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TEMPORARY diversion of attention from national economic controversies to more potent foreign affairs marks only a lull in the barrage of criticism so short a time ago being laid down by Republican press affiliates. At the instant of any drag in the transpiration of events across the seas we may expect a renewal of energy in the direction of newspaper assaults upon the administration's strongholds. Once more will the great public spirited press grind out its gospels of rugged individualism and constitutional sanctity. Again the news hungry eye shall feast upon front page editorials beseeching the sadly misguided president to harken to the sage council of an editor rich in wisdom and inspired beyond measure with public predilection and benefaction. Not for want of paternal guidance nor yet out of our ignorance shall we be ordained to suffer these iniquitous usurpations of our sacred rights.

TO WHAT END this energetic distortion of reality is directed is not discernable. The records of the past two decades of journalism must indicate to any editor the futility of continuing to follow the ancient line of reasoning drawn to the conclusion that a newspaper is a moulder of public opinion. For over two decades people have been demonstrating their absolute disregard of editorial comment and direction. It is strange that journalism has not taken cognizance of this marked trend and adjusted itself to the condition.

IN EVIDENCE OF the utter idiocy of editorial policy consider alone this new exponent of rugged individualism. It is easily seen that the apostleship was born out of resistance to the administration's attempts at social improvement of the masses. Nor is it more difficult to recognize that the doctrine defines the benefits as belonging only to the elite. The newspaper is left free to defame the government and sponsor its disruption. The individuals of the common hoard are branded radicals and reds when they seek a social advance. A dairy farmer becomes a rugged individualist and seeks his due. His death is asked through the medium of martial law. His acts are vandalism and must be punished. A corporation employs unfair, foul practice to attain the downfall of a small competitor. That is unique—it is rugged individualism. And a people—so the editor thinks—will accept it with all of its inbred asininity.

## L. D. Gayton Talks on Notable Bridges

Chicago was born great! So declared L. D. Gayton, acting City Engineer, to the Junior Section of the W. S. E. last Thursday evening. In the lecture, Mr. Gayton's objective was to show the part played by the Chicago River in the location of this city. He reviewed the transition from ferries to swing bridges and finally to the present day bascule bridges.

The lecture, supplemented with slides, consisted of a description of some of the outstanding bridges in Chicago, the failure of several other bridges in this country, and the details of a cantilever bridge in California designed by the lecturer.

Being considered an authority on the failure of the famous Quebec Bridge over the St. Lawrence River, Mr. Gayton's illustration of, and talk on its collapse was especially interesting.

At the next meeting of the Junior Section, next Thursday, October 17, at 7 p. m. in the Engineers' Building, Mr. F. P. Walker, manager of Sound Control Sales, U. S. Gypsum Company, will present a talk titled "Acoustics."

## J. O. Larson Tau Beta Pi Delegate

In celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, the Tau Beta Pi association began its annual national convention at Michigan State College in East Lansing, Michigan, last Thursday. John O. Larson, senior civil and president of the local chapter, is the delegate who represented Armour. The sixty-five branches situated throughout the country were well represented.

### Visited Automobile Plants

Thursday, October 10, saw serious action including registration, a business session, luncheon, dinner, and a smoker. Business again ruled Friday morning followed by a trip to the Oldsmobile and Reo Motor Works. Casting aside the more serious aspects, the delegates later enjoyed a formal dance. Concluding the serious business of the convention was the meeting Saturday, succeeded by luncheon and the Michigan State-Kansas football game. Formalities were drawn to a close by the banquet on Saturday night.

### Reports of Chapters

There was some work connected to the convention which all delegates were required to do. A complete knowledge of the affairs of their chapter was necessary, to be placed in the fraternity records. As this was the fiftieth anniversary, the convention had a special significance.

An Alumni Reunion, in the form of a banquet and Monte Carlo smoker, is to be held at the Swedish club on November 15 by the Armour Chapter of Tau Beta Pi. Professional gambling equipment for the Monte Carlo will be secured by Howard P. Milleville.

## S. Miner to Preside Over Tech Math Club

Sydney Miner was the sole officer elected at the first meeting of the Mathematics Club held last Friday in the Electric Lecture Room. He will preside at all meetings and will also head a program committee to be selected by him.

Definite plans have not yet been made but several very interesting suggestions were offered by club members. Attempts will be made to secure prominent speakers to lecture on subjects of mathematical interest. Professor Bibb will probably give a talk on mathematical oddities at the next meeting.

However, lectures will not be the only procedure followed by the club. Parts of meetings will be spent on playing mathematical games which will appeal to even the least mathematically-minded student. If so desired, social functions will be held. The club intends, also, to inspect the University of Chicago's Math Exhibit, one of the best in the country. Other points of interest will also be visited.

The regular time for meetings has not been set but two possibilities are offered: alternate Fridays at 10:30 o'clock or in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

## Sophomores to Elect Class Officers Today

Judging from the appearance of the petitions presented to the election committee, the election of sophomore class officers promises to be a tight race. Balloting will be held today between 8:30 and 2:30 on the second floor of the Main building. The election committee held a meeting last Friday at which the petitions were checked for duplicate names, and the following ballot drawn up: president, H. J. Bodnar and J. D. Sheehan; for vice-president, W. P. O'Brien, C. H. Priesmeyer, and R. Worcester; for secretary, W. J. Chelgren and H. G. Downing; treasurer, M. Schuman and C. K. Nauman; for social chairman, S. E. Healy and G. Stober.

The retiring officers are C. E. Dunbar, president; H. J. Bodnar, vice-president; C. H. Priesmeyer, secretary; J. Lindahl, treasurer; and S. E. Healy, social chairman.

## Board of Trustees Has Annual Meeting

Monday evening, October 14, 1935, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Armour Institute of Technology was held at the Chicago Club. Reports of the year's work, in their respective fields, were presented by the Dean, the Treasurer and the Comptroller.

Outstanding educational and financial events of the year were summarized by President Hotchkiss, with specific reference to the progress that has been made in realizing the various items in the development program.

President Hotchkiss presented a special report of his work during the summer in investigating the operation of various engineering research laboratories conducted by foundations, colleges, and business corporations. He has been studying these various research activities in order to lay the foundation for the systematic expansion of engineering research at Armour.

## F. P. E. S. to Hear Mr. J. R. Wilson

Mr. J. R. Wilson, chief engineer of the Marsh-McLennan organization, has been procured as the speaker for the meeting of the Fire Protection Engineering society next Friday, October 18. The subject of his address will be the "Engineers Service to the Insured."

Fire protection students as well as all other students are invited to be present at this first meeting of the semester at 10:30 in "C" Mission. "Since the speaker is well informed and holds a responsible position, an interesting and educational hour is in store for all who attend," promised E. R. Johnson, president of the society.

The Fire Protection Engineering society meets every alternate Friday, and Johnson has arranged a schedule including the following speakers and subjects:

Nov. 1—Mr. R. E. Dixon, superintendent of the auto department of the Fire Association, on "Automobile Insurance."  
Nov. 15—Mr. Goodman of the Great Northern on "Automobile Insurance Rates and Rate Working."  
Dec. 6—Mr. Holmes of the Western Actuarial Bureau will show pictures and lecture on "Fighting Oil Fires."

## Student Directory Will Be Ready Soon

A new and more convenient form of student directory will be ready for distribution within the next two weeks, it was announced last Friday by Mr. Kelly. It will contain the name, address, telephone number, class, and department of each student, and it will include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the trustees, faculty members, and employees.

Besides being in a convenient form, the directory will be up-to-date. The directories which were formerly included as part of the annual bulletin were always a year behind.

The method of distribution of the directory has not been definitely decided upon, but it will most likely be sold at the book store for a small fee.

## A.S.M.E. Will Hold First Meeting Friday

The Armour branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold the first technical meeting of the year at 10:30 next Friday in Science Hall. There will be a prominent speaker at the meeting but his name has not as yet been announced.

Membership in the society this year will probably be much larger than it was last year, according to A. M. Lane, president of the local group.

## New Engineer Will Have Alumni News

The *Armour Engineer and Alumnus* is the new title of Armour's technical magazine. It is the objective of the managerial staff to publish a magazine of joint interest to the Institute, the students and the alumni.

### First Issue Under Way

Alumni contact has begun and material for the first publication has been gathered. The issues are to be for the months of October, December, March, and May. The October number will come out the last part of this month or the first part of November.

Advertising contracts are being negotiated and a local advertising campaign is under way. R. O. Patterson, who is in charge of securing professional cards, and M. S. Alexander, advertising manager, will canvass downtown buildings through leads furnished by D. P. Moreton. About seventy-five probable prospects have been obtained.

### Hold Reorganization Meeting

A reorganization meeting was held September 24 at which Professor D. P. Moreton was elected chairman, H. P. Milleville, secretary, and Professor H. P. Dutton, treasurer of the managing board of the Engineer and Alumnus. The reorganization committee is composed of H. P. Dutton and W. Hendricks, representing the Institute, H. P. Milleville and H. S. Nachman, students, and D. P. Moreton, representing the alumni.

The printing contract for 4000 copies of each of the four issues has been let to Printing Products Company.

Photography for the October issue will be in charge of R. Mansfield, and that for the December number in charge of G. A. Forte.

## Freshmen Will Elect Officers Next Friday

The freshman election will take place on Friday, October 18 from 9:15 to 1:00 o'clock. Ballots will be distributed from the table in the lobby of the main building.

The election committee has decided that B. F. Oswald and P. W. Cump are the only two candidates possessing the required number of signatures for nomination for the presidency.

For the office of vice-president E. C. Mitchell and J. A. Bobhill have been nominated. A. E. Schmidt and B. Windblad will vie for the position of treasurer.

The freshmen seeking the office of secretary are C. F. Heign and J. Barale. For social chairman the candidates are N. Rice, B. G. Anderson and C. W. Reh; for the A. T. A. position, between W. E. Kruse and J. J. Ratto.

## Next Play Features Famous Juke Family

Selecting the play which was presented last semester by the members of the Faculty Club for their own amusement, the Armour Players have started off on the 1935-36 season with work on the play, "The House of Juke." This one-act play is modeled directly after the current stage hit, "Tobacco Road," and should prove interesting to those who desire pure comedy as well as those who desire a play with something of substance to it.

The play was selected last Friday by the members of the group after a preliminary selection, made by the officers and Professor W. Hendricks. The first try-outs will take place in the assembly hall on Wednesday, October 16 at 5:00 p. m. Particular stress is being laid upon the opportunity for new members, who will be encouraged in trying out for this first play. In order to aid those who will try out on Wednesday, several copies of the script have been placed on file as "overnight books" in the library and may be used by any students who are interested.

## COMMISSION PLAN TO BE USED BY JUNIORS TO CUT DEPARTMENTAL INTRICUES

President to Be Elected by Class as Group Departmental Representatives to Form Governing Body

## COMMISSION TO CHOOSE OTHER CLASS OFFICERS

There will be published shortly a Faculty and Student Directory showing the name, year, course, Chicago address, home address and telephone number of each student. If you failed to put your latest address and telephone number on your registration card when you enrolled, please make this correction at once in the Registrar's office.

Freshmen are to meet with their senior group leaders Friday, October 18, at 10:30 a. m.

## A.I.T. Musical Clubs Elect New Officers

At a combined meeting of the orchestra and Glee Club in the Mission last Thursday the officers of the Armour Tech Musical Clubs were elected.

Members eligible for office were those who have had two years' service in either club. Those chosen were:

President ..... G. W. Ormsby  
Vice-president ..... F. L. Smith  
Manager ..... R. H. Knabe  
Secretary-treasurer ..... G. A. Zwissler

Following this the Glee Club held their election of officers for the coming year. The selections were:

President ..... L. W. Robbie  
Secretary ..... P. M. Martin  
Manager ..... W. F. Schreiber

The first concert of the Glee Club this year will be given during the Armistice day program at Armour, with two tentative concerts scheduled for that same week.

## W.S.E. to Hear Talk on Safety Problems

The next meeting of the local branch of the Western Society of Engineers will be held Friday, October 18, at 10:30 in B Mission. John A. Massen, Chairman of the City Council Committee of Safety, will address the group on problems of public safety.

"Limited Ways—A Plan for the Chicago Traffic Area," a recently published report of the Committee on Traffic and Public Safety, was prepared under the supervision of Alderman Massen.

According to T. S. Ramotowski, president of the local branch of the W. S. E., Mr. Massen is an excellent speaker and has made an extensive study of the traffic problems in Chicago.

A smoker is being planned by the local branch of the W. S. E. to be held sometime before the Thanksgiving Holidays.

## Alpha Chi Sigma Hold Big Reunion Smoker

Last Wednesday evening the Armour chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma held a smoker at the Craftsmen's Club at 2650 W. Washington Blvd. The active members of the Northwestern University were invited and a large percentage of them were present. The total attendance was approximately 40, including alumni members and pledges.

Entertainment consisted of card games of all kinds, chess, checkers, and singing. Also the pledges provided humorous skits in the form of a floor show. Their "humorosity" was of the queerest type, producing no satisfaction among the audience.

Refreshments consisting of coffee, sandwiches, candy, plenty of smokes, and beer were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Altruism and departmental politics clashed bitterly at the junior class meeting last Friday. During a stormy session presided over by Frank Hackman, in which a good many members of the class departed disgustedly, motions were made, passed and voted upon, and then entirely disregarded and forgotten in favor of the new and diametrically opposed motions.

### "Eliminate Politics"—Reh

Realizing that in the past departmental politics had influenced class decisions, a commission plan, presented by Paul Reh, was designed to do away with class intrigue. Under the commission plan of government, each department would choose representatives for a committee which would be the presiding and ruling body of the class. This commission would be headed by a class president, to be chosen in some way not clearly stated in the original plan.

A committee consisting of one representative from each department was picked to more clearly define the functions and duties of the commission plan form of government. Those chosen were: E. Kreml, Sec.; R. J. Magnuson, F. P. E.; P. M. Martin, E.E.; C. J. McCarty, C.E.; and P. A. Reh, M. E.

### Politics Divides Class

At this time some of the well laid plans and slates of a few of the departments seemed to be gone for naught. Someone who still had that political gleam in his eye, suggested that nominations for class president be held from the floor and that immediate vote be taken. In the ensuing hubbub, during which almost half the class left the meeting, the following men, some not present, were nominated: J. F. Bartusek, D. N. Brissman, P. M. Martin, P. L. G. Moore, C. J. McCarty, and P. Schultz.

The election for president will be held today, together with a final vote on acceptance of the new plan which is presented here as corrected by the temporary committee last week. Dean Heald has, in general, sanctioned the (Continued on page 3)

## Bookstore Staff to Be Reduced to One

Armour students have learned since the beginning of the present semester that, effective today, the staff of the Armour bookstore will be reduced to one man. Jesse Kremer, assistant in the bookstore for the past six years and in the cashier's office for four years before that has been dismissed as an economy measure.

Feeling among the student body last week seemed to reflect the opinion that the change will result in considerable inconvenience to the students. Questioned by a News reporter, a number of students picked at random expressed similar opinions.

## Chemicals Will Hold Meeting This Friday

Presided over for the first time by its new officers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will meet this Friday at 10:30 in the Physics Lecture room.

The results of the elections held under the new by-laws are as follows: H. P. Milleville, chairman; B. Wilhelm, secretary; O. Zmeskal, treasurer; and M. Z. Finnegan, assistant treasurer. Milleville is also chairman of the program committee which consists of J. F. Kahles, R. M. Paulsen, and O. Zmeskal.