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For Better Assemblies

The shortage of good lecture or speaker material at Armour assemblies or engineering society meetings is amazing until one analyzes the problems facing the speaker and the audience.

One of the main objections to the past speakers is that they can't be heard. There is a speaker system available and with some repair work it could be used to some real advantage. If the audience could hear the speaker it is very probable that there would be no need for any of the private conversations which are usually prevalent.

Movies which have been shown more or less unsuccessfully could certainly be made easier on the eye of the spectator if a stronger bulb were used in the projection machine. If the balcony is too far away from the screen, science hall or the physics lecture room seem to offer more advantageous possibilities; the limited seating capacity of these rooms would make it necessary for those interested students to arrive on time and remain through the hour.

A number of times society chairmen have been heard to say that they're ashamed to ask a speaker of any fame to appear before the ordinary unattentive audience of society meetings. Neither will they ask a man to give up his valuable time to talk to a mere handful of men.

As mentioned before the students' obvious lack of interest is a very decided obstacle to the presentation of a good address. It is decidedly annoying for a speaker to have his audience arrive at any old time and express its disinterest in the subject matter by leaving before the talk is finished. Speakers might have a habit, like other people, of getting together and comparing notes! A good speaker might be discouraged from accepting an invitation from Armour!

Licensed Engineers

A subject of which much will be heard from your engineering society and from the local politicians is the subject of licensing of engineers by the state. Of the 174,456 professional engineers in the United States (1930 census), about 38,000 are licensed. Existing laws in the some thirty-five odd states are lax, non-inclusive and unenforced.

In Illinois, Structural engineers are the only ones required to obtain a license. The law requires six years experience of non graduate and four years of experience for graduates of an accredited college. A one day oral and two days written examination are required of applicants. Laws vary in five of the important manufacturing states all of which require a professional engineer's license. The definition of "professional" is left to the state registration board.

A model law which should be made national in scope should require every engineer to take an extensive examination—general and specialized. The registration board should have five members of at least 10 years experience. A moderate registration fee is necessary with a small annual renewal fee. Requirements should be strict with a minimum of five years experience for the college graduate.

For violation (holding responsible engineering

"The Slipstick"

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

Frozen Assets

*My grandpa used to tell me
How cold it used to be,
In the good old days, when gals wore stays,
And there were no B.V.D.'s.
Since grandpa's come to our place
He's never been the same.
He's learned a lot. Tea freezes hot,
And candles freeze in flame.
Grandpa went a-walking,
And saw a tattered bum,
Picking up a butt, freeze doubled-up,
To be buried in a drum.
Now though I laugh at grandpa's tales
Of things and deeds not true,
When I grow old, and the weather's cold,
I'll do the same thing too.
Quit laffin'—so will you!*

"Say, now that your wife's twin sister is living at your place, how can you tell which is your wife?"

"Easy. I kiss the first one I see and if it's my sister-in-law I get slapped in the face."

The special correspondent of a London evening paper, strolling through the main camp of the Italian expeditionary forces in Ethiopia, stopped before the homing pigeon section of the communication division. "Hello, aren't you afraid that these Italian pigeons will lose their way in these African wilds?" An Italian corporal glanced at the Englishman, shrugged his shoulders, and said with a broad grin, "No, we're not at all afraid—we've crossed these pigeons with African parrots so that they can ask their way about!"

Marriage is like a lottery—except that in a lottery there is at least some chance of winning.

"Do you like to dance?"

"No!"

"Why not?"

"Because it's just hugging set to music."

"What don't you like about that?"

"The music."

Boss (to office boy): "Do you know what we do to boys that lie?"

Office Boy: "Yes sir. When they get older, the firm sends them out as traveling salesmen."

ZAZU, of whom you probably heard before, has given up smoking. He says he gets his fingers stepped on too often.

The insurance assessor, investigating the damage occasioned a farm by a fire, is talking to the owner of the fire-razed farm. "It seems to me that the damage is not so extensive. I hear that pretty nearly the entire community helped you fight the blaze." "Yes," moaned the farmer, "you know how it is, everyone has his enemies."

Professor: Here you have the best proof of the ruinous effects of alcohol on the human organs. Look at the condition of the kidneys and heart of the inveterate drinker.

Student: It's really horrible. And in what do you preserve these anatomical specimens?

Professor: In alcohol of course.

"Does your wife complain when you smoke in your apartment?"

"I'll say she does! She says that my income isn't big enough for both of us to smoke."

Ten-year-old-daughter (reading to her mother): "Mother, I think you had better read this yourself. It's something a girl of my age shouldn't understand as yet."

Shopper (to floor walker): "I'd like something for my dining room, but it must be in oil."

Floor Walker: "What'll it be, Ma'am? An oil painting, oil cloth, or sardines?"

Oil say—gong. Murray Hill 9999.99999. Last two decimals uncertain.

E. J.

Student Opinion

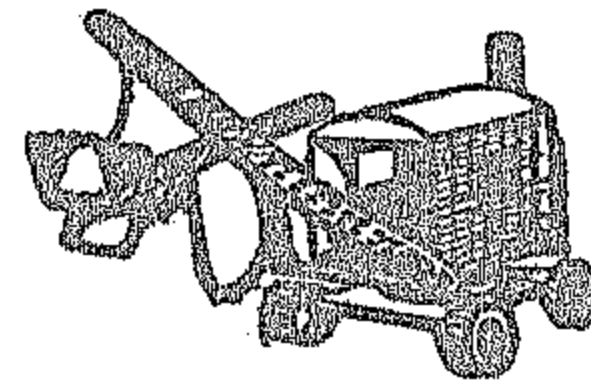
As an alternative for the Junior Formal as a strict formal gathering, I suggest that tradition be forgotten, and a semi-formal attire be made the standard dress. Not only will it be more economical for the individual, but due to this cause, it will be more widely attended.

In approaching the subject from another angle, the gathering will be much more picturesque and will live longer in the memories of the attending students. This dance should be the most important function of the school year and everything possible should be done to make it so. Remember, you're only a junior once, and only once will you be able to experience the thrill of "The Junior Formal."

George Boylan.

position without a license) a fine of 100 to 500 dollars should be charged with six months to a year's imprisonment. Any responsible profession is anxious to protect itself as such, and its members. It's up to the college graduates of today and tomorrow to protect themselves; some politician certainly won't help.

THE STEAM SHOVEL



Some of our seniors are evidently in their second childhood. Take BREWER for instance, who was at the board for Prof. Richardson.

"Draw an acute angle," said the prof, whereupon BREWER drew an obtuse angle. "This," said he, "is an acute angle." Can you imagine that, in a senior, and an electrical at that! It took JOE KUBERT to finally show him what an acute angle is.

As a chorus singer, Bob (Glee Club) Knabe is an outstanding soloist. In fact when he sings, the rest of the chorus is inaudible.

If Roland "Pop" Warner" will call at the News office, he can get his receipt for payment of a fine for violation of Sec. 35 of the traffic bureau. The News has no further use for the receipt.

A belated item is the announcement by the physics profs to the two sophomore students who, in a fit of delightful absent mindedness included the original physics report with their transcription of it.

The profs have no further use for the original, so the fellows can have it back to complete their files.

Score one for Professor Richardson. A joke which he told several months ago just made its radio debut recently.

Roy Sidney Kercher bewails the loss of his long cherished mustache. Lured from class by a phony call, he was waylaid and robbed by members of the junior science group.

Two of the mustache absconders, Norton Gerber and John Penn were apprehended, and when subjected to a third degree (Fahrenheit) questioning, admitted nothing.

P. S.: Dorothy, please note that GEORGE ORMSBY is hereby absolved of all guilt (ask Roy Kercher who she is).

MALLEK thinks that because a prologue occurs before a play, that an anti-log should be given after it.

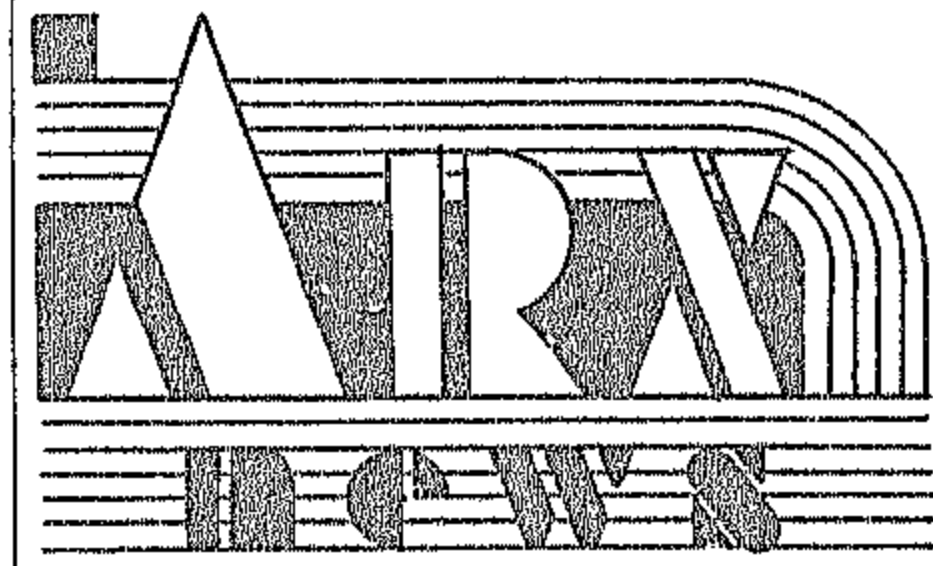
If the item you contributed did not appear, it was probably censored. To the censors we say: Sissy! Sissy!

Cycle Obtains Many Ads For Next Issue

"Patronize Our Advertisers" is the slogan on the Cycle Honor Roll posted in the book store. This honor roll lists all the advertisers who have contracted for space in this year's Cycle. For this year's issue more advertisements have been obtained than were used in last year's Cycle, according to W. F. Schreiber, advertising manager of the Cycle.

Some time ago the possibility of having liquor advertisements in the Cycle was considered, but these since have been discarded. It was thought that the presence of these ads in the Cycle would have an adverse effect on those who had planned to attend the school.

There are assistant's positions open on the advertising staff for ambitious sophomores who wish to work on the Cycle. Those interested are to see W. F. Schreiber.



There have been numerous requests for us to re-print the definitions of the terms that make up an important part of the architect's vocabulary. It is surprising to note that the requests came from the engineers, and even more surprising that they read this column. However we are quite certain that there are a few archs, freshman and otherwise, who are not familiar with most of the terms. The following definitions were originally outlined and printed by Alfred J. ROSEN, and with his kind permission...

Project—an architectural problem to be worked up to a final drawing.

Partie—a scheme for an architectural problem.

Esquisse—an eight hour preliminary sketch, unrendered, designating the parties of the project.

Esquisse-Esquisse—an eight hour sketch, rendered and completed for presentation.

Charette—the period, generally less than a week, in which the student isolates himself from the world, and begins to realize that a four week project takes more than three or four days to complete. However the project is always completed on the specified rendu (date due).

Let us get off the subject of such a trifling study as architecture and

Fraternity Notes

Fraternity men are asked to write up their notes in full. They will be published as written, in this column.

RHO DELTA RHO

Rho Delta Rho takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of the following freshmen at the smoker held last Friday:

Max Ephraim
Herbert Harrison
Nate Levine.

A pleasant surprise to all present at the pledging was the appearance of Sigmund Fabry, M. E. '23, who is a charter member of Rho Delta Rho.

TRIANGLE

After assisting the Northwestern University chapter with its formal initiation on last Sunday, the members are in top form for the forthcoming initiation of fifteen pledges.

KAPPA DELTA EPSILON

The last meeting resulted in the election of the following corps of officers:

President—Albert A. Rootberg
Vice-Pres.—Martin L. Holland
Secretary—Bernard Juschinsky
Treasurer—Joseph M. Kubert
Social Chair.—Josef Mashman

The new regime started their social season with a smoker on last Friday evening.

pause to meditate on a car. Not any car, but a definite conglomeration of wheels, pistons, cogs and stuff, which when composed forms an automobile (such irony) of uncertain vintage and uncertain stability. With utmost patience the proud possessor of this mess, Harry BECKWITH, has raced the car at a feeble snail's pace for the last 'steens years, and now it is with sorrow in our hearts that we note that the weather has taken its toll; the car is stuck. Harry defends his car by saying, "If you were as old as the car, you'd be stuck too!"

The Arx were duly impressed by the informal lecture and talk given by Mr. John HOLABIRD of Holabird and Root. In his excellent talk Mr. Holabird was very optimistic as to the future of the next set of architects (meaning you) and the architecture (meaning the stuff you will design).

TOM TAX.

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