



## SIDELINES

By William Alt

IN THE past Premier Mussolini has resorted to the use of a vast amount of propaganda to glorify war in the eyes of his people. Not long ago he had F. T. Marinetta, one of Italy's most eminent journalists, publish an article in a dispatch from Rome which reads in part, "War has a beauty of its own—

Because it completes the beauty of a flowery meadow with its machine guns, passionate orchids.—

Because when the symphony of rifle fire and artillery bombardment stops, the songs of soldiers can be heard and the perfumes of putrefaction can be perceived.—

Because it genially remoulds terrestrial scenery with its inspired artillery.

THE PERMANENT registration bill which is now scheduled for special consideration by the General Assembly in Springfield would seriously affect those cities operating under the city election act. Under the present system, honest elections are almost impossible because of the large and populous areas in which the identity of the voter can be obscured.

The new bill would establish permanent registration and thereby reduce fraud, confusion of voters, cost of elections, and protect the ballot. Reliable sources estimate that election cost would be cut from eleven dollars to twenty-five cents per voter. The saving in Chicago alone would amount to millions of dollars each election.

Political boss Nash was in dire fear that fraudulent elections would end and possibly the city might save some money. Rather than appear openly dishonest by opposing the favorable change he looked over his political bag of tricks and decided to introduce the Adamowski bill which he knew would stop the original bill, defeat itself, and serve as a reference to his devotion to the people.

Under the provisions of the bill he is sponsoring, boards of election commissioners would be created in all counties of the state. Salaries of additional commissioners and clerks would probably amount to \$3,500 a year in counties having a population of 50,000 or over. This expense is probably an insurmountable barrier to counties facing insolvency. Conditions in many counties do not call for these precautions and in a number of them, registration is lacking because a majority of the voters are known to the election commissioners.

Legislators representing these small communities are aware of the excessive expense that the Adamowski bill would entail and therefore refuse to support it. The Nash faction, on the other hand, is well aware of the animosity shown to their bill, but continue to push it realizing that they are killing the original bill.

By introducing a bill for the obvious purpose of maintaining the present election system and throttling the attempt to reduce election costs and fraud, Boss Nash and his friends have clearly indicated their stand.

### March 6 Is Date of Math Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Math Club has been scheduled for the first Friday in March, a date at which there are no general assemblies or meetings of societies. Sidney Miner, president, has announced that the student speakers will be Mark Dannis and N. G. Lozins. Mark Dannis will present a paper on trick mathematics, and N. G. Lozins will talk on "The Life of Pythagoras." The recent policy of the club is to present student talks, something which has been advocated for some time.

## ARMOUR RELAYS TO BE SCENE OF OLYMPIC TRYOUTS

The Olympic Committee on track and field events has designated the Armour Tech Relay Games as an original tryouts meet. First, second, and third place winners of the various events on the Relay card are privileged to compete in the semifinals for the coveted berths on the American Olympic track and field team. The team will compete this summer at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

With this added inducement, the 8th annual running of the Tech Relays should draw a more variegated list of entries than in years past, including those nationally famous track luminaries whose record-breaking performances are sure to bring out a large crowd.

## Elect Marshalls for Junior Week

With only the tie vote in the chemical department for junior marshal to be decided, the junior marshalls of others having been elected, the first arrangements for junior week are now under way.

A run-off ballot between E. Kreml and P. R. Schultz will decide the combined chemical and science department representative. Among other departments the following have been elected: E. A. Droege-mueller, mechanical; H. P. Lohmiller, architect; P. M. Martin, electrical; P. L. G. Moore, civil; and R. E. Winkler, fire protect.

A head junior marshal will be chosen from among the departmental representatives. In turn, his department will then elect another representative.

## Dr. Scherger Speaks To Armour Audience

Dr. G. L. Scherger, speaking before an assembly last Tuesday, reviewed the lives of Washington and Lincoln in the light of present historical knowledge. The assembly was given in honor of these two great Americans—leaders of their country.

Dr. Scherger, who received a hearty welcome without a formal introduction by Dr. Hotchkiss, made this question the theme of his lecture: "Can we today still take the same view of Lincoln and Washington as leaders and great men, or were they 'old fogies'?"

"Men Are Unequal"

A comparison of the two men with respect to their greatness is impossible, he stated, since no two men are created free and equal, as Jefferson said, but rather are created dependent and unequal. Since we have no single basis with which to begin, a comparison is therefore impossible.

Lincoln and Washington were both great men, even though their lives and environments were totally different. Lincoln was born in poverty and lived in poverty all his life. Washington was born wealthy and he remained wealthy all his life, even increasing his riches by marrying a wealthy woman.

Each Great in His Own Way

Which one did the most for his country is difficult to say. Washington was the father of his country, and Lincoln the saviour. There was no large difference in the greatness of these men. Today, as always, there is no great difference between people's faculties and powers. It is, instead, the ability to use their faculties and powers which makes them truly great. This, both Washington and Lincoln did.

In these times of difficulty, when reverence is so often neglected, we must remember that both Lincoln and Washington were great men and leaders. As a parting sentence Dr. Scherger left this thought, "Look to them as guiding stars. Have their spirit, and that spirit shall be our guide."

## W. L. Abbot to Speak at A.S.M.E. Meeting

W. L. Abbot, chief engineer of the Commonwealth Edison company, will address the A. S. M. E. here next Friday, February 28, at 10:30 a. m. in science hall. Mr. Abbot, who has spoken here before, and was well received, said nothing as yet concerning his topic next Friday, but in most of his talks in the past he has stressed the value of personal contacts as important items for the engineer's advancement. On several occasions in the past, Mr. Abbot has shown himself a friend of Armour, having been well liked by engineers.

Junior and senior mechanicals heard a talk yesterday by C. E. Davies of the national section of the A. S. M. E., in regard to the development of the engineering profession, a phase of personnel work which has held the attention of all engineering societies during the past five years. Mr. Davies' talks throughout various parts of the country as a part of a campaign inaugurated about five years ago under the direction of a committee formed from all of the engineering societies.

After the talk Mr. Davies had lunch with Dean Head, Professor Roesch, Professor Peebles, and officers of the student branch of A. S. M. E.

## Show Premier of Film at Assembly

A premier showing of Grand Coulee Dam motion pictures featured the general assembly last Friday. T. S. Ramotowski, president of the W.S.E., introduced the speaker Mr. C. J. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was the resident engineer for the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of belt conveyors and equipment for handling materials, who installed the machinery for the removal of the excavations.

To Generate 2,500,000 H. P.

Several films were presented. The first, "Rivers of Dirt," showed the conveyor system being used to remove the twelve million cubic yards of dirt at the excavations on the site of the dam. The conveyor consists of a series of belt on rollers propelled by 250 horse power motors which move the dirt over a mile and a quarter at the rate of four thousand tons per hour, day and night. Upon the completion of the dirt removal, a foundation will be laid for a dam three times the size of Boulder Dam which will retain the Columbia River. The dam, being built for the hydro-generation of two and a half million horse power and the irrigation development of over 500 square miles of land, will not be finished for many more years and will cost more than the building of the Panama Canal. The other films shown were "Pebbles On Parade" and "The Mixing Plant at the Grand Coulee Dam."

Called Eighth Wonder

Mr. Wheeler also answered questions and told of other unusual features of this engineering project. He said, "The Grand Coulee Dam will be the eighth wonder of the world because of its tremendous size and value." Arrangements for the lecture and movies were made through Mr. C. C. Ford, the Chicago district manager for the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company.

## Prof. Stevens Breaks Arm and Long Record

A broken left arm resulting from a fall on a slippery pavement while on the way to school last Friday, proved to be the factor which shattered the long and perfect, never late record of Prof. R. L. Stevens. Professor Stevens' day classes were without his teachings and Professor Spears was substituting. The broken arm, however, did not prove to be enough to keep him away more than a day.

## Seniors Approve A.T.A.A. Change

At a meeting of the senior class on Monday, February 17, held in the assembly hall, a vote was passed in favor of the Armour Tech Student Association Constitution. The class was definitely in favor of the revised rules and regulations set up by the organizations that is called at present the Armour Tech Athletic Association.

The seniors are the third group to ratify the A. T. S. A. constitution. Now only the vote of the sophomores remains in question. It has been announced, however, that the second year students will decide definitely on the matter before next Friday.

Present Swimming Awards

Senior swimmers of the winning interclass team of last semester were given awards during the early part of the senior gathering. This was under the direction of Roger Knaus. There then followed a rapid discussion concerning an exclusive supper-dance which is to take place sometime near the middle of March. Definite arrangements for the event are being left to the social committee's judgments and decisions and will be announced soon after its periodical "huddle".

Move to Standardize Jewelry

Another important question that arose for group consideration had to do with the jewelry situation. It appears to be the opinion of the upper classmen that Armour's class jewelry should be standardized. The conceptions held by the other three classes will be sought before any further discussions are carried on or before decisions are made.

## Honoraries Dine; Hear Dr. O'Neill

The ninth annual inter-honorary banquet was held yesterday evening at 6:30 in the Adventurer's Club, 14 North Michigan Ave. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Owen R. O'Neill. Continuing the precedence of last year's banquet, a student toastmaster introduced the speaker. This year the toastmaster was J. O. Larson, president of Tau Beta Pi.

The banquet is sponsored by the Interhonorary Council composed of the following honor societies: Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, Eta Kappa Nu, Chi Epsilon, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Salamander, Pi Nu Epsilon, and Sphinx.

The main purpose of the Interhonorary Council is to promote fellowship among members of the honor societies. The banquet and inter-honorary dance held in the spring are the important social activities of the council.

## STUDENT PROCLAIMS WHISKERS AS ASSET

The owner of the only undergraduate beard at the University of Minnesota, Herbert Jensen, a senior, says that raising a set of whiskers is the easiest way to lose an inferiority complex, to find a broadminded, intelligent girl, or to impersonate a faculty member.

He says the feel of a crop of manly whiskers on his chin helped him to get rid of his inferiority complex, due to the virile feeling imparted by the chin foliage. He also asserted that, "I have the assurance that any girl who goes out with me is broadminded and intelligent."

The faculty members are very cordial to this wearer of the only campus hirsute appendage. They shake hands with him in the classroom, nod to him on the street, and treat him as a colleague.

He says that the cultivation of the beard suffered several severe setbacks at the hands of fraternity brothers, but his perseverance won out in the end.

## Plans Completed for Soph Dance

With the selection of the grand ballroom of the Lake Shore Athletic Club and the music of Eddie Woodward and his orchestra, the sophomore social committee announces that arrangements for the class dance of March 13 have been completed.

In carrying out the policy of the committee for better dances at reasonable prices, the committee has set the price of bids at the attractive price of \$1.50. Bids will be obtained from the members of this committee, S. E. Healy, C. W. Dunbar, W. J. Chelgren, G. L. Stober, S. M. Osri, and C. W. Modersohn.

Poster Contest with Dance

As an advertisement for the dance the committee announces a poster contest in which one free bid and two free half bids will be awarded students drawing the three most attractive exponents of the "Cotillion," the unusual name given the dance. Posters should be entered by February 28 to be eligible for judging in the contest.

The grand ballroom of the Lake Shore Athletic Club, located at 850 North Lake Shore Drive, is one of the best in Chicago and due to its central location is considered ideal for this affair. Eddie Woodward, young maestro from the north side, has been steadily gaining in popularity and recently was auditioned by NBC.

Date is Friday, the Thirteenth

In spite of superstition commonly connected with the date, Stan Healy, social chairman, thinks this Friday, March 13, will prove an excellent date for the "Cotillion." Although the event takes place during Lent, it is believed that a large number of bids will be sold because of the absence of other social activities during that interval.

## Elective Courses in English Are Offered

Through the combined efforts of the members of the English department and about one hundred co-operating students, three new elective courses have been successfully organized and launched. These courses are being supported by upper and lower classmen alike.

The first of these are two classes in advanced writing. Professor Hendricks stated "these men are receiving the privilege of attending this class as a reward for previous meritorious work in other English courses." The two groups—twenty-five all told—meet once a week to constructively criticize each other's work. Members will write briefs and biographical sketches for the *Armour Engineer and Alumnus*, review modern non-fiction, and prepare articles that are suitable for radio.

Professor Hendricks is also conducting the second of three special English electives which consists of the reading, discussing, analyzing, and reviewing of the important works of contemporary novelists. Thus far ten men have joined this class.

Public speaking is the concern of those attending the third and largest group in charge of Mr. Fulghum. The class meets on Thursday afternoon from four to five o'clock in the auditorium and boasts thirty active members.

## Faculty Women Meet And Discuss Concert

Discussing the coming musical concert to be given by the Armour Musical clubs at the Goodman theater, the Faculty Women's Club held a meeting in conjunction with the faculty members last Saturday evening in the Faculty club room. This concert, to be presented next Friday night, is being sponsored by the Faculty Women's club.

Mr. Erickson led the professors and their wives in the singing of the Alma Mater and the Armour Fight song in preparation for the concert, at which these songs will be sung by the audience.

## CONCERT FRIDAY TO FEATURE NEW MUSICAL NUMBERS

Faculty Women's Club Sponsors Goodman Theater Event

O. G. ERICKSON TO LEAD

With 100 members of the musical clubs on the stage, and probably one of the largest audiences to ever witness an Armour Concert in the seats of Goodman theater, the orchestra and glee club will reach a new height in the annals of their organizations at their first public concert next Friday evening. For a second time, the Faculty Women's Club will sponsor a musical organization event.

Many new numbers will be presented by both the orchestra and glee club who have been practicing earnestly for the concert. The soloists will be F. Hrachovsky, vocalist, and R. Paulsen, and J. Johnsen, who will give selections on the saxophone and trumpet.

Hold Reception

Among the honored guests will be Professor Emeritus W. L. Leigh who thirty-one years ago conceived the idea of a musical organization. For a number of years the orchestra was under student direction. Mr. O. Gordon Erickson, took the guidance of the organization several years ago. Since that time the musical clubs have developed into a large and renowned organization giving a number of concerts each year both at school and by invitation at luncheons and other affairs outside of school.

During the intermission, a reception, planned by the Faculty Women's Club, will be headed by Dr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss, Dean and Mrs. Heald, and Mr. and Mrs. Erickson. It is expected that a good representation of the alumni and trustees will be present.

Music Critics Expected

Among the music critics expected are: Mr. E. Barry of the Chicago Tribune, Mr. E. Stinson representing the Chicago Daily News, and Mr. G. D. Gunn from the Evening American and Herald and Examiner papers.

As the supply of tickets is nearly exhausted, the remaining few will be placed on sale in the main lobby during the lunch hour for the rest of the week. Tickets are also obtainable from G. Ormsby, president of the Musical Clubs. All those holding tickets which have not been paid for are now responsible for their cash value.

## Students Help Edit Good Reading Guide

Freshman students are now making use of the third edition of "Good Reading", a guide for college students briefly describing about a thousand books which are well worth knowing, enjoyable to read, and largely available in inexpensive editions as in the preceding editions. Prof. W. A. Hendricks, head of the english department of Armour edited the section on "Outlines and Reference Books."

A majority of the sections were edited with the help of manuscripts prepared by student editorial committees from many colleges. The section on biography was edited with the aid of B. McMillan and R. R. Johnson of Armour. F. D. Cotterman, R. S. Kercher, A. M. Lane, G. W. Ormsby, and R. A. Patterson assisted in editing the section of "Science and Scientists."

In this latest an entire new section entitled "Modern Problems" has been added. Among the books in this section are "Youth in Conflict" by M. Van Waters; "College or Kindergarten" by M. McConn; "Laissez-Faire and Communism" by J. M. Keynes, and "Happiness in Marriage" by M. Sanger.