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## MUSIC CLUB XMAS CONCERT DEC. 18

### Carols, Classics, Mark Festive Occasion

Presentation of this year's first Music Club concert on the Armour campus will take place on Thursday, December 18, at 11 a.m. Judging from the reports of the concert given on the west campus last Friday, there is every reason to believe that the men will give one of their best performances of recent years.

Opening the program will be the familiar Christmas carols, followed by the stirring overture, "Poet and Peasant", Beethoven's "Worship of God in Nature" will then be sung by the Glee Club. The introduction of an invisible choir singing, "Monastery Gardens", will be followed by the orchestra playing "At a Persian Market." Members of the Glee Club will then be heard in "Plantation" by Stiner; "When Day is Done," introducing William Weathersby at the vibraharp, and the ever-popular "Winter Song."

"Piece de resistance," better-known as "The Ballad for Americans," is an emotion-stirring tune for baritone solo, chorus, and orchestra. This brilliant number has been chosen as a fitting close for the program. Robert Hemman, who sings the solo, is especially suited to the part. With a voice of unusual range and appeal, he sings this great work with every confidence. Combined with a fine chorus and orchestra, Hemman's performance at Lewis last Friday was one long to be remembered.

As in the past, stage decorations will be in accord with the holiday spirit, and will form a pleasing setting for the men in their blue and white.

Classes will be dismissed and the library and lunchroom will be closed while the concert is being presented.

Relatives and friends of the student body are especially invited to hear the tuneful program which will be presented in the auditorium of the Student Union.

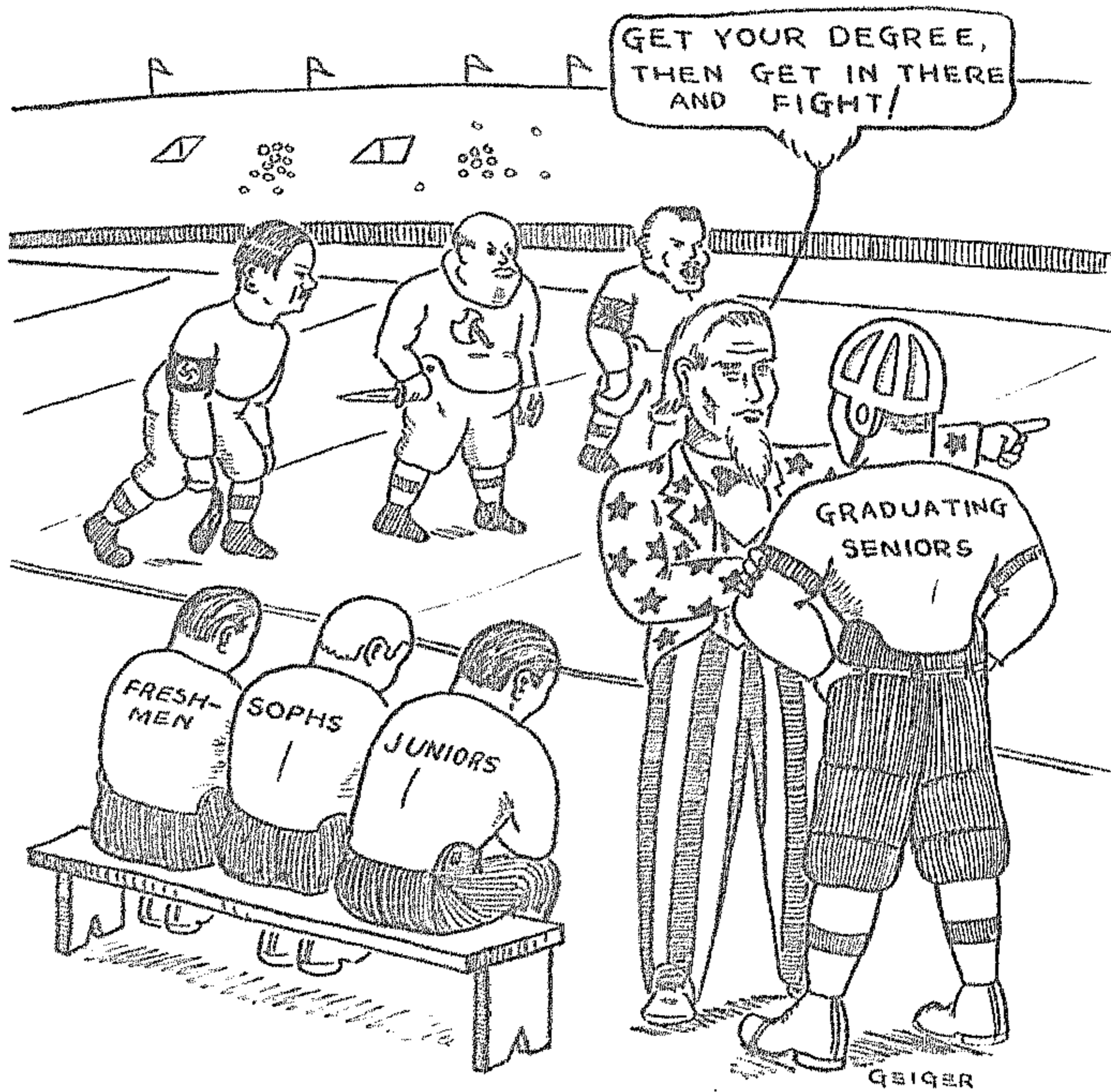
### Shaw, Crosby, Miller

#### At Gamma Rho's Dance

A swirling event is in store for all the exponents of swing, rumba, trucking on down, and other frivolous frivolities or, in other words, the Gamma Rho's Snow Drift which will be held in the Lewis gym at 2:30 Friday afternoon, December 19. The fee for moseying down the Old Ox Road is but ten cents, a paltry sum in view of the treats and surprises in store for those attending.

Featured at this sparkling, wind-blown event will be these very popular gentlemen of radio and platter fame: Artie Shaw, Bob Crosby, Glenn Miller, Wayne King, and any other noted band your heart may desire. It has been rumored and confirmed by the office of Ways and Means committee that the traditional holiday spirit will not be curtailed one bit; in fact, (this is a deep, dark secret known only to you readers of Technology News) it will be encouraged to the utmost. So, let loose of a small portion of your filthy lucre and have fun Friday.

## UNCLE SAM IS COACHING NOW!



## HITLER FORCES JAPAN INTO WAR WITH UNITED STATES

By M. W. Fodor  
(Special to Technology News)

For those who studied the methods of Japan or of the other dictators, the dastardly Japanese betrayal had not come as a surprise. Japan launched her wars against China in 1894, against Russia in 1904, and against Manchukuo in 1931 in a similar treacherous way. Comparatively similar tricks were used by other dictators.

Hitler did not declare war against any nation until his declaration of war against this country. He took all other countries by surprise—the method of the gangster!

Foreign correspondents in Brussels, Belgium, knew last year on May 5, that Nazi Germany would launch her all-out attack against the Low Countries. Leaves were cancelled in the army. We, the correspondents, kept perpetual vigil, often sleeping in our clothes. On May 9 we visited the Belgium war department where high general staff officers informed us that the tension had eased; that the Germans have taken away two motorized divisions (out of the existing fourteen on that front), and that, in view of the changed situation, army leaves were re-established. Today I realize that these reports were spread by German agents to lull the Belgians into inattentive waiting. It was a typical Fascist treachery. We went to sleep to have our first real rest in five days. At 4:30 a.m., the noise of falling Nazi bombs brought us out from our beds.

According to the President, Nazi Germany induced Japan to come into this war by threatening to exclude her from the spoils of victory. Japan, however, had to be convinced that Germany could succeed in knocking Russia out of this war. The excellent Nazi propaganda machine here performed a supreme success. Goebbels knew that even the very pro-Nazi officials of the Kwantung army doubted the German statements concerning the impending collapse of Russia. So they quoted all available American news-

paper and radio comments which were just as gloomy (in a completely unjustified way), about Russia's chances as were the German persuasions of Japan. Goebbels said: "This is not a Nazi opinion. Look what commentators in a neutral country say."

Germany required urgently this Japanese intervention in the war. The Nazis and the Reichswehr knew that they lost this year's campaign against Russia. It is impossible to leave an army of several million men in tents to be exposed to the sub-zero horrors of the Russian winter, when not equipped for winter warfare. (Hitler thought he could conquer Russia in six weeks.)

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## SCHOMMER AND PEEBLES OFFER AID TO DRAFTED STUDENTS FROM IIT

John Schommer announced that the OPM reports grave shortages in all related engineering fields, except fire-protection and architecture. The only location for these two is in the civil service which is desperately in need of men. The civil service also has an urgent need for draftsmen.

Marine engineers are calling for mechanical and electrical engineers. The country has a shortage of over 100,000 engineers.

Telling of a recent visit to New York, Mr. Schommer stated that an official, when asked about the number of anti-aircraft guns in that state, replied that New York had eight such guns and needed 40,000 more.

Students faced with "tough boards," were advised to contact John Schommer or Dean Peebles, who would do their utmost to obtain their deferment. In explanation, however, Schommer explicitly stated that this was being done for the national good and had nothing to do with friendship for the individual student. Last Monday, he said that he would prob-

## Student Part In War Told In

### Assemblies At Armour, Lewis

#### Defense Council Backs Lewis Assembly

The Commission on National Defense established by the City Council of Chicago, sponsored an assembly last Wednesday in the Lewis Auditorium, in order to organize the liberal arts students for civilian defense. Under the program as organized by the city council, there is a place for every citizen in this great project. In order to facilitate the organization of the program, Chicago has been sub-divided into communities, and a member of the Advisory Committee has been placed in charge of each district.

Mr. Lawrence J. Hedden, co-operating with the Commission, explained the functioning of the program of the above. In addition Mr. Hedden stated "that there is a need for avoidance of war-hysteria, as well as the need for courage and confidence; and at the same time we must have a serious realization of existing conditions."

"This is our war to protect our homes, our lives, and our democratic rights," said Mr. A. R. Sansone, Lewis alumnus and principal of Lane Tech Defense Training program, in his address to the students. He also emphasized the necessity for the students "to keep both feet on the ground."

Mr. William N. Setterberg, registrar, distributed enrollment blanks to each of the students. The information obtained from these blanks enables the office to classify and organize civilian volunteers so that they can be most effectively utilized.

Monday at 9:30, Lieut. Commander Piper of the United States Navy, further instructed the students in civilian defense.

#### Navy's Piper Speaks To Armourites

At an all-school assembly last Wednesday, John Schommer introduced Lieutenant Commander Piper, who analyzed the opportunities of the graduating engineer in the navy.

Lieut. Com. Piper began his talk by telling the engineering students of IIT to "stay in school and get that degree." He told the students not to get excited and join up before graduating because the armed forces



need engineers. He stated that three or three and one-half years is not enough, adding that an engineer without a degree is as good as a man without a country.

"Having obtained an engineering degree," Piper said, "the student is entitled to a V-7 rating and will be enabled to receive training at Annapolis, providing that he can meet the physical requirements." Course requirements are two years of mathematics, one year of chemistry, and one year of physics. Upon entering Annapolis, this apprentice seaman will receive \$150.00 worth of books and clothing. After the first month, he will be entitled to \$165.00 each month thereafter as midshipman. And upon the completion of a four-months' training course, he will be awarded a commission in the United States navy. The four-months training period is followed by a ten-day leave during which time the student may visit his home before being called to duty.

As a commissioned officer in the United States navy, he could apply for positions anywhere in the naval forces, on land, on sea, or in the air. Again, Lieut. Com. Piper warned engineering students to stay in school until the completion of their four-year courses, citing that once in the navy, they could put to use what they had learned at Illinois Institute of Technology. In explaining the desperate need of the navy for engineers, Piper described the refrigerating units on battleships, the air-conditioning equipment used aboard the larger ships, the

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## DEFENSE PRODUCTION INCREASES NEED FOR COMPETENT ENGINEERS

Speeding up of defense orders in all fields of manufacturing has increased the demand for engineers in our defense production throughout the nation.

The Placement office has announced that several large concerns are giving interviews to seniors in their respective fields of engineering. On December 15, Commonwealth Edison interviewed seniors and a few juniors from the mechanical and electrical departments. Hydraulic Controls, Inc., interviewed fifteen mechanicals on December 11. Electrical, mechanical and non-scholarship F.P.E. seniors were interviewed

by DuPont on December 12. Prest-O-Lite Corp., will interview seniors on December 17.

The Placement office is swamped because of the demand for engineers and students are requested to observe office hours: 10-11:30 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday. All seniors should turn in their records to the Placement office complete with photograph.

There will be a meeting of all the social chairmen in Sonny Weissman's office this evening at 5 o'clock to discuss future plans.