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ALTHOUGH the principles of the National Housing Act have been outlined from time to time and the tendencies embodied therein have been defined locally to a very slight extent, it appears to the contrary that the Administration has let the housing problem slide into insignificance. It might be safe to say that had the government foreseen the implications of the venture, it would not have been undertaken—or at least, not in the same manner.

A HOUSING program is created for a purpose. Action within its provisions should be of necessity a step by step process, forward in every instance. It is intended to undo the present mess in which so many of our communities find themselves. But unfortunately, activity with regard to the housing act has been more or less of the hit-or-miss variety. During the last year, however, a few positive gains have been made which might be termed as "clearing the underbrush in a thick forest." First, CWA surveys made in a number of cities gathered useful facts preliminary to the preparation of any housing project. An inventory of real property was made, and data was collected on crime, disease, and excess city costs in slums. Second, because of the study made, PWA architects and designers as well as social planners have grasped the objects and technique of "housing" as a word. Should the PWA eventually build these examples of housing, they may serve for illustrative purposes in arousing an active interest in the problem.

RESTRAINED as the activities have been, they have aroused considerable interest on the part of the public. But this interest exists in an unorganized manner and consequently can prove of no worth. To insure progress in a much needed enterprise, pressure must be applied continually. Progress? Yes, progress might be represented in housing when compared with the feeble accomplishments of any previous year, in the normal course of general improvements. However, the National Housing Act does not define progress on the basis of the foregoing rate. It plans a two or three year shift in one year; justifiable in its existence as an immediate solution. It has become apparent, however, that the interests opposed are much stronger and better organized than the social workers and the few backers of a genuine program.

EXPERTS in the building construction field have been quoted repeatedly as saying that the unit cost of buildings of all kinds has been boosted to the extent that each home and each building costs several times what it is really worth. This would account for there being less building by private parties and consequently establishes the need for government intervention. It is estimated that the government will be in the building game to the extent of four

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Rifle Team to Meet Humboldt Third Time

Next Sunday, October 21, the Armour Tech Rifle club will meet the Humboldt Park Rifle team at Fort Sheridan, for the last of a series of three matches which Humboldt Park leads by a small margin. In preparation for this event, the Armour riflemen were practicing on the Fort Sheridan rifle range last Sunday.

The team will be composed of the three members from last year—namely, W. W. Henning, D. E. Moore, and E. P. Renstrom; and those members who have joined this year. Those individuals who are interested in shooting are urged to join the club, as there are several openings to be filled.

Dunbar Elected Frosh President

Polling a total of 130 votes the freshmen elected their class officers for the coming year. According to Dean Heald the returns indicate that outstanding leaders have been elected. The following men are the new officers: Claire Dunbar, president; Henry Bodnar, vice-president; Charles Priesmeyer, secretary; John Lindahl, treasurer; Stanley Healy, social chairman; and William O'Brien, A. T. A. A. representative.

The petition system was used by the freshmen this year. Each candidate was required to secure 25 signatures before his name was placed on the ballot.

The complete returns are listed below:

President—	
Claire Dunbar	64
Harry Perlet	23
Ronald Monson	17
Calvin Nauman	18
Stanley Osri	8
Vice-President—	
Henry Bodnar	47
Ward James	32
William Lindeman	24
Charles See	16
Secretary—	
Charles Priesmeyer	79
Bertram Griesbach	46
Treasurer—	
John Lindahl	55
Melvin Schuman	29
Albert Schrieber	21
Richard Weissman	20
Social Chairman—	
Stanley Healy	82
Frank Roder	42
A. T. A. A. Representative—	
William O'Brien	82
Howard Downing	46

Players Choose Cast For Next Production

A tense, wartime atmosphere is in the process of brewing by the Armour Players under Professor Hendricks' guidance. The setting provided by a submarine zone, virile talk (cussing to you), and a suspected spy on board ship outline the plot for "In the Zone," one of Eugene O'Neill's plays.

At their meeting last Friday night, the players picked the following cast:

Yank	Tom Jones
Driscoll	Al Kulpak
Smitty	Sid Miner
Davis	Al Schreiber
Scotty	Dick Weissman
Ivan	Joe Reader
Cocky	Herman Ross
Swanson	Herman Bauermeister

The play is to be given on or about November 15 (at a time when everyone has a class he can be excused from.)

Several of last year's players are back and with the new men are out to treat the students to a very dramatic piece of drama.

Kulpak, Miner, and Ross are last year's players, Weissman and Reader are freshmen, Jones is a senior, and Bauermeister is a sophomore.

Chi Epsilon Initiates Member at Meeting

Joseph M. O'Connor was initiated into Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honorary fraternity at their last meeting on Friday, October 12. The graduation of last June took a heavy toll of members from this group, leaving only G. A. Nelson, president; and K. O. Stocking, vice president, as the remaining undergraduate members. J. E. Schreiber and E. H. Smith, both of whom are doing graduate work, are also members of the organization.

Election to membership of Chi Epsilon is based on the scholarship, character, practicability, and sociability of the candidates who must be finished with his sophomore year and have a scholastic standing which places him in the upper third of his class.

No specific plans have been made by the group as yet, except the active participation of its members in the Western Society of Engineers.

Sophomores Elect Hackman President

Full Slate of Officers Chosen in Election

New officers to head the class of '37 were chosen at elections held last Friday. Frank Hackman Jr. was elected president by a margin of eleven votes. Other new officers are Edwin Skeppstrom, vice president; James Hevrdejs, secretary; Francis Popper, treasurer and Oreste Tomei; social chairman.

A total of 133 votes was cast in the election which was handled by an election committee consisting of D. Forberg, chairman; and J. Bartusek, D. Brissman, A. Goldsmith, and L. Zwissler.

The tabulated results of the election are as follows:

President—	
F. Hackman	72
P. Martin	61
Vice-President—	
E. Skeppstrom	54
J. Shanahan	45
P. Schultz	45
Secretary—	
J. Hevrdejs	60
N. Gerber	44
S. Kreiman	25
T. Wilczynski	5
Treasurer—	
F. Popper	56
I. Thunder	37
H. Ross	32
E. Hoyer	10
Social Chairman—	
O. Tomei	55
A. Dreis	27
P. Reh	23
E. Rezabek	16
G. Amory	12

Nominations for the various offices were made by petition. Each petition was required to have at least 25 signatures, and a stipulation was made that should any one name be on two petitions for the same office, it would be stricken off both.

Concert Is Given by Music Clubs at Fair

Saturday, October 13, marked the opening concert of the Musical Clubs. The orchestra and glee club, augmented by many new men, combined to make their first appearance this year in the Hall of States at a Century of Progress. The program included M. Nystrom and A. Kulpak appearing as soloists.

Armistice Day will be the first opportunity for students to hear the Musical Club at Armour. Plans for the annual Christmas concert have been started and are well under way.

Enrollment Lower Than Last Year

Enrollment at Armour is approaching its normal level as estimated from previous statistics by Dean Heald.

There are 58 men less this semester than there were last year at the same time. Every class in each department shows a decrease except the chemical department and their enrollment jumped from 94 to 116 men. As a class the juniors were the only ones to show an increase. The freshmen and sophomores are tied in numbers which should make it doubly interesting for the Class Rush in Junior Week next spring.

The scholastic record of the freshmen is much better than those of the last few classes as shown by their high school records and the examinations some of them had to take.

Enrollment in night school increased 50% over last year. Up to date there are 630 men enrolled which will probably reach a total of 650 in the next two weeks. Over 100 men are in the heating and ventilating, and air conditioning classes. Electricity is also a popular course. Because of the greater number of men, night school is operating four nights a week instead of two as it did last year.

Condition Exams Scheduled Today

Examinations for removal of conditions received during the last semester will take place beginning today and continuing on through Friday. The examinations will mark the closing of a grading system that has been in effect since the beginning of Armour's organization.

Effect of Grading Plan

The new system of honor points being inaugurated this semester will not materially change the grading except where the condition grade "D" is involved. Previously the student receiving this grade was allowed to take the condition examination and thereby earn a definite grade. The new system provides that the student receiving a "D" will not be allowed any honor points or repeat the subject in order to make up its value in honor points. The system is unique because of its simplicity. Students are required to earn as many honor points as semester hours of work that are carried.

Must See Instructor

Students receiving the grade of "D" may offset its damaging effect by making a grade of "B" in a course that has an equivalent number of semester hours of credit. Students planning on taking these examinations are requested to report to the instructor in charge immediately. The schedule for examinations will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Sophs Are Asked to Enter A.S.M.E.

Probably due to a misunderstanding to the effect that they were not eligible to join, only a few sophomores were present at the first meeting of the A. S. M. E. last Friday. The purpose of the meeting was to organize for the coming year and to introduce the several faculty members. J. H. De Boo, president of the Armour branch, presided.

Students who join the Armour branch automatically become members of the national organization. The dues are nominal and the advantages are many. Among these advantages are "Mechanical Engineering," the official journal of the society, monthly from October to May; full participation in all activities and privileges of the Student Branch; participation in group meetings of student members, and also national and local section meetings of the parent society; use of the engineering society's employment service for summer positions and for permanent jobs upon graduation; use of the engineering society's library; the privilege of competing for cash prizes and awards; the use of student loan funds; and a membership card each year. A gold pin or watch charm is given to the student when he becomes a member.

Professor Huntly, head of the Mechanical Engineering department,

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Expansion Program Is Planned by W. S. E.

At the first meeting of the Armour branch of the Western Society of Engineers, held last Friday, George Nelson, president, explained the policy of expansion planned by this organization.

This expansion policy is to secure members from all departments at Armour and to give these members the standing of "student members" in the Chicago society. Since the Western Society of Engineers is for all branches of engineering, the Armour branch, which has developed into an organization of student civil engineers only, intends to develop into a general engineering group.

The second part of this extension of activities is to secure the privileges granted to student members of the society. One of the desirable features of this amplification is that more noted speakers can be secured to address a much larger group.

A. E. LAUCHISKIS WILL HEAD SENIOR CLASS; R. P. SAMUELS IS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Jones, Slavitt, Esbensen, Trudelle Elected to Other Offices; 147 Voters Cast Their Ballots

ARCHITECTS CONTROL THREE POSITIONS

Juniors to Hold Run-off Election

Because no candidates for any of the junior class offices received a majority in the election held last Friday, a run-off election of the two highest men for each office is to be held some time this week, the time and place being announced on the bulletin board. This decision was made by the nominating committee prior to last Friday's primary election.

The results of the primary election were as follows; the two highest men for each office will be voted upon at the final election this week.

President—	
W. Alt	78
I. M. Hughes	31
W. J. Fleig	30
G. A. Zwissler	25
Vice President—	
D. J. Neal	60
R. Knaus	38
W. D. Concolino	34
F. L. Smith	34
Social Chairman—	
D. C. Graham	54
R. M. Paulsen	37
J. C. Scott	34
R. A. Peterson	23
D. E. Howell	17
Secretary—	
F. D. Cotterman	48
D. H. Fleig	38
H. P. Milleville	35
T. S. Ramotowski	25
R. S. Kercher	15
Treasurer—	
V. J. Kropf	66
G. A. Quandee	50
J. H. Johnson	29
H. S. Nachman	18
Sergeant at arms—	
H. Sumner	68
H. Dollenmaier	49
L. W. Robbie	31
J. E. Linden	22

The nominating committee ruled that a majority vote was necessary to elect any candidate because of the unlimited field of nominees. At the junior class meeting previous to the primary election, authority for the running of the election was delegated by the class to the nominating committee. This delegation of authority makes the decisions of the committee binding upon the class, according to Dean Heald, who so declared last Friday.

Although the majority of the class had been informed that a majority vote was necessary to elect any candidate, a sufficient number of juniors were ignorant of this ruling so that considerable confusion resulted. Many believed that the election was completed and that the offices were filled by a mere plurality.

Hendricks Co-editor of Guide to Reading

Last year the sophomores and freshmen were introduced to a valuable booklet—"Student's Guide to Good Reading." This booklet is intended to acquaint colleges and universities throughout the country with one another's reading habits. In order to make this booklet a true sample of students' reading, a contest was sponsored for book reviews. All of last year's English classes entered, and the awards will be announced very shortly.

This year a revised edition of the booklet has been issued under the title "Good Reading," with Professor Hendricks as one of its editors. The booklet is now available to the entire school for 10c a copy at the supply store.

Albert E. Lauchiskis, captain of the basketball team, president of Phi Lambda Upsilon, and a member of Tau Beta Pi, was elected president of the senior class last Friday. He polled 52 out of the 147 votes cast for the presidency. The Architects concentrated their votes to elect R. P. Samuels vice-president, H. H. Slavitt secretary, and R. E. Esbensen sergeant-at-arms. T. F. Jones was elected treasurer, and W. A. Trudelle was named social chairman.

The senior ballot for class officers with the votes received on each candidate follows:

President—	
A. E. Lauchiskis	52
R. L. Friede	40
S. S. Granger	33
W. W. Henning	22
Vice-President—	
R. P. Samuels	40
J. M. O'Connor	33
H. W. Zibble	30
L. F. Higgins	22
H. L. Mayerowicz	22
Treasurer—	
T. F. Jones	40
R. G. Lyford	32
L. W. Davidson	31
J. K. O. Stocking	23
M. J. Fötter	18
Social Chairman—	
W. A. Trudelle	51
M. C. Forsyth	36
L. A. Cullen	28
D. R. Gregerson	15
W. H. Sobel	15
Secretary—	
H. H. Slavitt	41
R. J. Maci	28
W. C. Petersen	25
R. H. Wittekindt	20
B. Jones	16
J. L. Roberts	15
Sergeant-at-Arms—	
R. E. Esbensen	45
O. P. Freilinger	40
P. Stanovich	33
P. J. Henoch	25

Start Expansion of Aeronautical Courses

Efforts are being made by a few men to strengthen the aeronautical courses at Armour. Instead of restricting the present courses to only civils and mechanicals as electives, the courses are to be made inter-departmental if enough men desire to take them. Additional courses may be added if the interest of the men convinces the faculty that the addition of courses will prove to be of benefit.

It is also expected that an aeronautical club will be started by those interested. The functions of the club will be to present talented speakers well experienced in aeronautics, to hold regular meetings, to stage contests of varied types, and to make visits to aviation fields and plants. In general it will broaden the scope of those interested in the most modern means of transportation.

Up to date, 36 men including freshman, sophomores, and juniors from the five major engineering departments have enlisted. If any more men are interested, they are requested to get in touch with Dean Heald and leave their names, department, and year of graduation. Further developments will be posted on the bulletin board.

Faculty Women Plan for Year's Activities

Activities of the Faculty Women's club were resumed for this year at a meeting held last Wednesday in the Mission building. Other meetings of the club will be held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.