

FIRE CHIEF SPEAKS CONCERNING DUTIES OF SALVAGE PATROL

"Taking an active part for two years in the fire department service would be an asset to any man in the fire insurance business. This gives the man practical experience which is the thing needed in order to have better fire insurance inspectors." This is the statement made by Frank C. McAuliffe, chief of the Fire Insurance Patrol, at the meeting held last Friday, Oct. 20 of the Fire Protection Engineering Society.

"Some people today think that the salvage work should be done by the firemen and this is the case in most of the fire departments of today. Chicago, though, has a separate salvage corps which operates seven companies. It is the duty of these corps to salvage everything they can in the limited time they have. If the fire is at the top of the building, the men stack up all furniture possible and cover it up to prevent the damage caused by water. Also, whenever possible, the water that accumulates on the different floors of the building is made to go out the windows so that a great water damage loss will not be had. Much of the salvage work is done after the fire such as putting in temporary roof coverings and window coverings. It is rarely attempted to remove all merchandise from the building as there is not enough time, but the main thing is to get the things away from the water." These were the statements made by Chief McAuliffe.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Mathematical Nuts," a book for all lovers of mathematics, is one of the recent additions to the Armour Institute Library. The book was written by Samuel I. Jones, assistant secretary and treasurer of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Nashville, Tenn., and formerly professor of mathematics in David Lipscomb College of the same city.

According to Mr. Jones, there are many varieties of nuts and many ways of classifying them. One writer classifies them into little nuts and big nuts, and compares people with nuts in a jar. When the jar is shaken, the big nuts go to the top, while the little ones fall to the bottom. In the same way the big and little human nuts are shaken up in the big jar of life, and everyone is doing one of three things: holding his place, shaking up, or rattling down. Mr. Jones' object in writing the book is to help the readers of his work to occupy a higher position in the jar of life. However, instead of classifying "Mathematical Nuts" into the two divisions mentioned above, Mr. Jones divides them according to the hardness of shell or difficulty in cracking them; that is, soft, medium, and hard. The "nuts" in this case are problems of various and peculiar kinds, suited to every type of mathematical student.

In the following quotation, Mr. B. F. Finkel gives his opinion of the subject of mathematics: "As the drill will not penetrate the granite unless kept to the work hour after hour, so the mind will not penetrate the secrets of mathematics unless held long and vigorously to the work. As the sun's rays burn only when concentrated, so the mind achieves mastery in mathematics, and indeed in every branch of knowledge, only when its possessor hurls all its forces upon it. Mathematics, like all the other sciences, opens its doors to those only who knock long or hard. No more damaging evidence can be adduced to prove the weakness of character than for one to have aversion to mathematics; for whether one wishes so or not, it is nevertheless true: that to have aversion for mathematics means to have aversion to accurate, painstaking, and persistent hard study, and to have aversion to hard study is to fail to secure a liberal education, and thus fail to compete in that fierce and vigorous struggle for the highest and the truest and the best in life which only the strong can hope to secure."

A coed at Southwestern University went to the dean's office to borrow a nickel for a phone call and asked the secretary to add it to the tuition bill.

Interhonorary Group Elects New Officers

A meeting of the Armour Interhonorary Council was held last Thursday to elect officers. The officers elected were Earl W. Gossweiler, vice president and John Schreiner, secretary-treasurer. The president of Tau Beta Pi, Norman E. Colburn, is automatically president of the Interhonorary Council.

The council is composed of the presidents of Tau Beta Pi, Departmental honorary societies, Sphinx, and Pi Nu Epsilon. Plans for the annual interhonorary banquet were discussed. It was decided that the best time would be during the second week in December. A committee of two, John L. Brenner and John E. Schreiner, was appointed to make further arrangements for the banquet.

The annual interhonorary dance will be held sometime during the second semester.

Dr. Scherger Greets Commander Eckener

Last Thursday Chicago was honored by a visit of the Graf Zeppelin with its estimable commander Dr. Hugo Eckener. On the official reception committee which greeted him was Professor George L. Scherger.

In the banquet at the Union League Club that evening Dr. Scherger had the opportunity to observe at close range the qualities of the airman which make him really great—not only as an engineer but as a personality.

"Eckener is just the type of man whom children picture as a hero," said Dr. Scherger. "He is bluff, unaffected, and entirely unconscious of any praise bestowed on him. While not effusive, he certainly is a genial personality."

The Graf has travelled 500,000 miles since its launching, and has yet to see a serious accident. At present the Graf is making regular trips from Friedrichshaven, Germany to Pernambuco, Brazil, only making its present detour so that Dr. Eckener could pay the respects of his nation to A Century of Progress.

SCHERGER VIEWS GERMAN SITUATION AT PRESENT TIME

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flared up which never existed before; and Germany is isolated, as she has not been since 1914.

Unification Is a Benefit

Question: Would you say that all in all the Germans have been benefited or harmed by the present government?

Answer: It is hard to say just what the sum total is so far. There are benefits as well as detriments to every system, just as there is something to be said both for and against the practices of our own government today. Undoubtedly unification is a benefit which cannot be denied nor its value underestimated—but on the other hand the government is autocratic—like Italy's—and the people have lost a great deal of their former political liberty. Also when one considers the price Germany has had to pay in world friendships for the benefits derived by the regime, the issue becomes clouded.

Question: How do you account for Hitler's success?

Answer: The attributes of the man are extraordinary. He is one of the greatest orators in the world today, if not the greatest. He is exceedingly loyal to his friends—probably too loyal, as beyond a doubt part of the excesses of the regime is not due to himself but to his personal or political friends whom he feels bound to support. With the Nazis, Hitler seems almost to be a dominating "force" rather than a person.

Question: What would be the effect upon Germany should Hitler die?

Germany Undesirous of War

Answer: If Hitler died or were killed, the conservative forces in Germany would probably again swing the pendulum back from some of the present radical policies of the Hitler government, but the really

Professor Hillhouse Speaks in Broadcast

Tuesday evening Professor A. M. Hillhouse, a new instructor at Armour Institute of Technology, spoke on a broadcast in conjunction with Newton C. Farr of the Chicago Recovery Administration and Henry P. Chandler, president of the Union League Club, Chicago, on the subject "Default and Its Consequences." Each speaker discussed some phase of this topic; Professor Hillhouse stressed the effects of defaulting on the credit standing of cities and especially on the growth of small towns.

This program was really the fourth broadcast of nineteen on "The Crisis in Municipal Finance" which is the sixth series of the "You and Your Government" broadcasts. The committee on Civic Education by radio of the National Advisory Council on Radio in Education and the American Political Science Association, in co-operation with the Committee on Citizens Councils for Constructive Economy of the National Municipal League presents the broadcasts every Tuesday from 6:15 P. M. to 6:45 P. M. over the NBC-WJZ nation-wide network.

Reprints of this program may be obtained from the National Municipal League, 309 East 34th Street, New York City, for fifteen cents.

great thing which Hitler has accomplished—unification—will remain as a monument to Hitler's efforts.

Question: Is Hitler thinking of war?

Answer: No, that is very far from his mind, first, because Germany has not sufficient money; and second, because she is not prepared from a military standpoint.

Question: Will there be a war in Europe in the near future?

Answer: That's another hard question to answer. In my opinion there won't be any war in Europe unless France takes the aggressive and decides to reoccupy the Rhine. Undoubtedly Germany would not submit to the indignity as tamely as she did in 1919.

For Ye Editor, Life Hath Many Charms

Consider the editor! A child is born unto the wife of a merchant in town. The physician getteth 35 plunks. The editor writeth a stick and a half and telleth the multitude that the child tippeth the beam at nine pounds. Yea, he lieth even as a centurion. And the proud father giveth him a Cremo.

Behold the young one groweth up and graduateth. And the editor putteth in the paper a swell piece. Yea, a peach of a notice. He telleth of the wisdom of the young woman and of her exceeding comeliness. Like unto the roses of Sharon is she, and her gown is played up to beat the band. And the dressmaker getteth two score and four iron men. And the editor getteth a note of thanks from the sweet girl graduate. (Maybe)

And the daughter goeth on a journey. And the editor throweth himself on the story of the farewell party. It runneth a column solid. And the fair one remembereth him from afar with a picture postal card that costeth six for a jittney.

Behold, she returneth, and the youth of the town fall down and worship. She picketh one and lo, she picketh a lemon. But the editor calleth him one of our promising young men and getteth away with it. And they send unto the editor a bid to the wedding, and behold the bids are fashioned in a far city.

Flowery and long is the wedding notice which the editor printeth. The minister getteth his bit.

The editor printeth a death notice, two columns of obituary, three lodge notices, a cubit of poetry and a card of thanks. And he forgetteth to read proof on the dead, and the darned thing cometh out "Gone to Her Last Roasting Place."

And all that are akin to the deceased jumpeth on the editor with exceeding great jumps. And they pulleth out their ads and cancelleth their subs, and they swing the hammer even unto the third and fourth generations.—Eagle, Delano, Minn.

Submits Reviews to Reading Council

Professor Walter Hendricks, head of the English department of Armour Tech, has submitted a number of book reviews, including the most interesting works of many foreign writers, to the Committee on College Reading of the National Council of Teachers of English, of which he is a member. Booklets containing the complete list of such reviewed books were distributed among the sophomores and freshmen last week.

Committee Sponsoring Contest

The committee, in conjunction with many leading publishers, is sponsoring a series of prize contests in brief book reviews. The contest is two-fold in purpose: first, to stimulate the intelligent reading of good books by undergraduates and, second, to secure brief reviews suitable for publication in the next edition of the "Students' Guide to Good Reading." The committee prefers that the majority of the books reviewed be selected from those listed in the present guide, although reviews of any books acceptable to local instructors will be eligible for the contests and will be considered for publication in the next guide. Reviews submitted by students should be double-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 x 11 paper, with author and title at the top and the student's name and college at the bottom.

Prizes to be Certificates

Prizes will be in the form of certificates, giving winners the opportunity to choose any books they wish.

All undergraduates are invited to submit direct to the committee, before May 15, 1934 lists of twenty or more favorite books, each described in 25 to 100 words. Address all communications concerning these book reviews to "The Committee on College Reading," New York University, University Heights, New York City.

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