



SIDELINES

By Leroy Beckman

IN LAST week's issue of The Nation, a short article appeared as written by Oswald Garrison Villard, commenting on Franklin Roosevelt as a politician and a man of government. Mr. Villard presents some ideas that are undoubtedly truly representative of the political situation in Washington, striving to point out the fact that Roosevelt is a politically sensitive individual.

"IF EVER a man needed the prayers of his friends it is Franklin Roosevelt." So begins the commentary by Villard. The writer continues to point out that no one could receive the greatest tribute of approval ever bestowed upon an American by his fellow-countrymen without being deeply moved and almost overwhelmed by a sense of the responsibility thus put on him. As a result of the recent election, which except for California, Minnesota, and Wisconsin was a complete landslide for the democratic forces, the President surely must feel profoundly stirred by the overwhelming evidence of his countrymen's confidence in him. The election means that the entire responsibility for the future of the country has been imposed upon the PRESIDENT.

MR. VILLARD goes further to say that low registrations in many instances as well as lack of popular enthusiasm in victory make obvious the fact that the electorate had thought the whole thing out, decided long ago what it intended to do, and then had to a considerable degree dismissed the election from its mind as an accomplished fact. It was a great demonstration of Democracy triumphant again. The writer calls attention to the possibility of the President applying his power to put an end once and for all to playing politics with officers, which his own Mr. Farley has been doing on so large a scale, with such success. Indication is made that Mr. Roosevelt does not need to play any politics, simply because no President ever had a freer hand.

SUGGESTION is made that the President can make over the country's governmental machine by transferring all the offices of the civil service, with few exceptions, to the classified service. He is quoted as saying that more than ever before we are "calling upon trained people for tasks that require trained people," and added that he couldn't tell "the party affiliation of probably the majority of people holding responsibilities in Washington."

WE ARE inclined to agree with Mr. Villard's slant on political favoritism. Conditions such as exist in a large majority of local governments can be applied to national government with disastrous results. If the President needs prayer to oppose politics in government—we can do our part.

Soph Jackets to Be Ready by Christmas

Following the leadership of last year's sophomore class, the present sophomore class has decided to obtain class jackets. The sophomore class last year broke away from all precedents at Armour and obtained jackets in their sophomore year rather than in their senior year.

The committee was appointed by F. Hackman and consists of P. Martin, chairman; M. L. Dannis, E. C. Hoyer, R. J. Magnuson, and H. E. Stehman. The committee has already made some inquiries along the jacket line and submitted the price range at the meeting last Thursday. Sample jackets will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and the jackets will probably be delivered about Christmas time.

Plan to Advertise Armour Activities

Armour in the past years has done very little in the way of making itself known to the public. With the appointment of a publicity committee, headed by Professor Paul of the faculty and the student representative, L. J. Beckman, plans are being formulated for publicizing Armour in Chicago's newspapers, technical magazines, and to technical societies.

A poster, 30x36 inches has been printed to aid prospective students. This poster, which is now ready for distribution, contains pictures of the Institute, the Art Institute, the various athletics and publications, and general information about Armour's courses. The first one is to be placed in the new Lane Technical high school.

An eight-page folder is also to be printed containing general information about Armour courses and to be sent to graduating high school students.

Armour's amateur radio broadcasting station which has been out of use for a while, is to be rejuvenated with an extra strong spark for broadcasting purposes.

Part of Beckman's job will be to publicize worth while activities of Armour students in local papers such as the Calumet Daily, Southtown Economist, Lawndale News, and Lincolnite. This will serve the double purpose of advertising the student in his community as well as Armour Institute.

Size of Page in Booklet Changed

A reduction in the size of the graduate information book, which will be published by the senior class to aid in gaining employment for the graduates, was decided upon last week at a meeting of the senior placement committee. Bids on the original size, that of the Iowa State college information book which has proved very successful in the past few years, were found to be too high, so pages of about the size of those in the Armour Engineer will be used. Bids on this size have not yet been submitted.

Contained in the book will be information as to the degree that the student received upon graduation; his major interest in college and high school; personal data, including his height, weight, state of health, etc.; practical experience; and availability for employment.

Sophomore Honored at A. I. Ch. E. Meeting

An engraved membership certificate from the senior branch of the A. I. Ch. E. and a pin from the Armour chapter were presented to A. R. Rosenberg, last Friday, in recognition of his having the highest average among the chemical students of the freshman class last year. The award was presented by Professor McCormack at a meeting of the Chemical society. Professor McCormack is director of the chemical engineering department and a member of A.I.Ch.E.

Following the presentation of the award, the speaker for the meeting, Carl S. Miner, director of the Miner Chemical laboratories, was introduced by J. N. Wieland, president of the Armour branch of the A. I. Ch. E. The subject of Mr. Miner's talk was the "Chemical Engineer on the Witness Stand."

Alpha Chi Sigma Has Smoker for Juniors

Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical engineering fraternity, last Tuesday evening held a successful smoker at the Beta Psi fraternity house.

There was a large turnout of members and alumni. Dr. Barr and the junior chemicals were guests of the fraternity. The evening was spent informally with bridge, poker, ping pong, and billiards the chief means of diversion.

HOLIDAYS AHEAD!



Eleven Initiated by Tau Beta Pi

Illinois Beta of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, held its annual fall initiation last Wednesday, the faculty reading room having been borrowed for the occasion.

Mr. J. C. Witt, chemical engineer and director of research at the Universal Atlas Cement corporation and also a graduate of Armour, was initiated.

Other men initiated were L. W. Biegler, J. H. DeBoo, O. P. Freiling, J. F. Humiston, J. O. Larson, J. K. Morrison, G. A. Nelson, J. M. O'Connor, W. A. Trudelle, and H. J. Zibble.

After the initiation ceremony a banquet was held in the faculty grill which was attended by some of the faculty.

The evening was topped off by a visit to "As Thousands Cheer," at the Grand Opera house.

Hotchkiss Will Talk Before Fuel Dealers

President Hotchkiss is scheduled to speak at the Chicago Coal Merchants association dinner which is to be held at the Union League club on November 27. His subject will be "Retail Solid Fuel as a National Industry."

He has also been invited to be one of the speakers at the meeting of the New York State Retail Solid Fuel Merchants association to be held at the Hotel Lafayette in Buffalo, New York, on December 6.

Chi Epsilon Pledges to Entertain W.S.E.

The pledges of Chi Epsilon, honorary civil engineering fraternity, as one of their pledge duties, will furnish part of the entertainment at the W. S. E. smoker to be held December 14. They will present a skit written by themselves.

These men, all of whom were pledged on November 19, are R. R. Johnson, A. Lester, and B. Rigoni.

Eta Kappa Nu Fetes Pledges at Banquet

Inquisition of the pledges of the honorary electrical engineering fraternity, Eta Kappa Nu, has been postponed until Wednesday evening, November 28. The pledges will answer all questions, wise and otherwise, at the Beta Psi fraternity house, 3337 Michigan avenue.

After the inquisition, an initiation banquet in honor of the pledges will be held at the Medinah Michigan Avenue club on Tuesday evening, December 4. A feature program is to be arranged for the evening's entertainment. Members of this faculty and about 50 alumni are expected to attend.

Discuss Potential Worth of Seniors

Qualifications of graduating students and alumni who are seeking placement through the school came up for considerable discussion last Wednesday afternoon at the meeting of the "Committee on Relations between Faculty and Alumni." This committee is one of the four sub-committees into which the regular placement committee was divided.

Professor Roesch, chairman of this sub-committee, submitted a preliminary report, which was followed by a lengthy consideration of the abilities and qualifications the students of the present senior class should have. The many types of rating sheets prepared by companies to chart the qualifications of those seeking employment were also discussed.

During the course of the meeting the need for a better approach to alumni came to light. Consequently, letters pertaining to matters of placement, will be sent to alumni to bring them in closer contact. In addition these letters will also be sent to ex-Armour men, those who, unfortunately, were not able to complete their courses.

Scherger to Lecture on Art in Daily Life

Dr. George L. Scherger, professor of history, will be guest speaker of the W. H. Eppens' art exhibition on Sunday, December 2, from 3 to 5 p. m. at the Chicago Beach hotel, 51st street and the lake. Professor Scherger will talk on "Art in our Everyday Lives."

The art exhibition consisting of paintings, etchings and water colors was formerly exhibited at the Century of Progress. An invitation to attend the lecture is extended to Dr. Scherger's friends.

Armour to Present New Physics Courses

Two new physics courses will be offered next semester, "Light" which will be taught by Professor Colvert, and "Electronics," which will be taught by Professor Thompson.

"Light" will be required for Science students, and will be an elective for others. It is an advanced course in lecture and experimental work with prism and grating spectrometers, interference, polarized light, and lenses and lens combinations. "Electronics" will include the interpretation of spectra, x-rays, photoelectricity, and atomic structure in view of the quantum theories.

Those interested in these courses should notify either Professor Colvert or Professor Thompson immediately so that plans can be made for accommodating them. Further details may be obtained from either instructor.

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, there will be no issue of the Armour Tech News next Tuesday. The next issue will be published on December 11.

Change Style of Armour Engineer

Armour's only technical publication, the Armour Engineer, will be ready for distribution about the second week in December.

This issue will bring a surprise. The magazine will be 8x11 inches, will have a new cover design depicting a phase of industry, and will introduce a new style.

Among the special articles will be "Budgeting in Retail Organizations," a group report; "Construction Features of the Cascade Tunnel," by George Nelson; "Duties of a Local Agent," by Earle H. Shaw; and "Abstracts of Master's Degree Theses."

Review Engineering Books

New advancements in engineering, book reviews, and notes on college events, honorary groups, and departmental societies will make the magazine interesting.

E. H. Doane, editor-in-chief, H. S. Nachman, associate editor, and R. O. Patterson, comptroller, compose the board of control.

On the editorial staff are: S. Bernstein, technical editor; N. Balai, editor of technical abstracts; E. C. Hoyer, editor of engineering progress; F. D. Cotterman, technical bookshelf; D. N. Brissman, College Chronicle; G. Freund, alumni notes; and L. H. Mayfield, humor editor.

Wins Second Place

In charge of the business end of the paper are R. O. Patterson, comptroller; H. Milleville, assistant comptroller; G. H. Berquist, circulation manager; H. G. Gragg, advertising manager; and M. B. Stevens, assistant advertising manager.

R. Hella, E. J. Krok, E. A. May, F. R. McAuliffe, F. J. Meyer, P. A. Reh, and R. W. Schmidt are assistants to the staff.

The Armour Engineer won second place award in a national contest sponsored by Yale University in 1933 to determine the best all around technical magazine publication in colleges. The staff hopes to equal or better the status of that year's issues.

Players Will Give Farce Next Time

Their first play of the year successfully produced, the Armour Players are already directing their attention to the choice of another, this time to be a farce. Because of the cooperation of the students, the players not only met their expenses for "In the Zone," but will be able to put on a play later in the season without charging admission.

It may be judged by the large sale of tickets, and the sympathetic audience, that the many weeks of work on the part of the cast and staff, and their able director, Professor Hendricks, were not in vain.

The entire production was delivered without a hitch, indicating that the players had devoted a great amount of time and work, and had rehearsed until the play could be run off like clockwork.

Action, drama, suspense, pathos, even a bit of a comedy, combined resources to make the play successful and worthy of its appreciative audience.

Pi Nu Epsilon Smoker to Take Place Tonight

Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity, is staging a smoker tonight at the Triangle fraternity house, 3222 South Michigan avenue, the object being to examine prospective pledges. The men invited have shown interest and real ability in the music clubs and have been active in them for at least two years.

The evening will be passed in cards, billiards and ping pong. Refreshments and smokes will be available for those present.

BIDS ON SALE FOR SENIOR INFORMAL TO BE HELD DEC. 7

The Hotel Shoreland, Bill Paden's Orchestra Selected

BIDS ARE \$1.50

The long-awaited Senior Informal will be held Friday, December 7, at the beautiful Crystal ballroom of the Shoreland hotel, 55th street and the lake. Bill Paden and his well known orchestra will provide music for the dancing.

The bids, which are on sale this week, are obtainable from the members of the various social committees, especially the senior class committee. W. A. Trudelle is chairman of the committee which consists of J. J. Ahern, L. A. Cullen, M. C. Forsyth, F. Meyer, J. M. O'Connor, and R. Wittekindt.

Members of the faculty who are acting as chaperons for the affair are Dr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss, Dean and Mrs. Heald, Dr. and Miss Tibbals, Professor and Mrs. Finnegan, Professor and Mrs. Ensz, Professor and Mrs. Huntly, and Professor and Mrs. Bibb.

A large turnout is expected, as this affair has always proved popular in the past. Members of all classes together with their friends are cordially invited. Ample parking space is available.

W.S.E. Features Speaker, Smoker

Continuing its program of securing features of interest for Armour students, the officers of W. S. E. have selected as speaker for their next meeting, which will be held on December 7, Mr. Taylor of the Chicago Plan Commission. His lecture will be on "The Aspects of the Chicago Plan." Mr. Taylor's position as head of this renowned commission makes him the most eligible man to lecture on the subject.

On December 14 the organization will hold its semi-annual smoker. Elaborate arrangements are being made to make this one of the most novel smokers ever presented by an Armour body. The smoker will be held at the Triangle fraternity house, and those attending will bask in a Monte Carlo setting throughout the evening. All members are urged to attend. Others who hope to join are also invited, but to these non-members there will be a charge of twenty-five cents to cover expenses of the project.

The arrangements for this coming event are in the hands of S. Bernstein, chairman; B. Rigoni; J. O. Larson; and G. A. Zwissler.

Alumni Cooperate in Fraternity Affairs

The faculty Committee on Fraternity Affairs met last Wednesday at the Interfraternity club in the Palmer House building. Professor Moreton anticipates a successful year, as each social fraternity was represented at the meeting by an alumnus.

The committee is sorry to have lost the services of Professor Blough, who has taken a government position. Dean Heald has consented to serve on the committee. The committee members who attended the meeting were Professor Moreton, chairman; Professor Spears, secretary; and Dean Heald and Professor Swineford.

Alumni representatives at the meeting were: L. C. Thoecke, Theta Xi; B. F. Morrison, Triangle; O. Kuehn, Phi Pi Phi; T. A. Johnson, Beta Psi; C. K. Simons, Phi Kappa Sigma; H. J. Prebensen, Delta Tau Delta; L. M. Rosnick, Rho Delta Rho; J. Loden, Sigma Alpha Mu; and W. Olefsky, Kappa Delta Epsilon.