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CREW MAN ELECTED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TECHNIQUE 1919

After Five Weeks Committee Finally Decides on Deacon

At a meeting of the Technique 1919 electoral committee Wednesday afternoon, Edward F. Deacon was elected Editor-in-Chief of next year's Junior book. Entering the Institute the beginning of the second term last year, Deacon did some unofficial work for the Tech Show, but was attracted to the crew, doing good work in its reorganization and being elected captain last Spring. Before coming to Technology, Deacon attended the University of Michigan for a year, where he played on his class football team and was assistant business manager of one of the student publications. Since his year at Michigan and before coming to the Institute Deacon was in the construction game. He played on the freshman baseball team last season and is a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

At Wednesday afternoon's meeting Webster B. Shippey, David C. Sanford, Jr. and Fred W. Boley were elected an Art Committee, with Shippey as chairman. The object of the committee is to conduct a competition for the Art Editor and the art assistants.

With the election of the Editor-in-Chief, Deacon was elected chairman of the committee, while Shippey and James W. Reis, Jr., were elected vice-chairman and secretary respectively. A meeting of the committee will be held this afternoon in Room 4-138.

COLLINS BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO "NOT A CHANCE" SCORE

The music for "Not a Chance" has been decided upon. Earl P. Collins has written the greater number of the pieces. Collins, Class of 1915, has been quite a prominent writer for the Tech Show of the last two years, the first of which he made a sensation as a writer because at that time he was only a freshman. The great majority of the remaining pieces were written by L. B. McDaniel, the author of this year's Show. McDaniel '17 was also the author of "Getting Across," the Tech Show for 1915, and he has been a prominent music writer for that Show and the following one.

The music and writers for "Not a Chance" are as follows:

Act 1	
Opening Chorus	McDaniel
"I Wonder"	McDaniel
"Looking for a Job as Husband"	McDaniel
"Japanese Maid"	Collins
Finale	McDaniel
Act 2	
"San Antonio"	Holden
"Technology Blues"	Collins
"Cairo"	Chamberlain
Act 3	
Vampire Song	McDaniel
"Lady Butterfly"	Collins
Hawaiian Song	Collins
"'Neath the Old Egyptian Moon"	Collins
"The American Girl"	Collins
"College Love"	McDaniel
"Not a Chance"	Collins

JOHN RITCHIE ELECTED

John Ritchie, Jr., was elected president of the Boston Malacological Society at the meeting Tuesday, to succeed Prof. H. W. Shimer, whose specialty is palaeontology. Mr. Ritchie has offered free access to his enormous collection of shells to any student of the Institute or Harvard who may be interested.

FIRE CHIEF PRAISES WAY COURTS DEAL WITH "FIRE BUGS"

Senior Deputy Chief Taber of the Boston Fire Department entertained the members of the Catholic Club last Wednesday evening with an illustrated lecture on fire control in Boston. He spoke of the results of carelessness, the needs of water at a high pressure, and the dangers from incendiaries.

He emphasized the fact that carelessness is the cause of two-thirds of the annual \$250,000,000 fire loss in this country. This carelessness ranges from forgetting to pull the hook in the alarm box to the failure to provide fire barriers in great industrial centers. For instance, the streets of Boston are only thirty feet wide, while those of Chicago are sixty feet. Chief Taber cited many instances where serious conflagrations had been started by negligence in regard to lighted matches. He also showed where four hundred men were employed in a building that held eight hundred barrels of oil and paraffin, and on the fourth floor of which was a typesetting plant with a melting pot of one ton capacity, pointing out what havoc a fire would play in such a building.

In connection with the special high pressure for fire fighting, Chief Taber commented on the vital importance of the water towers and fire boats. Their principal value is to deliver a pressure of 150 pounds through a three-inch nozzle.

Incendiarism came in for a scathing denunciation, and the Massachusetts courts were highly praised for their ruthless persecution of "fire-bugs." He outlined the methods by which fires were set, and showed how difficult it is to catch the miscreant. A box of matches, a cigarette, and a bunch of oily rags are the only things necessary to start the fire, and to allow the person time to get away and establish an alibi.

The Chief gave many pointers by which property owners can protect their buildings, and then described the fire signal system at great length, dealing not only with the sounding of the alarm, but also with the arrangement of the apparatus so that every section of the city shall be protected at all times. Box "52" which only cost \$112, but which represents a total loss of \$82,000,000, was exhibited.

MUSICAL CLUBS WILL GO TO HOWARD SEMINARY BY AUTO

There will be two concerts given by the Combined Musical Clubs next week, Wednesday night, March 14, the clubs will play at the Boston City Club at the annual dinner of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange. Members will meet at the club, formally dressed, at 5:45 o'clock, Friday, March 16, the clubs go to Howard Seminary, at West Bridgewater. The clubs will go out by automobiles in the afternoon.

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