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NEARLY THREE MONTHS ago, when Japan first started her undeclared war on China, Japanese army commanders had not anticipated much resistance. However, they soon found that an invasion of organized China was not the tea party they had expected it to be.

IN THE FACE of tremendous handicaps, China has put up such a determined resistance that the Japanese Military Heads have become both alarmed and enraged. A great part of this successful resistance has been due to the fact that the Chinese have had sense enough to withdraw in orderly fashion whenever a crushing blow seemed imminent. By the simple but effective procedure of retreating and sniping, Chinese soldiers have repeatedly inflicted tremendous losses upon the Japanese advance columns. Because of this Chinese morale is now much higher and the Japanese myth of invincibility has been destroyed.

ALTHOUGH POPULAR opinion in the United States, as well as in England, is against entering into a war with Japan, an amazingly large number of people in both countries believe that we should chastise the Japanese now, before they become too ambitious.

JAPANESE ASIATIC POLICY, within the last few months has become so atrociously inhuman that rising indignation has just about reached a feverish pitch. Consequently Japan as a nation has become more and more unpopular until now it is commonplace to hear people express the opinion that every "Jap" in sight ought to be wiped out.

THESE PEOPLE have, however, overlooked one major point. National policies of any country are not made either directly or indirectly by the masses. The Japanese Asiatic Policy is no exception. Japanese military leaders, and not the people, are responsible for the present situation. Therefore while we may rightfully hate Japanese national policy we have no right to hate the Japanese in general.

A NOTED commentator recently remarked that "The average Japanese has been told so frequently that his army is carrying the light of civilization and peace to China that he accepts the statement without question. He is convinced that Japanese arms are unconquerable and believes that victory in some vague way will mean prosperity for Japan."

THE MILITARY propagand machine is so powerful that none of the defeats or setbacks which the Chinese administered repeatedly to the Japanese, at the outset of the mele, were ever known in Japan.

The average Japanese believes Japan's armies are advancing with little resistance—we know that they are paying dearly for every foot of advancement that is being made.

How long Japan can afford to keep this conflict going is a matter of speculation. Japan's National Debt is steadily mounting and national bankruptcy may soon be in sight. With future exports probably much lower (raw materials will be needed at home for other purposes) and a rising national debt, inflation is bound to occur — and this means higher prices.

China, on the other hand, has no such problem. Although China will need great assistance from abroad, its economic problems are not so great. It must be remembered that about 80 per cent of China's population is directly dependent upon agriculture.

Since there are no transportation facilities to speak of, provinces have learned to become self sufficient. This will probably be a major factor in deciding who will win the struggle.

The commentators of this column will again attempt to sit on the SIDELINES and interpret in their humble way the balls and strikes of the World's ball game. Again we invite the Armour student body to voice their opinions and take an active interest in the oldest and yet most mysterious engineering subject: Human engineering.

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Psychology—

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or the trial-and-error methods employed by a monkey in securing a desirable banana which is just out of his reach.

"It is to be assumed without question that success presupposes a good degree of factual knowledge. No matter how comforting and confidence-inspiring may be a doctor's personality, if he has not a good knowledge of the principles of medical diagnosis and treatment, he will kill off an undue number of his patients. And if an engineer does not have accurate knowledge of the laws involved, no matter how charming he may be, he may build a building or a machine or a bridge or a scaffolding which may cost the lives of many of his fellow men. But how many examples we have all seen of the highly trained, intellectual man whose fine knowledge is of little use to the world because he either does not know how to impart his learning to others, or his qualities of arrogance, diffidence, domineering argumentativeness or other offensiveness estrange him from his confreres."

Another slant on how the stronger sex feels about the weaker one is gotten from the U. of Oklahoma. Sorority pledges are listed on a chart with numerous blanks following their names, allowing young men to place orders for their preference. "Darling blonds with trusting blue eyes" lead the parade, with "sophisticated brunettes that show Spanish influence" following; demands for intelligence do not exist.

Night School Registrations To Top Last Year's Mark

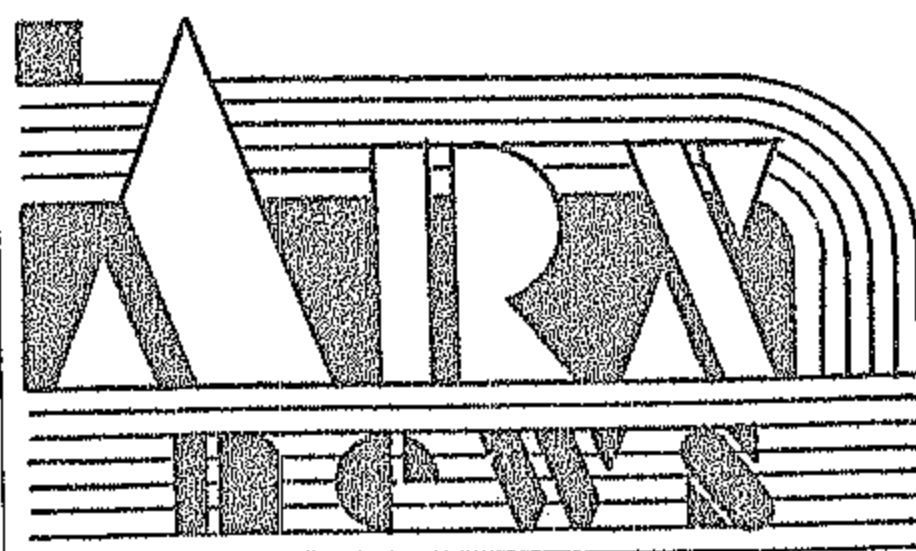
Over 1000 students have been enrolled in the special college credit and post-graduate evening division courses during the past week. According to the registration trend of previous years, final figures should bring the total to 1400 or some 200 more students than last year.

The increase is due partly to the up-to-date program and variety of courses offered. A total of seventy-six different subjects will be given. Engineering drawing has an enrollment of 178, college algebra, 163; general chemistry, 52; English, 102; and machine tool work, a class given on Saturday afternoon, 160. Evening classes will also be held Wednesday evenings this year.

Professor to Use Radium to Produce Stingless Bees

Alfred, N. Y.—(ACP)—By shooting radium-rays through queen bees, Dr. Lloyd R. Watson, of Alfred University, hopes to produce a stingless variety. "If this summer's experiments should lead to the secret of a new kind of bee, a kind that will have only harmless stingers or lack them entirely, the United States can become a country of stingless bees by 1940," he said.

In the trial and error experiments, Dr. Watson will expose fertile queen bees to radium in hopes that their offspring may develop stinger peculiarities. "We see no reason why it can't be done," said the Alfred professor. "We may have to try as many as 10,000 times."



Some parents might think that their sons aren't learning much in college if they could have seen the seniors poking around Chicago's race-tracks. It's all a very necessary thing however, for the fellows have to know what makes the turnstiles go 'round so that they will stay on the right track when they begin their projects. We are now hoping that someday we will have to design a penny-pitching field because then we could apply our ample experience to good advantage.

The sophs are working on a novel system. Each student wrote his own program and now he has to design his building according to the requirements that he set for himself. This method makes everything easier for everyone but the jury; and who worries about how hard the jury works?

Modeling class started off with a bang — the bang being caused by lumps of mud splatting against much besplatted doors. The most worthy thing accomplished (besides the necessary work) was a nice lump on Jake's head caused by his lack of agility.

Some people do say queer things, and Cunningham, with a gleam in his eye, whispered that morals are things that are painted on the wall behind the bar. We've heard differently, but here's mud on your projet—

ART GUM.

Freshmen Will Find Warm Friends, Worthwhile Chums, in Upper Classes

By ME

'Tis September again, the time of the year when it is our happy duty to welcome all the new suicides—er-frosch. However, as most of you are a bit, shall we say, awed in this strange studious atmosphere, we will not merely take you into our midst with a casual "Welcome, fellow scholar"—but we will instead take you into our hearts and tell you all about Dear Old Armour and her glorious traditions, which we endeavor to maintain to the best of our abilities.

Now bear with us, dear new school-mates, either you sweet little fellows wear a green cap or you're empty little skulls will be bashed against your cement curbstone.

Either you cherubs adorn your curly domes with a green pot or suffer the indignity of an embarrassing impromptu modeling of the latest-in-gents' underclothing. Either you wear a green cap and wear the third piece to your coat and vest, or you don't wear a green cap and get rheumatism in the knees and . . . well, wear a green cap—it's easier for all concerned.

Secondly, if any of you squirts are found riding the elevator your grubby little bodies will be introduced to a healthy scrubbing in the Rainbow Room on the 5th floor of Main. This doddering mechanism is solely for the convenience of the seniors who have consented to tolerate the faculty and the juniors. So you see, we at Armour are one big happy family, little strangers.

Thirdly, you will have much free-

dom here at the Institute. You will be free to arrive here at any time before 8:30 and leave at any time after 5:00 that you may wish to. Your lunch period may be devoted to eating. You will not have to spend much time doing homework. Merely one evening each day. Since your time is precious you will find it to your advantage to go home immediately upon leaving. From time to time you will be forced to attend athletic meetings and dry pep-talks advocating your attendance at various athletic events. What did school spirit ever do for you? Time is precious and meant for study! Your sole recreation must be in the pursuit of knowledge—and that alone!

Fourthly, and finally, you must put in the time prescribed in the school catalogue which can be purchased from ME in my office up in the News rooms for the sum of fifteen cents. You will be allowed to do your homework on any sheet of unused paper with any standard lead pencil or with pen and ink. You will not be permitted to cheat as you have done at high school. For the standard handbook in "Rules and Regulations for the Gentleman Cribber," see ME in my office or borrow a copy from one of the seniors.

If at any time in the future you find the slidding rough, the going hard, conditions adverse and the future dark, come to ME with your problems and we will console and advise you as we have done for the six classes of Freshmen in the past eight years.



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