

The *News* has recently received a letter from S. L. Ray, Arch '19, a life insurance agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, who wishes to remark that a life insurance salesman is an architect of successful financial plans of life.

L. O. Castle, F.P.E., '27, is still with James S Kemper Company in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

T. R. Schueler, F.P.E., '31, is located in Omaha, Nebraska, with the Nebraska Inspection Bureau.

A. J. Lenke, F.P.E. '31, has been shifted from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, since last week and is now with the Chicago Board of Underwriters.

Carl Stockholm, '24, is one of the foremost six day bike racers. He owns a thriving cleaning business of six plants in Chicago. In fact, his business is so thriving that he was not able to enter the six day bike race held recently in New York City, since his presence was needed here.

S. T. Leavitt, formerly of the Armour Tech News is at present on the staff of the M. I. T. newspaper.

E. P. Rutkowski, '29, and C. H. Johnson, '29, are working at present in Dresden, Iowa.

Henry B. Weis, '31, is studying at St. Louis University.

During the last week, Armour was host to three of its alumni, namely, Fred C. Dierking, C.E. '12, Eugene Voita, Arch. '25, and Carl A. Gustafson, E.E. '28.

All three alumni expressed their joy at seeing many of their old professors. They also were quite astonished at the numerous improvements about the Institute.

Mr. Dierking is now employed as sales manager of the Buresch Motor Sales, while Mr. Voita is an architect for C. H. Walcott.

PROFESSORS VISIT TILDEN

Dr. Raymond, Prof. Winston, Mr. Larsen and Mr. Foerster made a short visit to Tilden Technical High School last Tuesday, January 19. The principal purpose for the visit was to inspect the various shops, although a short trip was made through the rest of the school.

Coeds at Ohio Wesleyan University have been ordered to stop smoking cigarettes publicly.

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technology
junior informal
with
cass simpson's orchestra
oriental room
hotel knickerbocker
february nineteenth
nine o'clock two-fifty