

Few Changes Since First Issue

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graduate of Armour whose whereabouts was known. Thirty alumni in foreign countries received copies.

The honor to receive the first two copies to come off the press was also claimed by Dr. Raymond. The third copy was received by Professor Hendricks in recognition of having fostered the idea of a student newspaper. Needless to say, Professor Hendricks was widely congratulated on the success of his promotional effort.

No One Wants Them

Characteristic of the humor of the Armour student was this news item appearing on the front page:

"Flunk notices will be given out Wednesday, April 11, from the Dean's office. Students must make request for them there if they have the slightest suspicion that they are entitled to one of the ill reputed 'valentines.' The office very considerably withheld them until after the Easter holidays, as it was thought such a policy would prevent much profanity."

The Slipstick also had its beginning in the first issue with the familiar line, "Cleave to the slipstick; let the slapstick fly where it may." The origin of the phrase probably had its beginning in the poem printed in that column of the first issue, of which the first two verses run like this:

The slipstick rests in its leather case
With ne'er a foreboding thought
Of the agonized, soul-trying, rood-scratching pace

That soon on its slide will be wrought.

It's always ready to enter the fight
Tho' the glass is cracked and bent,
If the figures don't come the way that's right,

The slipstick will lie like a gent.

The entire poem is credited to one C. R. Bishop, '26.

The author or authors of the first Slipstick probably had the same difficulty in getting jokes that some of our present columnists seem to have.

Used Smaller Type

The first five numbers completed, the editorial board turned its efforts toward a new volume. In spite of the confidence in the success of the first volume, the first number of the second volume came out in smaller type, but the next issue was again increased to the 5 column sheet. The News then inaugurated weekly publication.

A large advertisement on the third page called attention to the fact that "The red brick building at the north end of Ogden Field is the Armour Tech Cafeteria — student entrance through side door opening into Ogden Field."

The third number featured a straw vote. The paper carried instructions on marking the ballot: "Mark X for one."

Herbert Hoover—Republican Candidate.

Alfred E. Smith—Democratic Candidate.

Hoover was favored by 4 to 1 by the student body as reported by the latter issues.

We also learn that the Frosh drank 112 quarts of cider at the Handshake that year.

Increased to Six Columns

The issue of November 1, 1928, was increased to the present size six column sheet and marked the beginning of a definite form which was to carry through the next nine years. Thus the paper had rapidly grown and assumed its present position early in its history. John Hommes was still editor-in-chief in reward of his faithful service to the News.

Even the April fool edition originated in the first year of the publication of the News. The only difference is that the edition came out on Valentine's Day instead of April Fool's Day. The first edition was printed on yellow paper and carried the title *Armour Neck Stew* instead of *Armour Tech News*. Among the various converted heads appearing on the stories was: "Soph Dance to Be an Awful Flop—Daisy Schommer Goofs Up Plans for Soph Brawl." Another was the following: "Peril Looms for Freud's Illicit Booze Racket." The articles were highly entertaining. The policy of conservatism seemed to have been abandoned then more than it has been ever since.

Fifty Mechs to Visit Convention

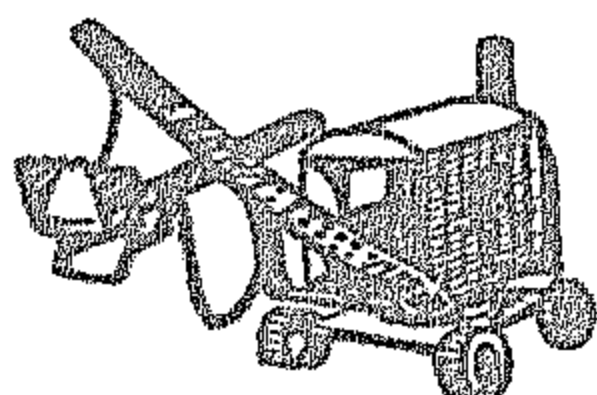
More than fifty members of the Armour chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will attend the annual midwest student conference which will be held April 18-19 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The conference will open Monday, April 18 with an inspection trip through the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. Dinner will be served and a welcome meeting for all the delegates held. The welcome meeting will be directed by I. Thomas, president of the Armour student branch.

Albert N. Schreiber, who will represent Armour at the conference will present a paper on "Wire Tape." Professor Nachman is the honorary chairman of the Armour delegation. Prizes of 25, 15, and 10 dollars will be awarded. The results of the competition will be announced at a luncheon Tuesday. Mr. H. N. Davis, National President of the A.S.M.E. and president of Stevens Institute will deliver the address. Other schools which will be represented at the session are U. of Minnesota, Washington U., Michigan Tech., Michigan State College, Purdue U., U. of Illinois, Lewis Institute, U. of Detroit, U. of Wisconsin, U. of Iowa, Rose Polytechnic, U. of Michigan, and Iowa State College.

The program for Thursday afternoon schedules inspection trips thru several industrial plants in the Milwaukee area. These include the Phoenix Hosiery Mills Plant, A. O. Smith automobile fabricators, and the Port Washington Power station, one of the most efficient power stations in the world. A trip through a famous Milwaukee brewery is being planned after the Conference.

Junior and Senior mechanical engineering classes are to be excused to allow the students to attend the conference. The inspection trip committee headed by S. Gryglas is in charge of transportation.

Steam Shovel



Below is printed a letter received by Dick Vandekieft after his solo was heard far and wide.

Dear Sir:

(May I call you dear?) I heard your voice Wednesday night and I feel like I have had a message from my fate. I have not been the same since. When the strains of "Just You" came to my lonely ears, somehow I felt you meant me. Oh, I know what you are thinking, that I am a silly foolish girl that writes to men she has never seen. But I have seen you in my heart. Please don't laugh. My heart tells me that you have curly blond hair. I hope I am right. But then, if you are forty and ugly you could always sing to me in the dark.

May I tell you about myself? I am no beauty, but I make wonderful doughnuts and my pa has a cow and three chickens. I have brown eyes but when you boys sang "Black Eyed Susie" I wished I had a black eye.

If I only had a picture of you—a picture that I could embrace in the folds of my tear-stained pillow to shorten endless nights. I suppose you think I am bold.

Sing "Love Me Forever" for me some night.

Until then I call myself

TRISTA.

P.S. I got a friend for that baritone.

Could it be that Trista is referring to H. C. Anderson? He's got blond, wavy hair too.

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Just to verify the statement about Osterberg as it appeared last week we find him reading love stories in the library. Poor Ed.

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While welding last week "WHITTEY" McCORMACK smelled smoke. After walking around trying to find out just what was burning, he finally discovered his overalls were on fire.

Dr. Krathwohl to Lecture to Men's Club Tomorrow

Dr. Krathwohl will speak tomorrow before the Young Men's Club of the Hyde Park Y.M.C.A. The subject will be "Choosing An Occupation and Making a Success of It."

During the last five years great advances have been made by psychologists in vocational guidance. The advances have been made possible by the application of the methods of higher mathematics to a field which was only descriptive at one time. A great deal of the information has been made possible by the widespread use of the Strong Vocational Guidance Test. This test by finding a person's likes and dislikes is able with its 400 items to differentiate between twenty-seven different occupations. The test does not determine a person's abilities in a particular field, merely his inclinations.

This test, together with the latest research in this field, will be the subject of Dr. Krathwohl's talk.

G. M. Presents Group of Motion Pictures

Last Friday the General Motors Corporation showed another series of scientific movies to the Armourites in the assembly hall. From the applause that came at the end of the program it would seem that all of those present enjoyed and appreciated the program. There were four pictures in all: "Soft Pedal," which dealt with clutches; "Seeing Green," an educational traffic picture; "Designed for Distinction," which showed the various steps in the pre-production part of the car; and "Riding the Film," a lubrication demonstration.

Perhaps the most entertaining of all the models shown was the traffic light in "Seeing Green." This model was a panorama of a model street set up to visualize actual traffic conditions. This part was made to show the solutions to the traffic problems through the use of light systems. The accompanying explanation showed how the lights are actuated and the methods of setting the intervals.

A.I.Ch.E. to Hear J. Kurland On 'Alcoholic Fermentation'

"The Role of the Enzyme in Alcoholic Fermentation" will be the topic of the talk presented at the next A.I.Ch.E. meeting by J. J. Kurland, Ch.E. '40. The meeting will be held next Friday in the P.L.R.

The lecture will include a discussion of the reactions and methods of industrial production of the alcohols by fermentation. Emphasis will be placed upon the action of the enzymes and their importance in the production of alcohols by fermentation.

Armour Eye Hear Lecture On Personal Photography

Through the courtesy of Eastman Film Company and with the assistance of A. Giovan, M.E., '39, a series of slides accompanied with explanatory remarks were presented at the meeting of the Armour Eye, in their club rooms last Wednesday.

"Personal Photography" was the title of the discussion, and the use of the candid camera as a picture diary was presented.

Armour Alumni Book to Be Published Soon

In the course of being prepared by the Alumni Office is an Alumni Secretary which will be released to all alumni and graduating seniors sometime during June. Free copies will be distributed to alumni who send in the questionnaire enclosed in the *Armour Engineer* and those seniors who personally fill out a questionnaire at the Alumni Office in the Research Building.

The book is to be published every few years. It is to be six inches by nine inches, containing about two hundred pages. It will contain eighteen separate divisions. The various divisions are: Dedication, Historical Sketch, Board of Trustees, Officers, and Committees; Summer School Division, Evening School Division, Undergraduate Division, Graduate Division, Research Foundation, Student Activities, Athletic Review, Public Relations, Placement, Armour Tech Alumni Association, General Directory, Class Directory, Occupational Director, Geographical Directory of Men Outside Chicago, and Fraternity Listing.

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