

## Are There More Than Ten?

Student spirit reached a new high when ten students answered the ballot printed in last week's *News* which asked for students to show their willingness to support a motion for converting Mission Hall into a Student Union. Three ballots were written by seniors, three by juniors, and four by sophomores.

Such enthusiastic support from a student body numbering over 900 must be due to its interest and unselfish attitude toward school activities. The cooperation given reminds us of the cheering throngs who crowd the Armory at basketball games and who crowd Ogden field during the baseball games and track meets.

The large number who turned in ballots were cruel to mutilate their papers which we know most students carry home and store in golden chests. Our student body showed that it was not of the type that left it up "to the other fellow."

Seriously, we know there are more than ten interested and probably the entire student body would support the Student Union drive.

Last week, you read articles which described the plans made by student leaders to convert Mission Hall into a Student Union with lounges in the present civil drafting rooms. If the obsolete seats in the assembly hall were replaced by movable ones and the floor were properly prepared, it would be possible to hold social affairs in the hall. Moving of the kitchen to either end of the ground floor would leave space for a large banquet hall.

It has been planned to have architectural students prepare drawings for the Union.

If the student body will get behind the move, it will receive the support of the alumni and board of trustees. However the original action must come from the students. Enthusiasm over the idea expressed by willingness to support the campaign is the only way we have to measure student feeling.

When called upon at another time to express your opinion, please state it either in favor or against. Wake up and live.

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## SCARAB

Scarab Fraternity is entirely established upon Egyptian tradition, and the symbol "Scarab" has been the essence of Egyptian thought and loyalty for centuries past. It is significant that Egypt is considered the birthplace of architecture, and also that the small beetle known as a scarab represents all the characteristics of permanence and beauty which are hoped for in architecture.

Scarab was founded in 1909 at the University of Illinois as a professional architectural fraternity. It is still considered as such although at Armour, as well as at other schools, it has become more of an honorary group. Scholastic rating is a determining factor in the election of members but not the sole requisite. Scarab was designed to "provide a means of attaining a broader knowledge of architecture and its allied arts, promote friendly competition between students and schools of architecture and create a lasting spirit of fellowship and cooperation."

There are at the present time thirteen temples in the national organization; the group at Armour is the Edfou Temple, established in 1915. The activities of the group consist of regular luncheons and dinners with the purpose in mind of meeting and knowing the alumni members and benefiting from the lecture or tour arranged in connection with such meetings.

There is annually a summer sketch exhibit with a national prize of \$25.00, and this competition is open to all students. The local group offers sophomore and freshman prizes every year to each class on one of the scheduled design problems previously designated as the "Scarab Prize," and awards are made as recommended by the jury. It is through such competitions that Scarab tries to be of benefit to the architectural fraternity at Armour.

## THE MAILBOX

### Student Union Good Idea

Student opinion has finally taken cognizance of a much needed improvement here at Armour. For a long time many of us have recognized the need for a place where all students can lounge and get better acquainted. Recreation rooms where ping-pong, billiards, could be indulged in, are also desirable additions to Institute facilities.

Besides giving hard working engineers a chance to relax, these accommodations would provide an excellent means of breaking up the strong departmental clannishness which now exists. At present very few of us know many men outside of our own department very well nor do we know any underclass men. A meeting place such as this would serve to weld the student body into a friendly society which would never be forgotten.

A few students have signified willingness to contribute time and money if necessary in organizing plans for a Student Union. As soon as plans can be formulated and definite figures obtained, they will call on you for support. Be sure that you give it to them.

Don't think that this is too big a project and then forget about it. Here's a chance to start something worth while. Work can be accomplished in steps so that fulfillment of the entire plan may be spread over several years. All we need to do is get the plans underway and future classes will see them through. Let's make sure that we can say that we were the ones who started it.

Calvin K. Nauman, Sr. Class Pres.

### New Flag Needed

Arriving at school Thursday morning, Nov. 11, 1937, I was greeted along with the rest of Armour's students, by a large American flag; but such a flag! The flag of Our Country; "Old Glory!" The "old" part of the name really applies to Armour's flag. In all the flags one sees about the city, I have yet to see a flag in like condition for a public building! It looks as if it was left from the Civil War, or perhaps even before this time.

Let's see that something is done in the way of a new flag which will do credit to our Country and Our School!

An American,

B. Griesbach.

## The Slipstick

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

If last week's SLIPSTICK is to be taken as a weather-sign, it seems that a reincarnated has-been humorist is again leading with his chin. Far be it from us to belittle the puny paltriness of a well-meaning but decidedly inadequately child, but it seems to us that when the youngster is unable to find even one short poem to open his column with—well, tread lightly lest ye wake the dead . . .

Contrast the inanity of his opening effort with the sweeping, powerful flow of a well-chosen poem, mighty, simple, effective:

Bong, Bong, Bong, Bong,  
Bong, Bong, Bong, Bong,  
Bong, Bong, Bong, Bong,  
Chee Whiz, It's midnight.

Chief Running Jump had just ordered a ham on rye at the drug counter and was peering intently between the slices of bread when he turned majestically to the waiter and demanded:

"Ugh, you slice 'em ham?"  
The waiter looked up. "Yes, I sliced the ham."

"Ugh," grunted the Chief indignantly, "you damn near miss 'em."

THIRTY-TWO MORE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS RECESS . . .

"We'll have to rehearse that," said the undertaker as the coffin fell out of the car.

"What makes you look so old?"

"Trying to keep young."

"Trying to keep young?"

"Yes, nine of them."

"Curse it, curse it," hissed the villain, snatching at the girl's waist. "Tain't neither, fresh guy. It's only a girdle."

End of joke. Laughter.

Zazu vows he'll learn to swim if it drowns him. He followed a guy for eight blocks yesterday and then the guy threw the cigar butt from the Michigan avenue bridge.

"Do you believe in Buddha?"

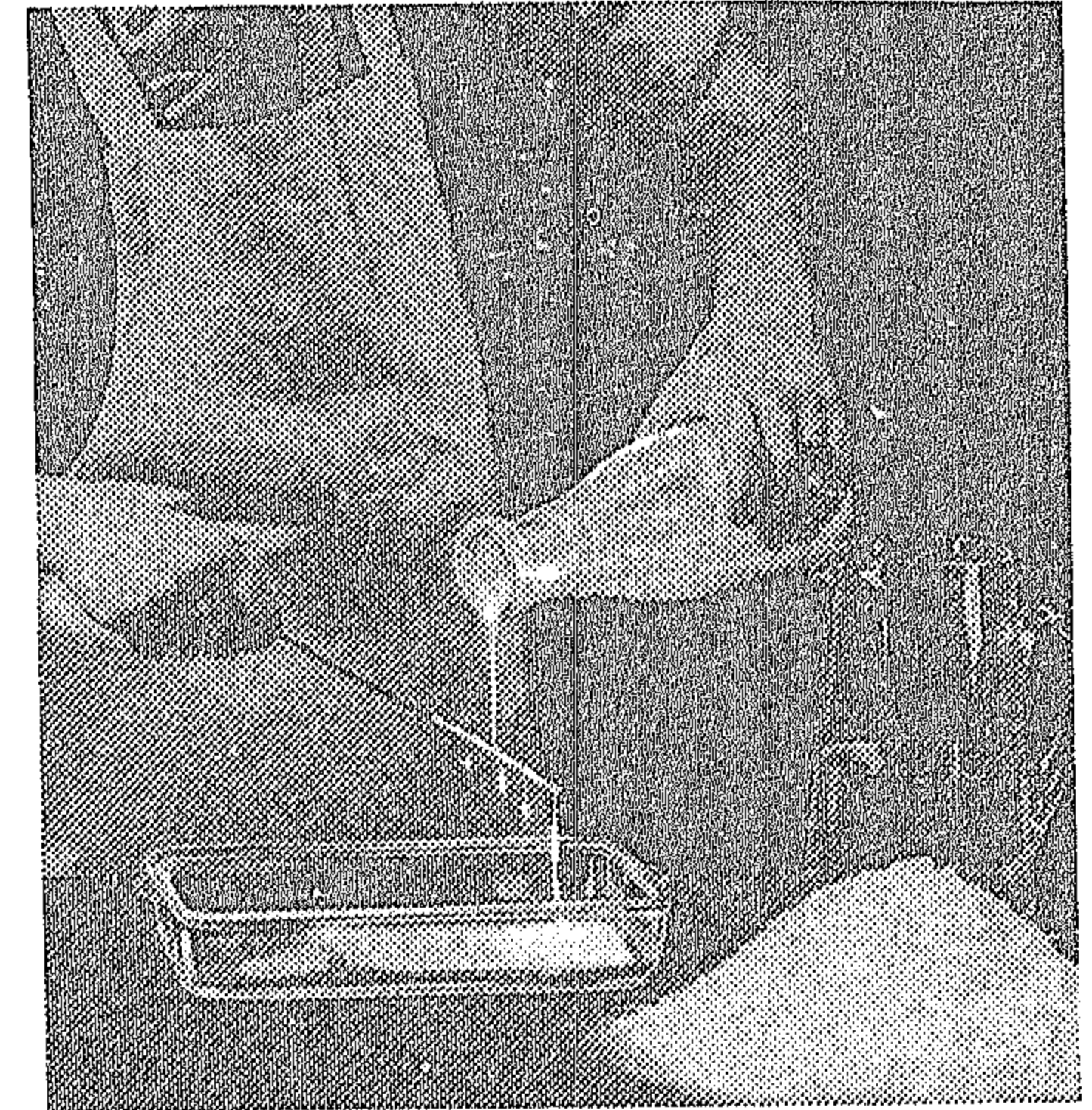
"Why, of course, but I think oleomargarine is just as good."

We shall now pass the lemonade.

'S funny how when a guy is having a hot time he usually passes out cold.

Eejay.

# The Last Word is never spoken at Western Electric



The urge to "make it better" is always there

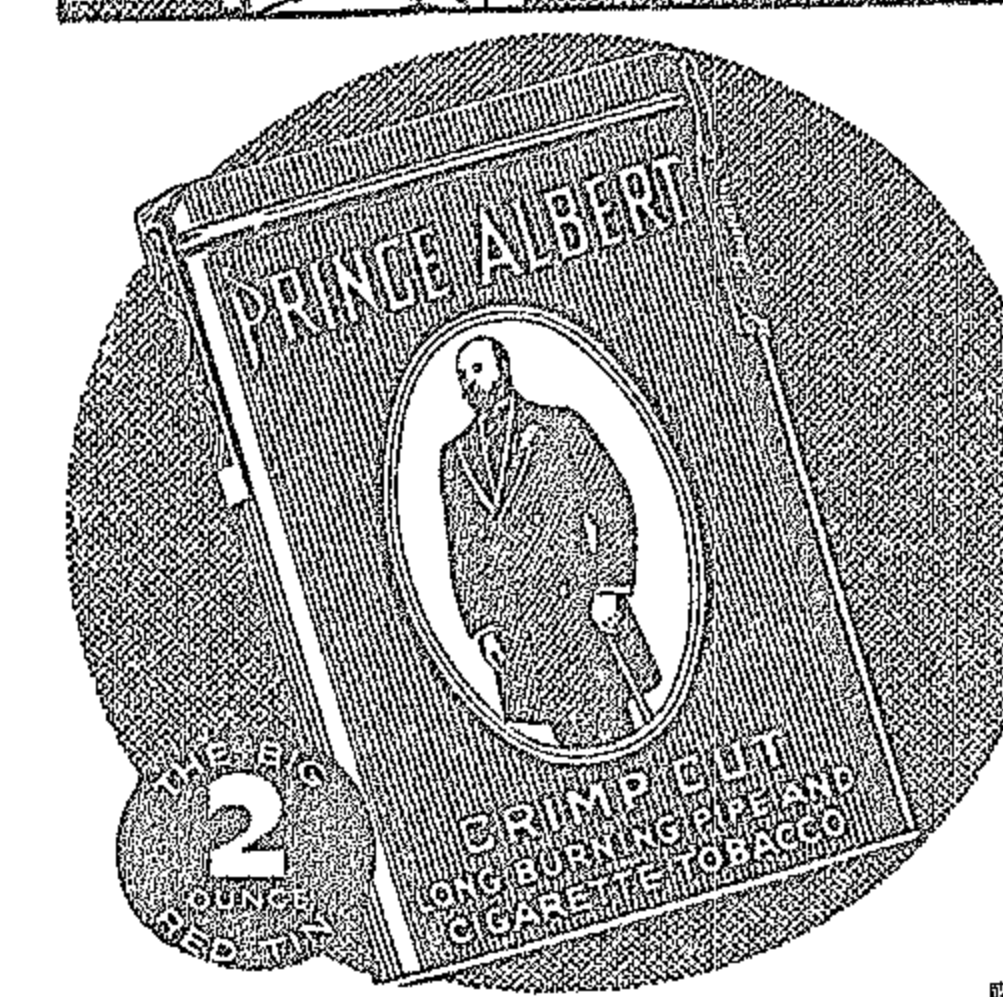
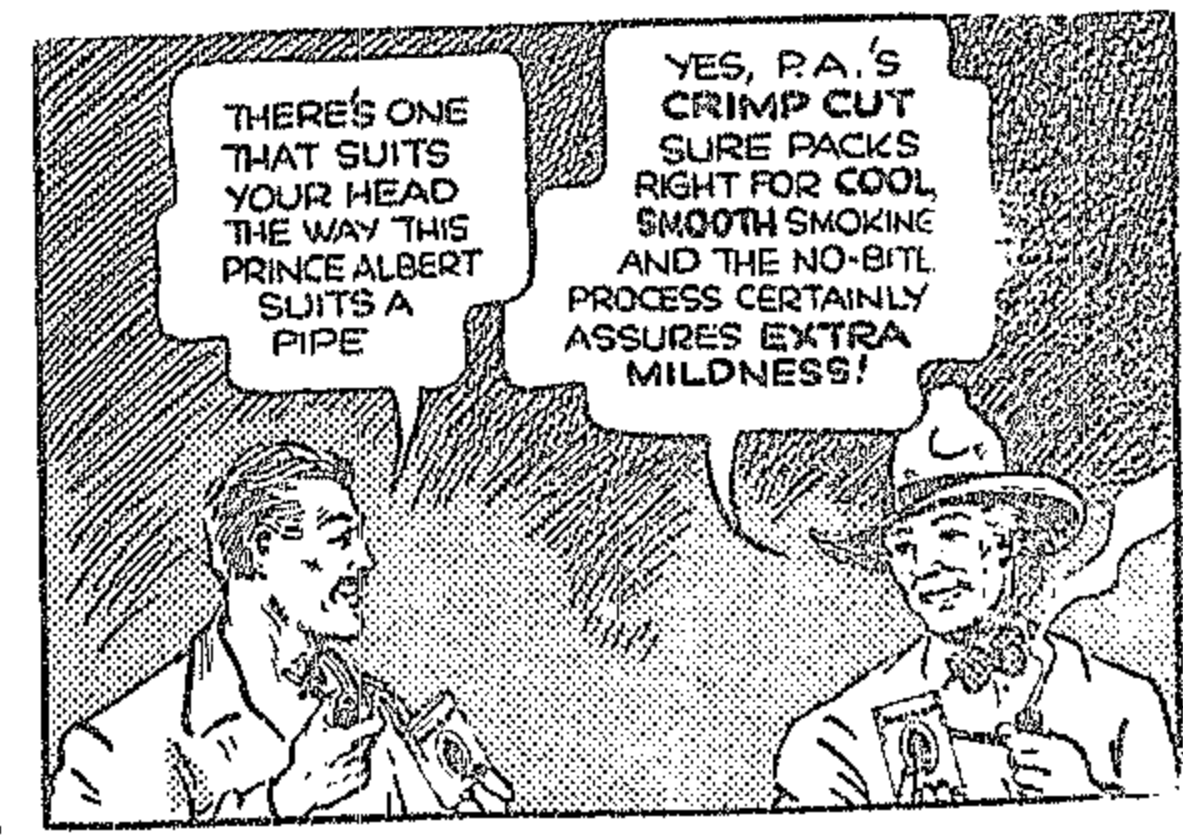
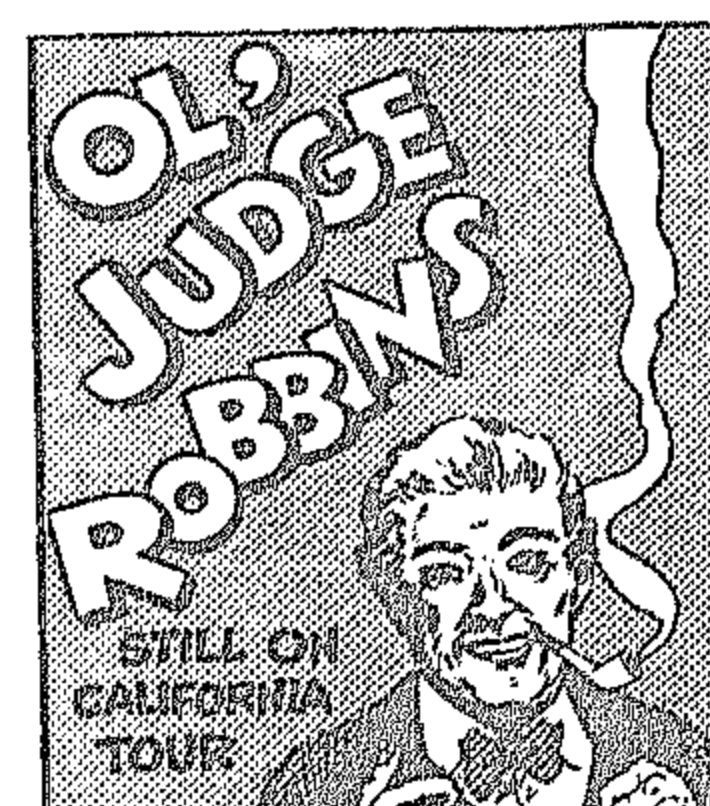
WHEN you approach old problems with a fresh viewpoint, you often get outstanding improvements.

For example: wires for telephone cable had long been insulated by a spiral wrapping of paper ribbon.

Refusing to accept this as the "last word," a Western Electric engineer mixed a wood pulp solution in a milk bottle—poured it on a wire—the pulp stuck. The systematic development of this idea resulted in a new and more economical insulating process—making an insulating covering of paper right on the wire!

Such originality leads to improved manufacturing processes and better telephone apparatus for the Bell System.

Manufacturing Plants at Chicago, Ill., Kearny, N. J., and Baltimore, Md.



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PRINCE ALBERT THE NATIONAL JOY SMOKE

## Miss Steele Cites Increased Book Demand

By E. Paulaitis

"Students are engaged in studying very earnestly this year and especially during the present days," observed Miss Steele, head librarian. "There is a surprising increase in the demand for reference books this year which is about five times the demand of last year," she said. The increase may be accounted for by the fact that the enrollment at Armour has increased very greatly this year and also because of the fact that the greater number of night school students are using their library privileges which are the same as for day school students. Night school students may obtain overnight books on one night and are not required to return them until the following night. On the other hand, circulation of two week books has not increased appreciably.

Miss Steele was concerned about the reason for apparent lack of in-

terest in general outside reading.

"I would like to see an increase in general reading of non-technical as well as technical material," she explained. "There have been many new books of interest in general subjects and in fiction. The students should read other material than the professor makes them read aside from assigned subjects."

The greater part of the library's budget is spent for technical books required by the departmental heads. What is left is spent very carefully on a selection of the best fiction and general reading books available. Some of the books recently acquired which have interesting titles are "Red River," "Pageant of Victory," "Sundial Time," "Gone With the Wind," "Captain Caution," "Blood on the Moon," "The Years," and "Forty Days of Musa Dagh." These are only a few

of the many selections available.

Since the fall term started the library has issued three lists of new volumes obtained during the summer. The lists contain about 200 books of which the greater number are technical volumes ranging in content from highly specialized subjects to subjects covering wide fields of engineering and science—from "Researches on Waring's Problem" by L. E. Dickson to "Thermodynamics" by L. L. Dichty.

A large percentage of these books received last month were published in 1937. The continuations of preceding numbers of technical publications are also numerous and furnish the prospective engineer a knowledge of the latest developments in all fields of technology. Armour receives an average of about twenty-five hundred volumes per year.