

## Heald gets \$50,000 from IIT alumni for campus development

The alumni association of the Illinois Institute of Technology, which held its first meeting Wednesday night, December 9, in the LaSalle hotel, presented Henry T. Heald, president of the institute, with a founder's roll emblematic of the gift of more than \$50,000 to the institute from the members of the association.

The money was given for use in the campus development at the institute and was contributed by 2,670 members, graduates of the old Armour Institute of Technology and Lewis Institute, as well as recent graduates of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

There were three objectives of the 1942 Alumni Fund: contributions toward a Field House Fund, gifts for a fund to equip the new Carman Memorial Library when it can be built (funds for which are now available); and gifts to the general development program. The greatest number of gifts were undesignated and went to the general fund. This amounted to approximately \$35,797.00. The total toward the Field House Fund now amounts to \$10,-

489.00. This does not include a student association gift of approximately \$10,000. The gifts designated for the Carman Memorial Library total \$3,484.00. In each case the Institute will strictly adhere to the will of the donor so that these monies will be reserved for the purposes designated by the donors.

The alumni have completed the formation of their merged Illinois Tech Alumni Association, which includes the old Armour and Lewis students as well as the new Illinois Tech graduates by electing their first officers.

George Von Gehr, 140 Park avenue, Glencoe, a 1928 graduate of Armour, was elected president. Sidney B. Westby, 482 Parkside avenue, Elmhurst, a 1928 graduate of Lewis Institute, was named vice president and Mrs. Alexander T. Reynolds, 6420 Stewart avenue, a 1941 graduate of the Illinois institute, was elected secretary treasurer. Directors named were Leonard P. Zick, 9728 South Loomis street; Claude A. Kneupfer, 918 Jackson avenue, River Forest, and Jules Brady, 451 Wrightwood avenue.

## Honor men hear Circuit judge



Left to right seated at the Interhonorary banquet are: Dean Clarke, Judge Lewe, Bob Rose, P. C. Huntly, John Schommer, J. I. Yellott, and Sonny Weissman.

Illinois Tech's annual Interhonorary banquet was held at 6:30 Wednesday evening, December 9, at the University club. One hundred twenty-five members of all honorary fraternities on both Tech campuses were in attendance.

Bob Rose, president of the Interhonorary council, introduced the guests of honor, who included J. C. Peebles, dean of the Armour College of Engineering; C. L. Clarke, dean of Lewis Institute of Arts and Science; P. C. Huntly, head of the Civil Engineering department; John I. Yellott, head of the Mechanical Engineering department; Sonny Weissman, Student union boss, and John J. Schommer, placement director and what have you. Each of the above men gave a short speech of greeting. Schommer, in addition, produced a short, punchy speech concerning the labor problem in the United States war industries and showed how these industries were cramped because of lack of engineers. He urged that no one enlist till his potentialities as an engineer had been checked by the Placement office.

The principal speaker of the affair was John C. Lewe, judge on the Circuit Court bench of Illinois.

Judge Lewe stated that America is the most crime-riddled "civilized" country in the world. Twelve and a half billion dollars are spent annually by law enforcement agencies. Eighty percent of the crime repeaters or habitual criminals come from blighted areas, of which Chicago has several. In fact, the entire area of the city inside Belmont avenue, the lake, 63rd street and Cicero avenue is considered to be blighted by some crime authorities. In closing Judge Lewe said,

"... in the human plan  
Nothing is worth building  
Unless it builds the man."

### Got a gal? Buy that bid! Jive Jan. 16!

Illinois Tech's last big dancing party in the first half of the school year, the "Techawk War Dance", will be held Saturday, January 16, 1943, in the Terrace Casino of the Morrison Hotel. What with graduation and selective service induction imminent in the near future, this party will be the last opportunity for many students to "get together" for a big festival.

The ornate Terrace Casino is widely known throughout the Middle West for the beauty of its architecture. Musical host at this dance will be "Commander Cunningham and his Midshipmen", a 13 piece aggregation of top-notch instrumentalists. Though known as the "Midshipmen" and dressed in ensigns' uniforms, they are not members of the U. S. Navy. The authorization to wear the official Navy garb was granted them by Commander Stephens, of the U. S. Navy, whose interests in the orchestra is that of sponsor.

Bids will be on sale immediately after the holidays at \$2.75.

## Mint calls for coin exchange

"Praise the Lord and pass the pennies". Well, anyway, pass the pennies, because our favorite uncle needs them. If you've tried to get your hands on some copper wire recently, you're probably aware of the fact that there is not too much copper floating around the country. Fact is, there is a drastic shortage of the stuff. One reason is that there are millions of pennies, and other small coins, lying idle in piggy banks, glass jars and the like, in homes all over the nation. As a result of this, the Mint has to use up precious copper each year to replace the coins which are being kept out of circulation. Just to give an idea of how the thing mounts up, last year the Mint used 4600 tons of copper in the production of one-cent pieces alone. That made about 1,500,000,000 pieces. Now a good part of that 4600 tons could have been used directly in the war effort if some of the pennies which are lying around gathering dust had been put back into circulation.

The moral is that we want to avoid using that much copper again for pennies this year. And we can avoid it if we get those hoarded pennies back into circulation. Of course, if you break open your kid brother's piggy bank — purely patriotic motives, of course—you will be expected to turn over to him the war savings stamps you buy with his pennies. (After all, remember the Honor System!) Of course, you can just turn your pennies in for coins of larger denominations, of which there is an ample supply.

This is a serious matter. The Director of the Mint is asking the heads of schools all over the country to get their students and faculty to do everything they can towards getting idle pennies back into circulation. This is an important part of the "War of Production" so let's all pitch in—our pennies.

## GE engineer talks to WSE

Doctor Everett S. Lee will speak to the Mechanical Section of the Western Society of Engineers in the auditorium of the Engineers building, 205 W. Wacker drive, tonight, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Doctor Lee, who is an engineer in the General Engineering laboratory of the General Electric company, will speak on "Mechanical Engineering Applications of Electrical Measuring Methods". All students are invited to attend, particularly mechanical and electrical engineers.

## • Peebles

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are still open to those under 18. Army Air Corps' ground school still offers opportunities for aspiring meteorologists. They are drafted in the first three years of college. IIT students will rise rapidly in the ranks.

Sophomores, the dean continued, at present stand an excellent chance of deferment. Meteorology, mentioned above in connection with freshman prospects, is also open to second- and third-year men.

Many juniors, Dean Peebles stated, possess 2A deferments. These deferments are renewable, and the dean believes that the majority of the junior class will graduate.

Seniors are very unlikely to have premature calls to duty. The major problem confronting seniors not yet enrolled in the armed services is that of choosing between actual war service and effort in industry's trenches.

The latter alternative, while not one of glamour, was recommended by the dean as a service of incalculable value. "The scarcity of engineers in industry," he said, frankly paraphrasing an oft-repeated remark of Professor John Schommer's, "is a bottleneck which must be broken. You can't fight without the materials of war."

Seniors may still, however, obtain appointments to commissions as ensigns in the Navy or as second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. These commissions will be given upon graduation provided satisfactory application has been made. However, he condemned the policy of enlisting in the armed forces before consulting with Professor Schommer, director of placement, on the needs of war industries and the opportunities they offer.

"What will happen to the Institute in the near future?" Dean Peebles stated, "IIT will not close its doors as a result of the war. An educational institution has more lives than the proverbial cat." Will the school be taken over by the armed forces, as in the last war? The dean's reply was an emphatic "No". He explained that, in his opinion, IIT is too precious a training field for engineers to be forced to this extreme.

Next summer will, in all probability, see all students hard at work, sandwiching an additional semester between the normal ones. The dean alluded to the possibility of 1000 uniformed men on the campus. He predicted that all V-1 Navy enlistees will be uniformed, as well as many Armed Enlisted Reserve Corps students Tuition for these men, he felt, would be paid by the armed forces.

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