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MANY PHASES of the "relief" situation for needy persons have appeared for solution since the ascent from depression depths. Relief for the unemployed as well as for the aged has been looked upon recently as an essential element of balanced living conditions. So far nobody has suggested killing off all the old people as a method of reestablishing the economic equation—but we expect to hear of it any day.

THE TOWNSEND Old Age Revolving Pension Plan is a type of suggested solution which seems to be arousing the most discussion at this time. Advocacy through the mediums of circulars, pamphlets, and local organizations has brought the plan to the stage where it is to be submitted to the new Congress in January. The plan was created by Dr. F. E. Townsend, of Long Beach, California, whose work as a medical and relief officer convinced him that something should be done to relieve the old people from the dread of being left penniless and helpless in their old age.

CONDENSED the plan is this: Every citizen of the United States, 60 years of age, or older, whether man or woman, is to receive a pension of \$200 a month until death—on certain conditions. One of the conditions is that the person has no criminal record. Another is that he is to retire from all work and give up any other activities or income he may have. A third requirement states that the pensioner must spend his \$200 within the month that he receives it.

THE QUESTION arising at this point would be the logical one; how are these pensions to be paid? First, it is proposed, the government would issue bonds or money to the amount of two billion dollars, enough to start the plan. Then further, to maintain this fund it is proposed to create a federal tax on sales, such sales tax to be used only for the Old Age Revolving Pension fund. With the plan it is evident that a fairly large volume of purchasing power would be created by the payment of \$200 a month to each pensioner and that millions of additional jobs with increased wages would be created for the younger generation. Backers of the plan insist that the young people would be relieved of the burden they now carry in supporting the aged—and then they suggest a 10% sales tax to be carried by these same people. Will putting money in circulation revive business, that being the objective? We are inclined to say that it will not. Mass expenditure by the pensioners as a government project would bear no relation to "circulation" when private interests in industry are encountered. We will say that the Townsend Plan might offer a future American haven for middle aged immigrants. Would that be desirable?

Tech Rifle Club Will Meet Humboldt Park

Activity on the rifle range started with a "bang" this year at Armour.

With vacation only two weeks in the past, old and new men of the Armour Tech Rifle Club have begun earnest practice in preparation for their already rapidly growing schedule of competition.

The Humboldt Park Rifle Club provides the first opposition, Sunday, October 12. The match will take place on the Fort Sheridan range.

Members of the organization are most anxious to contact all new men who are interested in shooting. New men should visit the range located in the basement, second entrance of Chapin hall, and get acquainted.

Sophs to Employ Petition Method

An interesting atmosphere was created just previous to the first sophomore class meeting of the year by the removal of one-half of Sidney Miner's soup-strainer. The atmosphere became more sober and slightly sarcastic while several of the officers reported on last year's activities, but the return of interest became quite distinct when the subjects of election of officers and freshmen came up for discussion.

Paul Rich, social chairman, who was introduced by Jack Shanahan, vice-president, gave a brief report on last year's social activities. Herman Ross, treasurer, reported that the class had \$365.18 on hand, partly as a result of the financially successful sophomore-freshman dance. The present sophomores won the softball baseball tournament last spring, as well as the basketball tournament last fall. At the conclusion of Herman Ross' report, Joe Bartusek was elected class baseball captain.

Election Committee Chosen

The election of an election committee caused a great deal of wrangling concerning the number of men on the committees and the question of creating such a committee. Nine men were nominated and it was decided to choose five of these by lot. Those chosen were D. Forberg, J. Bartusek, D. Brissman, A. Goldsmith, and L. Zwissler. These men elected David Forberg chairman.

A committee of last year's leaders was then picked to enforce the wearing of green caps. These five men, F. X. Popper, P. Martin, L. Krader, F. Hackman, and P. Schultz, were to have the moral and physical support of the sophomore class. In this connection, Dean Heald feels that the freshmen are accepting the caps in the proper spirit and thinks the sophomores should hit on some plan of enforcement other than one involving free-for-alls.

Nomination Rules Given

The election committee has had the following requirements for nomination on the bulletin board since last Friday afternoon:

I. The officers to be elected are President, Vice-President, Social Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

II. To nominate a candidate for office, a petition which contains the signatures of 25 members of the sophomore class must be presented to Dean Heald before 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, October 10, 1934.

III. Any sophomore signing the petition of two or more candidates for the same office will have his name removed from both petitions.

Krathwohl Given Post in Mathematics Club

Professor W. C. Krathwohl, head of the mathematics department, was elected secretary and treasurer of the mathematics club of Chicago at an election of the club held last week. In the men's club division Professor S. F. Bibb has been appointed representative from Armour.

The Mathematics club of Chicago is one of the largest associations of its kind, and has as its members, teachers of mathematics in most of the universities, colleges and normal schools, in and around Chicago.

Armour Players Fill Two Staff Vacancies

Owing to the fact that two officers elected last semester did not return to school this year, the Armour Players held an election at their meeting last Thursday. The officers chosen were W. K. Emmerich, secretary, and S. M. Miner, treasurer. The president, H. A. Bisbee, was elected last May.

The Armour Players are planning to present "In the Zone," by Eugene O'Neil, here sometime in November, and during May of next year a three-act play at the Chicago Woman's Club.

Frosh Handshake Is Well Attended

Schommer, Amsbary Make Hit with Class of '38

Last Wednesday evening the freshmen had an invaluable opportunity for becoming acquainted with one another, the upper classmen, several Armour traditions, and some members of the faculty. Fred Meyer introduced Prof. Schommer, who acted as master of ceremonies for the remainder of the evening. After Prof. Schommer had told some of his jokes (it's hard to find him telling the same one twice) he introduced Alonzo A. Staggs, who gave a short talk telling of the track team's prospects for this year and urged the freshmen to come out for the team.

Dean Heald Speaks

This athletic talk by Mr. Staggs reminded Prof. Schommer to tell the freshmen that there is no football, principally because of lack of student's time and money for equipment. However, an encouraging note was sounded by Prof. Schommer when he indicated that plans were under way to secure the 108th Engineer's Armory on Wentworth Avenue for the basketball team.

Dean Heald gave a short talk and was followed by Prof. Peebles, who made the award of the honorary fraternity of the department of mechanical engineering, Pi Tau Sigma, to Sidney Miner. The award was a Mechanical Engineer's Handbook by Kent.

Amsbary Recites Poems

Prof. Schommer's talk on the relation of school activities to scholarship was then followed by a very interesting show that was presented by Prof. W. B. Amsbary. In his French-Canadian dialect, Prof. Amsbary told several jokes and recited some poems. At the conclusion of this entertainment, the Armour Fight Song was sung, and the assembly moved to the lunch room, where sweet cider and doughnuts were served.

The final features of the evening were two wrestling matches by members of the wrestling team, and two challenge matches, which were the evening's feature. Herman J. Sumner challenged anybody present to a wrestling match, and his challenge was accepted by Schumann, a freshman from Senn. Robert W. Schmidt then accepted a challenge from another freshman, Meyer, also from Senn.

Class in Metallurgy Visits Field Museum

Monday afternoon, October 1, the senior chemicals in Professor Carpenter's metallurgy class met in the Field Museum at 1:30 to investigate the geology and mineralogy exhibits in connection with their study of minerals as a source of ores. This trip was the first of several that will be taken this semester during the laboratory periods.

A Student's Letter Brings Varied Reactions from Faculty on Prefix

It has been brought to the attention of students and faculty members of Armour, that the using of *Professor* when addressing faculty members is an antiquated custom and should be abandoned for the more friendly and human word *Mr.*

A number of faculty members questioned on the subject said that *Mr.* was as good as any and some said that it was a much better way of addressing instructors as it brought them metaphorically speaking, on even terms with the student. They also said that there wasn't any disrespect in not using their professional titles in conversation.

Dean Heald inferred that the change from *Professor* to *Mr.* would eliminate certain inaccuracies in addressing instructors. Only a few of the instructors at Armour have the professional title of *Professor*, and the average student does not discrim-

All class elections will be held on Friday, October 12, in the Main building from 9:00 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Winner of Essay Contest Chosen

Norman J. Cooper, E.E. '36 will be awarded the 1934 "Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers" as first prize in the annual essay contest sponsored by Eta Kappa Nu, Armour's honorary electrical engineering fraternity.

The essays submitted in the contest, which is open every spring to all students taking sophomore electricity, were on technical subjects covering some special phase of electrical engineering and representing individual research on the part of the student.

The judges, members of the Eta Kappa Nu fraternity, selected Cooper's paper on the basis of presentation, choice of topic, technical value, and accuracy of material. He is therefore requested to be present at the A. I. E. E. meeting on Friday, October 12, at 10:30 a. m. at which his name will be officially announced and the prize given.

The topic Cooper chose for his essay is an up to date and valuable one, entitled "Airport Illumination." In his paper he touched upon the history of airport illumination, the modern requirements, and a discussion of present equipment.

Brownlee to Speak at A. I. Ch. E. Meeting

A joint meeting of the Chicago Section of the A. I. Ch. E. and of the Student Chapter of the A. I. Ch. E. of Armour Institute will be held here Thursday, October 11.

Mr. Harold J. Brownlee, technical director in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa plant of the Quaker Oats Company, will discuss "Chemical Engineering Technology in the Manufacture of Furfural."

Members of Faculty to Address A. S. M. E.

In order to organize and lay plans for the current year, the first regular meeting of the A. S. M. E. will be held Friday, October 12, at 10:30 in science hall.

At this gathering, which was postponed from last Friday because of the senior and junior class meetings, Professors Huntly, Libby, Nachman, Peebles, Perry, and Roesch will speak on the requirements for, and the value of membership in this organization.

All students of mechanical engineering are urged by the sponsors to attend because of the valuable contacts they may make with the fields of their profession in which they are most interested.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS READY FOR ELECTIONS; BOTH STRIVE TO AVOID "CLASS POLITICS"

Friede, Granger, Henning, and Lauchiskis Are Senior Nominees for President, Juniors Select Nominating Committee

ALL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

In an effort to end the influence of inter-departmental politics, the junior class voted last Friday to adopt a new method of nominating men for class offices.

Each departmental group in the junior class has chosen three men to act on a nominating committee which will prepare the slate for next Friday's election. These men are, in a sense, pledged to make their selections entirely on the basis of individual worth, for it was fully understood that the plan was suggested in hopes of achieving such a result.

The nominating committee will meet next Tuesday to select the candidates for class office. The number to be selected, and the method of selection is left to the committee, which is expected to reach its decision mainly through amicable discussion.

The meeting began with a consideration of such mundane affairs as touchball, and a bill for the teeth of a member of the sophomore class. Another matter was a motion to determine by a vote the sentiments of the class in regard to the proper method of addressing members of the faculty. About 70% thought "Mr." better.

There was a short argument over the question of whether nominations should be from the floor or by petition, decided in favor of "from the floor." Two nominations for president were made, which were soon followed by a half dozen nominations and a half dozen refusals. A vote on a motion to close the nominations was negative. Every other man to be recognized made a speech denouncing politics in class elections and demanding that something be done; the other half insisted that this was out of order and nominations must go on.

However, this was obviously impossible, since everyone to be nominated declined, and the class would not vote to close nominations for president.

Among the suggestions coming thick and fast was that of Herb Tallich, to choose a nominating committee. In spite of the protests that it was out of order, this idea steadily gained favor, and as the confusion increased, it was turned to as a saving alternative.

Music Clubs Prepare for Initial Contest

Glee club and orchestra men are stepping lively these days to make a success of their first performance of the season which is occurring Saturday, October 13. This gives the musicians and songsters just a week and a half to get themselves in a condition which will enable them to equal their last year's performances. They will sing and play in the evening in the Court of States at the World's Fair. Although Mr. Erickson, the musical director, is depending upon his old members to make the program a success, the new members will take an integral part.

As a notice to members interested in music, the glee club is in need of first tenors and basses; the orchestra is in need of horns, clarinets, and oboe players and a drummer.

Election of officers was held at the respective meetings of the orchestra and glee club after their practices. The glee club officers are R. H. Wittekindt, president; A. Kulpak, secretary-treasurer; and G. W. Ormsby, business manager. The orchestra officers are J. H. De Boo, president; A. G. Fleissner, librarian; and W. H. Sobel, secretary-treasurer and business manager.

Problems usually encountered in class elections when the petition method of nomination is employed, were dispensed with entirely during the senior class meeting held last Friday morning. Nominations for candidacy were submitted by the members from the floor.

Nominations were indicative of a lack of class politics, a predominant feature in past years. Although withdrawals on the part of many suggested candidates were interpreted as political moves by some, the final ballot shows a good representation of the class as a whole. Selections for candidacy in the office of president are R. L. Friede, S. S. Granger, W. W. Henning, and A. Lauchiskis. Nominees for vice-president are L. F. Higgins, H. L. Mayerowicz, J. M. O'Connor, R. P. Samuels, and H. J. Zibble.

The five men presented as candidates for the office of treasurer are L. W. Davidson, M. J. Foster, T. F. Jones, R. G. Lyford, and K. O. Stocking. For the position of secretary there are B. Jones, R. J. Maci, W. C. Petersen, J. L. Roberts, H. H. Slavitt, and R. H. Wittekindt.

For sergeant-at-arms, R. E. Esbensen, O. P. Freilinger, P. Henoch, and P. Stanovich are the candidates. The office of social chairman is open to five candidates and it will require a good deal of discretion on the part of the voter to supply a good officer for this responsible position. The candidates are L. A. Cullen, M. C. Forsyth, D. R. Gregerson, W. H. Sobel, and W. A. Trudelle.

Election of officers for the senior as well as all under classes will be held on Friday of this week.

Choose Group for Freshman Election

Freshman organization got under way with a meeting last Tuesday in the assembly hall. John J. Ahern, president of the A. T. A. A., acting as temporary chairman, suggested that the class have as officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, social chairman, and representative in the A. T. A. A.

An election committee to take care of the ballots and election details was selected. It is composed of G. Pfeiffer, G. Thodos, W. Johnson, R. Young, R. E. Worcester, H. F. Perlet, and W. J. Laise.

It was decided that petitions for officers must have 25 signatures of freshmen and be turned in at the Dean's office today. Ballots will be prepared in time for the election Friday, October 12.

Dean Heald introduced G. W. Wheaton, president of the Interfraternity Council, who urged all freshmen to attend the Freshman Handshake and explained the sections of the Freshman Hand Book which is published by the Interfraternity Council.

Fire Protect Society Will Hear J. A. Neal

Chicago's famous stockyards conflagration and the fire protection conditions before and after the fire will be explained by Mr. J. A. Neal, chief engineer of the Chicago Board of Fire Underwriters, to members of the Fire Protection Engineers Society in their first meeting of the year next Friday morning at 10:30.

A notice announcing the meeting place will be posted on the bulletin board within the next few days. All men who have the hour open are invited to attend the meeting.