

Faculty Club Reading Room

FACULTY CLUB

OFFICERS

| F. U. Smith |
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| D. P. Moreton |
| J. J. Schommer |
| J. S. Thompson |
| W. A. Spencer |
| V. B. Teach |

The history of the Armour Faculty Club, which it has been the pleasure of the present historian to record from time to time, must be written this year in rubrics. For 1932 has indeed seen red letter days; days in which the club quarters were transformed from an unventilated hole in the wall into clean, spacious, attractive club rooms, where the members may spend their moments of relaxation in ease and comfort.

The Institute authorities having placed additional space at the disposal of the club, a program of expansion and improvement was proposed by the president, Professor Moreton. The plans involved an increase of approximately 100% in the space occupied by the club, the installation of a large, well lighted and ventilated reading room, the providing of adequate cloakroom and washroom facilities, and a thorough revamping of the existing quarters. The new reading room is well

insulated, both thermally and acoustically, so that the click of the ivories (or shall we say, the crash of the bakelites) in the billiard room adjoining, or the verbal hot air from the card room, can not disturb R.V.P. reading the latest mystery story in Saturday Evening Post, or R.J.F. working the cross-word puzzle in Judge.

Practically all the work involved in the improvements was done by members of the club, with Moreton acting as superintendent of construction and Nash and Spencer as boss carpenters. Through the long summer vacation these men worked, assisted at frequent intervals by many other members. Members who did no work contributed cash for necessary supplies and materials, and for new furniture. The slogan was "Ten Days or Ten Dollars," an illuminating commentary on the value of the average professor's services when he works with his hands.

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