



SIDELINES

By LEROY BECKMAN
OUR PRESENT educational system largely unites young people to deal with the actual necessities of those who are to earn their own living. It takes away self-reliance, begets conceit, and draws attention to what is ornamental rather than what is fundamental." Yes, Thomas Bicknell delivered that quotation in 1884 from a newspaper while discussing "that mad race of attacks on the common school." That was in 1884 — what now?

WITHOUT QUESTION, there do exist some fallacies of one type or another in present educational schemes—but there is no doubt but what they so exist entirely because of political intervention. Eliminate political "interest" and we have an educational system of the highest degree. And more significant, one not worthy of the quotation related by Thomas Bicknell. When government, good clean government, sponsors educational activities there is every assurance of desirable results.

WHEN FEDERAL Relief Administrator Hopkins made known a plan to assist needy college students, there was revealed the work of the United States Commissioner of Education along with that of the Federal Advisory Committee on Emergency Aid in Education. The student aid program has provided a hundred thousand young men and women with the necessary help to continue their advanced learning for the present term, and yet, people are encountered quite frequently who denounce this action on the part of the administration as misappropriation. They insist that it would be more proper to feed mouths, instead of the brain. We might inform those people with one-hundred percent sarcasm, that the brain feeds the mouth.

CONSIDERATION of the student relief solution is worthwhile. State emergency relief administrations have been authorized to provide part-time jobs at the colleges and universities for needy students up to 10 percent of their regular enrollment of full-time students. The program provides for that employment to the end of the current academic year, but not including the 1934 summer session. Nearly \$7,000,000 are being applied to aid those students who have been compelled to drop out of college for financial reasons and students who have not been able to enter because of no funds. Institutions qualifying under the program are required to be

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To Hold Easter Service Sunday

On Easter Sunday Dr. George L. Scherger will conduct a religious Easter service in the Mission. He will deliver the address, and has planned a quiet inspirational service which is sure to be enjoyed by all those attending. The Armour Musical Clubs will furnish appropriate music.

In the past when the Armour Mission Sunday School met, the Easter services were second only to those on Christmas. On Easter Sunday all persons who had ever been connected with the Mission made a special attempt to be present. It was a traditional reunion. It is hoped that many of those members of long ago will come back this Easter and renew their friendship with Dr. Scherger, who has been in charge of services at the Mission for the past twenty years.

The Armour Mission was organized and endowed by Phillip D. Armour before Armour Institute originated. Mr. Armour himself was present every Sunday at 3 o'clock. The few services now held there are to uphold the traditional standing of the Mission. All persons now or formerly connected with Armour Institute or Armour Mission, and their families, are invited to attend the services.

HOTCHKISS GIVES VIEWS ON LABOR BILL AT HEARING

Opposes Expansion of Labor Board at This Time

MAY BE NEEDED LATER

Following is the substance of testimony which President Willard E. Hotchkiss of Armour Institute of Technology gave before the United States Senate Committee on Education and Labor on March 15, 1934, in reference to Senate Bill 2926, the so-called Wagner Bill making permanent and increasing the powers of the Labor Board. This testimony is especially pertinent to the threatened strike in the automobile industry which was reported as having been narrowly averted at the time the News went to press.

"This bill, I take it," said Dr. Hotchkiss, "is occasioned by the disputes which have arisen concerning the interpretation to be placed upon the phrase 'representatives of their own choosing' in Section 7-A of the National Industrial Recovery Act."

"Since this Act was passed there has been something of a hothouse growth of standard unions and of company unions which has greatly augmented the membership in both these types of organizations."

"The right of the National Labor Board to intercede in disputes between industry and labor unions is challenged and Bill S-2926 is proposed as a remedy for this situation. My own view is that any further legislation on this subject at this time is likely to make the whole situation worse instead of better. The president already has enormous power to influence in the public interest situations of this kind."

"Among specific comments which occur to me in reference to Senate Bill S-2926 the following are outstanding:

1. Magnitude and Scope of Proposed Board
"Possibly present trends in the government's industrial activity will ultimately require some such national labor board as this bill provides. At the present moment, however, I am inclined to think the danger that such government agencies will be unduly multiplied is a danger which the average citizen dreads. Politically as well as logically it appears to me highly unwise to anticipate the issue by creating at this time so formidable a board as the one provided for in this bill."

2. Definition of an Employee
"The definition is of course intended to bar so-called 'scabs' from the privileges enjoyed by employees. However, this kind of a definition is a two-edged sword. As I read the bill it would equally bar members of the

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Interhonorary Frolic to Be Dinner Dance

At a meeting of the Interhonorary Council it was tentatively decided that the dance to be given in the near future by the honorary fraternities should be a dinner dance. The date has not yet been set, but will probably be announced soon. According to Norman E. Colburn, president of the council, the presidents of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, Nu Epsilon, and the various departmental fraternities are busy looking over all of the possible locations for the dance.

Five Men Pledged at Pi Tau Sigma Smoker

Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, pledged a number of juniors at a smoker held Thursday evening at the Truss Club rooms.

The following men were those upon whom the honor was conferred: J. Birdsong, A. Christoph, M. Fetter, W. Henning, and B. Messinger.

Green Hat Rules Given by Court

The freshman class is hereby informed that those green hats, which were laid aside as old man winter appeared, are scheduled for reappearing after April 1. This might be a startling revelation to many wearers of the green, but the student body has seen fit to retain the custom so recently introduced at Armour.

The idea was inaugurated at the insistence of the students last fall, after a public ballot revealed a widespread interest and support. However, it was poorly founded; for actual statistics showed the freshmen and also the zealous upper classmen could be held, did not exist. This spring efforts have been made to renew the custom on a basis that might insure its foundation as an Armour formality.

Primarily, the bounds of the Armour "campus" are presented. From the west side of Westworth, to the east side of Michigan, and from the north side of 31st to the south side of 35th Street, the freshmen must keep their heads potted.

Adds to Junior Week

Secondly, the freshmen are to keep their green hats on their heads from the first day of school in April until the Fresh-Soph Rush during Junior Week. On this day, if the freshmen win the Rush, they may cease to wear the green pots and deposit them in their college memory. But, if they lose the Rush, they are required to wear the hats until the end of the present school year.

These rules are set forth because it is believed they will add to the effectiveness of Junior Week and Rush Day. They have been made by the Court of Freshman Control, which was formed by the various class presidents as a result of the student ballot mentioned above.

The court consists of M. A. Lukac, chairman, and L. Frateschi, seniors; J. J. Ahern, and R. D. Armsbury, juniors; as well as H. Tice, freshman class president; and J. O. Larson, sophomore class president.

This court is backed by the entire student body and will function in an

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Armour Graduate, Back After Two Years in Russia, Gives Impressions

By Henry Levin

Russia—the land of poet and peasant, vodka and pumpernickel and herring, poor trains and worse roads, no cigarette ads, and women working side by side with men—that is the land that Waldemar Pore, M. E. '30, has returned from after working in an engineering capacity for two years. And as a result of a long and interesting conversation with the twenty-eight year old Armour alumnus, first hand information was gleaned upon such moot points as the standard of living of the Russian people, their customs, their educational policy, the relative position of women in their scheme of things, and the prospects of engineers in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Traveling as a tourist over a considerable portion of western and southern Russia before accepting a job with familiarity of such cities as Moscow, Rostov, and Dnepropetrovsk. And the truth about Russia, at least as far as one man's opinion can be called truth, lies somewhere between the glowing Utopia which George Bernard Shaw pictures, and the pitiless snapshot of individual effort and happiness so universally conceived by conservatives and opponents.

No atrocities came to Mr. Pore's attention in the course of his two years in the land of the Soviets. In fact, despite every effort on the part of the News reporter to tack such adjectives as "thrilling," "hazardous," or "universally" onto any phase of Mr. Pore's experiences, the much traveled engineer still insisted that excessive use of words would only be an exaggeration.

Six Men Pledged to Tau Beta Pi

On Friday morning in assembly hall, Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, pledged six men in its semi-annual ceremony. The men pledged were A. J. Anderson and G. T. Korink, seniors, and W. B. Ahern, A. Lauchis, E. N. Searl and G. W. Wheaton, juniors.

Professor Spears, fraternity faculty advisor, gave a short history of the fraternity and some of the requirements for eligibility for membership. He stated that to become eligible a student must be in the upper quarter of the senior class or in the upper eighth of the junior class. He must have a good scholastic standing, true integrity and outstanding character. He must also be quite active in extra-curricular activities.

A.S.M.E. Hears Talk On Air Conditioning

"Applications of Air Conditioning" was the subject of the talk by Dean Purinton before the A. S. M. E. last Friday.

Mr. Purinton, who is sales engineer for the Frigidaria Corporation, was secured through the efforts of Professor E. S. Libby. His talk was on the application of air conditioning to the specific needs of the public rather than on the theoretical side involving thermodynamics. Mr. Purinton gave a definition of air conditioning, "Air conditioning," he said, "is the simultaneous control of temperature, humidity, air motion, air distribution, and air cleansing." On a dry winter day moisture must be added to a dwelling place and on a humid summer day it should be removed. The process of air conditioning allows no dust, odors, or stagnant air to remain in a room.

From the above definition it is seen that the two greatest purposes of air conditioning are comfort and profit. In large offices which are air conditioned, both employers and employees are made more comfortable and, therefore, more able to work efficiently in any season.

Players Present Short Irish Play

By Myron B. Stevens

Under the direction of Professor Walter Hendricks, the Armour Players presented a one act play, "The Rising of the Moon," by Lady Gregory last Friday. The scene of the play was a quay in an Irish seaport, the scenery being set up in such a manner as to give a definite effect of the presence of the sea. The wharf was brought into full view by inclining the platform, and the sea and wharf posts were effectively blended to produce the impression desired.

Unusual Reception of Cast

To produce a night scene, blue lights were used, and the moonlight was afforded by an overhead spotlight, ingeniously arranged by J. L. Brenner. Those in charge of producing the desired stage effects were H. A. Bisbee, E. Hoyer, S. Kreiman, R. P. Lischer, M. Pantone, and R. B. Tague.

Amid a shower of pennies, airplanes made from programs, and small pieces of unrecognizable substances, the play was presented. Credit is due to Armour's own crooner, Walter Sobel, for the way he took the rapturous applause given by the ungrateful audience.

Play Well Presented

The policemen and sergeant in pursuit of the fugitive were J. Graf, Jr., J. Haase, and D. Suh. The sergeant was the only one who really appeared to enjoy his pipe. These fellows played their parts well, considering the handicaps in the practice and presentation of the play.

The play afforded a pleasure which rarely comes in the routine affairs of Armour. Besides the student body, there were numerous guests present, including some of the professors' wives, and particularly Professor Hendricks' family. The school and the News extend their thanks to the Armour Players for their labors.

Scarab Pledges Five Armour Architects

The Edouf Temple of Scarab, professional architectural society, had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Edgar Miller, a well known artist and sculptor, at a luncheon held at the Men's Grill in Marshall Field and Company. An announcement of the pledging of the following men was also made: W. H. Larson, '34, M. C. Forsyth, '35, L. H. Mayfield, '36, I. Viehe-Naess, '36, and W. S. Wieting, '36.

Newly elected officers of Scarab are: R. J. Schwab, president; L. W. Davidson, vice-president; R. E. Johnson, secretary; B. R. Buchhauser, treasurer; and L. O. Johnson, sergeant-at-arms.

Sophs Are to Place More Jacket Orders

Another chance to obtain jackets will be given the sophomores this week by their jacket committee, which has arranged to place an order for duplicates of the present jackets with a new firm. Orders may be placed in the civil drafting room on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, or any day at noon.

If more than 25 orders are placed, the price will be \$5.25, as before; otherwise it will be \$5.50. However, all orders must be placed this week. In the words of John Larson, president of the sophomore class, "Speak (this week) or hold your peace forever."

Musical Honorary to Have Smoker Tonight

Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity, is to hold a smoker this evening at the Theta Xi Fraternity house, 3305 S. Michigan Ave., starting at seven-thirty. All active members of the fraternity are invited to attend. This meeting will probably be the forerunner of some pledging activity in the near future.

FRIEDE, HENNING, JONES MADE 1934 JUNIOR MARSHALS

Three Men Honored as Class Plans for Junior Week

DISCUSS FORMAL DANCE

R. L. Friede, W. W. Henning and T. F. Jones were elected 1934 Junior Marshals by popular acclaim at the junior class met to lay the first plans for its official week of activities in May. For the benefit of uninformed green toppers, the Junior Marshals conduct all athletic activities held during Junior Week. These include the interclass and interfraternity relays and other events culminating in the traditional class rush.

Most of the hour was given to discussion regarding the annual junior formal dance. Whether or not it is to be in summer formal or the real "soup and fish" was the point in question, and strong differences of opinion prevented a final decision on the question. The formal, held traditionally on Friday of Junior Week, closes all social events of the school year.

The type of junior jacket which the class had decided to order was rejected because the price was felt excessive. The old jacket was supplanted by a new model of garment which will be in a lower price field. It is being supplied by Marshall Field and Company, which organization is making a jacket for a class at Northwestern University. The Armour jacket will have similar lines, but it will be of a different color.

Vice-President Visits Phi Lambda Upsilon

The national vice-president of Phi Lambda Upsilon, Dr. Coleman of the Iowa State university, paid the local chapter of Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical engineering society, an official visit. Professor Bentley, the chapter counselor, conducted Dr. Coleman on an inspection tour of the Institute. After the tour an informal meeting of the chapter was held at which current problems and policies were discussed.

Professors McCormack and Bentley then took Dr. Coleman and several of the student members to dinner at the University Club, after which the group toured the club, which has many facilities. Dr. Coleman is a member of the Northwestern University to visit its local chapter.

Milwaukee Alumni Are Active Group

An active Armour alumni association, organized about a year and a half ago, is in existence in Milwaukee, having for its object the fostering of good fellowship and the receiving and disseminating of useful and constructive information concerning Armour Institute. During its short life it has held a total of fourteen meetings, varying from noon luncheons to dinner affairs. Several bowling tournaments have been sponsored.

Some of the guests of the association at its meetings have been Dr. W. E. Hotchkiss, who spoke at one gathering soon after his inception as president of Armour; Professor Schommer, who has been present at two of the meetings; Dean Heald; and Professor Paul.

Of the approximately fifty Armour graduates in the Milwaukee region, about forty have become active in the alumni association. Other alumni groups have organized in various sections of the country, but the Milwaukee group claim to be the first to organize a permanent society with regular meetings, excepting the alumni association located in Chicago.