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Spoils of Victory

Soon after you read this, either Franklin D. Roosevelt will be elected president and the United States will continue under the New Deal, or Alfred M. Landon will be elected and thousands of democrats will find themselves jobless as a result of the spoils system prevalent in this country.

The men that hold these political jobs and the men who might get these jobs are, no doubt, of the unqualified type who hold down a salary and office merely because they are patrons of some political party.

Ever since its birth in 1881, the National Civil Service Reform League has worked to defeat the deplorable spoils system and to place all government jobs possible on the basis of

merit. This is a public spirited group of young men and women, determined to win America away from the spoilsmen.

They are now seeking enough interested people to petition Congress to propose a twenty-second amendment to the Constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

"Appointments and promotions in the civil services of the United States shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained so far as practicable by examination, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive."

This movement deserves the particular support of college students regardless of their political affiliations, because it will at once cut down in the expense and inefficiency of national and local government administration.

Public Speaking for Engineers

Every business man, industrialist, engineer, and educator particularly, emphasizes, when discussing desirable qualifications in young engineering graduates, the need and importance of adequate self-expression—both written and oral.

Every course in English given to engineering students has, as its stipulated objective, the inculcation in these students of adequate and effective methods and habits of self expression; yet we must sadly note how few are those who have attained this objective.

It is not our purpose here to attempt to lay the blame for this seeming paradox; rather, it is to discuss one phase of this all important deficiency in engineering training.

No one can deny the existence of the wealth of opportunity that lies before, nor the "prize plums of success" that may be had by him who is able to think logically and to speak effectively.

Every student of Armour who has participated in general assemblies or in student professional society meetings knows what a pleasure it is to listen to a speaker who presents and carries through a logical discussion of his subject matter on the basis of sound English grammar, good diction, and forceful elocution.

It is imperative that such facilities as are available for acquiring sound English grammar, good diction, and forceful presentation should be, so augmented and supplemented that the general student body profits thereby.

The professional societies here at Armour have attempted time and again to foster and develop in their student members the ability to publicly address their fellow members on subjects of their own choosing. Despite the efforts and entreaties of both faculty members and society officers, this program has only met with very meager success. In pursuing this program, the societies are asking the members to present a finished product, a proficient public address.

Then, and only then, when the engineering student of tomorrow—the engineering and industrial leader of today—has mastered this art will he have cast from his feet the greatest shackle hindering his upward progress. Then, and only then, will he have cast aside the characteristic epithet of engineers, "a good listener," and be able to take his rightful place in the discussion of human welfare and relations with his fellow-men in other callings.

hope that an interfraternity touch-ball tournament may be scheduled.

Fraternity Notes

DELTA TAU DELTA

Our annual Hallowe'en party was held at the chapter house last Saturday night. It was well attended by members of the house as well as alumni and various other fraternity men. The couples danced in a true Hallowe'en atmosphere.

We wish to congratulate the Phi Pi Phi's on winning the touchball game last Wednesday. It is our

DOS WANTS TO KNOW WHO THE BUM IS WHO PUT THAT ART-ICLE ABOUT HIM IN LAST WEEK'S SHOVEL. BESIDES, SAYS GEORGE, "I LIKE BRUNETTES BETTER."

"If everybody were above average" piped Petro in a sudden fit of brilliancy, "why then - er - well - uh - well - glgr - glub-glub..."

SYLVIA S. was so much afraid of making the Steam Shovel that he have decided to offer her our regular weekly rates for keeping her name out.

PI KAPPA PHI

Alpha Psi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity announces with great pleasure the pledging of:

Richard Olinger Co-Op '41.

In fairness to those who have already pledged Pi Kappa Phi we have decided that at the present time we will not pledge any more men from the class of '40 because we do not wish to tax our accommodations.

Congratulations are in order for Brother Idris Thomas who was pledged to Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity.

The Hallowe'en Dance was a big success and the pledges are to be commended for their work.

Harry Perlet is promising the house ice cream and cake in the near future. Is this why he was calculating "expenses" in Heat Power?

Brother Speer is to be congratulated on his appointment as assistant manager of the Swimming Team. Brother Speer is manager of the swimming team for the house.

Harry Perlet is the manager of our basketball team at the house and he is whipping the team into fine shape.

The Slipstick

Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may.

Here I am, back again! Betcha were scared I was gone for good. However, the sack full of notes requesting, yea, even begging for my return sure warms the cockles of my feet. The notes came in handy. I used the blank sides for calculations. The purpose of that poetic outburst by my esteemed editor, R. W., was to make you guys appreciate e. j.'s tripe. Feel no malice towards R. W., poetry is his tripe of writing.

Animals are funny things
They're ignorant and lazy,
They run around and play all day,
Sometimes I think they're crazy.

Us human beans are different tho'
We work and slave all day!
We skimp and save to stay alive,
We have no time for play.

And with the money from our toils
We build up great big zoos,
So animals can take life soft
While we work like a bunch of screws.

And now I wonder, perhaps I'm wrong;
My mind, it seems all hazy.
They live in style off our dough
You know, I think WE'RE crazy!!

Hereafter let it be known that eejay is not a worm. He's the best guy at Armour! Good old eejay!! Hereafter e. j. appears in bold type.

Eejay (loudly): Now that you're in my arms, dearest, I'll kiss you until the cows come home.
Abigail's pop (in next room): Moooo-oo-oo!!

Suggested Theme Songs
Stude (riding pony on a quiz)—
I'm An Old Cowhand.
Chair (on which stude rode pony one year later)—Empty Saddles.
Junior's ode to Physics—I Can't Escape from You.
Room F, Chapin—La Cucaracha.
Frosh (after rushing season)—
Nobody's Sweetheart Now.
"Calc" Quiz—Did I Remember.
E. J.—Who Loves You??? (Zazu.)
Summer Vacation Vamp—Tempting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground.

Patient: Doctor, are you sure this is pneumonia? Sometimes doctors prescribe for pneumonia and the patients die of something else.

M. D. (gravely): When I prescribe for pneumonia, you die of pneumonia.

ZAZU.



HIS job is to look for trouble before it happens. He is one of many who inspect telephone apparatus regularly, even when nothing is wrong. His work is called "preventive maintenance."

This work is of the highest importance. It helps to prevent interruptions to the service; often forestalls costly repairs, or replacements; helps keep telephone service at highest efficiency.

To plan this work requires management with imaginative foresight and the ability to balance the many factors involved in the maintenance problem.

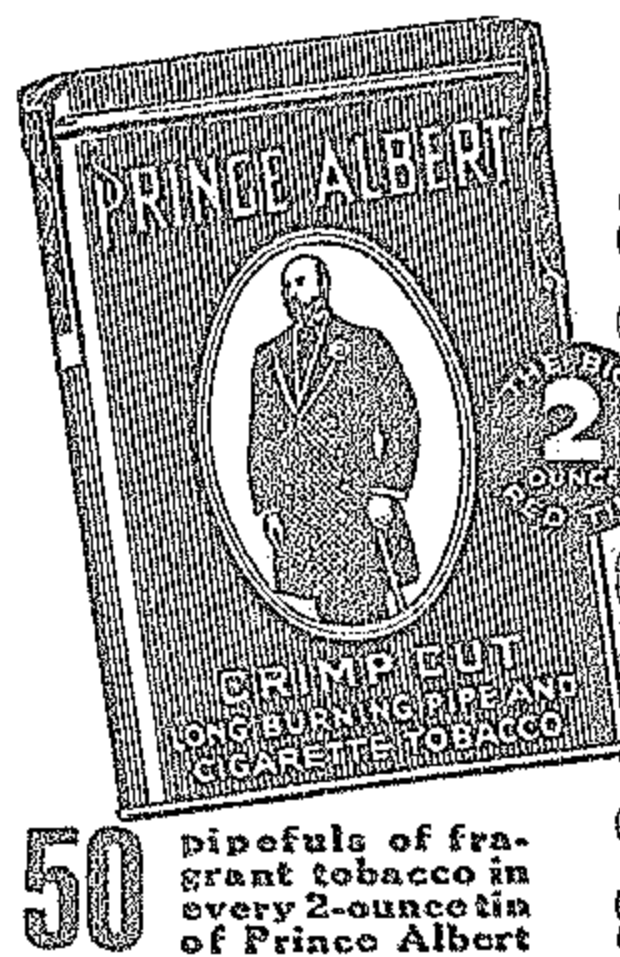
Tonight—call up someone in the old home town—after seven, when rates to most points are lowest.



BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



HERE'S WHY THERE'S NO OTHER TOBACCO LIKE PRINCE ALBERT: R.A. IS CHOICE MELLOW TOBACCO - "CRIMP CUT" FOR COOLNESS—WITH THE "BITE" REMOVED BY SPECIAL PROCESS. IT'S THE LARGEST-SELLING TOBACCO IN THE WORLD. AND SWELL FOR "MAKIN'S" CIGARETTES.



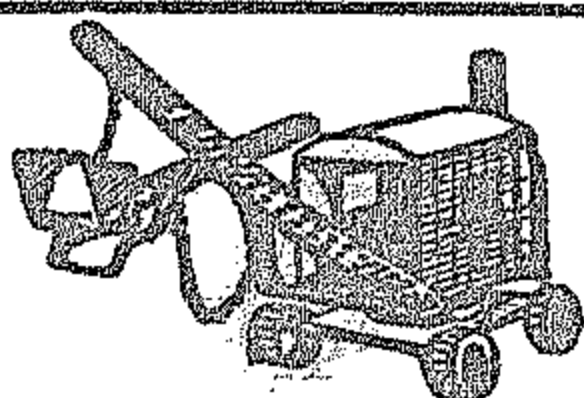
PRINCE ALBERT MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE:

Smoke 20 fragrant pipefuls of Prince Albert. If you don't find it the mellowest, tastiest pipe tobacco you ever smoked, return the packet tin with the rest of the tobacco in it to us at any time within a month from this date, and we will refund full purchase price, plus postage.

(Signed) R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

PRINCE ALBERT THE NATIONAL JOY SMOKE

THE STEAM SHOVEL



Known to the basketballers as "baggy-knees" last year, Ed. Brown has a luxurious innovation this season... the softie carries a pillow around to all his classes.

News:

Regarding Father's night please do not have it on a Saturday, because this is the night on which I see my Betty.

An interested Freshman
B. E. M.

Prof. Libby wins the Boner prize for this week, a gold-plated motor-driven slide-rule. He invaded the Fire Protection's sanctum (B-Chapin) and blandly asked them what they were doing there. He found to his dismay that he had interrupted his bridge game to go to class an hour early.

GEORGE "GREEK GOD" THO-