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## SIDELINES

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STAUNCH FOLLOWERS of governmental activities could ask for no better an example of constitutional revision than that exhibited recently in the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. A precise machine in its entirety, federal procedure took the matter from its initial introduction into Congress and submitted it for the consent of the public without so much as an incident flaw.

LARGELY RESPONSIBLE for the rapidity with which the question was settled, was the splendid co-operation extended by the individual states. As was the federal administration, so were the state administrations intent upon deciding the issue. However, now that the decision stands, state regulation becomes the next step toward completeness of the matter.

POPULAR DEMAND necessitates some form of liquor legislation on the statute books. Hence, for the next few months, one might note with interest the various forms of state legislation throughout the union. Legislation will be intended in every case to provide revenue for the state and local governments. On the other hand, however, it should best be remembered that heavy taxes are bound to invite evasion of the law, or in other words, bootlegging and racketeering.

BASED on the assertion of the two political parties that the open saloon shall not return, the assembly of the State of Illinois, meeting at present in an extra session, is forced to cope with an additional problem—a social problem. In the words of the congressmen, to eject the bar is equivalent to abolishing the saloon. At least that's a point due for considerable argument.

FEATURED IN THE BILLS submitted for legislation are the following objectives:

The promotion of temperance, the prevention of the evils associated with the liquor traffic, the vesting of a large measure of home rule in municipal or local governments, and enforcement in accordance with the opinions and desires of a majority of the people. A state liquor commission has been recommended by many

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## Petroleum Expert to Lecture Here

Dr. Gustav Egloff is to lecture to an Armour audience in the near future. The forthcoming appearance of this noted man, one of the country's leading authorities on the subject of petroleum, was announced by R. W. Suman, president of the local chapter of the A. S. M. E. Dr. Egloff will lecture on "Motor Fuels" at the A. S. M. E. meeting on Friday, December 8, and the opinions of a man standing so high in his field are expected to attract great interest here.

Dr. Egloff represents the Universal Oil Products organization. He is a friend of Professor Roesch, whose influence made the lecture possible. The A. S. M. E. feels itself very fortunate to be able to offer this speaker to the school.

### Smoker Is Success

Descending upon the Triangle house in great numbers, the mechanical engineering department had a real roundup last night. The occasion was the A. S. M. E. smoker which was held in order to welcome the new members into the organization, and a large number of professors and upper classmen of the department took advantage of this chance to get together.

### New Members Given Cards

The organization presented new members with their membership cards in the undergraduate body of the A. S. M. E. Then plans for future inspection trips, among which may be a visit to the Nash Motor Company plant in Kenosha, Wis., were discussed.

## DESIGN SELECTED FOR NEW SENIOR CLASS JACKETS

Inside Pocket Feature an Introductory Idea

### BEGIN MEASUREMENTS

At a senior class meeting held a week ago last Friday, three sample jackets were selected of the group presented. It was suggested that those representatives present a sealed bid to a jacket committee. To this committee, composed of Steve Lillis, chairman; Arthur Cohrs, James Castanes, Glenn Graham, George Mayer, Carl Sachs, and Chester Zukowski, were presented two bids last Friday. After a careful consideration of the appearance and material of the jackets presented were taken into account, the bid presented by the Supreme Merchant Tailors Co., represented by Jack Dobson, was chosen by the committee.

### Design Is Selected

The jacket is made on the order of a cutaway coat style. It is black and trimmed with gold felt around the collar and front of the jacket. The pocket will contain the initials A. I. T. in gold chenille on a red felt background. These letters are two inches in height. The sleeves will have a red felt stripe near the lower part, above which will be placed the numerals 34 in gold chenille on red felt.

One particular feature of this senior jacket is that it will contain a place in which an engineer's most necessary instrument can be carried. An inside pocket will serve the purpose.

### To Take Measurements

It is the plan of the committee to see a good percentage of the seniors during the coming week, so that it can be arranged for measurements to be taken Monday for this jacket which will cost \$4.75. A representative will take these measurements from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. in the Electrical Laboratory on the second floor.

## Honor "A" Banquet To Be December 21

Honor "A" activities will be formally resumed by a banquet to be held on Thursday, December 21, it was decided at a meeting held last Friday. The various athletic coaches will be assembled, and John Schommer will be the principal speaker of the evening. That night the pledges are to be formally initiated into the society.

The society has been discussing standardization of awards. They have considered honoring the captains of the various athletic activities with special awards; such as sweaters of a specified color or honorary letters. It was believed that the task of captaining is important enough to obtain special distinction and recognition by awards.

The discussion led into the question of the school colors. Tri-colors are not a standard in any of the large western colleges; so a change to the old school colors or the combination of red and black was considered.

## Honorary Fraternity Pledges Literary Men

Sphinx, honorary literary fraternity, pledged the following men last Tuesday at the Theta Xi fraternity house: Professor W. W. Colvert, Professor E. C. Grafton; W. A. Hoyer, B. M. Kostenko, P. P. Polko, J. E. Schreiner, and E. A. Svedboda, seniors; and H. J. Zibbelle, junior.

These men were chosen through their services given to the publications at Armour. After the pledging, refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week there will be no issue of the Armour Tech News next Tuesday. The next issue of the News will be distributed on Tuesday, December 12.

## Sophomore Class Proposes Jackets

Prohibition, it would seem, has been repealed and things are brewing everywhere. The sophomore class has ideas, big ideas, almost revolutionary ideas. In the past it has been the custom for the seniors only to have jackets. The sophomores are becoming practical and are defying all precedents at Armour by planning to have their jackets during the sophomore year. They seem to figure that if they are to have the jackets at all that they may as well have a chance to wear them. A committee consisting of a member from each department to work on the idea has been picked. It consists of G. Zwissler, chairman; W. Alt, H. Cordes, W. Fleig, J. Kahles, R. Kercher, and G. Quandt.

A committee has also been appointed to cooperate with senior and junior committees in an effort to standardize the type of jewelry for the graduating students. Joe Bacci, senior jewelry chairman, explained the idea to the class and it met with almost unanimous approval. The committee selected by the president will be composed of D. Howell, R. Johnson, and V. Kropf.

The class was overzealous in the last election. They exceeded their authority by electing an A. T. A. representative. Their representative of last year, J. Laschobar, did not return and R. Warner was appointed by the organization to fill his place. The election of G. Bergquist then is not valid and Warner remains as the representative of the class.

The matter of green caps was mentioned but no action taken. The class plans to do something appropriate in the spring and to have a burning of the caps at a fitting moment, probably during Junior Week. This is not definite but the freshmen should save their hats because there will be need of them.

G. Nelson announced the interclass track meet to be held later and asked the participation of the class to help make this a success.

## Jewelry Committee Is Selected for Juniors

A ring standardization committee of the junior class to cooperate with the senior and sophomore committees has been selected by President W. B. Ahern, in accordance with the decision of the class at a meeting held last Friday morning in the assembly hall. The committee members, selected so as to give each department representation, are: J. H. DeBoo, M. E. R. E. Esbensen, Arch. L. C. Galbraith, E. E. R. G. Lyford, Ch. E., P. V. Smith, F. P. E., and J. M. O'Connor, C. E.

Discussion of the present school letter awards was held but no action was taken. Suggestions at the meeting were to the effect that the class would back any design which the lettermen preferred as it was the lettermen who were most concerned.

Joe Bacci, chairman of the senior jewelry committee, addressed the class concerning jewelry standardization. Luke Cosme, senior social co-chairman, spoke in behalf of supporting the Senior Prom. Nicholas Kuehn, track manager, announced the indoor interclass track meet planned for the future.

### OFFER NEW COURSE

"Mathematical Theory of Investment" is the title of a new course to be offered by the Mathematics Department next semester. The course as outlined by Professor Bibb will include: interest, annuities, bonds, depreciation and life insurance mathematics. All students interested in taking the course should confer with Professor Bibb today or tomorrow.

## PRESIDENT TELLS PURPOSE OF NEW ADVISORY GROUPS

Affect English, Social Science, Mathematics and Library

### TO CORRELATE WORK

"To tie in the work being done in non-technical departments, especially in the freshman year, more closely with the engineering work of the later years" is the purpose of the cooperative committees which have been appointed by President Hotchkiss to work with the Departments of English, Mathematics, and Social Science. In an interview granted to a News reporter, President Hotchkiss made this statement, and went on to explain more fully his purpose in appointing the committees, which are as follows: English, professors William W. Colvert (chairman), Joseph B. Finnegan, Benjamin B. Freud, James C. Peebles, and Sholto M. Spears; Mathematics, professors Philip C. Huntly (chairman), Arthur H. Carpenter, Eldon C. Grafton, Charles E. Paul, and Stanton E. Winston; Social Science, professors Charles A. Nash (chairman), Walter J. Bentley, Earl H. Reed Jr., Roe L. Stevens, and Charles R. Swineford; Library, professor John F. Mangold (chairman), Samuel F. Bibb, Herbert Ehsz, W. Bruce Locking, and Walter H. Seagrist. Others may be appointed later.

### Subjects Are Basic

"We want to forestall as much as possible students thinking these subjects have nothing to do with engineering," said the president. As a matter of fact, he indicated, they are vitally important to a genuine engineer, who must, if he is to make any contributions to the world's knowledge, understand the processes of reasoning by which the present results have been obtained. "Handbook engineers," he called those who depend on the data of the handbooks with no idea of how they are derived.

There is entirely too much of a tendency among engineering students to feel that the only thing of real value to them is the strictly technical part of their work, and to pass over their other courses with the idea of getting through them with the least possible effort, he indicated.

### Engineering for Themes

It is expected that the committees will aid professors in the departments affected to present their courses with more of a view toward their engineering applications than formerly. For instance, in the English department, subjects for sophomore themes will be suggested, having a closer connection with the engineering work being done.

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## Overcoat Is Stolen During Game Friday

An overcoat belonging to L. W. Biegler, a junior fire protect, was stolen from Ogden Field last Friday morning during the course of the exciting football game between the junior fire protects and junior electricals by a dusky native of the South Side jungle.

While the passes were being intercepted, the thief reached through the iron fence, grabbed the coat and ran west across Federal Street and over the tracks. About thirty Armour men started in pursuit after C. Roy Johnson sounded the alarm but were unable to find trace of the thief as he had apparently dodged into one of the many shacks. In addition to the loss of his coat, Biegler suffered the loss of his keys, causing considerable trouble in getting his car back in service.

E. J. Baumel, a junior electrical, suffered a similar loss last Thursday night while attending the A. I. E. E. smoker at the Theta Xi fraternity house. A window in his car was smashed and his overcoat which he had left in the car was stolen.

All new students who have not as yet turned in their vaccination certificates must do so by Wednesday, November 29. Those who have not complied with this request by that time will not be allowed to continue with their classes.

## L. L. Falk, Armour Trustee, Is Dead

Lester L. Falk, prominent Chicago attorney, reserve army officer and Armour Institute trustee, died at his home last Wednesday of cerebral hemorrhage. His death came after an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Falk assumed a position on the school board of trustees with the expansion brought about by the Development Plan and has served as legal advisor to the board. He has performed considerable service to the board and to the school in this manner, his most recent work being in connection with the recent merger of the Armour Mission with the Institute.

He was a graduate of Brown and Harvard Universities, graduating from the latter school in 1909. For the past twenty-four years, except for the World War period, he had been practicing law in Chicago. At the time of his death he was a member of the firm of Scott, McLeish and Falk. He served across seas during the war, returning to this country as a major. Later he became a lieutenant colonel of the artillery reserves.

## Hendricks to Attend Teachers Convention

Professor W. Hendricks, head of the department of English, will attend the National Council of Teachers of English convention at Detroit which will be in session Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. At the convention plans for a new edition of the "Student's Guide to Good Reading" will be drafted. Professor Hendricks will edit two sections of this new edition, Reference Books and Modern Continental Literature. The question of student editorship will be discussed and Armour students will be recommended for editing the Science and Scientists section of the Guide. Incidentally, Professor Hendricks' family will meet in Detroit to join him at his turkey and make Thanksgiving day more enjoyable.

## Music Clubs to Hold Semi-annual Smoker

Tomorrow evening at 7:30, five guests and the members of the Musical Clubs will meet in the Theta Xi house to hold their semi-annual smoker. The five guests for the evening will be President Hotchkiss, Dean Penn, Dean Heald, Professor Leigh, and Mr. Erickson, the director of the three musical organizations. On account of the large number of men engaged in the school's musical activities the musicians' smoker is usually the largest in attendance. It is expected that close to one hundred men will be present at this gathering.

The evening will be occupied with card games, ping pong, and other types of amusement. About 11:30 refreshments will be served and shortly thereafter the smoker will close.

## Faculty Billiard Room Changes Appearance

At last we find that the Faculty Club is going to take things seriously, or are they? We find that the billiard room has been made into quite a homelike place. New furniture has been purchased, and the whole room redecorated. Anyone who has seen the room before will really appreciate its appearance at the present time.

The club is planning to stage a big Christmas party prior to the holidays. All the members are expected to be present as this is the first large social event for the Faculty Club this year.

## SENIOR INFORMAL DANCE TO BE HELD SOON AT CONGRESS

Devron's Orchestra Is to Furnish Music

### BIDS TWO DOLLARS

Concluding their search for a suitable location for their dance, the seniors have secured the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel for December 8. The Congress has been chosen because of the spacious balcony which surrounds the dance floor, the comfortable lounges on either side and in the front and also because of its effective lighting. The dance, which is to be a cabaret dance, will continue from nine until one o'clock.

### Orchestra Is Popular

The harmony for this occasion will be supplied by George Devron and his orchestra. This popular bandmaster has played in the past at several of the larger hotels. For the last two fall-winter seasons he played at the Stevens Hotel. During the past summer he has been engaged at the Drake in the absence of Clyde McCoy. For four seasons before coming to the Stevens, Devron played at the Golfmore Hotel in Biloxi and previous to this he had been at the Grand, a popular resort on Mackinac Island.

The chaperones at the dance will be Dean and Mrs. Heald, Professor and Mrs. Ensz, Professor and Mrs. Swineford, and Professor and Mrs. Winston. To add to the success of the dance Mr. Erickson has postponed the trip of the Armour Tech Musical Clubs to Kankakee, where they were to have presented a concert on December 8.

### Bids Are Available

Luke Cosme and Leo McDonald, senior social co-chairmen, gave short talks about the dance at the junior and sophomore class meetings which were held last Friday. They announced that to all appearances the dance will be a financial as well as a social success. Bids, which are selling for the small price of two dollars, are readily accessible and may be obtained from any of the members of the social committee. Several architects have submitted entries in the poster contest. The winner of the free bid will probably be chosen today, according to co-chairman McDonald.

## Smoker Given by A.I.E.E. Thursday

Theta Xi fraternity extended the hospitality of its house for the first A. I. E. E. smoker of the year held last Thursday evening. The men started playing cards immediately and the customary cigars and cigarettes were distributed. Besides playing cards, several of the men engaged in a ping-pong tournament, while others broke up into groups for a general get-together and informal discussion.

### Professor Amsbary Entertains

At 5:30 Professor Amsbary entertained the men royally with one of his usual enjoyable recitals which included a few well known compositions together with several new ones.

Following Professor Amsbary's entertainment, Paul Thompson, president of Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity, presented to Leo C. Galbraith, E. E. '35, a suitably engraved copy of the Standard Handbook for Electric Engineers as first prize for his essay "Photo-electric Cells and Their Applications."

### Lehmann Presents Keys

Stephen Lehmann, vice-president of Eta Kappa Nu, then presented the newly initiated men of Eta Kappa Nu with their keys. The men so honored were: Glenn Graham, William Laemmer, Elmer Lundin, Thomas Murphy, and John Paslawski, seniors; William Ahern, Arling Wolf, and Donald Young, juniors.