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### ENTER VOLUME XXXIX

With this issue THE TECH begins a new volume, Volume XXXIX, and with it there comes a new Board and Staff.

The last volume has passed, albeit at times rather hesitatingly, through one of the most critical periods in the history of the paper. There have been times when not more than two men were working on the staff, while changes in the Board and Staff have been kaleidoscopic due to enlistments. THE TECH, however, has managed to "carry on" and has the satisfaction of never having missed an issue throughout the past volume nor ever leaving appeared a day late. This record was achieved despite the fact that several unexpected holidays, including armistice day, were suddenly declared on the days when the paper was being made up.

The old board, in retiring, wishes to announce the following elections for the coming year:

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### ENFORCE THE POINT SYSTEM

The Point System was put into operation by the Institute Committee in the fall of 1908 and is enforced by one of its standing committees. The Point System is an institution which aims to

prevent a student from carrying too much outside work to the detriment of his studies, and enables more men to take part in activities. Every office and activity is assigned a definite number of points, and no man may carry a total of more than ten points, except in the case of athletics and the musical clubs, when he may carry one other office even though the two total more than ten points.

During the fall term and for a part of the term which followed the disbanding of the military and naval organizations to which Technology students were attached it was impossible to enforce the Point System, and until now it has probably been unwise to try to enforce it. However, every thing at the Institute is now assuming its normal conditions and it is time to revive and enforce the Point System. At present nobody knows whether some students are carrying more points than they should. The Point System Committee has not even found out how the matter stands. While we have no definite information of any violation of the Point System regulations, violations may nevertheless exist. It is the duty of the Point System Committee to make an investigation and assure the student body that the Point System is enforced strictly.

The idea of the Point System is excellent, and when enforced it is a triumph for student government. The present haphazard methods of distributing positions in activities are not in keeping with our best ideals, and should be tolerated no longer.

### HEROES—ONCE REMOVED

Much has been thought, but little has been said, about those men who have returned to Technology to take up the broken thread of their education, dropped so abruptly at the call of their country. These are men who have tasted life in all its bitter and sweet, its joy and pathos. Many of them have held positions of responsibility, commissions that called for leadership and ability. And now they drop back into the more or less humdrum routine of studies, content to be led and taught and mobbed as ordinary students lacking the experiences they have enjoyed.

It took quite a bit of sacrifice to give up two or three more years in order to make better citizens of themselves for the country they had already served

so well, and credit that is due them should not be grudgingly given. When a man returns to his education after a year or two of outside work and responsibility, it is a very good sign that he is returning with a serious intent.

### LUNCH AND SMOKE

A room set aside for smoking and eating lunches has long been needed at the Institute. According to regulations no one may smoke in the corridors or locker rooms and hence must go outside to light a cigarette or enjoy a pipe. This, to say the least, is unsatisfactory. Lunches, too, have heretofore been restricted to the locker rooms and these rooms certainly do not offer many comforts for the enjoyment of a lunch.

Room 2-075, the old "Caf," has recently been fitted out with furniture suitable for meeting just such a need and promises to answer its purpose admirably. The eager fashion in which the students are availing themselves of its comforts should be ample proof of their gratitude and appreciation.

### AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

Men interested in an undergraduate course in Aeronautical Engineering meet in room 3-370 on Friday, April 4th at 5 o'clock.

### PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION OPEN TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Award of \$100 For Best Story On Jewish Culture

On May 1, 1919, the Fourth Annual Prize Essay Competition held under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Zionist Association of America will come to a close. Up to that time any student in any college or university throughout the United States and Canada is eligible to compete for the award of \$100 which will be given for the best essay on some phase of Jewish life and culture. To the writer of the second best essay a bronze medal will be given.

The donor of these prizes is Justice Louis D. Brandeis and the judges of the competition are Professor Felix Frankfurter of Harvard, Professor David W. Amram of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The following are the subjects offered, any one of which may be chosen:

1. The socialization of Palestine (The Pittsburgh Program applied).
2. The Arab population in Palestine and Syria.
3. Industrial and commercial possibilities of Palestine.
4. The political development of Zionism as affected by the War.
5. Leo Pinsker.
6. Agricultural products of Palestine.
7. The Chalukkah as a problem of the New Palestine.
8. History of Palestinian colonization.
9. Jewish financial institutions in Palestine.
10. Modern conceptions of nationality in relation to Zionism.
11. A labor problem for Palestine.
12. Climatic conditions in Palestine.
13. Animal husbandry in Palestine.
14. Mineral resources in Palestine.
15. The Zionist organization.
16. History of Zionism in Russia.
17. History of Zionism in America.
18. Palestine and European Politics.
19. The Institutions of the Old Yishub.
20. Hebrew as a political factor in Palestine.

The following are the requirements quoted verbatim:

"Other subjects or combination of subjects may be proposed for approval. "Special emphasis will be laid on the extent and thoroughness of research and the accuracy of detail. The successful essays will be published in the association's year book.

"All manuscripts must be typewritten and the title page of each manuscript must bear an assumed name with a statement of the writer's academic standing. The writer must send with his manuscript a sealed envelope containing his name and address and subscribed with his assumed name."

All manuscripts and communications should be addressed to The Intercollegiate Zionist Association of America, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

### HIDDEN HOLDS BOILING RECORD

Up to the present the record for the bowling alleys at Walker Memorial is 151. This respectable score was made by R. P. Hidden on Wednesday, March 12.

Alumni personals, news of class and alumni associations, and other alumni activities will be gratefully received. The prompt arrival of such information will facilitate the work of the Associate Editor in making the department as timely and complete as possible.

### WEARING WOUND STRIPES CONTROLLED BY ARMY

Strict Regulations in War Department Order

Many questions are asked about wound stripes. Here are some leading ones:

If a man is wounded twice by separate bullets at the same time, does he get one or two?

What about the man hit in many places by fragments of the same shell? If he is hit once, then starts back and is hit again, is it one wound or two?

If a leg and arm are shot off simultaneously, what about it?

These questions were taken to the War Department at Washington to a clerk there who specializes in wound stripes.

The clerk looked over the list. "That is all covered," he said, "in General Order 53, and pointed to the following:

"A gold chevron of pattern identical with that of the war-service chevron, to be worn on the lower half of the right sleeve of all uniform coats, except fatigue coats, by each officer, field clerk, and enlisted man who has received, or who may hereafter receive, a wound in action with the enemy, or as the result of an act of the enemy, which necessitates treatment by a medical officer, and an additional chevron for each additional wound; but not more than one chevron will be worn for two or more wounds received at the same time. Disabling by gas necessitating treatment by a medical officer shall be considered to be a wound within the meaning of this order."

"All those questions have come up," said the clerk, "and the answer is, as the order shows, that no matter how many wounds are received at the same time the man gets only one chevron. If a soldier were wounded and started back and was wounded later he would be entitled to two wound chevrons."

"The many questions that have arisen have required official interpretation of other parts of the order. For example the medical officer must be an officer of the Army—to keep the records clear—and this issue was settled by the claims of soldiers of a merchant ship, that they were wounded in a submarine attack."

"There was no Army medical officer on board; their wounds were not serious enough to require attention after the ship reached port, so that no connection was established with the Medical Department of the Army. Their claims had to be denied."

The wound chevron is naturally the most prized in the army. There are soldiers in the United States Army who were wounded during the Spanish-American war. They began to put in applications soon after the order was issued on the ground of a wound received more than 20 years ago.

It was ruled that the order was retroactive, and the veterans of the Spanish-American war received the coveted chevrons. Then the question came up as to the Civil War, and this, of course, was decided affirmatively by the ruling.

### AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE

Scholarships of from \$500 to \$1000 are offered to American students wishing to go abroad to study in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Iceland, by the American-Scandinavian Foundation. These scholarships are not limited to students of Scandinavian descent or to those who have previous knowledge of the language, but are open to students in America, wishing to study science, history, literature, or art in any of these countries. Applications closed April 1 and the scholars will be appointed sometime in May. To college students in America who come from families of Scandinavian descent, the Foundation offers the means of meeting college expenses by working during the summer vacation as field secretaries.

All questions concerning this subject should be addressed to 25 West Forty-fifth street, New York City.

### WHAT DO NOTES MEAN?

It may seem strange that there could be any misunderstanding of the notes which so often accompany marks sent out to Technology men, but this is the case as an interview with Professor Merrill, Secretary to the Faculty, has shown. The general opinion has always been that these notes are numbered in order of their severity. Professor Merrill stated that the numbers are only for the convenience of the faculty and that these "votes" are not sent out in any definite order. There are no numbers on the notes, but they have always been assumed, for example, an "advised to withdraw" is not necessarily the follower numerically of a notice of probation. Professor Merrill said that in his opinion number six was one of the most severe and that number twelve is not half as bad as it sounds.

WILLIAMS—On account of the difficulty in obtaining information about the members of the class the senior class-book will not be published until June.

## SPIKES

### MIKE ON THE JOB

With the opening of the out-door season, the cinder track on Tech Field is found to be in excellent condition. This is entirely due to the untiring efforts of Mike Hoar, the caretaker, who, with the help of but one assistant, has groomed the track into shape, and made it one of the fastest in the country. For this, Mike is to be especially commended, as this track is wider than the one at Harvard for which six men are employed.

Mike has been a participant and a follower of track athletics for over forty years. Aside from his value as a caretaker, his encouragement to the team is of the greatest value. Moreover, he has shown a rare ability to pick future stars from the squad. Technology owes much to this man.

### AIRMEN ATTENTION!

The following communication has been received from P. D. Scheelme '19, in regard to the aviation meet to be held in Atlantic City during the summer:

"To enable the many thousands of college men who were in the army, navy and marine corps air service, but who have left service, to continue their training in aeronautics the Aero Club of America and the Aerial League of America, have arranged to hold a series of intercollegiate tournaments at Atlantic City during the coming summer.

The races and contests will take place on Saturdays and are distributed over the months of May, June and July.

In order to enter a team for some of these events, it is possible a meeting called for Thursday afternoon, April 3, 1919, at 5 in room 3-370.

All men who have held commissions in the U. S. Air Service or Foreign Air Service, or other flying men, are requested to attend this meeting. Pilots, airplane observers, balloon pilots and balloon observers are invited to come.

(Signed) PAUL D. SHEELME

### COLLEGE NOTES

MICHIGAN—The annual student opera this year at the University of Michigan has been called, "Come on Dad." The annual show is backed by the Michigan union and is rated as one of the biggest events of the student life at this university. The expense and arrangements to which the union is put in producing an opera of the type of "Come on Dad" is evidenced by the budget compiled by the general committee. It calls for an expenditure of \$4870. In order to make the money counted on every year from the opera, the theatre must be filled at every one of the three performances.

YALE—A Yale university honor roll has been compiled and contains the names of 186 students who either gave their lives for the cause or were decorated while in the service. There were sixty killed in action; thirteen died of wounds; twenty-three died of disease, and twenty-one died as result of accident; forty-three died of disease while stationed in the United States and twenty-two died as result of accidents, four died at sea. Three have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with bronze oak leaf; twenty-one have won the Distinguished Service Cross; five have been recommended for this recognition; three won the Distinguished Service Medal; one hundred and one the Croix de Guerre, and miscellaneous awards number sixty-four.

NEW YORK—A war aeronautical collection has been begun by students and faculty members of the College of New York City. The latest and most prominent addition to this unique museum is an aeroplane of Capt. Giulio Laureate, the great Italian aviator. This ship made the historic London-Turin flight, a distance of 656 miles, in six and a half hours. This remarkable accomplishment attracted universal attention at that time and Captain Laureate was personally congratulated by King George of England. Through the Italian Aeronautical society a professor at the college secured the plane for its collection of war relics.

OKLAHOMA—A big publicity campaign is being launched at the University of Oklahoma. Articles are written to each newspaper in the state in regard to the work and activities of the students who come from the county or town in which the newspaper is located. It is to be the biggest series of publicity campaigns that has ever been put on by the university.

WESLEYAN—Under the name of the "Wesleyan Wasp," a four-page newspaper is being published anonymously. Its chief purpose seems to be to "slam" the faculty, individual students, certain college and fraternity customs and even some of the townspeople.

HARVARD—Two sessions will be held at the summer school in order that the students who desire may make up the work which they missed while in service.