

SIDELINES

By S. M. Miner

COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS in the United States, and in all the world in fact, have been subjects of widespread discussion during recent years. The Rochdale Textile Workers over ninety years ago as a means of bettering their financial condition, is now reaching a position of notice in the social as well as the business world. Opinions, policies, functions, and organization are now so divergent, that no discussion of principles can blanket the entire group.

J. B. MATTHEWS, a co-director of Consumers' Research, Inc., has written an article in which he covers the production and product side, principally; while H. A. Fierst, who has studied the cooperative movement in almost every country in Europe, has written an article discussing the question from the labor standpoint. In spite of the fact that these two articles attack the subject from different angles, they form a good starting point for contemporary study of the problem.

THE EXTREMELY VARIED reaction (from claims of communistic tendencies to denunciations as capitalistic expansion) toward cooperatives is stressed by Matthews. He then goes on to a discussion from the standpoint of product, advertising, ultimate savings, competition, all of which he claims do not meet with expectations. Fierst, on the other hand, while slightly favorable toward cooperatives, does not believe that its benefits are broad or quick enough to serve the ends of the labor class.

However, the question certainly deserves study. Whether or not the experiment will ever attain to importance such as that predicted by its strong protagonists, only time can tell.

BUDGET BALANCING discussions, rife throughout the country during the campaign, are still dominant and often heated. The interesting feature, however, lies in the fact that all of these discussions, which naturally center around the "thirty billion dollar national debt," are invariably concerned with certain personal financial conditions or occurrences and not with the problem of how or why the debt came about, or how, when, or why it should be levelled.

QUOTING FROM the December "Harpers," we find these two widely divergent views to illustrate the conversational trends. "Iowa tourist camp owner: 'I got a cousin back East, and they took away his sawmill and five thousand acres of the finest timber land in Maine because he couldn't pay these damn fool New Deal taxes . . . the deeper this crazy administration runs in the hole, the nearer the government comes to owning your and my business. . . . We'll find out sooner or later that the people behind all this is those dirty socialists.'"

WHILE ON THE other side we hear from a small-town hotel clerk in Missouri who claims he works twelve to sixteen hours a day, seven days a week, for only forty dollars a month "and the wife and three kids have to live on it. . . . Why can't a big country like this make its own money instead of owing it to the banker? . . . Lemme tell you, if they let the bankers steal this fifty billion dollars (sic) the way they done before with the war debt, there's going to be a Communist (accent on the second syllable) revolution and no fooling."

In the face of such dire warnings, the Administration (in fact the whole country) had better fold up and hide. While of course the concrete and studied solutions offered should certainly immediately solve the problem and set this country on its feet. O' yes!!

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT of ironical, historical importance oc-

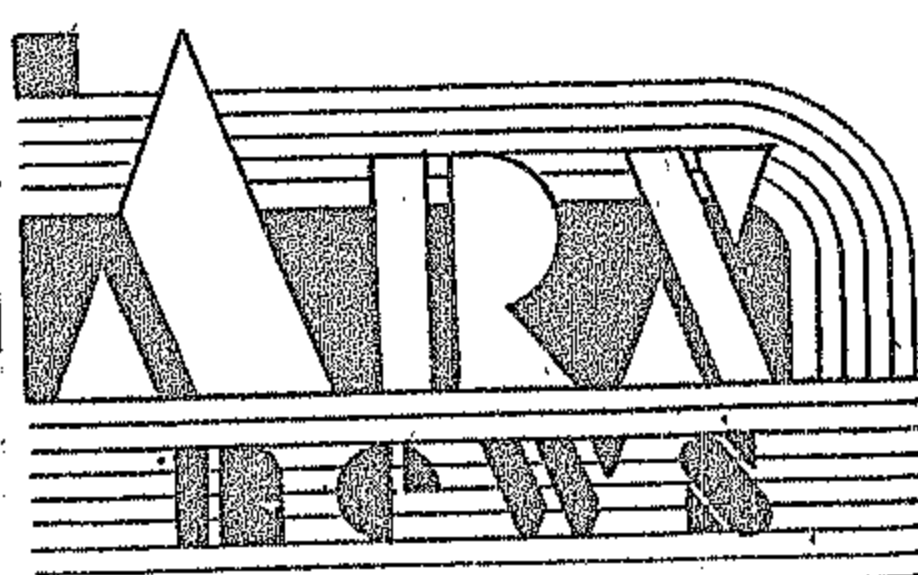
CONFERENCE

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ity rules. This means that a list of players must be approved by the faculty before every contest. This ruling is likely to eliminate a few men from some of the squads but not enough to handicap the teams to any extent.

In order to cut down traveling expenses, Armour will play only teams in the northern division. Many of these teams are already on the schedule however. The list includes Augustana, Wheaton, Elmhurst, North Central, Bradley, St. Viator, De Kalb, State Normal, Knox, and Monmouth. Total membership in the Little Nineteen consists of about twenty-one schools, all of which are of medium size. The league has been running for a good many years, is well established, and is recognized as the best conference in the middle west for smaller colleges. It is not in a class with the Big Ten, of course.

curred recently, when the German government released, "unconditionally," Carl von Ossietzky. Ossietzky, it seems, was imprisoned in a concentration camp for "traitorous behavior." When it was hinted, months ago, that he was to be considered for the Nobel peace prize, the German government "announced that it would consider it an unfriendly act to award the prize to 'a man imprisoned for his traitorous behavior.'" Now, it seems that in order to avoid the unfriendly act, the government has released Ossietzky, who now, in their eyes, becomes eligible to receive the much coveted Nobel award.



Another week looking around and things are again rolling up for the Arx Department. A little encouragement seems to have gone a long way in making the men all try a little harder. The Beaux Art Jury treated the Class A Problems much better than they ever have in the past. Kichaven already has one Mention to his credit, and Becker, Johnstone, Hrachovsky, Lohmiller, Ramp, Salesta and Schmaltz have Half Mentions.

A few days later the Class "B" report arrived and for the first time in seemingly ages the Armour Arx had two First Mentions to their credit in one Judgment. The exceedingly fortunate, or rather, good men, were Johanson and Scheel. Every other man excepting one received a Half Mention. A little basking in glory went on for a few days but the attitude seems to be "ya ain't seen nothin' yet!"

An organized conspiracy is now on foot to bring a few Class A medals to the school. A system is being tried out in which three men who are taking the Class A problem are required to turn in an Esquisse-Esquisse at the end of a few weeks' study in order to give them the benefit of criticism before the final judgment criticism which is, after all, apt to be something like locking the

barn after the horse is gone as far as B.A.I.D. rating is concerned. May the new way bear fruit (and we don't mean nuts!)

There are about twenty men in the department who are mighty sore, that is, that part of their anatomy which is so essential when their legs begin to tire from too much standing. How lovely is a barrel stave!—on the "give" end. Buying and eating ice cream cones with boxing gloves on isn't so easy either, is it?

"Frankenstein" Huboi
The shirttail fiend,
Was mighty sore,
Since he was seen,
Wandering thru library
Gallery and hall,
Shirttail a flyin'
Didn't know it a'tall!

Librarians a laffin'
They visitors agapin'
Says he'll punch the
Guy in the eye
Who perpetrated
Said vulgar trick.

Almost immoral, we call it! It was almost as dirty a trick as the three Sophs pulled who paid for their banquet tickets with a bucket of pennies, three hundred of them! We know, because Mr. Lader counted them. Pennies makes me think of matches because you too have heard of matching pennies. The little lad from Rockford cleaned up but many won't forget the ancient adage about a "lag for a lag and a tooth for a nail, or sumpin'."

Next week, for one week's showing only—a new Arx Reporter to be known to you as **Art Gum II**. See you next year, and that's no lie.

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cf. Salamander, president of the F.P.E.S., student editor of the *Engineer and Alumnus*, manager of the golf team, and treasurer of Delta Tau Delta. A. Goldsmith is a member of the senior commission, member of Eta Kappa Nu and A.I.E.E., and has had 32 hours of outside work per week since entering Armour.

J. A. Haase is chairman of the A.I.Ch.E., president of Alpha Chi Sigma, a senior class commissioner, and a member of the golf team and glee club. M. S. Herz has been on the track and tennis squads, is a pledge to Chi Epsilon, and is a member of W.S.E. R. G. Liebmann is vice-president of Eta Kappa Nu, vice-president of A.I.E.E., a member of the glee club, and has earned all tuition and expenses by outside employment.

P. L. G. Moore is captain of the boxing team, vice-president of Chi Epsilon, president of the Armour branch of W.S.E., chairman of the senior jewelry committee, and was an assistant junior marshal. J. J. Penn is president of Triangle fraternity, manager of the tennis team, and chairman of the senior announcement committee. P. R. Schultz is president of Phi Lambda Upsilon, was an assistant junior marshal, an honor marshal, and is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, Pi Nu Epsilon, glee club, and A.I.Ch.E.

J. C. Stern is secretary of Chi Epsilon, manager of the swimming team, vice-president of W.S.E., and is a member of the junior class commission. S. Taradash is president of Rho Delta Rho, pledge to Chi Epsilon,

Federal Theater to Have Armour Night

In connection with their "Armour Night", on Friday, December 11, the Blackstone Federal Theatre has made available for Armour students a block of tickets for "It Can't Happen Here", the stimulating play by Sinclair Lewis, only American author who has won the Nobel prize for distinguished literature. Tickets may now be reserved at the book store at thirty cents for main floor seats and twenty cents for balcony seats. It is hoped that a goodly number of students will take advantage of this unusual offer in order that the Federal Theatre may make similar offers in the future. The Blackstone Theatre is located at 7th Street and Michigan Boulevard.

member of the senior announcement committee, and a member of the champion senior basketball team. H. J. Bodnar is secretary of A.I.Ch.E., assistant publicity director for the school, a news reporter, member of the glee club, track team, and Alpha Chi Sigma, was vice-president of the freshman class and president of the sophomore class. R. A. Kliphardt is secretary of Scarab, a member of the glee club, A.I.T. players, and staff of the *Engineer and Alumnus*, and was a delegate to the Scarab convention held recently in Minneapolis.

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