



## PROFESSORS GIVE THEIR OPINIONS OF SCHOOL PAPER

Five years ago this week the first issue of the *Armour Tech News* was published. Since then it has grown until now it is a vital part of the Institute. The present importance of the *News* is shown by the following testimonials given by the professors and others around the school.

Dean Penn thinks, "The *Armour Tech News* has been of highest value in putting before the students and faculty the announcements of the Dean's office. It has answered a real need at the Armour Institute of Technology. During the five years of its excellent service it has justified the aims of the founders. I congratulate the staff on its fourth birthday, and trust that it will continue with unabated excellence."

The same ardor shown by Dean Penn is expressed by Professor Snow thus, "I think the *Armour Tech News* is a most excellent publication. It has been of great value to the student body and to the Institute in presenting the student activities and the general activities of the school. I am proud of all of our publications, and in particular the *Armour Tech News*."

Mr. G. S. Allison, when interviewed, said, "Four years ago the *Armour Tech News* was started as an experiment. Through diligent and capable management by the student staff it is now one of the outstanding activities of college. I look forward to each issue for interesting news that could be obtained only through a student publication."

Professor Wilcox states, "I think it has well informed the people of what is going on."

The "exceptionally good character of the reviews and editorials" has been noticed by Professor Haggard.

According to Coach Kraft, "It is a wonderful medium through which to promote school spirit. I compliment the staff on the way the *News* is handled."

Mr. Kelly in the Dean's office says, "The paper and news has been much improved. The editors and business managers are to be congratulated."

Miss Steele, the librarian gives, "Congratulations, *Armour Tech News*, on your fourth anniversary. You have improved with each year. The librarians have enjoyed the opportunities to occasionally work with the members of the staff, and appreciate the space given to the library notes."

Last but not least, Stan Livingstone remarks, "It was a good idea to start a newspaper. *Armour Tech* needed one. I'm a regular and steady reader."

## A. S. M. E. Hears Two Practical Speeches

Professor P. C. Huntley discussed patent law and some of its phases at a recent meeting of the A. S. M. E. Mr. R. R. Leonard, midwest representative of the A. S. M. E. was also present and gave a short talk.

Professor Huntley laid particular stress on the necessity for making explicit statements. To be effective, a patent must leave no legal loophole for infringement.

Mr. Leonard stressed the importance of student branches at the A. S. M. E. and urged fuller participation by the member.

### FAILING NOTICES

Failing notices will be given out either Thursday or Friday of this week. They were turned in yesterday morning by the professors, but they have not been filed and written out as yet.

Students may get them at the Office of the Deans. If this is not attended to promptly, the notice will be sent to the parents.

Subscription Deadline Friday

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## BERRY, MARSHAL ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR JUNIOR WEEK

Open House, Junior Prom, Class Rush, Are Week's Features

### MANY NEW AWARDS

Plans for Junior Week have been in preparation for the past few weeks and are rapidly nearing completion under the direction of William H. Berry, who was recently elected by the Junior Class to act as Marshal. The dates have been definitely decided upon as May 14 to May 19, the latter day, Saturday, being Circus Day.

Berry has chosen his assistant marshals to help him conduct the scheduled events in proper order. The five men who will serve in this capacity are Geledman, Manz, Peterson, Brown, and Williams, while Charles Lamb, the Junior Class President, will be an honorary member of the committee.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up, and in all likelihood very detailed details of the program have not as yet been ironed out. The plan calls for an Open House on the evening of the 14th.

Above is a front page facsimile of the first issue of the *Armour Tech News*. Volume one, number one, made its appearance before the student body on April 9, 1928, a five-column, sixteen inch paper carrying the announcement that future issues would probably appear at two

## Tech Rifle Club Sponsors Shoot

Victory of a comparative novice over the club champion may be expected in the handicap match at the Armour Rifle Club which was started last week and is to be finished the latter part of this week.

The distinctive feature at the match is the basis for establishing the various handicaps. The best mark of the season, 386 out of a possible 400 points, established by W. G. Hollmann '33, is taken as the ideal. All other club members compute their best score of the season, subtract it from 386, and add the result to their points in the handicap match. To be logical, a person who has not fired this season, should receive a handicap at 386 and win first place easily.

### Plenty of Dark Horses

Because of the liberal handicaps given, there is no topeheavy favorite to win the shoot. Although "Dark Horse" Jones expects to win, some other novice may beat him out. The entries are being kept by K. L. Hackley '33. The entry fee consists of five rifle shells and the entire take will be divided among the winners as prizes. The first award will consist of one half of all the shells received, the second, one-third, and the third prize, one-sixth of the shells.

The match will consist of ten shots per target, and one target for each at the prone, sitting, standing, and kneeling positions. The final date for the target-peppering is next Friday, April 15. Results will be announced in the *News* of next week.

## Electrical Honorary Pledges Three Men

Eta Kappa Nu announces the pledging of W. T. Dumsor, W. W. Lange, and D. G. Wilson, all members of the junior class.

Judges have now been appointed for the essay contest conducted by the fraternity. The awarding committee will consist of M. Fagen, T. A. McGill, M. J. Schinke, and G. L. Bonvallet. This contest is open to all sophomores in the electrical engineering department, and papers must be turned in to the judges before May 20.

The Delta Chapter is preparing to attend the A. I. E. E. banquet to be held in the near future at the Medinah Athletic Club.

## Anniversary Issue

# THE ARMOUR NEWS

A. I. T., CHICAGO, APRIL 9, 1928

Why Not Be a Charter Subscriber?

## GREETINGS TO "THE ARMOUR NEWS"

The establishment of this student newspaper is just another significant illustration of the spirit of progress at Armour. It is my earnest wish that its standards will be in keeping with that of our other publications, of which we are so proud. Whether or not there are enough happenings of note to furnish material for a weekly newspaper is the problem before us, and if the supply justifies the effort of publication, then all honor to the Board of Editors who have the success of this venture at heart.

To print a worthy and interesting news sheet commensurate with the standards to which we are accustomed is a responsible undertaking, and I wish here to assure the members of the staff that they shall have the heartiest cooperation of the authorities of the Institute in this new but justifiable student enterprise.

I shall keep a copy of this issue in the archives of the Institute along with our prized first editions of Institute publications. My best wishes to "The Armour News." May it have the loyal support of the student body and be as good as the best.

HOWARD M. RAYMOND, President of the Armour Institute of Technology.

## NEW PUBLICATION AT ARMOUR TECH MAKES ITS DEBUT

"News" to Become a Weekly Next Semester

### PROF. HENDRICKS ADVISER

This issue of the *ARMOUR NEWS* represents the climax of a long series of plans and attempts to found a newspaper at the Armour Institute of Technology. The present sheet is the first of five which are to be presented to the student body this semester as an experiment to demonstrate, both to the executive council and faculty, and to the students of the Institute, that a newspaper is not only a desirable, but also a possible feature of the student life at this college.

The first definite action taken on this project was at the beginning of this semester, when a committee, headed by Sphinx and composed of Walter J. Zimney, Fred Payne, and Elmer H. Kaplan, roughed out a tentative schedule upon which new publications in hand, could be based.

The establishment of this newspaper at Armour seems to have met with satisfaction and approval on the part of the faculty, if the opinions of a few of these leaders can be taken as a guide. The following are some of the comments which were made:

## Initiations, Pledges Mark Activities of Many Fraternities

Many of the fraternities, both the social and the honorary, have been busy of late in pledging and initiating new men into their ranks. Reports have come from many of the houses and a list is here given of the names of several of the men, though the clearing of the

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week intervals for the remainder of the semester. After four years' existence, the paper has developed into a six column, eighteen inch weekly. Many experiments have been undertaken to improve the style of makeup as well as to improve the paper and type used for printing

The paper has established itself as a vital part of the student activity as is shown by the statements that appear elsewhere in this issue. Unanimous vote of the student body to place subscriptions in with the student activity funds has definitely assured the future of the *News*.

## Professors Speak At High Schools

In conjunction with the Armour Development Plan, various professors are visiting the Chicago high schools to acquaint the graduating seniors with the work and qualifications necessary in the field of engineering. At the present time, eleven high schools have been visited and six more engagements are scheduled for April.

The program is closely related to the Development Plan in that it furnishes the opportunity to impress the prospective engineer with the necessity of being in the upper third of his class, thus raising the standards of scholarship when he attends Armour in the future. A warning is also given to those who are not fit for engineering so that they waste no time in foolishly pursuing the course.

The various engineering courses are described in detail by the professors, and the importance of possessing an interest in mathematics and physical science is stressed. The opportunities of engineering and architecture are also pointed out with intentions of furthering interest in these fields.

Each professor, in concluding his talk, extends an invitation to all those interested in engineering to visit the Institute on the evening of the Annual Open House night.

The work is under the supervision of Professor Paul, who is establishing contact with the high school teachers in order that they may assist in carrying out these plans.

## CALENDAR

- Tuesday, April 12
  - 4:00 P. M.—Armour vs. Crane at Ogden Field—Baseball.
  - 5:00 P. M.—Orchestra Practice in Assembly Hall.
- Wednesday, April 13
  - 5:00 P. M.—Stress and Strain Practice in Assembly Hall.
- Thursday, April 14
  - 5:00 P. M.—Glee Club Rehearsal at the Assembly Hall.
- Friday, April 15
  - 9:00 P. M.—Frosh-Soph Dance at Gold Ballroom, Congress Hotel.
- Saturday, April 16
  - 1:00 P. M.—Armour vs. Alumni in Golf Meet at Evergreen course.
  - 2:30 P. M.—Armour vs. North Central College at Naperville—Baseball.

# FROSH-SOPH DANCE WILL BE FIRST COLLABORATIVE DANCE IN HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Dance Receives Approval and Support of Lower Classes, Juniors and Seniors

## SALE OF BIDS IN LARGE EXCESS OF LAST YEAR

Eighteen enthusiastic men turned out for the first meeting of the future *Armour Debating Club* which was held Wednesday, April 6, in the Electrical Laboratory.

The meeting was a thoroughly business-like affair. A committee was elected to draw up a constitution. Victor Rimsha was elected temporary chairman, and Howard Bolton temporary secretary. Permanent officers will be elected at the second meeting.

Everyone interested in debating and public speaking is invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held tomorrow at five o'clock in the physics lecture room. William Malloy and Newton Snashall have volunteered to give brief talks on "The Causes of the Depression." Following these talks there will be an orderly general discussion of the points brought out, in which everyone will be given a chance to express himself.

Those who were present at the last meeting are to bring in two topics each. These are to be used for debates held at a later date. After the debaters get well organized they hope to meet other schools in competition.

According to the general feeling shown at the last meeting in the discussion of the purposes and scope of the club, the fellows are not only interested in developing crack debating teams, but also in giving each man who comes out a chance to learn to express himself. He can do this by getting up and speaking before the rest of the group at the meetings. In this way the club will be a great benefit to those who have not studied or practiced public speaking before.

## SCARAB INITIATES JUNIOR

Spencer B. Cone '33 was initiated into the Scarab Architectural Fraternity at a special meeting of the fraternity at the Art Institute, Wednesday, April 6th. The event of the initiation was celebrated at the members' semi-monthly luncheon at the Men's Grill of Marshall Field and Company.

## Warren Brown, Sports Editor, Speaks at the Sphinx Smoker

Last Wednesday evening, many students and several members of the faculty affiliated with school publications, were present at the Sphinx smoker held in the Delta Tau Delta house. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Warren Brown, sports editor for the *Herald-Examiner*, left little untold as he related his many experiences in the newspaper world. His talk was as interesting as it was educational, and had he had more time to spare, no doubt would have been showered with questions.

Articles Held Interest  
Articles are written and printed for just one purpose, and that is to increase the circulation. As the sport season opens, the papers play up the sports with headlines and lengthy discussions, until it becomes apparent that this news is growing stale, and then they have to turn to something that is newer and of more interest to the public. "These," said Mr. Brown, "are circumstances that cause over-emphasis, which is bound to create public sentiment often to the extent of making heroes out of some individual who knocks a home run or makes a touch-down at the crucial moment of an important game." As it seems to the readers of the newspapers, questions of the utmost importance can be settled in their mind by reading the version of the newspaper. It is the case often enough according to Mr. Brown, that they are called up at their busiest moments to decide some question of minor importance, and they are expected to have the answer in readiness. "It just goes to show," stated Mr. Brown, "that newspaper life has its bright spots, and, most of all, the regular hours (any hour of the night) have their appeal to the man starting out."

For the first time in the history of the Institute, a collaborative dance will take place. Held under the auspices of the freshman and sophomores, it is backed by the enthusiasm of the lower classes and the approval and support of the juniors and seniors. Both Headen, sophomore social chairman, and Wheaton, freshman chairman, say the sale of bids to date is far in excess of the number of bids sold either for either of the previous dances held this year.

A variety of reasons is given for the popularity of the event. The Congress Hotel Gold Room has been the scene of previous *Armour* dances and is remembered for a balcony from which the large floor may be conveniently viewed. The Congress is at Michigan and Congress, easily reached by both north and south-siders.

Music by Jack Chapman  
It is probably due to the combined resources of the two classes that Jack Chapman's orchestra has been secured for the evening. Chapman is a "big time" musicmaster and his name is synonymous with good dance music.

One of the big factors in the success of this dance was beyond the control of the committee. This is the fact that it occurs at the most favorable time of the year. Everyone who braved the icy blasts to attend the junior and senior dances will appreciate spring weather and the facility with which they may reach the Congress. Every mode of transportation will be in service ranging from buses to rumble seats.

### Novel Programs Planned

The versatility of the combined committees, who have "wrought wondrous well" in arranging the dance, has been evidenced in many ways. Their poster contest resulted in better placards than usually advertise *Armour's* social gatherings. Clever dodgers made their appearance as well as bids which were a pleasing departure from the usual run of dance tickets. Now the committee promises programs which are also different and sure to please. It is small wonder that enthusiasm runs high and a large crowd is expected this Friday night.

## Fraternities Discuss Circus Day Stunts

Every fraternity on the campus was represented at a meeting of the Interfraternity council which took place last Wednesday, April 6, in the Tau Beta Pi rooms.

Perhaps the most important ruling made at this time was the one regarding the judging of the Circus Day students. This, because of misunderstandings in the past, has been made more specific, and ambiguities have been avoided. Originality of the stunt and the erection of it will each count 75 per cent, while the reaction of the crowd will count 20 per cent.

The reports of the various committees were given by their chairmen, and the meeting was adjourned.

### PI TAU SIGMA PLEDGES

Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, pledged the following juniors at a pledging smoker held at the Sigma Kappa Delta house last Tuesday evening: P. A. Carlstone, R. J. Dufour, H. Monger, J. Moravec, and N. C. Penfold.

Professors P. C. Huntley, D. Roesch, J. C. Peebles, and some alumni were also present.

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Science is nothing but trained and organized  
common sense. —Huxley.

## Machines

Every one of us knows the care devoted by the average man to his automobile. The body must be in good shape; no squeaks and rattles will be tolerated. For safe driving the steering gear and brakes must be in the best of condition. The more fastidious motorist will keep his car cleaned and polished.

Even greater care is necessary to make the engine function properly. Gas in the tank, oil in the crankcase, and water in the radiator and battery are absolute necessities.

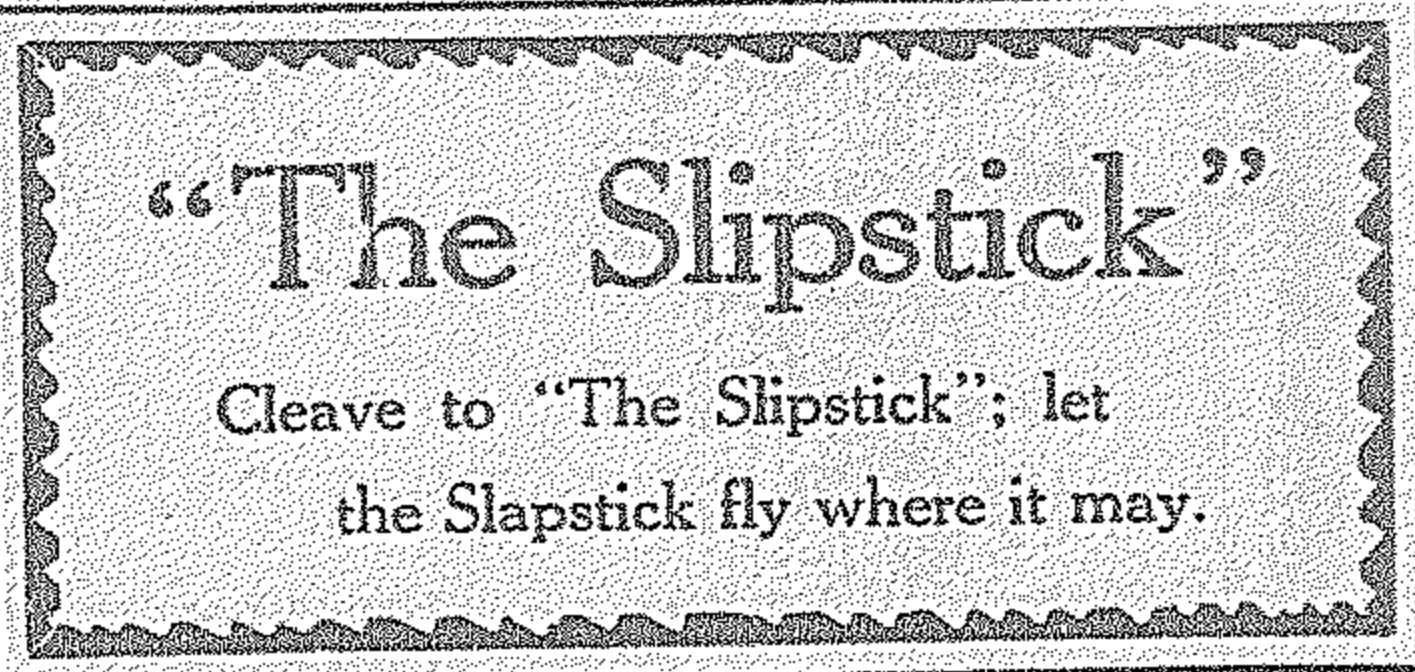
Now consider yourself in the same light. After all, the body is a machine. It is hypersensitive perhaps, extremely delicate, and somewhat erratic. But primarily it is a machine. It carries you through life, is capable of being controlled by you, and is certainly a mechanism deserving the greatest care and attention.

It seems strange that the most wonderful machine ever made, placed in your hands, does not receive the same care and attention that an automobile would. Yet such is the sad case. Some people go through life without once considering a checkup. Take inventory now! Are your brakes tight, is the steering wheel true, and how about those squeaks and rattles? Or to be more specific—are your hours regular, is your diet correct, do you get sufficient fresh air and sunshine, do you exercise regularly? These are just a few of the important details that must be considered.

Why not start today to give ourselves a spring check-up. Not "oil and water O. K.?" but—how am I keeping my mind and body in shape? Is my brain functioning at maximum efficiency? Check the engine for smoothness in operation: do I get along well with my classmates? Am I well liked? Do I criticize people? Will I go out of my way to do a favor for others? Finally ask yourself this question—what can I do to improve my attitude and habits so that I may enjoy and profit by everyday contacts both in school and out.

These and many other questions should help you investigate your running order. If corrections or adjustments are found necessary and are put into effect, a noticeable improvement in personality and character will result. Give yourself at least a part of that attention, thought, and care that you would give to an automobile.

E. E. E.



# "The Slipstick"

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

### "THE SLIPSTICK"

The slipstick rests in its leather case  
With ne'er a foreboding thought  
Of the agonized, soul-trying, wood-scratching pace  
That soon on its side will be wrought.

It's always ready to enter the fight  
Tho' the glass is cracked and bent.  
If the figures don't come the way that's right,  
The slipstick will lie like a gent.

So here's to the slipstick, sing ho my lads!  
Raise your glasses high and drink deep.  
For the slipstick, the jolly old slipstick, my lads,  
Is the friend that your secrets can keep.  
—C. R. Bishop, '26.

The above poem headed this column in the initial issue of the Armour Tech News which made its appearance on April 9, 1928. It is in observance of this, our anniversary, that the above reprint is made. Now in tribute let us shout—

### LONG LIVE THE SLIPSTICK

#### Ambition

Patron: Here, this doughnut has a tack in it.  
Waitress: Well, I declare! I'll bet the ambitious little thing thinks it's an Austin tire.

To the unknown engineer on the "Steam Shovel" we would like to say that we are willing to swap a bit of "dirt" for a few good jokes. For example that picture in the BOGOT-BEATTIE locker shows the boys as they were at the age of five. You're welcome.

#### Left to His Fate

"Does my practicing make you nervous?" asked the man who was learning to play a saxophone.  
"It did when I first heard the neighbors discussing it," replied the man next door, "but I'm getting so now that I don't care what happens to you."

#### Reconstruction Days

"Does your man work, Mrs. Waggs?"  
"Oh yes, he peddles balloons whenever there is a parade in town. What does your husband do?"  
"He sells smoked glasses during eclipses of the sun."  
Numb de Plumb.

#### We — Want — Con-tribs.

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Doctor: "The thing for you to do is to stop thinking about yourself. Lose yourself in your work. By the way, what is your occupation?"  
Patient: "I'm a cement mixer."

#### You're Wrong, Ye Poets!

The poets sing concerning spring,  
And say the bird is on the wing;  
Upon my word,—that is absurd!  
Because the wing is on the bird.

Wise: "Did you hear the one about the unconscious giraffe?"

Guy: "Naw!"

Wise: "Well—it's coming around."

A new friend, Etni, sent us the following letter which a jobber received recently regarding a shortage in a shipment.

Gentlemen:

I got the pump i buy from you, but why for gosh sake you doan send me no handle, i loose to my good cutomer sure thing you doan treat right. I wate ten days and my customer he holler for water like heck for the pump.

You no she is hot somer now and the wind he no blow the pump, she got no handle so what the heck i goan to do with it.

Doan send me the handle pretty quick i send her back and i goan order some pump from odder companie.

Your truly,

Spike Zooman.

P. S. Since i rite i fine the — handle in the box. Excuse me.

Thank you, Etni. Let us hear from you again soon. We hope a few others will follow your example and send in their contributions.

"I guess I've lost another pupil," said the professor as his glass eye rolled down the kitchen sink.

#### Limited Choice

It was the first quarrel. "Men are fools to marry," he said bitterly.  
"Of course they are," she answered, "but what are women to do? There's nothing else they can marry."

#### BIT-O-WISDOM

Josh Billings says, "Alwus foller yure own advice, and let other folka foller theirs."

As a last line let me remind you  
WE WANT CONTRIBS.

Diamond.

## Will Display Stamps On Open House Night

Armour Tech's newest Club, the Philatelic Society, has been earnestly working in buying, trading, and selling stamps. This process has been going on between Classes, during lunch hour and at various odd minutes during the day. It has been announced that on April 22, a new two-cent stamp will be issued to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Arbor Day. During the last meeting the main subject for discussion was the exhibition which this society is planning to have. It has been decided that this exhibition should be held on open house night.

About June 1, there will be an issue of two-cent and five-cent stamps which will be entirely different from those in use now. These will advertise the Olympic games that will be held in California.

Next Monday night, when the Philatelic Society meets, no business will be discussed, but a good time is promised to all.

## Frank Oster Assists Nephew to Win Prize

Mr. Frank Oster, custodian of the main building, and expert puzzle solver, has helped his nephew, Arnold Strom, to win a trip to Washington, a prize in a contest conducted by one of the city's daily papers.

The newspaper ran a picture each week, for a number of weeks, pertaining to the life and character of George Washington.

Strom's entry, with the pictures beautifully mounted by Mr. Oster, was turned in and duly adjudged one of the main prize winners.

## THE STEAM SHOVEL

H. K.N. pledges are on the hunt for flies. Although it is a little early for the fly gathering season, they claim it is necessary to obtain a certain number of flies in the interest of science. The score is now Wilson 3; Dumser 1; Lange 0.

Windows for the Tau Bete rooms are washed by J. W. Juvinal. And no honorary pledge may ride the elevator. This puts them in a class with the frosh and sophs.

"Now take a piece of polished cast iron," said Art Carpenter as he pulled out his watch.

We have information that two-thirds of the freshman chemicals spend three-fourths of their time copying nine-tenths of their homework.

And now a word of warning. Don't let any man on the News hear you slandering our column. Don't forget that ex-president Coolidge paid a large sum of money to an insurance man because of a few words misinterpreted.

We hear that many fellows are making plans to go to the Junior Formal to be held Friday, May 13. Save your money boys cause everybody's invited—if they've got the price, a tax, and a girl.

Carl Clanton, junior F. P. E., is the owner of several motion picture theatres in Kansas. He constructed all his own sound equipment.

Again the STEAMSHOVEL is mentioned in the SLIPSTICK. This column is too exclusive to mention the SLIPSTICK in its column write-ups.

## Plan Details of Spring Concert

All the musical clubs have been rehearsing earnestly with a purpose in mind: to produce a very successful spring concert. Progress is being made by the Glee Club, Orchestra, and the Stresses and Strains which are all going to play an important role in this coming concert. The architects have been engaged to produce a few posters which will be used for advertising purposes.

The constitution on which the musical clubs have been working has been completed, but as yet no definite results have been revealed to the student body in general. Next week a vote will be taken upon this constitution and it will only be accepted on a total vote of acceptance. The most important fact in the constitution is that each member shall pay twenty-five cents per year, this money being used for some social event.

The smoker will probably be held at the end of this month or some time during the early part of May. This is the first time that a social of all Musical Clubs has been attempted. There has never been a joint social in the history of the school, although the Glee Club and Orchestra have had them separately.

### POSTPONE OPEN HOUSE

To avoid conflict with the night school classes, open-house night has been postponed to May 27. Formerly it has been held during Junior week. This year, however, night school is being conducted during this week, and therefore open house night cannot be held at the usual time.



# "Hello, Hawaii"

Bringing Hawaii within speaking distance of the United States is one of the latest achievements of the Bell System in its program of telephone service extension.

Five years ago the United States had telephone connection only with Canada, Cuba, and the Mexican border. Since then, Bell engineers have so developed radio telephony that handling calls to Europe, South America,

Australia, Bermuda, Samoa, and Hawaii is daily routine. Today more than 31,000,000 telephones can be reached—approximately 92% of all the telephones in the world!

Making the telephone practically world-wide in reach promotes understanding between nations. It has far reaching effects commercially and politically. That's what puts the thrill into such Bell System pioneering.

## BELL SYSTEM



A NATION-WIDE SYSTEM OF INTER-CONNECTING TELEPHONES

### STUDENTS MAKE INSPECTION TRIP TO OIL COMPANY

Last Thursday afternoon the senior Chemicals and the junior Fire Protects, under the supervision of Professor Bentley of the chemical department, went on an inspection trip to the plant of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The crude petroleum supply comes from the Oklahoma oil fields, from which it is pumped to a large tank farm. From this farm, the oil is distributed to the various oil companies such as Sinclair and Standard Oil. Upon arrival at the refining plants of the various companies, the petroleum is subjected to a process of fractional distillation, the various products being obtained because of the difference in their boiling points. Some of the products obtained by this distillation are gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, lubricating oils, and petroleum coke. In former years the kerosene was the desired product, the gasoline being rejected because of its low vaporization point and high explosive qualities. Since the advent of the automobile, however, gasoline is the major product, and because of the great demand for it, it is desirable to obtain as high a yield as possible. The desirable high yield is obtained by the cracking process.

This process is to break up the large molecules of these constituents causing a higher yield of the products having the lower boiling point. Various distillates are treated with caustic, sulphuric acid, and in some cases Fuller's Earth is used for the removal of coloring matter which is undesirable. Lubricating oils which are capable of passing the low temperature process tests are procured by the refrigeration of the oil. The refrigeration causes the paraffin in the oil to settle out. The paraffin is then filtered off and is used in the manufacture of such articles as candles.

The Standard Oil Company operates the largest and best equipped oil research laboratories in the United States and many developments perfected in their laboratories are visible at the plant of the Indiana section.

#### GRAD REPRESENTS TECH

Mr. James R. Sloan '97 represented the Armour Institute of Technology at the inaugural exercises of Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison as President of Washington and Jefferson College on April 2, 1932.

Mr. Sloan, who has the degrees of B. S. and E. E., is Chief Electrician of the Pennsylvania Railroads.

#### ARX NEWS

The results of the Class A Project have been published. Arron, Braun, Hofer, Lindblad, McLane, Navarati, Tonsager and Wichser are going to the New York jury to try their luck there. The problem was, "An Armory for an Anti-aircraft Regiment."

In the design of a Chinese pagoda, mentions were given to A. G. Anderson, A. Cole, C. A. Emling, T. D. Luckett, R. L. Phlak, and M. Wise.

For the interior design of a restaurant overlooking a river R. R. Tufts received a mention. Other mentions were received by R. A. Peterson, M. Poe, and I. A. Sugarman on their plans for a hospital.

The Class A men were on Saturday, April 2 over to the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club to take the esquisse for the Club's scholarship problems. The program this year is, "A Collaborative School of Fine Arts." And the judgement will be May 16th. Officially the problem is known as the 32nd Annual Foreign Travel Scholarship of the Chicago Architectural Sketch club and carries with it a prize of \$1,200. Albert J. DeLong, '31, won the prize last year with the problem, "A Curative-Bath Establishment." Thomas A. Carter, '31 placed second.

Any Junior architect will verify the statement that the wearing of shorts minus the trousers mean something drastic has happened.

### REVIEWS

#### SPARKS FLY UPWARD

By Oliver LaFarge

For one who has read that delightful and absorbing tale, *Laughing Boy*, there has developed a naturally strong interest in the works of Oliver LaFarge in our mind. It was his first novel, and a worthy prize winner. None of its readers could ever forget the thoughtful Indian maid and her artist lover. LaFarge knew the Pueblo Indians and this story showed a meticulous study of their native artistry.

His second book, *Sparks Fly Upward*, can be classed as a better example of the art of novel writing, for he gives a good exciting story with all the proper ornaments—hero, beautiful but shallow woman, less beautiful but more faithful woman, politics, adventure, and a Mexican revolution thrown into the bargain for a climax.

With the ornaments thus appraised, a glance at the substance reveals it to be the conflict which the hero, an Indian with a strain of Spanish blood, suffers within himself. His duty as an army officer about the country enforcing the uncompromising tyrannies of the political regime of that time, 1840, on the poor Indian peasants. Here you get something which is a clever mixture of adventure and blood and thunder and a study of its mental reaction on the adventurer.

The young colonel's power and position in the state was pure good fortune, but his sympathies were with the people he oppressed. His ambition, however, arose from that most powerful of forces (according to novelists), love. Between the desire to execute the orders well and advance in the eyes of his loved one and the growing consciousness of the evil nature of these duties the read-

### Small Attendance at Soph Class Meeting

A meeting of the Sophomore Class was held in the Assembly Hall last Friday, April 8 at 10:30. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the sale of bids for the Fresh-Soph dance which is to be held next Friday. A number of sophomores gave their opinions concerning the sale of bids and made a plea for more cooperation. Because of the small attendance another meeting will be called in the near future.

er gets a view of conflict within the man.

How he used his power and how he solved the mental turmoil is the story. It is marvelously complicated by the fact that his loved one was the wife of the powerful political patron to whom he owed everything. We feel that the political patron was served right—pompous old men should be careful about their wives especially when they are thirty years younger, beautiful and simple.

Perhaps it is occurring to you as you read this that it is all a bit funny. There is where the masterfulness of the LaFarge style comes in; everything is presented in a convincingly rational fashion.

The atmosphere of the book is Mexican. Whatever LaFarge can possibly do to further the picture of that country in the mind of the reader is incorporated in *Sparks Fly Upward*. The literal translation of the idiom of the language to express ideas in English is a delight to anyone who happens to have a small acquaintance with Spanish. All the names are Spanish and the persons portrayed are presented as authentic types. There has been criticism about this feature of such books. By way of defense, we might say that if a novel is about Spaniards or Chinamen we must expect in the

### Fraternity Notes

#### BETA PSI

Last Tuesday evening Beta Chapter of Beta Psi held their annual election of officers for the coming year. The following men were elected:

- William Lange—President.
- LeRoy Anderson—Vice-president.
- Armand Hahn—Treasurer.
- Howard J. Zibble—Secretary.
- Roy Wittekindt—Sergeant-at-Arms.

For the last few days, Brother J. T. Even '28 has been visiting at the house.

The abundance of sore muscles with the decrease in the liniment supply tells the story of the strenuous indoor baseball practices held last week.

Last Saturday evening Beta Psi held their annual Spring Informal. It was well attended with many of the alumni present, among them being Jack Segeler, John Janak, John T. Even, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

story Spaniards and Chinamen and not the everyday Americans which we already know too well.

When we said above that *Sparks Fly Upward* was a better example of the art of novel writing that was an attempt to classify it. It is as exciting as the yarns of Sabatini but unlike them it assumes that people have minds and feeling.

Let me urge this book on you for a little nip of relaxation after that next physics quiz or some other time when you are in a mood for a lazy evening. Mexico is a long way from here and, perhaps, under some conditions, a more comfortable place to be than Chicago. Take a free trip for a few hours, via *Sparks Fly Upward*, and we hope you like it.

By Harold Monger.

#### THETA XI

Last Friday evening, Alpha Gamma chapter was host to about sixty alumni for dinner. The occasion was the formal initiation of two alumni of the former local fraternity which is now our newest chapter at Kansas State College.

Brothers Harry Smethells and Harry Sheppelman were visitors at the house last week.

#### RHO DELTA RHO

Initiation time will soon be here and the pledges have been actively engaged the last two weeks with the preparation of newly designed oak paddles. They will come into intimate contact with their work at the prescribed period when the active members, to whom the paddles are given each year, start swinging.

First practice for baseball team will be held tomorrow when the members will attempt to clinch team positions. It will be held in Joyland Park, at 5:00 P. M. Sid Cannel has been appointed to take care of all tennis activities.

#### SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

An alumni smoker was held at the chapter house last Friday evening. Many of the old alumni attended and matched their bridge playing skill against the actives and pledges.

#### TRIANGLE

On Monday evening, April 4, Armour Chapter of Triangle held its annual election of officers. Following are the men elected to offices for the ensuing year:

- Raymond Dufour—President.
- Walter McWilliams—Vice-president.
- Roy Ekroth—Treasurer.
- Eric Smith—Steward.
- George McBrady—Corresponding secretary.
- William Malloy—Librarian.

The installation of officers will take place tonight at the Founder's Day Banquet which will be held at the Engineers' Club.

Among our visitors this past week were Bro. "Chuck" Chandler, an alumnus of this chapter; Bro. Gorder and Littiker and guest Haysen, all from the Badger chapter; and Brother Ballou of Iowa chapter.

#### SIGMA ALPHA MU

The entire active chapter attended the alumni meeting last night at the Covenant Club. In addition to the members the pledges also were in attendance.

The meeting was a Sigma Epsilon night featured by the attendance of Armour alumni. The old grads were very enthusiastic about the Development Plan.

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# ARMOUR BASEBALL NINE WINS OPENING GAME OF SEASON AT EXPENSE OF CHICAGO NORMAL

## Last Practice Game Before League Opener To Be Played Today with Crane College

### PLAY FIRST LEAGUE GAME SATURDAY

A six run rally in the fourth inning gave the Armour Tech baseball team a 7-4 win over Chicago Normal last Thursday at Ogden Field. Although the game was only a practice tilt, it will provide Coach Krafft with necessary information in preparation for the first league game next Saturday. The team showed encouraging signs, especially in the last three innings, when they overcame the three run deficit.

#### Teams Score in First Inning

In the first inning, the Teachers profited by three Tech errors, which, intermingled with two hits, produced two runs. Armour came back in the Tech half of the inning, and a walk and fielders' choice, followed by a two base hit into center field by Vic Omiecinski, put one run into the Tech column. A strikeout ended this early scoring spree. The second inning was unprofitable to both sides except for a single by a Normal man.

The third inning was a repetition of the first for the teachers, wherein a single and double over the right field fence, accompanied by an error, made the score 4-1 in favor of the south siders. The engineers did nothing in the home half of the inning.

#### Six Runs for Armour in Fourth

At the start of the fourth inning, Coach Krafft replaced the battery of Buehne and Young by Mayer and Lukas. Buehne had struck out three men and allowed only four hits. Only one of Chicago Normal's runs was earned, the other three being the direct results of errors. The first three men up for Normal at the beginning of the fourth inning struck out on the first nine pitched balls. The Tech men seemed to take hold at this point and put up a spirited rally consisting of two doubles, a walk and two singles which netted them six runs. Eleven men batted up before three outs were made, and Tech led by a score of 7-4.

Although the first two men at bat for Normal at the start of the fifth inning were given bases on balls, and advanced to second and third on an error, the next three men struck out to put another zero in the Normal scoring column. The Tech men came to bat with the purpose of getting more hits but a strikeout and two infield outs including the lucky stop of a fast grounder by the Normal shortstop brought nothing.

#### Double Play in Last Inning

The first man up for Normal in the sixth and last inning, struck out, but the second batter hit a single and stole second. The Normal team and rooters were all excited and were hollering for a score. When the batter hit a line drive over the pitcher's head, the teachers instantaneously responded with a cheer; but only for a moment and much to their disgust, for Vic Omiecinski, Armour Tech shortstop, was there to take the ball out of the air and throw it easily to Galvani for a double play which ended the game.

#### Armour Shows Superiority

In the summary of the game, the Armour nine played the superior brand of baseball. In the first place, only one of Normal's four runs was earned, while five of Tech's runs were scored on hits. Although Normal got six hits to Armour's five, three of the Tech hits were two baggers, while only one of the teachers' was an extra base hit. In the first three innings, Buehne struck out 3 men and walked none. Mayer continued the good work in the next three innings by striking out seven men, walking three and allowing only one hit. The Normal pitchers allowed five hits total, walked four men and struck out three.

The coming week presents two games on the schedule of the Armour Tech baseball nine. The first is a home game to be played at Ogden field and the opposing team is Crane Junior College.

#### Defeated Crane Last Year

Crane College was Tech's first opponent last season, and the Tiger aggregation was sent home with a 5-1 defeat. The game was scheduled for seven innings but was called at the end of the sixth frame on account of rain. "Chief" Stehno turned in the first of his stellar pitching performances of the season at this time. He struck out eight men, allowed only six hits all of which were well scattered and added to the Armour score by knocking out two doubles. The efficiency of the Tech men was shown by the fact that they made six hits count for five runs, while the Crane College team made six hits but scored only one run.

#### North Central First League Opponent

The season's first out of town game, and incidentally the first Northern Intercollegiate Conference league game will present itself next Saturday, when the team travels to Naperville, Illinois to engage North Central College, which is Coach Krafft's alma mater. Last season, North Central was Tech's second opponent, and Armour emerged victorious by a score of 5-2. Lynch pitched another superb game, striking out eleven men and allowing six scattered hits. The Tech men again showed their efficiency by scoring five runs on seven hits while holding North Central to two runs on six hits.

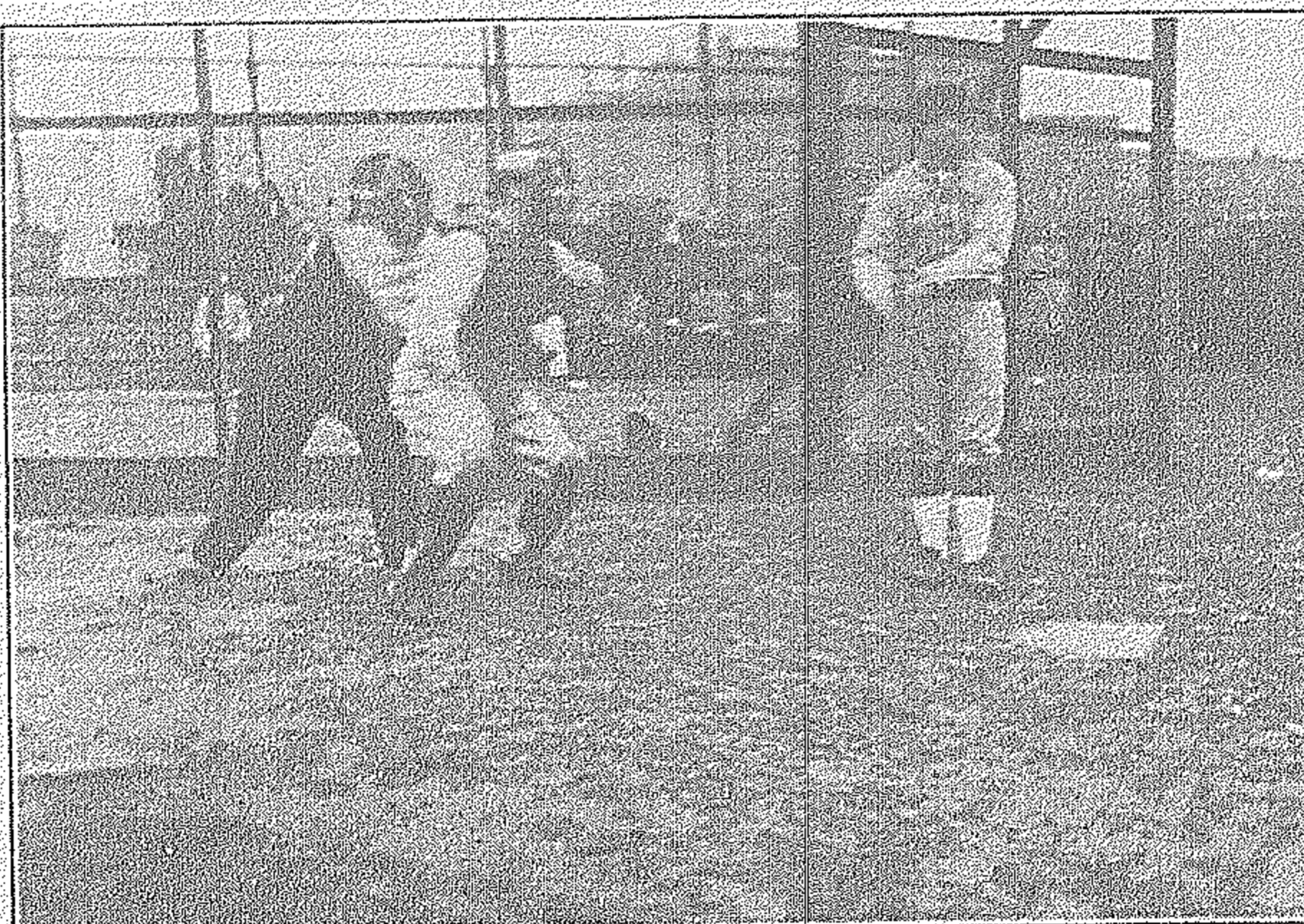
#### Tech Should Win Both Games

From all indications, the Armour Tech nine should make a good showing against both of these teams, and Coach Krafft is especially desirous of defeating North Central College for the opening league victory. A fairly large crowd attended the Chicago Normal game last Thursday and the Tech players may have been inspired to victory by several Normal coeds who decorated the bench. However, we won't accuse them of being able to play good baseball only when some of the fairer sex are around. There ought to be a larger crowd out to see the game today and since it may be possible that the chilly April weather held down the attendance last Thursday, we hope for nice weather today.

#### BOX SCORE

Ab.	R.	H.	P.	O.	E.
<b>Armour (7)</b>					
Galvani, 2b.	1	2	0	8	3
Sommer, cf.	2	1	1	1	0
Lillis, 3b.	3	0	0	0	1
V. Omiecinski, ss.	3	0	1	2	0
T. Omiecinski, 1b.	2	1	1	2	0
Baumel, rf.	1	0	0	0	2
Evans, lf.	3	1	1	0	0
Young, c.	1	0	0	3	0
Buehne, p.	1	0	0	0	0
Reed, rf.	2	0	0	0	1
Lukas, c.	2	1	1	7	0
Mayer, p.	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Chi. Normal (4)</b>					
Fischer, 3b.	3	1	1	0	0
Silver, cf.	4	0	0	1	0
Smith, c.	2	2	1	0	1
Maloffe, 1b.	2	1	1	8	0
Weintraub, 2b	3	0	1	1	0
Sommers, ss.	3	0	0	1	0
Kruse, lf.	3	0	1	0	0
Kass, rf.	3	0	0	1	0
Mabbott, p.	2	0	0	2	0
Pele, p.	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>

Two base hits; V. Omiecinski, T. Omiecinski, Evans, Kruse. Double play; V. Omiecinski to Galvani. Bases on balls, Buehne, 0; Mayer, 3; Mabbott, 3; Pele, 1. Struck out; Buehne, 3; Mayer, 7; Mabbott, 2; Pele, 1. Hit by pitcher; Galvani by Mabbott. Time; 1:40.



Young, of Armour, catching. Sommers, of Normal, batting.

## Armour Tennis Team Faces Stiff Schedule

Next week the tennis team definitely begins active work in training for their first match of the season with the University of Chicago at the Midway courts during the last week of April. A definite date will be announced later. There is also a game with the alumni scheduled for the near future. George Jennings, '31, is expected to lead the former Armour stars.

From all indications a successful season is expected in the offing. L. Streb is the only letter man back this year and is probably slated for the number one position on the team. Paine, Cone, and Lind are also back this year. They were under fire last year and are expected to turn in some very creditable performances.

The Armour courts will be ready for practice early next week. All men should begin active practice at once and report to the manager, G. Schodde so he may pair them off according to their ability.

There is quite an impressive schedule, one which contains such names as Notre Dame, Loyola, Lake Forest, Wheaton, and Coe.

## Western Champs Practice in Gym

Although the boxing season is over at Armour and the boxing team has completed its schedule, the Armour gymnasium last Tuesday, April 5, resounded with whacks, thumps, and other associated noises which one hears when a group of boxers is working out. The boxers did not happen to be Armour's but were members of the Washington State College boxing team, Pacific Coast Intercollegiate champions. The squad of four men and their coach, Ike Deeter, were on their way east to Pennsylvania State College to fight in the National Intercollegiate Championship Tournament and stopped long enough to work some of the kinks out of their muscles that may have appeared because of the long road trip.

They have already won the Pacific Coast championship and if they win in the National Intercollegiate Tournament, they will undoubtedly represent the United States in the

## ARMOUR GOLFERS TO MEET ALUMNI IN SEASON OPENER

Armour Tech's golf team will inaugurate a new season next Saturday when it meets the Alumni at the Evergreen golf course, 92nd Street and Western Avenue. All home meets for the 1932 season are to be played at the Evergreen golf course.

Thus far, the schedule for this year as compiled by Manager W. M. Trauten is only tentative. The schedule will probably be similar to the schedule of previous years and consist of the Alumni match and two matches each with St. Johns of Toledo, Ohio, Valparaiso, Crane, and Loyola. Manager Trauten announced that a complete schedule for the golf team this season will be posted on the bulletin board as soon as possible.

#### Three Veterans Return

Armour's chances for a successful season look very bright with the return of three letter men. They are Captain Dave Pearson, Johannisson, and Weldon who will be back to form the nucleus of the team. Other members will be selected very shortly when the low scorers of the fall tournament.

The eight men who had qualified in the golf tournament held last October are as follows: L. Davidson, C. Zacher, B. Richards, G. Beems-terboer, B. Burkhardt, G. Stalzer, R. Meagher, and H. Zibble. These men are now in the process of elimination, having been paired for playoffs.

The complete results of the pairings and meets will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Armour Tech News*.

coming Olympic Games. The four men on the squad, each one Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Champion in his weight, were: "Red" Logansgard, 175 lbs.; Bob Eldred, 160 lbs.; "Eddy" Prisk, 149 lbs.; and "Bud" Taylor, 135 lbs.

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## ARMOUR INDOOR INVITATIONAL TRACK RECORDS

EVENT	RECORD HELD BY	DATE	TIME
*50-yd. Dash	East—Chicago	1932	0:25.2
*20-yd. Dash	Root—Chicago	1931	0:16.8
*50-yd. High Hurdles	Black—Chicago	1931	0:26.4
*50-yd. Low Hurdles	Hayden—Chicago	1929	10:02.0
*1 Mile Run	Jackson—Chicago	1932	0:17.2
70-yd. Dash	McCormick—Notre Dame	1932	0:28.8
70-yd. High Hurdles	Black—Chicago	1932	0:27.6
70-yd. Low Hurdles	Brooks—Chicago	1932	0:50.4
440-yd. Dash	Burns—Butler	1932	1:56.8
880-yd. Run	Hornbostel—Indiana	1932	4:14.1
1 Mile Run	Brooksmith—Indiana	1930	4:49.9
Shot Put	Paul—Armour	1932	6'-5"
High Jump	Nelson—Butler	1932	13'-0"
Pole Vault	Beecher—Indiana	1932	

## ARMOUR RELAY RECORDS

EVENT	RECORD HELD BY	DATE	TIME
*2/3 Mile Relay	Chicago—Jentry	1931	2:13.2
880-yd. Relay, College	East, Ramser, Cameron	1932	1:53.1
1 Mile Relay, College	Murray, Mitts, Nicol, Johnson	1932	3:34.1
2 Mile Relay, College	Nicol, Mitts, Murray, Johnson	1932	8:29.9
1 Mile Relay, University	Loyola—Tordella	1932	3:25.3
2 Mile Relay, University	Crank, Rania, O'Neil	1932	8:04.7
3 Mile Medley Relay, University	Indiana—Parks, Holland, Neese, Kent	1932	10:26.3
	Michigan State—Keast		
	Warren, Fongrass, Chamberlain		

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## TECH SHORTS

#### Armour Nine Wins

Armour's baseball team won their first game of the current season last week, defeating Chicago Normal 7-4 in six innings.

Buehne started the game and pitched the first three innings, striking out three men and only allowing one earned run. The other runs were obtained on errors.

#### Mayer Strikes Out Seven

George Mayer, sophomore mechanical, pitched the last three innings and struck out seven men, while allowing only one hit.

Evans, and the two Omiecinski's, Vic and Tad, knocked out doubles for three of five Armour hits.

"Vic" Omiecinski helped to end the game in the last inning by catching an infield fly of Silver's and doubling Fischer off second.

#### Attend Today's Game

Tech's final pre-league game will be played tonight on Ogden Field at 3:45 P. M. Crane Junior College is the opponent.

Armour defeated Naperville twice last year by 5-2 scores. They also defeated Wheaton twice and broke even with Lake Forest in two games.

#### Alumni Notes

George Jennings '31 is attending Chicago Normal college, taking a post graduate course in manual training.

"Chief" Stehno '31 and T. B. O'Connor '31, both players on last year's championship baseball team are helping Professor Schommer collect money from the alumni for the Development Plan.

#### Schommer Writes Again

Professor J. J. Schommer told a story to Les Gage on "Murder the Referee" which was printed in the April issue of the College Humor. According to the article he should have at least nine lives.

Tech's track team tried for their fifth victory of the season last Saturday in their meet with Elmhurst at the University of Chicago field-house. H. P. R.

## TRACK TEAM TO START PRACTICE ON OGDEN FIELD

Because of the fact that the Elmhurst College track team failed to appear at the University of Chicago field house last Saturday for the last scheduled indoor track meet of the season, the Armour track stars now turn their attention to the coming outdoor schedule. The schedule this year presents such teams as Lake Forest; Milwaukee State Teachers College, Wisconsin college champion; and Bradley Tech of Peoria. Incidentally, this schedule is one of the toughest that an Armour Tech track squad has had to face in several years. It also gives the student body of Armour a chance to see some very good track and field events in these track meets since the two most important ones are on Armour's home ground, Ogden Field.

#### Improvements on Track

In preparation for the tough schedule, there are some very noticeable improvements going to be made in the track. As a matter of fact, work has already begun, for the track has recently been given a new covering of cinders. This makes it a little too soft as yet for the sprinters but it is hard enough for the distance runners to start limbering up. A new shot put ring is going to be made and installed; and a new runway and take-off board is to be made for the broadjumpers.


The Armour track team this year is in very great need of some javelin throwers and participants in the other field events as well. Therefore, all fellows interested in such events, whether they have been out for indoor track or not, are urged to come out and start practicing. If you want further particulars see Captain Jens.

Although there may be another meet or two added to the schedule, the way it stands now is given below.

#### Outdoor Track Schedule

- April 28—Y. M. C. A. College at Armour.
- April 30—Lake Forest at Armour.
- May 7—Milwaukee State Teachers at Armour.
- May 14—Armour at Bradley Tech, Peoria.

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