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Green Caps To Dance at Hotel Knickerbocker

Less than two weeks remain for Armour students to purchase their bids for this year's outstanding social event. Yes, you guessed it, it is the Freshman "Green Cap" dance.

The unusual, beautiful grand ballroom of the Knickerbocker Hotel is to be the scene of this grand occasion. The glass floored ballroom illuminated by two thousand colored lights is only a sample of the exotic features of the Knickerbocker Hotel.

Pierson Thal to Play

Pierson Thal, his orchestra and beautiful vocalist, Ginny Stone, will hold the musical spot-light. All those who attend are sure to enjoy his rhythmic scintillating style of playing. Since the organization of his orchestra several years ago, Pierson Thal's reputation has been rapidly spreading throughout the country. John Peterson and his social committee feel very fortunate in obtaining his services.

Clever bids in the shape of a green cap are now available for \$1.50. Any member of the freshman social committee or the book store will be glad to accommodate you. To insure a comfortable, enjoyable evening only a limited number are to be sold.

Located on the fashionable near north side of Chicago, the Hotel Knickerbocker is easily reached by private automobile or public conveyance.

Arx Social To Be Held Friday

This Friday evening an Arx society dance will be held in the Student Union lounge. About 8:00 o'clock the floor will be cleared and the rugs rolled back for an evening of dancing and merriment. The event is officially termed a social meeting of the society.

The guests of the evening will step in swingtime to the elegant music which such capable men as Orrin Tucker, Hal Kemp, Ossie Nelson, Freddie Martin, et al, are capable of providing. This, of course has been made possible through the media of records and radio broadcasts on the lounge radio-phonograph.

Other entertainment is in prospect inasmuch as the junior members of the society have been working up some skits to present while the musicians are resting.

All architects are invited to come and, of course, bring their dates. There will be no admission charge. The board of control of the society is arranging the details of the program for the evening.

Dance Club Party Set For May 3rd; Charlton To Play

At long last the date for the next dance club social has been chosen. After much deliberation it was decided that Friday, May 3rd is the most desirable date to hold this dance. At the last meeting, Wednesday, April 10, the price of admission was set at 40 cents per couple.

Don Charlton's Band is going to play again. The dance will probably start about 8:30 p.m.

At their last social, which was held March 15th, the dance club put on a regular floor show including a jitter-bug performance by a professional couple. The great surprise of the evening was Bernard Wolfson's birthday party. He was presented with several very extraordinary presents by president Ernie Colant.

Power Conference Hears Well-Known Industrialists Talk

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9th and 10th, a number of the foremost technological men in the country met at the Palmer House for the third annual meeting of the Midwest Power Conference. The Conference was reorganized in 1938 for the purpose of giving those men who have problems in this field an opportunity to discuss them with other men in similar professions. Armour Institute has had a greater part of the responsibility and sponsorship of the event since that time, and has received close cooperation from the following institutions: Iowa State College, Michigan State College, Purdue University, State University of Iowa, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, the Chicago section A.I.Ch.E., the Chicago section A.I.E.E., the Chicago section A.I.M.E., the Chicago section A.S.M.E., the Illinois section A.S.C.E., the Illinois Chapter A.S.H.V.E., and the Western Society of Engineers. Stanton E. Winston, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at A.I.T. was the Conference Director.

Engineers Discuss Papers

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the meeting continued, with intermissions, until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday. Among the papers presented, were Philip W. Swain's, Editor of Power; "The Combustion Gas Turbine, a Novel Prime Mover" by Paul R. Sidler, Engineer of Brown, Boveri, and Co.; "Protection of Power Plant Equipment" by Dale F. Reese, Vice-President of Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.; "Diesel Units" by Herbert W. Dow, Executive.

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Seniors Are In Demand; Many Already Placed

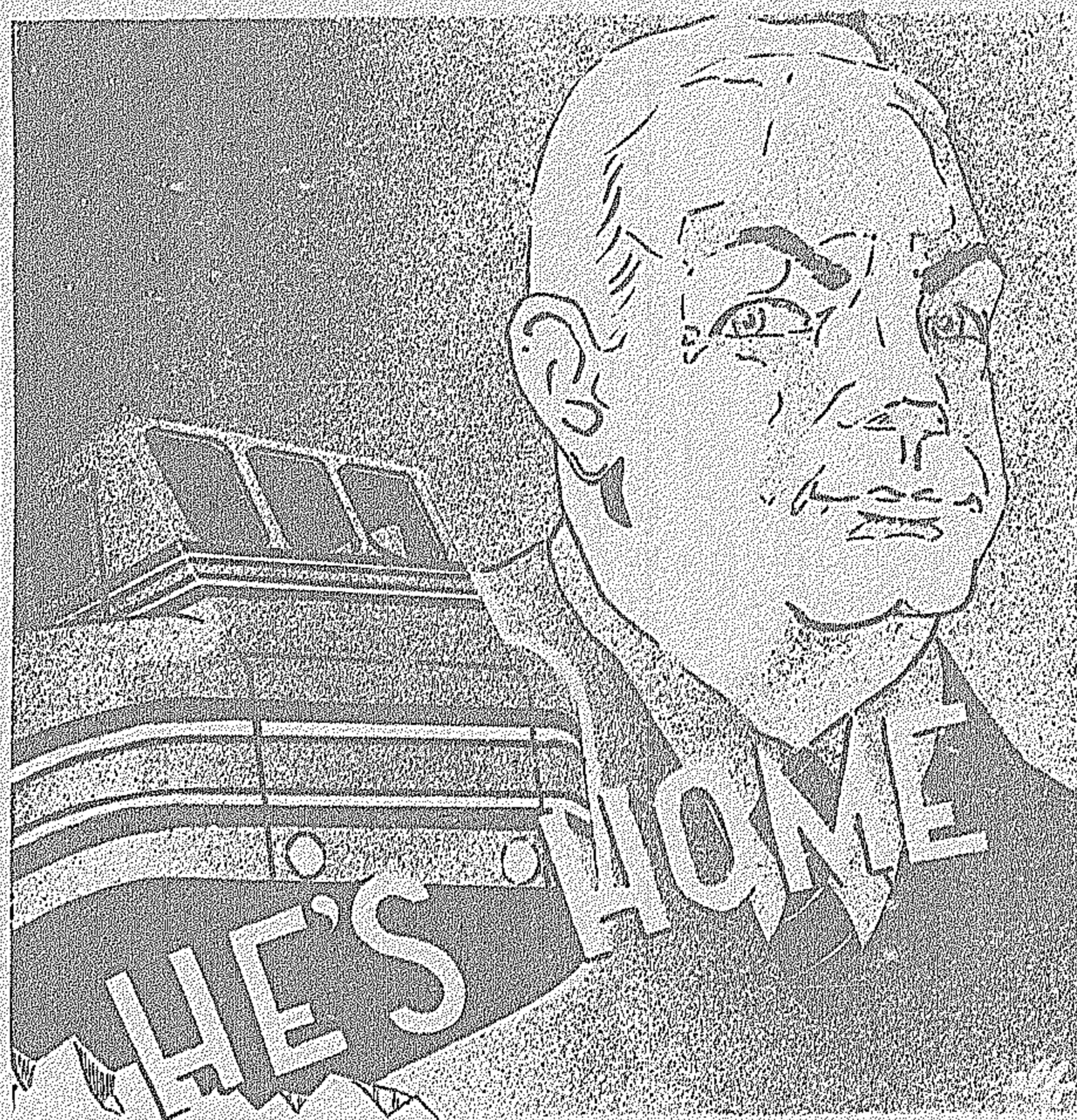
As a result of the tireless efforts of its director, John J. Schommer, the Placement Department has succeeded in arranging interviews with industrial firms which may have opportunities for the graduating engineers. About forty firms have already had their representatives interview some of the seniors in the Placement Department Offices, and there are some forty more who will arrange appointments in the near future.

Records Necessary

Directly as a result of these interviews is the assured employment of fifteen men with fifty others being seriously considered. Several men will be starting at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per month, while the average starting salary is somewhat below that figure. Those seniors who expect to graduate in June and have not had any interviews as yet may credit this to the absence of their records from the placement files. Mr. Schommer emphasizes the fact that it is absolutely necessary for the men to have their complete scholastic and employment record with a good photograph in the placement office files where they may be easily referred to, should an employer evince an interest in employing an engineer.

Place All Graduates

Besides the placement of graduating seniors, Mr. Schommer has under consideration the successful employment of Armour graduates of 1939 and prior. All of last year's graduates were placed by December first, with an average starting salary of \$110.82 per month, although the highest was one hundred and sixty dollars per month. During the first three months of this year, the placement of former graduates resulted as follows: in January, twenty-eight placements; in February, twenty; and in March, thirty-two. In April thus far, men are being placed at the rate of one a day, and there are several opportunities offering five thousand dollars a year to experienced men.



Miss Mulvihill Takes Lead In Room Service

A two hundred and fifty-six day run on Broadway and a one-night stand at Armour Institute of Technology, will be the record of "Room Service," as presented to posterity. The Broadway run has already been compiled, but the Armour occurrence is set for the evening of May 4.

Armour Tech's players, who have been practicing for over a month, have brought it to an almost finished shape. The actors claim to have their parts well memorized, and are promising that this comedy will be every bit as hilarious as when it was on Broadway and in the movies.

DeStefano Leads

Rocco DeStefano will attempt to delineate the character Miller, the leading man. He is a bawdy producer, who is rather eccentric.

The leading feminine role will be played by Rosemary Mulvihill (Chicago Teachers College, telephone number unknown). Helen Rouss will enact the feminine character Hilda.

Schultz Directing

Other parts will be handled by Hugo Geissler, as the hotel manager, and Clarence McDonald. Charles H. Schultz is directing the play and is being assisted by Arthur Minwegen. Bob Underhill is the stage manager.

The play is due to draw a large crowd from all indications. The tickets will only be a half a dollar, and will include dancing after the play.

Board Action Is Required For Benefits Of Two Proposed A.T.S.A. Amendments

Last April 18, 1939 the News printed a list of proposed amendments to the A.T.S.A. Constitution, along with the reasons for the changes. Several of these changes were adopted, but there are two which have hung on the fire for almost a year, and still need action of the students to make them effective.

Intramural Fund

The first of the needed changes lies in the intramural management department. Under the present system the awards have to pass through the red tape of the treasurer's office, while under the new rule the manager will have a fund at his disposal, for which he shall be directly responsible. This change, however, lies in the by-laws, for which a student opinion is not needed. Action of the board now one year behind time is the only requirement. The benefits are obvious.

Another change, also discussed last year, is to reduce by one man, the number of faculty men on the board. This will give the students a greater majority. Such a change does require student opinion and an

Color Used To Create Novel Cycle Effects

Out more than a month before semester ends, this year's Cycle features something new and surprising in each section. Possible only because of the constant concerted effort of its editor, Eugene H. Worcester, senior F.P.E. and his assistants, this advanced date of appearance of Armour's annual was commended by all who learned of it. With the final touches completed last weekend, the entire copy was turned over to the printers and engravers who promise delivery of the completed books between May 27th and 30th.

Color Throughout

Color all through the volume, set off well by its dark covers, gives life to the yearbook and stimulates the interest and admiration of the reader. Creating novel effects by many other devices besides this very liberal use of the two-color process, the Cycle has been planned, outlined and executed entirely by students without professional aid. It portrays Armour spirit with feeling, picturing Armour's many phases and intimate details perhaps more completely than any previous Cycle. Art work of true merit and lucid text reflect the tremendous amount of work expended. Unusual is the editorial staff arrangement, which features simply "the editor and the assistants to the editor," much credit is given to the juniors and underclassmen.

Dr. Poulter Returns To Armour, Brings News of Snow Cruiser

S.P.E.E Meeting To Be Held at Notre Dame Saturday

For the sixth time since the beginning of its annual meetings, the Illinois-Indiana section of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education will convene next Saturday, April 20, this time at the University of Notre Dame, in Notre Dame, Indiana. It will consist of two sessions, one in the morning from 10:00 to 11:30—which will be followed by an hour and a half of opportunity to inspect the university, with an informal luncheon at 1:00—and another from 2:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Deans to Speak

During the morning, the addresses are to be given by Dean Dugald C. Jackson Jr., of the College of Engineering at Notre Dame, and Dean Ovid W. Eshbach of the Northwestern Technological Institute in Evanston, preceded by a welcome from the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, G.S.C., Acting President of Notre Dame University. The afternoon speaker will be Mr. A. T. Boyd, Director of Development of the General Motors Corporation, who will speak on "You and Research." Mr. Boyd's address will be followed by a repast of doughnuts and coffee. All members of the S.P.E.E., and all other engineers and teachers as well, are invited to attend the sessions next Saturday.

Proud Poppas Armour Guests At Big Banquet

Armour's fourth annual Fathers' and Sons' Banquet was held last Saturday evening, April 13, in the Student Union.

Inaugurated in 1936 as "Dad's Night," the affair has since become one of the school's most popular and looked-forward-to social events.

Tappan Gregory Is Speaker

Tappan Gregory, prominent Chicago lawyer and president of the Chicago Bar Association was featured as the evening's guest speaker. Mr. Gregory has probably "shot" more animals than any sportsman in Chicago—his weapon being the camera. Mr. Gregory, who has been using the strategy of steadiness and patience in seeking his prey, discussed his fascinating hobby and illustrated his talk with movies.

Toastmaster for the evening was John J. Schommer, Armour's athletic director and a well-known figure in the sports world.

Promotes Parental Interest

Sponsored by the A.T.S.A., the banquet was held mainly for the purpose of bringing the students, their fathers, and members of the faculty into a more familiar, closely-knit group. It serves as a means of arousing parental interest on the part of the fathers of the students, and gives them a better insight into the function of the Institute.

The ATSA is directed by a Board of Control which includes faculty representatives as well as the officers of the Association. The board has governing power over athletics and acts in an advisory capacity for all school activities, including class organizations; and aside from the fund allotted to class treasuries and school publications, it administers the funds derived from the student activity fee.

Attending the affair were President H. T. Heald, Dr. C. A. Tibbals, Dr. L. E. Grinter and several other members of the faculty. Jack Clark and Richard A. Larson, president and vice-president, respectively, of the ATSA, were in charge of all arrangements. The committee-in-charge consisted of the following undergraduates: Clay DeMent, Fred DeMoney, Roman T. Mankus, and Rocco DeStefano.

Will Resume Duties As Research Head

Completing the last lap of a 20,000 mile return trip from the Antarctic, Dr. Thomas Poulter, the "Snow Cruiser Man," arrived at the Research Foundation from San Francisco last April 8th, to resume his duties as director.

Although his original intentions had been to remain at the Antarctic base for several months as commander of the United States Antarctic Expedition, his job at the Research Foundation became so pressing that Dr. Poulter decided to relinquish his command of the expedition to Dr. F. A. Wade and return to Chicago. Additional incentive for a quick return was that the expected three months time for unloading the North Star actually turned out to be only eleven days, upon completion of which the vessel was to immediately return.

Dr. Wade Remains

According to Dr. Poulter the North Star, owned and operated by the Division of Territory and Island Possessions of the Department of the Interior, was originally built to go on regular runs to Alaska. Frequent trips to Point Barrow, the northernmost point, carrying food and medicinal supplies, demonstrated its remarkable serviceability as an ice-going vessel, and it was commandeered for the long jaunt to the South Pole. With a length of 377 feet and a cargo capacity of 2000 tons, the North Star is, in the opinion of Dr. Poulter, the best ship afloat for this type of travel.

"Best Ship Afloat"

Remaining with the Snow Cruiser now are Doctor Wade, Felix Ferranto, Radio Operator and second-in-command, and Theodore Petras, airplane pilot. Incidentally, Petras has made several test flights with the tiny pick-a-back plane. Results have been more than satisfactory. The craft was selected for its small size, (Continued on page four)

Photo Club Adds To Membership And Equipment

At secret initiation ceremonies last Friday evening, four men were inducted into the Armour Eye. After serving their pledge period and passing certain photographic tests. Harold E. Hoffman, William Coombe, Harry Tun, and Paul F. Leopold were accepted for membership in Armour's camera club. After the initiation was held there was the regular monthly meeting featuring a print criticism session during which approximately a hundred prints were viewed and discussed.

Club Trains Pledges

Offering much to the amateur photographer, the Armour Eye is open to all Armour men and is one of the more popular extra-curricular groups. With regular photography classes for the pledges, the club insures each one a thorough knowledge of the more commonly used photographic techniques and processes. The recently redecorated and refurbished rooms of the Armour Eye are pervaded by a congenial, homey atmosphere and the two spacious darkrooms, being especially designed for utility, are unusually comfortable to work in.

New Super Camera Acquired

New commercial backgrounds, a variety of cameras and tripods, complete facilities for lighting, including Edison power when the school's generators are shut down, and strict privacy when desired make the Eye's studio the equal of many commercial studios. For those who use smaller sized or miniature cameras, the club recently acquired a Super B Omega enlarger, acclaimed by the great majority of photographers to be the very best, being, in fact, too expensive to be generally available.