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Install New 450 H.P. Lasker Boiler

School Growth Requires Plant Enlargement

A modernization and improvement program for the Armour heating and power plants, which will cost \$25,000, was started last week. The improvements, which will provide a new and more powerful stoker-fired boiler, will be completed and in operation by the first of March.

Wrecking and removal of the old boiler, which started operating September 27, 1902, is almost completed. The boiler being demolished is a 350 horsepower Stirling boiler, fired by a Harrington stoker. The last improvement to the old plant replaced the Greene type stoker by the Harrington type.

Larger Plant Needed

The new plant will include a 450 horsepower Lasker boiler and a Detroit multiple retort stoker. Mr. Lasker, builder of the boiler, is in complete charge of the installation. Brickwork and foundations of the boiler will be done by the O. H. Warwick Co.

Increasing the size of the plant is necessary due to the growth of the school in recent years. The plant supplies all the electrical power used at the Institute, generating over 10,000 amperes during peak load. The exhaust steam is used to heat the Institute's buildings.

Forced Draft Type

The new boiler embodies all the latest improvements in boiler construction. A feature of the boiler's design is the cooling of walls by a circulation of water through a lining of pipes. This is necessary due to the excess heat generated by the forced draft type of boiler. The boiler will have three drums, the steam being taken from the top drum, which is well above the water level, thus insuring dry steam at all times.

Mr. John Allen, stationary engineer, who lit the first fire in the old boiler, will be in charge of the plant operation.

Prof. Freeman Talks on First Program of New Science Series

Opening the third series of its type last Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. over station WCFL, the electrical engineering department presented the first program of its applied science series. Ernest H. Freeman, professor and director of the department of electrical engineering spoke on the "Contributions of Things Electrical to Our Civilization." The programs as in the previous series, are under the direction of A. P. Schreiber, publicity officer.

In his talk Professor Freeman attempted to readjust the audience's perspective, comparing present conditions to past conditions in order to illustrate that which electricity has accomplished. Developing the history of electricity and the manner in which man strived to domesticate it, he then expressed the actual means by which it was conquered.

"The first service to which electricity was put was the carrying of messages by telegraph," Professor Freeman continued, "the investment in this business is five hundred millions of dollars." "The telephone is now the most popular means of transportation" over which there are about thirty billion conversations annually.

Emphasizing the enormous size of the telephone industry which represents an investment of over seven billions of dollars, he then spoke of the time saving element which he estimated at two and one half days for every man, woman, and child in the country.

He stated that the second principle to which electricity was put was that of lighting. The manner in which it affects our work and play at night and the modern illumination and its advantages were then discussed.

The second program of the series, a sequel to this talk will be presented next Saturday evening with Doctor Freeman again as guest speaker.

Horner to Present Poulter with Award

Hon. Henry Horner, Governor of Illinois, will present Dr. T. C. Poulter, Director of Armour Tech's Research Foundation, with the Congressional Medal for polar exploration at a formal banquet in the Red Lacquer Room of the Palmer House on Jan. 19, 1938.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Rear Admiral Hayne Ellis, Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, and Brigadier General Philip B. Peyton, Commanding General at Fort Sheridan, will be present. There will also be present representatives of the colleges, universities, scientific and engineering societies, business, and the government service throughout the country.

Junior Formal Mar. 5; Choose Claridge Band

Palmer House Ballroom Will Provide Setting

Discussion of the plans for the Junior Formal featured the meeting which was attended by about one-third of the junior class last Friday. The social committee announced that after an extensive survey of the musical field, Gay Claridge has been retained to furnish the music. This orchestra is well known to college students, they having played for several functions held by the University of Chicago and De Paul.

The spacious Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House will be the setting for four and one-half hours of dancing. The \$5.50 bids include a \$4.50 dinner and take care of all checking and waiters' tips. Bids may be purchased from any of the officers of the junior class or members of the social committee composed of B. Anderson, chairman, I. Footlik, W. Stuhr, and D. Jacobson.

Bolton Anderson states that he has made arrangements with a firm of tailors to furnish special low rates to those students who wish to rent tuxedos. Single breasted suits may be had for \$3.25, double breasted suits for \$4.25, and tails for \$5.00 or \$7.00. Plans were also formulated whereby anyone wishing to buy a bid on the installment plan may do so by making payments of fifty cents or more. Payments will be accepted every Monday or Friday by L. Bain in D Mission from 12:30 to 1:00 o'clock.

Toward the end of the meeting one of the chemicals moved that the junior class should appropriate money to buy medals for their touch-ball champions. After much discussion, twenty five dollars was appropriated to buy eleven medals for the chemicals whose victorious season was marred only by their scoreless tie with the sophomore chemicals.

Comedy Postponed by Armour Players Guild

After lengthy discussion, the Armour Player's Guild decided last Wednesday to postpone the opening of their new comedy "The Proposal." Guild officials were of the opinion that the play, originally scheduled for a presentation on Jan. 19, should be staged sometime during the second week of the new term.

Primarily, the reason for the postponement is the difficulty in getting a capable actress to portray the Russian girl, Natalya. The sets are nearing completion, costumes and the various props have been provided, and the members of the cast are now well versed in their lines. All that remains is the filling of that lone feminine role, and the play will be practically ready for public approval.

The annual Player's Party was also discussed in the meeting. An attempt is being made this year to hold the party elsewhere than in the Mission. A committee consisting of S. Kreiman, C. Mac Aleer, and B. Sternfeld were appointed by M. Pantone, Guild president, to plan a gala evening about the first of the month.

Advance Registration Announced by Heald

H. T. Heald, acting president of Armour Institute, announced last week that students, exclusive of incoming ones, may register during the week of January 17 to 22 inclusive for the coming spring semester. This registration week is in addition to the regular registration days, February 3 and 4. This extra week is for the purpose of avoiding confusion and waiting on the two regular registration days, and students who are reasonably sure of their program next year should take advantage of this new arrangement.

The procedure of registration is as follows: make out a tentative program from the programs posted in the foyer of the Main Building. Then fill in registration card and in return receive class enrollment card and bill for tuition and fees from the Registrar's Office. The student is then requested to pay his bill in the Cashier's Office on the second floor of the Main Building.

When the above procedure has been completed, students may enroll in classes on Saturday, January 22, from 9 to 12 o'clock; or Freshmen and new students on Thursday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and all others on Friday, February 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Further information may be found on the bulletin board.

Dr. Poulter Goes on Lecture Tour

To Deliver Eight Lectures on Pressure Research and Polar Trips

To a large group of listeners in midwestern and eastern cities, Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, head of the Research Foundation, will deliver a series of eight lectures or more in all, on a tour during the next week. Dr. Poulter started on his tour yesterday afternoon with Minneapolis as his destination. He is scheduled to deliver two lectures there today at the University of Minnesota. With the exception of these two lectures, the remaining lectures will be addressed to various engineering and chemical societies.

Wisconsin, New York on Itinerary
By tomorrow Dr. Poulter will be in Madison, Wisconsin, to deliver a lecture there. After this, he will head for Appleton, Wisconsin, prepared to deliver two lectures the following day. Milwaukee will be his next goal, and one lecture will be given in this city. Four days later, he is to be in Buffalo, New York. Two lectures will be delivered there, on Tuesday, January 18, and the following morning he plans to be back home again. His lectures are to be concerned with two subjects: the developments in the ultra-high pressure field of research, and the scientific phases of his polar explorations.

500,000 Lb. Bearing Pressures
The ultra-high pressure field has much to offer, particularly in the search for efficient lubricants. A very well known complaint of the lubricant engineer has been that the automotive engineer wants an anti-welding compound, rather than a lubricant. Pressures as high as 500,000 pounds per square inch have been developed within bearings, and this has all sorts of unpredictable effects upon matter. Water, at a somewhat higher pressure, becomes a solid harder than ordinary ice, with a melting point above 100 degrees Centigrade, and this is now known as ice VI. At even lower pressures than 500,000 pounds per square inch, other liquids solidify; and, should they be in suspension in a lubricant, they will add to the friction and abrasive action already present.

Sometimes they may, as little particles, wipe away the lubricant, and clear the way for actual contact between the two metallic parts, which is just what should be avoided. The attainment of pressures as high as 1,500,000 pounds per square inch in the Research Foundation Laboratories here, last May 28, has resulted in many more remarkable facts.

Deadline for Senior Cycle Pictures Set at January 15

The Senior Jewelry Committee has started a precedent among the other committees of successful operation. I. Thomas, chairman of the committee, reported last week that their efforts were successful in selling a large amount of jewelry. This is partly due to the fact that they were also able to reduce the price on the 10 karat gold ring to a level \$1.30 lower than last year.

Louis Lange, chairman of the photography committee, announces that all senior pictures must be taken by January 15 if they are to be included in the Cycle.

Annual Architectural Memorial Scholarship Endowed by Alumnus

Armour Institute of Technology has established the Dora T. Bartlett Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded annually to a worthy student in the Department of Architecture. This scholarship, just presented by Frederic Clay Bartlett, Jr., alumnus of the Class of '34, is named for his late mother, long a prominent Chicagoan. The scholarship covers the full tuition for one year, and is assigned by the President and the faculty of the Architectural Department.

The course of study in which the scholarship is to be applied is presented at Armour Institute in a particularly effective manner, since a great many of the Architectural studies are given in Chicago's world famous Art Institute. By virtue of this fact the student may pursue his studies in an artistic environment and also have at hand the many special exhibits and collections of architectural interest which would not otherwise be readily available. It is this recognition of the fact that Architecture is basically a fine art with an engineering foundation that makes this subject, as a department of a technical college, unrivaled in opportunities for study in America.

Regional Social Security Board Head to Open Annual Conference Course

"Executive Control of Personnel" will be the subject of the second annual conference course offered by Armour Tech for operating executives. Conferences will be held weekly on Monday evenings, beginning January 17, and continuing for 12 weeks until April 4, at the Palmer House. Each meeting of the group will consist of a dinner at 6:30 followed by the discussion of the



First Speaker
Mr. H. L. McCarthy week's subject by a leader in the field, and also by the attending executives, who will range from superintendents to presidents of the enrolled organizations.

This new type of course was suggested by Alfred L. Eustice, member of the Institute's Board of Trustees and President of the Economy Fuse Company, as being one suitable for presentation to operating executives, busy men for whom classroom methods would be inappropriate. Prof. H. P. Dutton has arranged the program of the conference. The theme of the coming conference is one which has received increasing attention of executives in recent

Sophomores Present Winter Frolics Friday

Ninety Compete for Frosh Scholarships

The semi-annual freshman scholarship examination, in charge of the Freshman Scholarship Committee, was held last Saturday, January 8, from 9 to 12 o'clock in Science Hall. The largest group of mid-year candidates who have ever taken the test—ninety—were welcomed beforehand by acting-president Heald, who gave a short talk concerning college life at Armour Tech. Dean Tibbals addressed the aspiring high school students and gave them directions for taking the examination.

After the three-hour quiz, the men were divided into groups and were entertained at lunch by the social fraternities.

The mid-year scholarships, five in number, will cover a full year's tuition, each having a cash value of \$300. The awards will be based upon the candidates' scholarship records and extra-curricular activities in high school, personality, and general fitness of the candidates, and their showing in the competitive examination. The latter included questions on physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

Fire Protects to Hear Lecture on Underwriting

Mr. R. K. Hill of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company will address the next meeting of the fire protection engineering society to be held next Friday, January 14, at 10:30 in room C Mission. The subject of Mr. Hill's talk will be "Sprinklered Risk Underwriting."

This topic should be of special interest to the fire protects since it will help to supplement the routine knowledge of sprinkler systems and dry pipe valves with a conception of how they affect the insurance on a risk.

Emil Flindt to Provide Music in Spacious Ballroom

Emil Flindt and his popular orchestra will provide their distinctive rhythm at the annual sophomore dance to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Medinah Athletic Club next Friday evening. Appropriately titled "The Winter Frolics" it will be the first event on the 1938 Armour social calendar. Unique music coupled with the excellent location explains the 350 bids now in circulation.

The entire seventh floor of the Medinah will be at the sole disposal of the Techawks for the whole evening. It includes a large and beautiful foyer, heavily carpeted, softly lighted, and outfitted with comfortable lounges. The Grand Ballroom, recently redecorated, has a superb flooring of recent construction. A large balcony flanks the dance floor and is available for the couples that enjoy "sitting out" a dance or two. Private elevators will take the Techawks up to the scene of the evening's dancing, where ample checking facilities have been provided. A crowd of 600 is expected with the capacity of the Ballroom set at 1500, insuring ample room.

Flindt's thirteen piece orchestra has in its repertoire all of the Armour songs besides their regular distinctive arrangements. Several vocalists will lend their share of talent to the evening's entertainment. Flindt left Oh Henry Park at the close of the year, depriving the south side of one of their most popular orchestras.

The bids are a combination of brown suede and veneer, making a distinctive memoir of an enjoyable evening. They are priced at \$1.50, the lowest figure ever quoted at an Armour dance that boasted Flindt's orchestra. The arrangement of this event has been handled by the sophomore social committee under the guidance of E. Worcester, social chairman.

Senior Mechs Meet to Plan for Reunions

Gathering last Friday at 10:30 in C Mission, the senior members of the mechanical department elected the following officers to take charge of reunion activities after graduation: S. Gryglas, president; E. W. Menke, vice-president; and J. L. DeBoo, secretary treasurer. Menke was appointed chairman of the constitution committee and will organize the future plans concerning meetings, dues and other data. Tentative plans provide for semi-annual reunions.

The purpose of the organization is to keep the class together, to foster loyalty to their school and to enable them to aid each other after graduation. The constitution will be presented to the senior mechanical class as soon as it is completed. In calling the meeting the mechanical class distinguished themselves as being the first class to provide for post-graduation activities.

Install New Showers in Fifth Floor Main

Because of the fact that the shower and wash room are being remodeled, all gym classes have been dismissed until the showers are again ready for use. The shower room is going to be modernized and the number of facilities is going to be increased.

The work on the showers was originally planned for next summer because of the inconvenience it would cause during the school year but unavoidable circumstances made it necessary to take care of it immediately. Another fact of vital importance to all students is that because the wash room facilities on the fifth floor have for the present been put out of use, freshmen will be allowed to ride the elevator from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock every afternoon.

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