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### A GOOD CLASS SMOKER

THE success of the Sophomore smoker Wednesday night, on which occasion the condition of the 1919 Field Day teams was set forth, can be reflected in no better way than by greatly increased support of these teams. Three weeks from today comes Field Day. Win or lose, the support of their class teams both actively and morally culminating with Field Day will be the final criterion for measuring the real success of the class smoker.

WE doubt very much that the majority of the freshmen are in sympathy. Moreover, we are positive that every other class in the Institute is with the clever and novel "stunts" as argued by our correspondent. Thoroughly disgusted with a display of spirit so contrary to Technology principles. The definition of William Barton Rogers that Technology is, "A PLACE FOR MEN TO WORK AND NOT FOR BOYS TO PLAY" still holds.

### ENGINEER CORPS

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partment, either by original appointment or by promotion, a man must present himself at an Army post before an examining board which will give him both a physical and mental examination. Physical examinations will conform to the standard required of recruits except that any candidate whose degree of vision is less than 20-40 in either eye, or who is color blind for red, green or violet will be rejected.

The mental examination will be based on such subjects as English grammar; one elementary foreign language; history; physics; chemistry; geology; mineralogy; topographic, hydrographic and geodetic surveying; descriptive geometry and drafting; theoretical and applied mechanics; and the theory and practice of engineering construction, including buildings, highways, bridges, retaining walls, dams, foundations, water supply and sewage disposal, and materials of construction. Each subject has a certain value placed upon it in relation to the whole and no candidate will be considered as having passed a satisfactory examination who fails to attain a general average of at least 80 per cent, or who fails to attain a mark of at least 67 per cent. in each subject included in it.

From the candidates who pass the physical and mental examinations satisfactorily and who are found to be qualified to moral character and general fitness, selections will be made by the War Department on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers in order of relative merit. However, acceptable candidates from approved technical schools who can also show at least one year's continuous service as a commissioned officer in Federal of State military organizations, or at least one year's training in a well-established military organization of their technical school, and who receive at the mental examination an average of 90 per cent. or more, will be given preference over all others who can not show proof of such military training.

From the men who successfully pass these examinations, provisional appointments as second lieutenants in the Corps of Engineers will be made for a period of two years and persons so appointed will be subject to the Rules and Articles of War and regulations for the government of the Army of the United States. Upon the expiration of this

### COMMUNICATION

The Tech,

To the Editor of The Tech:

I note from Friday's Tech that some of the correspondents disapprove of the freshman banner displayed over the main entrance Thursday. May I ask whether these men are in possession of all the facts?

The account in The Tech was not altogether correct. The banner was not displayed until about 8.45. Previous to that time it was covered, and eyewitnesses know that at that time the covering rolled smoothly down, exposing the glaring numerals which so aroused the correspondents' ire.

Inasmuch as the architectural effect of the buildings was not permanently impaired—the Sophomores removed the banner soon after 9.00 o'clock—and the unveiling ceremony was a distinct novelty, staged in a prominent place and at a well-chosen time, I assert my opinion that the affair was a good "stunt," and I give credit to the person or persons who conceived and executed it. I believe the majority of the freshman class agrees with me in this.

CLYDE A. NORTON, '20.

two years of provisional service, if the candidate has successfully completed his training, he may receive a permanent appointment in the Corps of Engineers with rank from the date of his provisional appointment. The pay of a second lieutenant of the Corps of Engineers is \$1,700 a year, with quarters, lights and fuel free. Promotions will be made by seniority through the successive grades up to and including the rank of colonel with increase in pay at each promotion and additional increases for length of service. The information concerning eligibility of candidates for all examinations, both physical and mental, may be obtained upon application to United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Another branch of service to which graduates of the Institute are eligible is the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps. In this, also, a grade of first or second lieutenant is open to those who are graduates from an approved engineering college and who pass a physical and mental examination given by the government.

A member of this corps will not be subject to call for service in time of peace, and whenever called upon for service will not, without his consent,

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Among the "little glimpses of real life" vouchsafed to the careful observer the Technology happenings, perhaps the most genuine The Lounger has noticed is the little human interest story contained in one of the many touching letters he receives with every mail. The patience shown by the writer under the terrible conditions of his existence easily ranks him a martyr of the degree of St. Andimac. Perhaps the reader will divine from the naivete of his plaintive pining that The Lounger's latest correspondent is to be classified as a Fragrant Frosh who, as the Cubist poet so beautifully puts it, —weaned from the Prandial Marmalade, Snubbed in brilliferous Spontaneosity, Heaveth with pent Emotion and, aweep, Unpents, emotes, burbleth bleak Badinge.....

The Lounger adds the communication without further comment.

Slab 37-0, Morgue.

Dear Lounger,

I have seen your picture in the paper so often that now I must write you and see if you can help me out in my difficulties. Perhaps I ought to say in the beginning that I came of poor but sensible parents, and was given a good education in the Harvard Preparatory Kindergarten. When it became necessary for me to decide upon a career of usefulness to the State, Pa (that's what I call my father, you know), said as long as I already knew enough to run a wheelbarrow, I probably had as much of a head for machinery as for anything else, so go to Technology and see if they can do anything for you there, so I went. He said now they had dormitories with a watchman to keep us out of trouble we couldn't be hanging around bars but he didn't tell us we wouldn't have anything to eat Sundays. That was all new to me and I haven't got used to it yet, and Loungie, do they starve us holidays so we get more other days or is it because they hate to take the money?

When I came here they said your room is not ready yet in the dormitories owing to there is a slight delay in construction which will be finished in two weeks and the Burser will inform you at that time. Meanwhile they said this is where you sleep and I've been trying ever since. It's a big place with a sign on the door, "Civil Engineering Library and the only thing I'm worrying about when I stop staying here is how cold those books are going to be in here all winter. I feel it in my bones. It's more than two weeks and the Burser hasn't sent me a letter so perhaps he's worrying about them too. But what I want to tell you about especially is that it's getting pretty cold already and some of the books must have a stronger constitution than I have. I can't help thinking that every time I walk over the floor to get my nightie. Sometimes I think I will tell the Burser about it, he has such a kind face. Only it would be better if you told him instead, as you probably know him better than I do. And at night there is a big bunch of fellows and they all holler and argue to beat the band and once I said how can I sleep when you fellows are all taking, and one of them said he thought I got my sleep in

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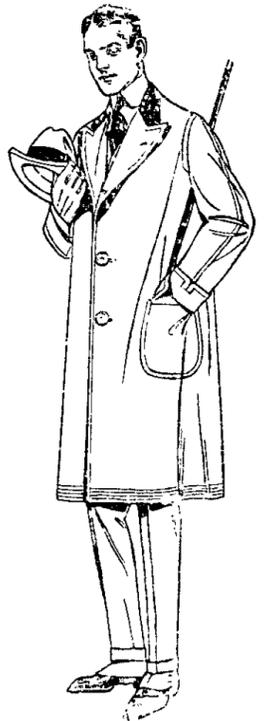
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