

Steamshovel Amuses M. O. B. A.* As Feature Dept. Puzzles Over Reason

By R. W.

"Step right up, folks, step right up and see the show. See him dig. See him wrest rocks from the bowels of the earth with gigantic jaws of steel. See the massive masterpiece of machinery in motion. Don't miss this show, folks, it's the gr-r-reatest entertainment on the face of the earth!!!! Step right up . . . step right up . . . we can't block the sidewalks. It's only ten cents . . . ten cents, one dime . . . two nickels . . . the tenth part of a dollar. Who's next to buy a ticket to see this marvelous miracle of mechanism? . . . It's a thrill a minute . . . It's fascinating, it's educational. No man, woman or child should neglect this opportunity of a lifetime."

Faculty Complains

Is that what the Barker would say if they fenced off the steam-shovel in back of the Mission and charged admission to see it? Anyway, it seems like a good idea. Everyone of us likes to watch a steam shovel in operation, that is, if we are normal human creatures. Even our faculty is complaining about the digger. They say that attendance in classes has dropped off forty per cent since the ground-grabber has commenced its operation. The students enjoy nothing better than to watch the enthralling motions of the voracious scoop. The only drawback to their full enjoyment is that most of them haven't much of an idea what all this digging and delving is for. To what purpose does that monstrous mechanical mole puff and snort and rip huge chunks of earth and rock from their peaceful resting places? It is no doubt having a rip-snorting time, but what are they going to do with the hole after they get it?

What To Do With the Hole?

After all, from a purely philosophical view-point, what good is a hole? When all is said and done, there's nothing to it. You can always use a hole to stuff swiss cheese or doughnuts, or to wrap stove pipes around, or they can cut it up into little pieces and sell it to farmers for post holes, but what can Armour do with it? We are getting to that. Just hold on to your hats and sit tight. It won't be a swimming pool. We know that, because it's only about a mile to the lake, and anyway who wants to go in swimming this time of year? Br-r-r-r!! It's too chilly out. It won't be a place to throw old razor blades, as most M. O. B. A. only shave about once a month. It won't be for Eejay and Zazu to hide in every Tuesday, as that would

Advanced Accounting to Be New Elective

"Advanced Accounting" will be a new elective offered next semester by the social science department for students who have completed Social Science 103. Mr. B. E. Goetz, who will be the instructor, has announced that the course will be as comprehensive as is possible in one semester and will include such topics as Accounting, Classification, Valuation of Accounts, Interpretation of Accounts, and some work on budgets and Accounting ratios. The probable text is one entitled, "Accounting Method," by Rufus Rorem.

"As accounting can only be permanently learned through the solution of many problems, the course will be largely based on that principle," said Mr. Goetz. The class sessions will be on Mondays and Wednesday throughout the semester. Although two hours' credit will be given, Mr. Goetz announced that only those who are actually interested in accounting will be welcome.

Photography Group Named "Armour Eye"

"Armour Eye," the new photography club, will elect its officers at a meeting to be held next Thursday at 12:20 o'clock in the physics lecture room. This meeting will be the last for the acceptance of charter members.

Last Thursday at a noon-hour meeting, the constitution of the club was accepted. The group has decided to have twenty-five active members and any number of student and faculty sustaining members. Meetings of the club will be held at noon every second Thursday.

be below their dignity, and besides they can run pretty fast anyway. It will positively not be, as one freshman suggested, a training tank for the Armour's rowing crew.

Use Found for Hole

By easy stages we have learned what the hole is not for. We have only to ascertain what it IS for. By the way, the omission of the steamshovel in last week's News has no connection with the appearance of the shovel we are talking about. Well, here's the answer,—pause for suspense.—If you look due north from the diggings, you will see, at a distance of about a quarter block, a large heap of bricks and wreckage. The idea is to dig a big hole, and throw the bricks in. Then, the dirt left over from the hole, after the bricks are covered over, will be taken over to where the bricks used to be before the hole was dug, and will be used to level off the ground. It's kind of complicated, maybe we had better go over it once more. On second thought, maybe not.

*Midnight Oil Burners of Armour.

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entation of the results of a study of the unit operations of the chemical engineering laboratories. P. R. Schultz will talk on "High Frequency Induction Furnace"; R. F. Berger on "Heat Transfer in a Gas Fired Furnace"; H. O. Bauermeister on "An Experiment in Extraction"; R. M. Levy on "A Study of Agitation"; F. D. Hoffert on "Alkylation in Cycles"; J. N. Weiland on "Some Deductions From a Study of Filtration"; and H. E. Little on "Heat Transfer Coefficients of Some Organic Liquids."

Regular Experiments Demonstrated

The group will then adjourn to the senior and junior chemical laboratories where all the equipment will be in operation. F. D. Hoffert will be in charge of the senior laboratories and H. J. Bodnar in the junior laboratories.

The experiments, with the exception of agitation, extraction, and nitration, make up the list of experiments that the chemicals are required to complete in their junior and first half of their senior years. The second half of the senior year is devoted

entirely to one individual chemical engineering problem.

In the senior chemical engineering laboratory and annex the regular senior experiments will be operating. Running at full blast will be a ten plate bubble cap column, dryers, steam jacketed kettles, fluid flow meters and pumps, gas fired furnace, horizontal condenser tube, evaporators, vacuum leaf filter, industrial filter, gas absorption apparatus, vertical condenser, and extraction and agitation setups.

Juniors Work on Water Treatment

The junior laboratory will divide their demonstrations into three parts: industrial water treatment, sanitary water treatment, and temperature measurements. The industrial water treatment section will consist of chemical precipitation as a means of water softening and a zeolite filter water softener; the sanitary water treatment section will feature activated sludge in combination with sterilizing agents and chemical precipitation followed by slow or rapid sand filtration; and the temperature measurements section will consist of thermocouple calibration, resistance thermometer calibration, radiation pyrometry, and optical pyrometry.

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MAY CHRISTMAS TROUBLES

DECIDING ON Christmas gifts is as bad as taking a physics exam, and a slide rule isn't much help. Take my girl-friend, May, for instance. (If you'll take her till after Christmas, I'll be very grateful.) Last year I bought her some flowers; now they call me "April Showers" because I brought May flowers. Her sister gets an orchid from some fellow every day; he says it with flowers but he stutters.

I also gave her a pair of ice skates and I lived to regret it. She does her skating where other people do their horse-back riding. Every time she fell I refrained from making any sarcastic remarks, but the ice made some funny cracks. We always walk-

ed home afterwards because she didn't feel like sitting for a while.

She always got hungry from the exercise and when she finished ordering in the restaurant, I saw the total cost of the ice skates mount to where the decimal point became elusive. May orders onions with every course—boy! she is no girl to be sniffed at.

After paying for her meals all last winter, I was so broke that I took to playing the horses. I had a swell system based on the law of increasing returns and everything went swell till I bet on a horse named "Feenamint" and he cleaned out my system. He was an aristocratic horse, but he was the last of his race.

So, if you learn nothing else at Armour, remember not to buy your girl ice-skates. Or maybe you don't have a girl like May—I hope.

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