



By S. M. Miner

RECENT CONSIDERATION by the house of representatives of the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage refinancing bill, or as it is popularly labelled, "inflation bill," brings forth many items of note. First there is the extraordinary, open-minded fairness shown by the lower house and then later, the newspaper misinterpretation of the House's action. Secondly, there is the extremely broad monetary question which the bill has served to bring again into the limelight.

CONSIDERING FIRST the political aspects of the event, it is gratifying to see that at least a few of the representatives attacked the issue from an unbiased viewpoint. They even went so far as to sign their names to a petition requesting consideration of the bill—a move which was erroneously interpreted as signifying approval of the bill—and then after considering the debate and arguments, voted against the inflationary measures involved in the bill.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT on the question was varied. One of Chicago's papers touched upon the subject merely as another of the many measures before Congress. A second paper, wishing to take advantage of the opportunity of continuing its policy of degrading the administration, played up many of the intricacies involved in the consideration of the bill. Its main contention was that the whip-hand, wielded by the president in his declaration against the bill, served to drive the entire Congress in the presidential direction. No account, however, was taken of three significant factors. In line with the fifty out of one hundred and sixty Democrats who were, supposedly, driven to vote against the bill after petitioning for its consideration, there were some 30 out of about 60 Republicans, who are certainly not subject to the executive whip, and yet who switched camps. Furthermore, a goodly percentage of the switch was probably due to the decision against the bill, handed down by the A. F. of L., a body which certainly maintains influence over a few representatives. And thirdly, many of those who switched camps, announced at the time of signing the petition, that they were only desirous of giving the bill a fair hearing and were not committing themselves for or against the measure.

FOR THE PRESENT, in regard to the vast monetary questions involved, it will only be attempted to point out a few of the pertinent items. Inflation is an old story, and has usually been a rather discouraging one in its results. It is possible under both a "gold" and a "managed currency" standard to have inflation. However, when not on the "gold standard" (our position at the present), its dangers are greater and more numerous. And finally, the classical and well-known example of Germany's inflationary period after the war (an exaggerated but still exemplary case) seems to clinch the fact that the more carefully we can preserve a proximity to a stabilized currency, the safer we will be, from a financial standpoint.

Social Fraternities Entertain Non-Greeks

About one hundred non-fraternity men and their friends attended the first fraternity open house night last Tuesday. Those fraternities which participated were: Delta Tau Delta, Triangle, Phi Pi Phi, Rho Delta Rho, and Pi Kappa Phi.

Paul Martin Made '37 'Cycle' Editor

Appointments of men to make up the staff of next year's *Cycle* were recently announced by John B. Davis, retiring editor-in-chief. Paul M. Martin, junior electrical and head junior marshal, will take over the position of editor-in-chief. William J. Laise is to be the business manager, and William J. Chelgren advertising manager.

Martin, who worked on the *Cycle* since his freshman year, held the position of associate editor at the time of his appointment. He succeeds John B. Davis, under whose leadership the *Cycle* of 1936 has been prepared. The other officers retiring are W. A. Chapin, business manager, and W. F. Schreiber, advertising manager.

The *Cycle* will be distributed tomorrow at 2 o'clock. "Honor Cycles" will also be given out at this time. Freshmen and sophomores are to receive their copies in the lobby of the main building; juniors, seniors, and co-operative students will receive theirs on the first floor of Mission. Copies for the faculty and part time students will be distributed in the electrical lecture room.

Pi Tau Sigma Elects S. M. Miner President

Sydney M. Miner, M. E., '37, feature writer for the *Armour Tech News*, was elected president of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, at a meeting held in the fraternity room last Monday. He succeeds Harry S. Nachman, who graduates in June.

At this meeting Professor H. L. Nachman was elected faculty advisor for the coming year. Other officers elected were: F. L. Leason, Jr., vice-president and pledge captain; P. A. Reh, treasurer; J. F. Bartusek, recording secretary; H. L. Appel, corresponding secretary, and J. Hlousek, cataloger.

Big Crowd Views Armour Exhibition

An estimated 1500 persons were the guests of Armour Tech last Monday night at the annual open house when the whole school was on exhibition. Especially large groups were to be found in the library, in the laboratories, and at the puppet show.

"Faust", by Christopher Marlowe, was rewritten by the Armour Players and presented by them at the puppet show. The players had as much or more fun than the audience while putting the show on. Many difficulties were encountered during the presentation; the last of the paint was applied at the last minute, and one of the manipulators read his lines while operating the puppets.

Auto Lab Draws Interest

Much interest in the diesel engine exhibit in the automotive lab was evidenced by the fact that there were many inquiries as to where that exhibit could be found. Many inquiries were also received in regard to the chemical engineering exhibits.

The organic and physics labs were crowded all evening with Armour students and their friends. An exhibit showing the usefulness of the stroboscope was presented in the physics lab and attracted a great deal of attention. Many photographs taken by students, rare books, and mathematics drawings were exhibited in the library.

Ends With Dance

Drawings by the freshmen and the architects were on display in the freshman drafting room, while in the civil drafting rooms work done by the civils was shown. In the assembly hall large crowds were attracted to the huge Tesla coil which created a spark about six feet long.

At ten o'clock the exhibits were closed and the visitors adjourned to the gym where they danced to the rhythmic music of Ed Krafft and his Melody Masters until twelve.

A.T.S.A. Elections to Be Held Today

Ballots will be cast in the lobby today for three offices in the newly-formed A. T. S. A. Offices to be filled are those of first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary. Nominated for vice-president are: H. J. Bodnar, C. W. Dunbar, and J. D. Sheehan; for second vice-president, J. F. Bartusek, W. A. Chapin, and S. M. Miner; for secretary, W. J. Chelgren, W. R. Marshall, and E. F. Wagner.

Eugene Heike, vice-president of the A. T. A. A. for the past year, automatically becomes the first president of the A. T. S. A.

Phi Lambda Upsilon to Initiate Six Men

Initiation into Phi Lambda Upsilon, honorary chemical fraternity, will be held on Wednesday, May 27. Six men will be initiated, all of whom have passed both examinations given by the fraternity. The first was a comprehensive written test, and the second one was a laboratory examination.

Those men who will be initiated are E. Freireich, E. A. Kreft, R. C. Peterson, senior chemicals; and F. B. Harman, E. A. Heike, and S. H. Kaplan, junior chemicals.

Mechanicals to Meet Professional Section

On Friday, May 22, at 7:30 p. m., the Junior Engineers of the A.S.M.E. will be host to the entire Chicago section at the Medinah Athletic Club. The subjects of the speeches and discussions will center around patent protection in the United States and abroad and will be followed by refreshments and a smoker. Mr. Charles T. Link, an Armour graduate, will give a brief speech welcoming all to the smoker and inviting the graduating seniors to join the Junior Engineers.

The Armour student chapter of the A.S.M.E. will have a meeting this Friday at 10:30 in Science Hall for the purpose of electing officers. Four valuable books will be awarded to the members who have contributed most to the activities and affairs of the A.S.M.E. Three of these were donated by the faculty members of the Mechanical Engineering department, and one was contributed by the national A.S.M.E.

Bonfire Leads to Snake Dance in Loop—Which Leads to Headaches

By A. N. Schrieber

Keeping up with the tradition of past years, the bonfire held last Thursday night proved hectic for the hundred-odd students who attended it. The evening began with a huge bonfire that was made of telegraph poles and was held just north of the gas laboratory. The group, led by the junior marshals, snake danced about the fire and serenaded the three squads of police sent to protect the Armour students from undue trouble.

After the fire began to die down it was decided by grape vine methods to leave the protection of the officers of the law, and the entire group migrated to Adams and Wabash by means of autos, the Rapid Transit Lines, and street cars. Those on the elevated trains helped correct route signs and changed "Kenwood Local" signs to such interesting ones as "Lake Street Express" and "Ravenswood Local."

The original plan of painting green and red stripes on the Art Institute lions was soon abandoned because of the lack of paint. The next plan, a snake dance down State Street, met with instant approval.

The line formed at Jackson Boulevard and State Street and proceeded north as everyone sang the fight song. The snake dancers marched from one

Music Clubs Make Hit With Concert

Before a large and enthusiastic audience of parents and friends, the Armour musical clubs presented their thirty-first annual Spring Concert on the evening of Wednesday, May 13, in the assembly hall. An interesting feature was the interfraternity sing, won for the second consecutive time by Pi Kappa Phi. The other fraternities taking part were Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Pi Phi, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Theta Xi. Sigma Alpha Mu had only five singers, but struggled manfully along and was rewarded by the best applause of the evening. Judges of the sing were Miss Nell Steele, Emeritus Professor Charles Leigh, and Dr. Rufus Oldenburger.

Feature Several Soloists

The orchestra and glee club, directed by O. Gordon Erickson, gave their numbers with the usual artistic interpretation. Added attractions were a trumpet solo by J. H. Johnson, a saxophone solo by R. M. Paulsen, and an accordion duet by B. F. Heine and L. Skubic. The featured trio in the glee club's rendering of "Land Sighting" were D. C. Harris, F. L. Smith, and T. W. Yeakle.

Present Watch to Director

As a token of appreciation for his work during the last four years, a handsome wrist watch was presented to director Erickson by George Ormsby, president of the musical clubs. Following this, a group of senior glee club members sang "Kentucky Babe" and "Lights Out." The program closed with the singing of "Alma Mater."

Barr Resigns, Takes Oil Company Position

Dr. Frank T. Barr, instructor in chemical engineering for the past two years, has resigned to accept a position with the Standard Oil Development Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, one of the largest oil companies in the world.

The Standard Oil Development Company has headquarters at Bayway, New Jersey and Baton Rouge, Louisiana and handles the research and development for the Standard Oil Company. Dr. Barr assumes his new position July 1, but does not know at the present time where his headquarters will be.

JUNIORS TAKE BASEBALL, PUSHBALL EVENTS; SOPHS WIN RUSH BY 16-0 SCORE

Fraternity Open House Night, Spring Concert, State Street Snake Dance, and Other Events Hold Interest

RETURN TO BOOKS FOLLOWS JOYOUS WEEK

R. A. Peterson announces a senior class meeting at 10:30 a. m. today in Science Hall.

Officers of W.S.E. to Be Elected Friday

Election of officers will take place at the business meeting of the W. S. E. this Friday. Those elected will take charge immediately.

The smoker-splash party, held at the Lawson Y. M. C. A. May 9, started off with card playing and was followed by several reels of movies, during which refreshments were served. At 10:15 o'clock the group adjourned to the swimming pool, where everyone participated in a game of water polo. Pictures were taken by Robert N. Lange with the boys posing sans swim suits. A freak diving contest occupied the attention of all during the remainder of the evening.

Honor Marshals for Graduation Selected

Announcement of the selection of fourteen student honor marshals has been made by Dean A. T. Heald. Chosen on a basis of scholarship, these men will assist in directing the activities of the faculty and graduating class at the baccalaureate sermon and the commencement exercises. Those selected were: D. N. Brissman, A. Goldsmith, W. B. Graupner, S. M. Miner, P. Morrison, and P. R. Schultz, juniors; N. K. Anderson, B. W. Gamson, W. M. Kiefer, W. F. Marshall, L. B. Parker, and E. F. Wagner, sophomores; and J. D. Keane and E. J. Loutzenheiser, freshmen.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, D. D., on Sunday morning, June 7, at Orchestra Hall. The commencement exercises will take place Thursday afternoon, June 11, in the Leon Mandel Assembly Hall at 57th Street and University Avenue. Services will be in charge of Professor Nash, the institute marshal, and Professors Sear and Colvert, associate marshals.

Awards Assembly Held Last Friday

Last Friday morning, from ten-thirty until twelve, awards and honors were presented to Armour's athletes, managers, and cheerleaders. Prof. John Schommer, director of sports at Armour Tech and chairman of the assembly, was introduced by Don Neal, president of the Armour Tech Student Association.

The awards, in the form of jackets, sweaters, letters, and freshman numerals, were given to the sportsmen after personal introduction by their respective coaches. Prof. J. J. Schommer made the rifle team awards; Coach W. C. Krafft awarded letters and sweaters to the basketball and baseball teams; Coach Norman Root handled the track men; and "Sonny" Weissman made the wrestling and boxing awards. Swimming awards were given out by Captain Roger Knaus in the absence of Coach E. W. McGilivray. These coaches also presented the inter-class medals in swimming and track.

It has definitely been decided that this Awards Assembly, in the future, be held later in the season. Awards of all the school's activities will be presented at that time.

Crammed with activity from its beginning Monday morning with the Parade of Hobos to the beautiful formal dance Friday night at the Elmhurst Country Club, the thirty-first annual Junior Week, led by Paul M. Martin, reached a pinnacle of success and whole hearted participation that few classes in the past have enjoyed.

New Events Held This Year For being the "best dressed" hobos, B. M. Anderson, freshman, and J. Galandak, senior, received prizes of shaving soap and shaving brush respectively. In spite of the general motley and extremely ragged appearance of the participants, bespectacled Galandak and femininely costumed Anderson stood out among the aspirants for hobodom. New to Armour's Junior Week, the first annual Fraternity Open House night ushered in a better spirit of friendliness between fraternity and non-fraternity men. The progressive dance proved to be both popular and successful with those who attended the affair.

Pi Kappas Again Win Sing Wednesday night, the annual Spring Concert brought the mid-week to an effective climax. A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed a skillfully directed orchestra and glee club under the baton of O. Gordon Erickson, play a wide range of delightful numbers. Pi Kappa Phi repeated its last year's performance by again winning the interfraternity sing.

Wearing apparel that would have graced the Monday hobos, juniors and seniors staged the first renewal of the pushball contest. Tossed around as if it were a mere volley ball, the eight foot pushball was lifted bodily in the air and pushed toward the seniors' goal. Twice the outnumbered seniors gave ground to the triumphant juniors who pushed the ball goalward for a complete victory.

Egg Throw Turns into Fight No sooner had the dust cleared and the big push ball rolled away than through the air came flying dozens of eggs originally intended for the carefully planned junior-senior egg throw contest. Amidst flying eggs, shouting upper-classmen fought and rolled in the dirt. When activities had subsided, practically all the seniors found themselves pantsless. But what bothered the juniors and seniors most was that the flying eggs found lodging in their hair and faces. The none-too-pleasant eggs, rancid with age, made the egg-plastered receiver of some pitcher's heave grateful for the comfort of soap and water. (Continued on page three)

Successful Formal Is Week's Grand Finale

Dancing to the pleasant music of Emil Flindt and with a general feeling of good fellowship, Armour men enjoyed the annual Junior Formal last Friday night after a week of exceptional activity.

Over 150 couples helped make this the most successful formal ever given by Armour students. The spacious ballroom of the Elmhurst Country Club was reserved exclusively for the prom which was the first ever held by Armour juniors at a country club.

The well-received affair came as a soothing close to the feverish events of Junior Week and complimented R. J. Magnuson and O. A. Tomei, co-chairmen of the social committee. Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hotchkiss, Dean and Mrs. H. T. Heald and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Allison were sponsors of the dance.