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Keep Worthy Ideas

This issue of the *News* is the first put out under the direction of the new staff. In any organization, in particular a newspaper, a change of staff brings a change in ideas; but there are some ideas and principles which have been established by our predecessors which we feel must not be altered.

The duties of the new staff are to serve the students, whom they represent, to present all the facts unbiased, to maintain the quality of the news and feature matter, and to improve, where possible the literary style of the articles.

In regards to our policies, we believe in publicizing the important position Armour Institute plays in training future business and technical leaders, and in fostering complete cooperation among members of each class and between classes for the obvious benefit of the student body.

The fact that there are seventeen retiring members, is alone significant for the seniors. Through the efforts of the old staff, the quality of the news articles has improved, an editorial position of neutrality has been maintained on the political situation, and a number of true literary features have been printed. The watchword of "quality" has existed throughout the life of the news.

The last acts of the retiring managing board have been to issue press passes which will identify each member of the staff. The old managing board has been dissolved and an editorial board was appointed. Whether this complete separation of the business and editorial staffs will be successful, remains to be seen.

The responsibilities fall on our shoulders are many; however, in the past two years, under the leadership of the former editors, R. R. Johnson and E. N. Searl we have gained the experience necessary for carrying on the fine work of the *Tech News*.

Co-op Course

With the beginning of the new semester, the new cooperative course is in operation, and critics will have a chance to see how it works. This plan was originally intended to become an extra source of income for Armour; however, as the idea formulates, it is easy to find a more altruistic motive. With the practical shop jobs offered, a real coordination between study and work can be made available.

A large percentage of the seventy-six students in the course would not otherwise be able to attend college, and the few who find the method a more convenient way of financing their education are not over-burdening the Institute's already overtaxed loan fund, scholarship fund, and student employment services.

The problems met with have been many and there will be new problems cropping up all the time. T. S. Hammond of the board of trustees and the Chicago Manufacturers Association has been instrumental in securing the cooperation of the thirty-six manufacturers represented.

To allay some criticism directed toward the course we point out the fact that a majority of the men are high school graduates who have been working with their respective organizations from one to seven years. They have been selected

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick": let
the Slapstick fly where it may.

"Well this semester I'm going to work hard, going to turn over a new leaf. No more dates. No more movies. No late nights. I'm going to work five hours a day after school. No more of this putting things off till the last minute. What? Sure, I can get the car tonight! What time will I meet you?"

Old lady (to Frosh who offered her his seat): "Thank you, son. You're a real gentleman."
Miserable Frosh: "Oh, that's all right. This week is pledge week and I can't sit down anyway."

Popular Songs Classified

Junk Song: "I feel like a feather in debris."
F. Popper goes to sea: "Red Sails in the Sunset."
Whiskey transported by plane: "Moon Over Miami."
Cracked file: "Broken Record."
Rotary Harmonics: "Music Goes Round and Around."

An Architect's Idea of Humor

"I gave my dog a bone and deteriorated."
She got mad and called him Mr.
Not because he went and Kr.
But because the night before,
This same Mr. Kr. Sr.

Listen you Armour students, we had a contest in the Slipstick once upon a time about several weeks ago, offering a fur-lined bath tub to the person who sent in the oldest joke. Evidently you didn't think it was in earnest. We herewith repeat the rules, and request that you send in a reply. The prize will be a small fur-lined bath tub, as previously announced. This is not a hoax, but a real contest. Here are the rules, somewhat altered. The contest will be for the worst joke.

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 5:00 P. M., Friday, February 28, 1936.
2. A copy of the Slipstick, or a reasonably accurate facsimile must accompany each entry.
3. All persons are eligible except employees of the *Armour Tech News* and their families.
4. The opinion of the judges must be accepted as final. The prize will be awarded to the person sending in the worst joke, or humorous poem.

DUMB BELLS

strophe

The Armour chimes will ring at times
When they are least expected.
You'd never even go to class
If by them you'd be directed.

antistrophe

The bells you hear are very queer,
To tell the truth they're dizzy.
Sometimes they do not ring at all
And other times they're busy.

epode

No one knows nor seems to care,
Just why we have those noises.
Our unstrung nerves their wranglings wear
Their shrill sharp tone annoys us.

DIPPY DIALOGUE

Tort: Don't spit on the floor!
Retort: What's the matter, does it leak?
Tort: This match won't light.
Retort: What's the matter with it?
Tort: I don't know, it lit a minute ago.
Retort: Why did you ask for a glass of water when the barber nicked you with a razor?
Tort: I wanted to see if my neck leaked.

Another One of the Same Order

Baa baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Sure you darn fool;
What do you think I am, a duck?

In parting, let us say this: This is your column, and if you like it, that's fine, tell your friends. If you don't, instead of complaining, send in a few contributions. Or, as Harvey T. Woodruff might say, Help! Help! Help! Con-Fu-Tse.

by their employers and accepted because they had an excellent high school record. A few February graduates were fortunate enough to find jobs and therefore enabled to take the course.

It remains to be seen whether a man can carry a double period of math with its attendant homework, along with twelve hours a week in the drafting room and a third subject. From the complicated arrangement of the curricula, one can easily see where any failure would practically force a student's withdrawal from the program.

Participation in extra-curricular activities presents another problem. Although the student will probably have enough to keep him busy, if interested he is eligible to participate in all extra-curricular activities. However, the eligibility requirements of athletic teams and certain demands for time by other activities will naturally eliminate the co-op student from participation. The second group will start next February and upon the outcome of the first venture depends the probability of further extensions.

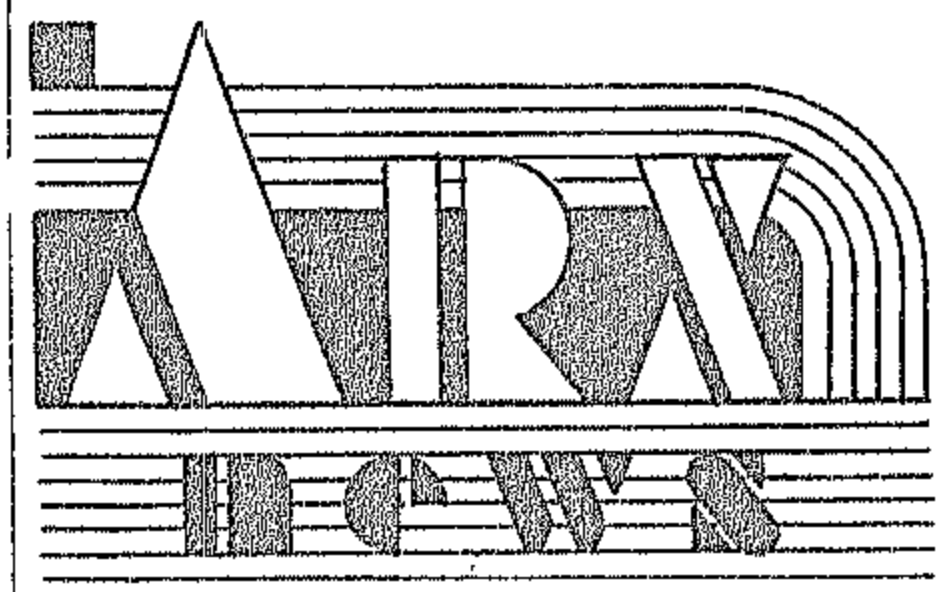
STUDENT OPINION

Noise in Library

It seems to me that the library of an educational institution should be a place where members of the student body can go to do some serious thinking or study without suffering undue interruptions. This is not true of the Armour library. Anyone going in there to do some serious work in the hope that he will find quiet is due for a sad awakening. The place is more like a lunch room rather than a library, lacking only the clatter of dishes to make the din complete. There is a constant buzzing of voices; groups of students getting together at a table and holding a confab, not whispering, but in ordinary conversational tones, and generally making a nuisance of themselves in the manner of little children. Only this afternoon, in a 15 minute period, the librarian spoke to three groups about unnecessary noise, even going so far as to eject one group. This served to quiet the others, but not for long, the din starting immediately after her back was turned.

Now college students are supposed to be out of the adolescent stage, and able to do a bit of thinking. If these students who think the library is a place to hold confabs would use what little brains God gave them, and consider the students who want to study, they would hold their gatherings in the lunch room or on the athletic field. Here they can talk and yell as loud as they please without bothering anyone.

E. Shulman.



Say, who brought up the subject of the recent **ARK DANCE**? In the first place, we do not like post-mortems any more than you do, especially upon such affairs as the **CHARETTE**, which is and was dead and is now buried. But, as it is, we noticed very many persons who were having one swell time, well at least one or two persons, in fact we had to tell **Cunningham** and **Woolsey** about the good time they had. We could not ascertain whether or not **Harry Beckwith, Esq.**, who looked as though he had a broomstick in his coat and "seven league boots" on his feet, enjoyed himself. Among the other fancy steppers was **Al Rosen**, who had to be literally dragged to the dance and then dragged away, as was the case with many others. At any rate the **DANCE** was a great social success as you no doubt have noticed, but that is as far as it went. *Speaking about things already dead and buried makes us wonder why BILL CONCOLINO is still working on the summer problems for A CANOE CLUB. Seems strange that a track man of Bill's noteworthy ability is not able to catch up with himself. He is either very late with last summer's problem or he is getting a head start for the next one, which is not such a bad idea.*

Wonder what happened to **Vic Chiappe**, who was recently sporting a new shiner (around his eye). When asked about it, Vic would say, "Boy, but you should see that door!" But what we think really happened was that he was shadow boxing and forgot to duck. We'll bet on the shadow.

It must have been extremely difficult but **JOE WAGNER** did it. Since the arrival of the new freshman co-ed, Joe has made a superb, manly effort to keep himself as scrupulously neat and tidy as possible. He has even lost some of his gruffness and is now as amiable and gentle as a lamb. He no longer uses harsh words and has toned down his "Allright-b-o-o-o-o's" so that he sounds like R. P. L. Expect to see lace curtains as we come in some morning.

Now, we may as well add a word of welcome to the new freshmen, co-ed and otherwise, who have just entered this "academy for learning stuff" and which, in spite of its looks, is not such a bad place. As Shakespeare would have said if he had thought of it, "In time one can get used to anything," and now all we can say is "Verb. sap."

TOM TAX.

Gas Analyzer Loaned For Use in Auto Lab

Mr. D. S. Dickey, M. E. '34, recently loaned Armour Institute a Hayes-Orsat apparatus for use in the automotive laboratory under the direction of Professor Roesch. The apparatus is the latest type of gas analyzer, and will be used to test exhaust gases for carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxygen, etc.

Through arrangements by Mr. T. Routh of the J. W. Murphy Company, Dr. Dickey demonstrated the Hayes-Orsat gas analyzer before the night school class in Diesel Engineering at the close of last semester.

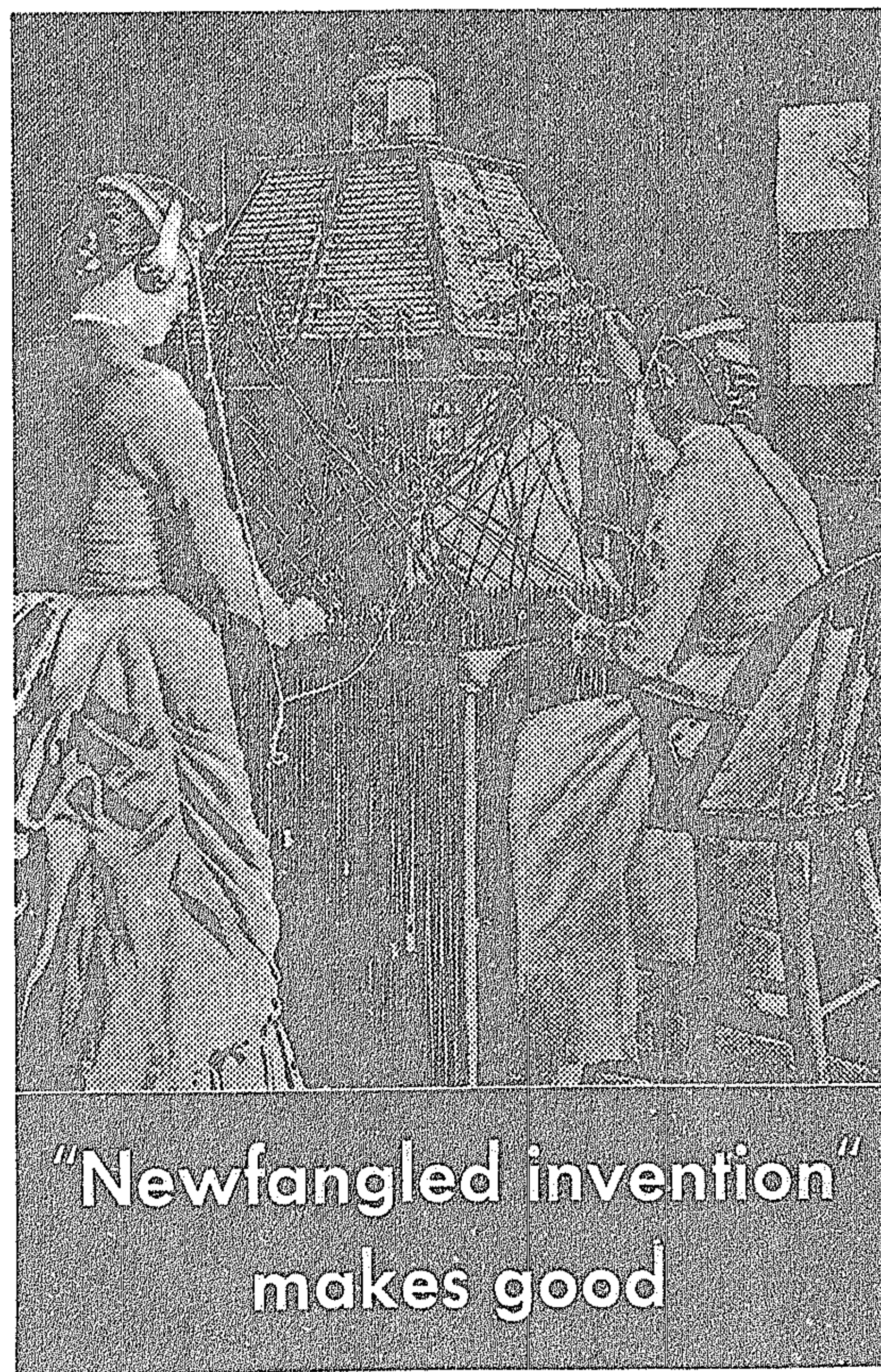
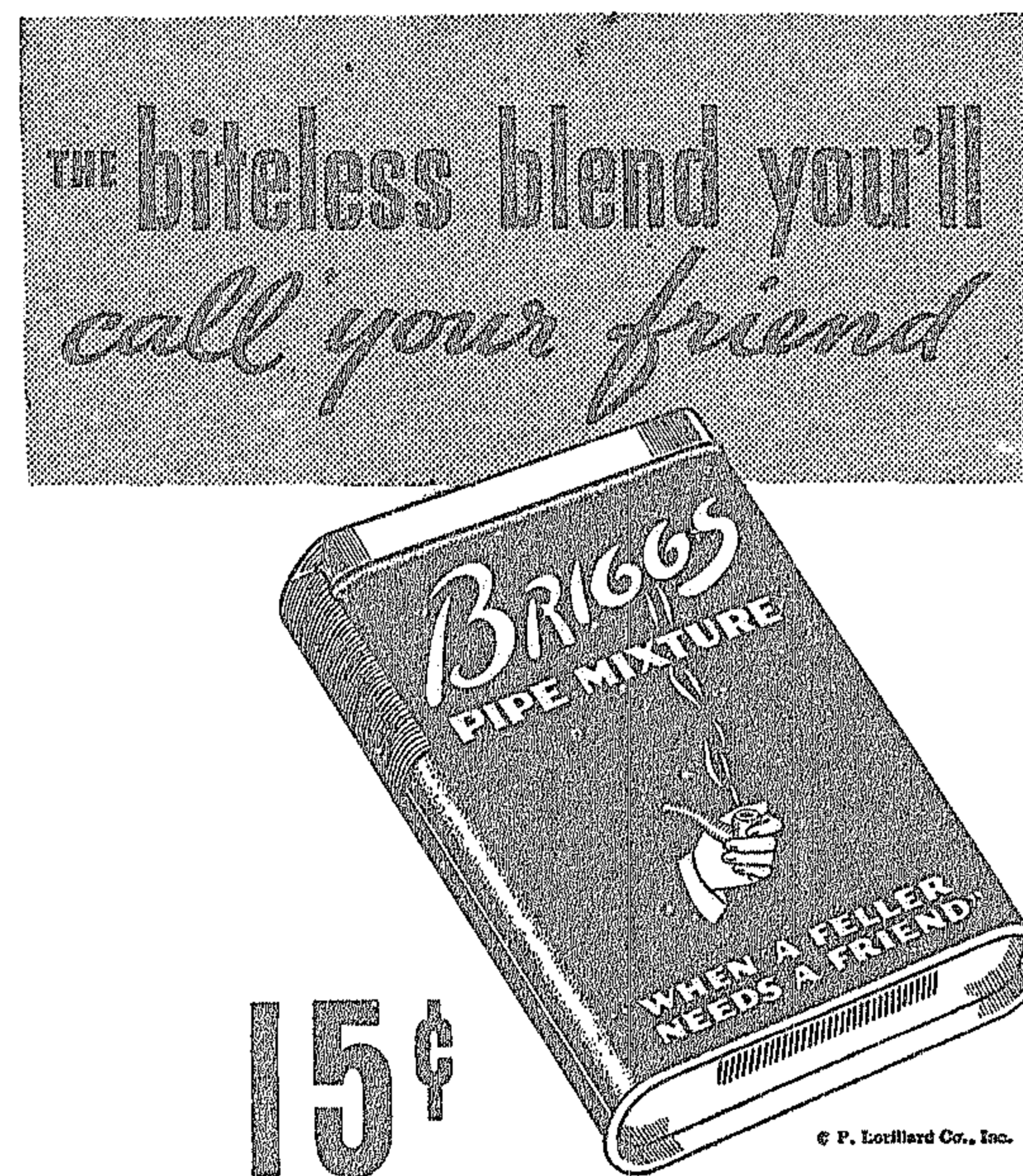
W. S. E.—

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officials as yet, opening membership to the society to sophomores and students in all other departments. T. M. Ramotowski, president of the W.S.E., announces that the following program has been arranged:
February 21: G. Dodge on the Grand Coulee Dam.
February 28: J. Fleming, "Fire Protection in Building Construction," in conjunction with the F.P.E.S.

March 13: Dr. A. M. Brisswell of University of Illinois, "State Water Supply."

March 20: C. Carlton, "Reinforced Concrete."

March 27: T. Rowe, "Chicago Bridges."



"Can you really talk through a wire?" people still asked when this telephone switchboard went into service back in 1881. A Apparatus was crude—service limited—but the idea was right. It took hold in spite of ridicule. Today there are more than 13,000,000 telephones in the Bell System—telephone conversations average 60,000,000 daily—the service is faster and clearer than ever. A Telephone growth and improvement will go on. For Bell System men and women work constantly toward one goal: enabling you to talk to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

Why not call Mother and Dad tonight? For lowest rates, call by number after 7 P.M.



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