

## SIDELINES

By LEROY BECKMAN

WE WILL NEVER begin to realize the tact involved in foreign relations of any country until we consider France. As the pendulum of a clock, its foreign activities swing far and wide—but not for long in any one direction. First, that country's attitude toward the United States during the World war was as brother to brother—probably a form of tact.

CAME THE YEAR 1932. France's war debt to the United States was scheduled for payment—just scheduled. Indifference to the basic principles of international interests at the time was properly applied—a form of tact. Late last year the prohibition law was repealed here, and before legislation was even completed in that direction, France had that brother-like attitude in full swing again. Some more tact.

DIRECTION REVERSED again. The French Chamber of Deputies adopted a form of tact just last week whereby 10 per cent of all foreigners' wages made in France are to be turned over to the French government. Estimation indicates that the tax will affect over two million persons, almost a million of whom are Americans. Our people will pay more, and still subscribe to French liquor sales. Inasmuch as we intend to pay our own war debt, or at least France intends that we do, why don't we use some of that French tact?

BY A VOTE of 130 to 0, the House of Representatives at Springfield passed the bills essential to a continuation of a Century of Progress Exposition for the year 1934. The result of the passage of the Fair bills is indeed gratifying, because 2,000 men were put to work yesterday by the various exhibitors. A \$5,000,000 building program is rapidly underway, \$3,000,000 of which will go into payrolls. Activities of a state legislature mean much—far bad or for good.

IT WOULD BE a case of pure folly to omit comment with regard to the student assembly of last Wednesday. With the study in science, in engineering, or in any other field, we are presented with written facts derived from an authoritative source. We accept these facts, most of which we prove as existent to our own satisfaction. Unfortunately, however, the personal element in the authoritative source is most always lacking.

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## Tau Beta Pi Held Smoker Yesterday

The Phi Pi Phi house was the scene of a smoker and general social gathering of Tau Beta Pi yesterday evening. All the active members of the Armour chapter, Illinois Beta, as well as most of the faculty members of Tau Beta Pi were present.

The program for the evening consisted of a short business meeting of the active members at 5:30 p. m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p. m. and cigars, bridge, and talk for the remainder of the evening. A combined meeting of the student members and faculty members of Tau Beta Pi has not been held for some time, and so the occasion was in the nature of a reunion.

One of the chief purposes of the gathering was to discuss and plan for an informal radio dance in the near future. Final arrangements for this social event will be completed within the present week.

## ALUMNI VISIT SCHOOL

Several alumni visited Armour last week. Among them were Frank Danda, C.E. '27; John Meek, E.E. '30; Morris Nelson, C.E. '30; Harry Richter, C.E. '32; and Wilbur Rudolph, C.E. '32. Rudolph was editor-in-chief of the *Armour Tech News* in 1931-1932 and also president of his class in his senior year.

## Plan Second Arx Dance For March

The hopes and aspirations of a second Arx dance are blossoming forth in full bloom. The event will be staged March 9 at the Tower and Town Club at 111 E. Pearson Court.

The huge turnout that attended the last successful dance induced the committee to obtain a better place for dancing than the last ballroom secured. The thirteenth floor of the Tower and Town Club will be accessible to those who will trip the light fantastic to the music and timely rhythm of Wilson Barnett's seven piece orchestra. For those who become fatigued, ample lounging facilities will be provided.

Posters are in the process of construction and as usual the best poster will receive special recognition, the originator will receive a free bid to the occasion. The bids are priced at \$1.25, a price surprisingly low because the affair is to be a table dance.

Since all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, W. H. Sobel and R. E. Ebsensen will see to it that the dance will linger a while longer than usual so that the Arx and the engineers, who are cordially invited, may have more time to skip around. Professor McCarthy, Spears, and Suter and their wives will act as chaperones.

## A.S.M.E. Members in Essay Contest

Student members of the Armour branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers are urged to enter the annual national essay contest for the Charles T. Main award. The award consists of \$150 and an engraved certificate, signed by the president and secretary of the society. The subject selected this year by the Committee on Awards is "Air Conditioning—Its Practicality and Relation to Public Welfare." In addition to the principle award there will be given two \$25 awards with the engraved certificates for the best papers on any engineering subject or investigation, prepared by a student member of the A. S. M. E. under the direction of the Department of Mechanical Engineering of his school—one award for a graduate student and one award for an undergraduate.

### Rules of Contest

The following rules governing the distribution of these awards have been approved by the Council.

1. The competition for the awards shall be restricted to student branch members in good standing.
2. Papers to be eligible for the competition must have been produced by their authors without assistance, and must not have been previously contributed to nor published by any other society or technical publication in whole or in part. Presentation before a meeting of, or publication by the faculty or by any of its student branches during the year of competition shall not be construed as making a paper ineligible. The papers (Continued on page 4)

## Faculty Wives Offer Novel Entertainment

Saturday evening the Faculty Women's Club held an informal dinner for the members of the faculty and their wives in Zeisler Hall of the Chicago Woman's Club, 72 East 11th Street.

Dr. Hotchkiss and the representative of the Faculty Club, Professor Moreton, each offered their invitations and greetings to those attending. The evening was enlivened with group singing under the direction of Mr. Ericson, with Mrs. Ericson the accompanist.

A special feature of the evening introduced by Mrs. Freeman was a humorous skit based on *Ohkella* from "Shakespearean Grand Opera." Mrs. Thompson appeared as "Ohkella," Mrs. Richardson as "Dedamona," Mrs. Kraft as "Iago," and Mrs. Ensz as "Emilia."

## FORDNEY REVIEWS THRILLING FLIGHT TO STRATOSPHERE

### Large Audience Fills Assembly to Hear Balloonist

### ROUSING RECEPTION

Last Wednesday, Armour Institute of Technology was favored with an informal talk by Major Chester L. Fordney on his recent trip into the stratosphere with Lieutenant-Commander T. G. W. Settle. It was the efforts of Professor J. S. Thompson of the physics department at Armour, that this distinguished speaker was obtained.

In introducing the speaker as "not only an explorer and officer, but also a business man, mathematician and scientist," Dr. Hotchkiss, president of Armour, said that he considered a talk on a recent scientific expedition by Americans as a fitting and somewhat different celebration of the birth of George Washington.

Since it has been the custom at Armour to properly observe all important national holidays, this assembly has served the two-fold purpose of celebrating Washington's birth, and of giving the Armour students some first hand information on one of the most recent advances in science.

Upon his introduction Major Fordney, wearing the dress uniform of the marines, stood at attention while the assemblage greeted his appearance with prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

When the ovation had ceased the Major stepped forward and expressed his appreciation of the welcome, modestly saying that he felt honored at such a reception.

Major Fordney began his address by pointing out the important constructive, scientific work done by the military service during peace time. The U. S. Army and Navy have always done work in the pure and applied sciences, while the Marine Corps has been more concerned with the advance of social science, that is, the improving of living conditions and helping of humanity.

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## Major, Mathematician, and Marine; Or Just Plain Chester L. Fordney

By Henry Levin

Major Chester L. Fordney, U. S. M. C., seated in his office in the Administration Building of the Century of Progress, was everything you'd think a marine who had seen service in France, Nicaragua, Porto Rico, and three or four other hot-tempored countries wouldn't be. The U. S. Army and Navy have always been and always ready to explain something which a couple of dumb reporters couldn't understand about cosmic rays, exponential curves, or the fine art of landing about forty thousand dollars worth of scientific equipment on a dime.

Marines are supposed to be 'tough,' but that's the last adjective we'd think applying to this particular marine—even though we'd hate to shoot against a fellow that rates an 'expert' medal for both the rifle and pistol.

Withstanding a rapid fire barrage of questions, Major Fordney took it all smiling and lightly "came back for more." His answer to the first question we asked was a surprise. "Would you mind telling us how you

## Juniors Will Get Jackets in April

Following the precedent established by the sophomores of having coats for lower classmen, the junior jacket committee is planning to present a jacket which, it claims, has as yet been unequalled in quality by any class at Armour.

Jackets Made to Specifications At the last meeting only one sample jacket had been received causing further action of the committee to be postponed until the latter part of this week when it is expected that the committee can consider the models presented by the leading knitting mills of the middle west.

The committee has studied various types of jackets and has informed the salesmen of the qualifications they must meet before their jacket will be submitted for the approval of the class. A light-weight, blue-black flannel jacket of good material having breast pockets, padding, and a lining being somewhat similar to a waist coat, with trimmings in the school colors, are the specifications to which the manufacturer must adhere. The committee has been able to obtain the quotation of \$6.75, with a probable reduction in price if a sufficiently large number of jackets is ordered.

### Model Submitted to Class

The model has been submitted to the entire class, by presenting it to each department through its representative on the committee, and has met with approval. It is the belief of the class that a jacket of this type is well worth the small investment necessary, and that by placing their orders now the jackets will arrive about April 1, allowing the class of '35 to wear them during the entire senior year.

## Will Present Talk on Explosion Insurance

Mr. Thiemyer of the Insurance Company of North America will speak on the subject "Risk and Explosion Insurance" at the next meeting of the F. P. E. S. to be held this Friday at 10:30 o'clock in room C Mission.

Members of the society will remember Mr. Thiemyer for an educational talk he presented about a month ago on "Multiple Location Forms."

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## CAGERS FINISH BASKETBALL SEASON WITH 41-31 VICTORY OVER AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

### Captain Ray Pfum, Lukas, and Rummel See Action in Final Game of Their Collegiate Career

### SEASON'S RECORD IS NINE WON, EIGHT LOST

Basketball activities for the current season were fittingly closed last Friday when the Techawks avenged their previous defeat at Augustana by a score of 41 to 31. The victory was even more decisive than the score would indicate for a large part of the visitors' scoring took place in the second half.

There will be a short but important meeting of the editorial staff of the *Armour Tech News* tomorrow at 12:20 in the News office, fourth entrance, second floor Chapin. All present reporters and new men who wish to try out for the staff are asked to be present. The meeting will not last more than ten minutes at the most.

## Armour Writers Meet Wednesday

A smoker for the members of the staffs of the *Armour* publications will be held tomorrow evening at the Theta Xi house, 3305 So. Michigan Ave., at 8 o'clock. A prominent Chicago journalist will be the guest speaker of the evening. As the *News* went to press last Saturday, definite arrangements had not been completed. However, those in charge promised that an interesting talker would be secured. Two years ago Warren Brown, sport editor of the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*, talked on the life of a reporter.

The Board of Publications is sponsoring this smoker on behalf of its member publications, the *Armour Tech News* and the *Armour Engineer*. Members of the staff of the *Cycle* are cordially invited to be present. Card tables, score sheets, and maybe even refreshments will replace the more common copy paper and blue pencils for the evening.

## Armour Alumnus to Talk on Insurance

President Hotchkiss has arranged with Mr. Arthur M. Jens, Armour '04, to deliver two lectures on life insurance in the assembly hall, Friday, March 9, and Friday, March 16, at 10:30 o'clock.

Life insurance is an important factor in modern finance, and a vital problem for each individual. Mr. Jens is well qualified to deliver a talk on this subject as he has, for nearly thirty years, been closely associated with insurance problems, as an employee and later as an officer of agency and brokerage organizations. He is now president of the firm of Jens, Murray and Company.

Mr. Jens graduated from Armour in the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1904, and in 1920 was awarded the degree of Fire Protection Engineer.

## Present Mirror Revue at U. of C. This Week

"Step Ahead." The 1931 Mirror revue of the University of Chicago, will be produced March 2 and 3 at Mandel hall on the University campus. The revue will feature in skit, song, and dance the undergraduate attitude toward events of national as well as campus interest. The dancing groups include the ballet, directed by Berta Ochsner, internationally famous danseuse; the Mirror tappers; and the recently organized "Stepping Societte."

the second half against the Armour secondaries.

Tech Leads at Half The two teams stayed on even terms for the first few minutes of the game, but Armour stepped away to lead 22 to 16 at half time, a lead that was never relinquished. Starting the second half Armour scored regularly leaving the Rock Islanders far behind where they remained until the last five minutes of the game.

Techawk scoring centered around Lauchis, Pfum, and Christoph, who scored twelve, ten, and nine points respectively. Augustana's scoring was more evenly distributed with Swanson and Schroeder each netting six points and Czerwinski, Mead, and Miller scoring five, five, and four respectively.

The victory raised the season percentage above the .500 mark, as prior to the game the team had broken even with eight wins and eight losses.

The seniors played last game. Three seniors, Pfum, Lukas, and Rummel, completed their basketball careers at Armour in this game. Prospects of a better team for next year are still bright, however, for a strong nucleus is left in the form of Christoph, Lauchis, Dollenmaier, Warner, Helke, and Mead; and if any stars are found among next year's freshmen, Coach Kraft should have little trouble in welding a strong team together. The experienced leadership and steady playing of Capt. Pfum and the work of Mickey Lukas will be sorely missed nevertheless.

### Box Score

Armour—41	B. F. P.
Helke, f.	1 5 0
Lukas, f.	0 0 0
Christoph, f.	3 4 4
Rummel, f.	0 2 1
Lauchis, c.	5 2 3
Mez, c.	0 0 1
Warner, c.	0 0 3
Dollenmaier, g.	0 1 2
Pfum, g.	5 0 2

Total	14	13
Augustana—31	B.	F.
Schroeder, f.	2	2
Czerwinski, f.	2	1
Swanson, f.	3	0
Rastede, f.	1	0
Mead, c.	2	1
Woodin, c.	0	1
Miller, g.	2	0
Marack, g.	0	2
Rehr, g.	0	0
Peterson, g.	0	0
Total	12	7

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## Dance Bids Are Cause of Argument in Class

Due to the discussion shown by members of the sophomore class at their last class meeting concerning the price of bids for the freshman-sophomore informal dance, the combined soph-fresh social committees met last Wednesday to unravel the knotty.

It was decided that the bids would sell for \$1.75, as the rental of a ballroom large enough to accommodate the expected attendance is considerably higher than that charged by small outlying hotels.

Other arrangements are also being made by the committees. Contact has been made with an orchestra booking agency but as yet no orchestra has been selected.

Bids and programs have been submitted by various concerns, and it is expected that an order will be placed with one of them during the latter part of this week. Such an arrangement will allow the committees to be aware of their bids, as the dance is scheduled for April 20.