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Sudden Interest

Although the *News* began last May 28 to point out that Armour students were woefully in ignorance about the A.T.A.A., and although since that time more publicity has been given that association and its functions than it has had since it was founded, the 40 or 50 per cent of us who were able to muster ambition enough to attend the general assembly last Thursday still declared ourselves uninformed about it. And less than 150 copies of the Student Handbook and Directory have been sold!

True, no particular harm has been caused by the delay, and it will very probably accomplish some good in further refinement of the constitution, and in stimulating discussion of the A.T.A.A. But there is very little excuse for our being in the dark about the association at this late date, if we really want to know anything about it.

Apparently Armour students want to be chased into a corner and forcibly informed about the things that affect them.

Ascent From The Savage

Wars, we are often told, are inevitable because they are a part of human nature, and human nature has remained unchanged through the ages. Read the following extracts from the article "Ascent from the Savage," by Henry Morton Robinson, reprinted by special permission from the Reader's Digest of September, 1935, and ask yourself, "Does human nature change?"

"Mercy is a comparatively recent flowering of the human spirit. A scant century ago the treatment dealt out by society to its weakest members

—its children, animals, slaves, imprisoned, and insane—was shockingly brutal. Today, despite many flaws in our social machinery, we have become "merciful conscious," both in our public attitude and private behavior, and it is a heart-warming spectacle to observe man's humanitarian ideals slowly gaining ascendancy over his primitive cruelty. * * *

"The European populace entertained itself during the 16th and 17th centuries with public executions and autos-da-fé, the latter being great bonfires in which heretics were roasted en masse. It is estimated that 50,000 people were burned to death in Europe in the 16th century. When the Inquisition was at its height in Spain, men and women were jerked to pieces on the rack, crushed to death by weights, or burned alive for public edification. As the flames consumed their victims, spectators held up children so that they could better enjoy the sight! * * *

"In our own Indian Wars, the U. S. Army practiced terrible brutalities on the hapless red-skin. In 1877 the Yellowstone Indians were receiving two and one-half cents a day subsistence; this was insufficient to sustain life, so the Yellowstones left their reservation. To humble their rebellious pride the U. S. Army slaughtered 1,000 horses, destroyed their lodges, and seized all their horses and domestic animals. For a similar crime the Modocs of Oregon were exterminated, their chiefs hung. The Apaches were systematically killed off in a 20-year campaign, shot down at their water holes and in their own villages; as one historian puts it, 'they were obliged to fight to annihilation.' * * *

"The treatment dealt out to insane persons passes belief. For 12 centuries prior to 1750, a madman was believed to be possessed of the devil, and it became the duty of righteous persons to exorcise this evil spirit by all manner of brutality. Here is how Titelmann, the Dutch Inquisitor, exorcised an insane heretic named Bertrand Le Blas late in the 16th century: Le Blas was dragged to the market place on a hurdle, his mouth closed by an iron gag. His right hand and foot were burned and twisted off with red hot irons; his tongue was torn out by the roots. With his arms and legs fastened behind his back, Le Blas was held by a chain over a slow fire until he was entirely roasted. Unfortunately, the poor maniac's life lasted almost to the end of these ingenious tortments. * * *

"The time may never come when instances of individual cruelty will vanish from the world, but certain it is that public acceptance of cruelty is no longer possible to the vast majority of our civilized fellow men."

STUDENT OPINION

Free Bids

Might an innocent bystander ask that the "Tech News" once more take up the struggle which they championed and won last year? It seems that the underhanded political practice of inter-change of bids between several of the social committees has been reinstated in spite of the fact that student opinion, once before, forced an attempt at legalization of that practice to be abandoned. Perhaps, if the "Tech News" were to take up the question, it might be possible to hear the feelings of the general student body on this question.

Yours truly, An Underclassman.

Fraternity Notes

Chi Phi's Have New Pledge
Gamma chapter of Phi Pi Phi takes pleasure in announcing the formal initiation of Charles J. Shukes, Ch. E. '37.

Theta Xi Opens New Quarters
Alumni, faculty members and actives all turned out for the formal opening of the new Theta Xi quarters last Friday. The six rooms above the Social Science department have been completely redecorated and furnished to form an attractive gathering place. Professor D. P. Moreton is supervising the redecoration.

The rushing program is going ahead under full steam at Theta Xi after having been hindered all semester by lack of quarters for the chapter. Everyone is working enthusiastically now, and the fellows expect that the time handicap will prove insignificant.

Don Brissman Congratulated
Delta Tau Delta is extending congratulations to Don Brissman on his initiation into Salamander.

The Deltas have been quite busy lately completing arrangements for the Mothers' Club meeting which is

to be held next Sunday afternoon. The boys have also been taking considerable time polishing up their ping-pong in anticipation of the coming house tournament.

Hold Pi Kappa Phi Banquet
This evening a founders day banquet is to be held at the Pi Kappa Phi house in commemoration of the founding of the fraternity on December 10, 1904. A good number of the alumni in the Chicago area are expected to attend.

Purdue was visited by five men who went down to attend an officers

conclave including Illinois and Ohio chapters. They were there Saturday and Sunday.

Pi Kappa Phi takes great pleasure in announcing the pledging of William Buckman, E. E. '39 last Friday noon.

Parents' Affair Given by Rho Delt
A parents' affair held at the Rho Delta Rho house a week ago Sunday was attended by Professor and Mrs. Nachman and the president of the alumni group and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Landis and Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole.

The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

You've heard of it. You've read of it, and you might have even seen it, but here's your chance to actually own it. What is it? Yes, you guessed right! A new deluxe 1936 model fur lined bath tub.

Just what you've always wanted for those cold Saturday nights. Read carefully and we'll tell you how to get this marvelous product of modern science.

Simply send in an old joke, any old joke, just so long as it is old and funny. The prize will be awarded to the person sending in the oldest funny joke. All that we ask is that you cut a Slipstick column out of the *Armour Tech News*, and send it in with your contribution. Any Slipstick will do, even this one, or a reasonably accurate facsimile. You have as good a chance as anyone if you merely observe the following rules.

Rules for "Old Jokes at Home" Contest

1. All entries must be in the news box in the lobby of the main building, or in the basket in the Tech News office by 5:30 P. M. Friday, Dec. 17, 1935.
2. The source and date of earliest publication must accompany each joke sent in.
3. A copy of the Slipstick, or a reasonably accurate facsimile must be included with each contribution.
4. All persons are eligible except employees of the *Armour Tech News*, and their families.
5. The opinion of the judges must be accepted as final. The winner will be announced shortly after the contest closes. The prize will be on display in a few days in the bookstore.

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with the sky

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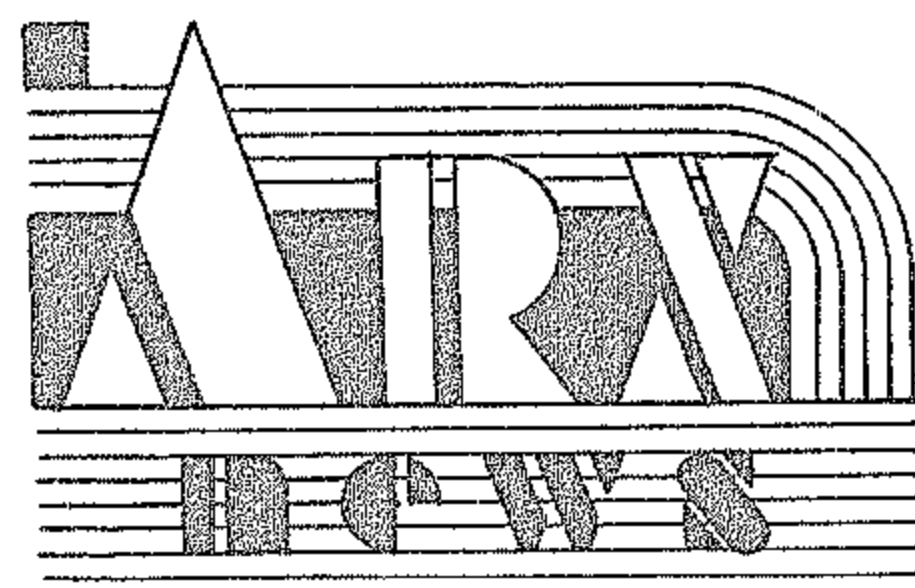
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You can "fly" home by telephone, in a couple of minutes. Why not do it tonight? Station-to-Station rates are lowest after 7 P. M.



BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



Remember your freshman year here, when ignorance was bliss and it was a pleasure to wonder at the marvel of the world and have everything explained to you? When you were like JACOBSON and after looking at some of Despony's works, would say "What year is he in now?" Those were the good old days when everything was as simple as your face! ... Then you became a sophomore and no longer walked around in a daze. You were like PELZ, LADDER, KLIPHARDT and IWASA and received a mention on your Loggia and what a satisfied feeling, the world was yours! ... Then in your Junior year you just did not care about anything and would fall asleep in lectures, like KICHAVEN and awaken with a "burp." When you did not take anything seriously and even six or seven "socks" could not make you conscious. When your classmates SCHMALTZ, SALETTA and LOHMILLER would go on a charette just to be able to eat at the "Greasy Spoon" and talk to a certain

waitress. ... Now you are a Senior and given up all hope, and, like PFEFFER, you have degenerated morally and physically and even stoop to pick up cigarette stubs. Ah, the futility of it all. ... Nothing in the future to look forward to, except to become like ROSEN and LAMMERS who are institutions here at Armour and have become famous in their own peculiar ways. Rosen, you remember, was the original concoctor of the new colors, tinkle and purp. Lammers, we are sorry to say, after being here 'steen years is leaving to get married. Congratulations both ways, Lowell!

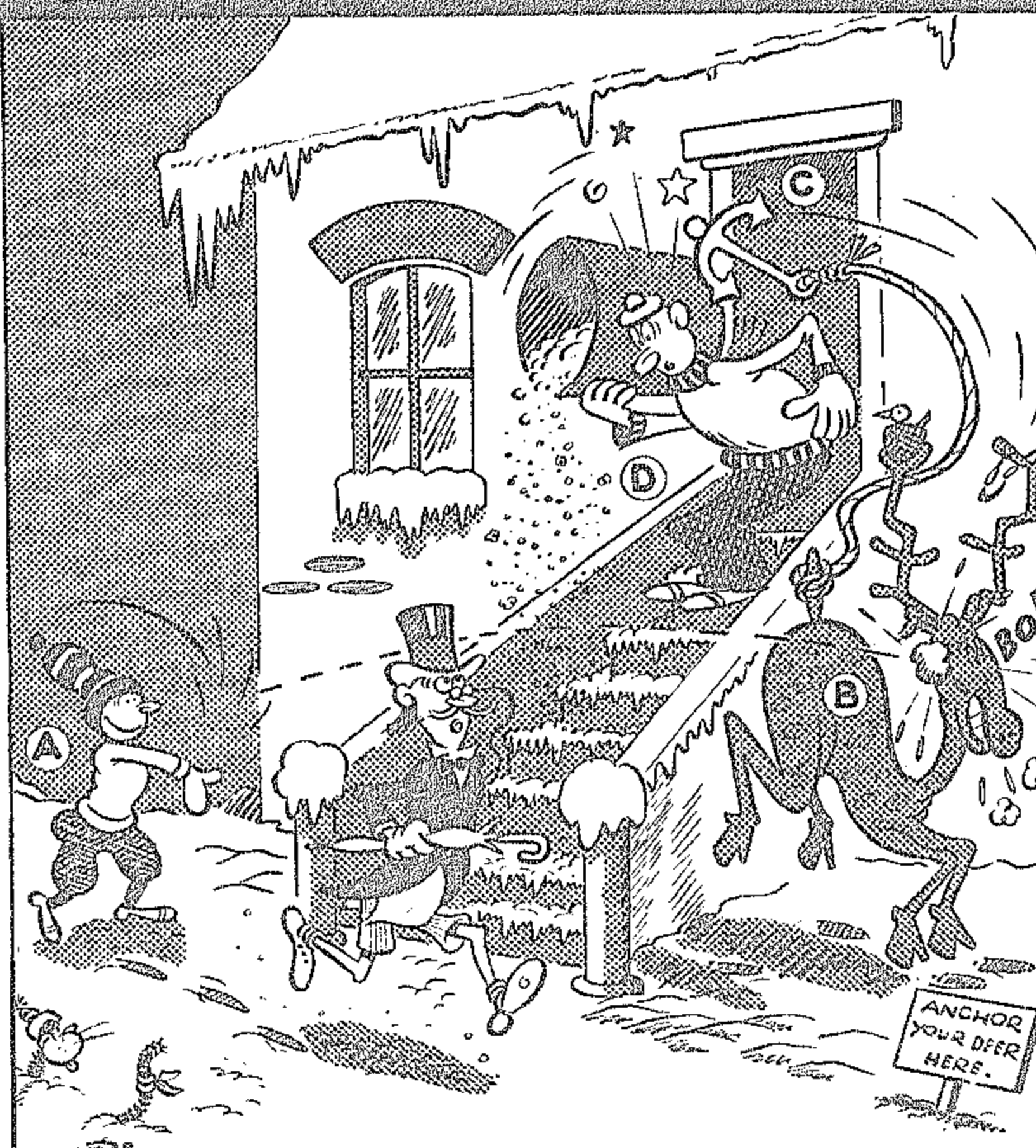
And now, to return to the present tense, we find that we cannot find Mr. BENTLEY, erstwhile professor of design and history. 'Tis no mystery for he has gone to Washington to become one of these "alphabet" guys. Although his duties have been taken over by other members of the faculty, Mr. BENTLEY'S absence will be noticeably felt since he was an integral part of the department and a regular feller.

After seeing some of the water colors done around here, Miss PRIOR took it upon herself to show you mugs how a good water color should be done. In fact her drawings are now on exhibit so some of you experts take note, but do not worry, they will not be in our judgments.

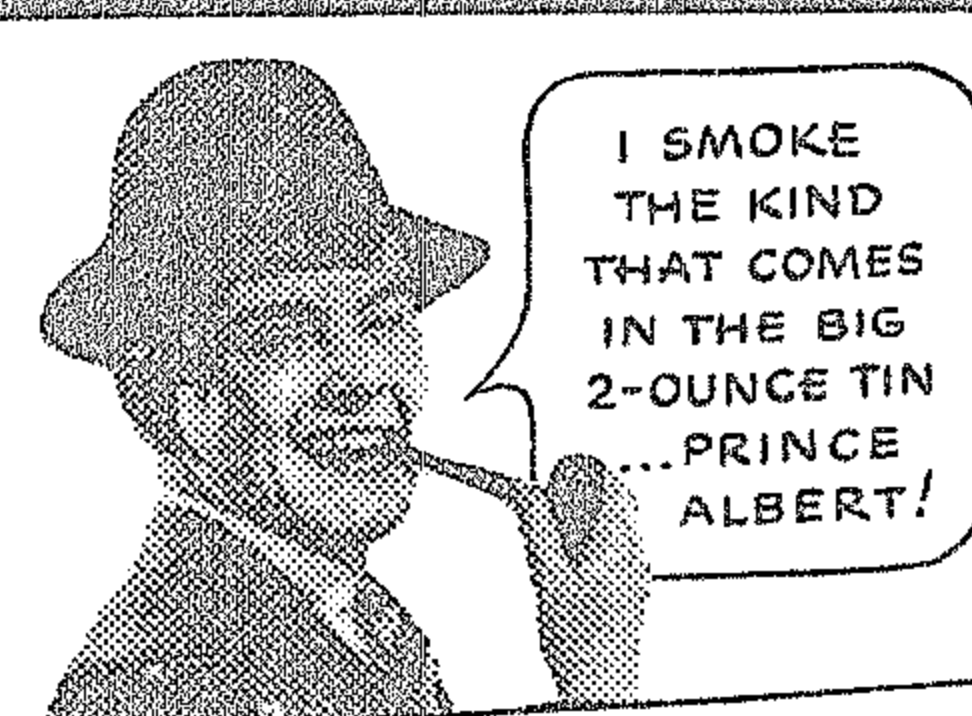
TOM TAX.

EASY WAY TO MAKE LIBRARY STEPS SAFE ON ICY DAY

URCHIN (A) THROWS SNOWBALL AT PROFESSOR WEARING TOP HAT. MISSES AND SNOWBALL HITS REINDEER (B) ANCHORED NEAR BY. DEER IS ANNOYED AND SWITCHES TAIL. ANCHOR (C) HITS ASHMAN KNOCKING BARREL OF ASHES (D) DOWN STEPS THUS ENDING SKIDDING



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