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A GOOD PIECE OF WORK

It is distinctly a difficult matter to conduct a really effective athletic rally to rouse enough interest to draw an audience and then keep that audience enthused when they arrive. This handicap often prevents teams from receiving the notice they deserve lest a half-hearted gathering do more harm than none at all.

The Calumet Club overcame this difficulty in their send off for the crew and track team yesterday. Taking a convenient time for the rally they obtained their audience, and it was a respectable sized one too. Then they made it short and to the point. Nothing essential in the way of cheers or speeches was omitted yet the whole affair was over in ten minutes. It should be a precedent for the future.

But it is the significance of the rally that overshadows its details. Two major Tech teams on the eve of important trips received personal encouragement from the student body they represent. Truly things are looking up for a proper recognition of athletics at the Institute.

UNWARRANTED ACCUSATIONS

With the advent of spring comes the annual row about the tennis courts not being ready for play as promptly as those at Harvard and some of the clubs around Boston. In the height of their disappointment, Tech men are wont to accuse Major Smith of inefficiency and gross neglect.

When all of the facts concerning the tennis courts are considered, however, it will be seen that these accusations are unfounded. The courts were constructed during the war period when Technology was somewhat short of funds. Major Smith built them with money from appropriations for the upkeep of the grounds at an approximate cost of \$500 each although the cost of a good court was then about five times that amount. Furthermore, they were intended to be only temporary as it was proposed to place a swimming pool where they now stand.

Consequently, in response to urgent requests, we have a set of hastily built tennis courts constructed with three or four inches of clay laid over plain earth without provision for drainage, either in the form of pipes of gravel foundation. Due to the impracticability of running a roller over a soggy clay surface, we may expect the same delay every spring until the present courts are replaced by permanent ones. They were built as they are in answer to popular demand—it is scarcely fair to find too much fault now that we have what we asked for.

What the Advance Camp is Good For

By Maj. E. W. Putney, C. A. C.

The Coast Artillery Unit welcomes men from all courses at the Institute. It is not my purpose to tell you about the subjects we give here at Technology in our Advanced Course, or to point out how the taking of the Advanced Course of any one of the five units fits a man to do his bit should war come.

I do want to stress the advantages of the R. O. T. C. Camps and particularly that of the Coast Artillery Unit.

An R. O. T. C. Camp is just what the average Tech man needs to brace him up physically after a stiff academic year and get him in condition to do his best work the ensuing fall. Every summer there are men who pay several hundred dollars each to go to private camps none of which can offer the many advantages of the R. O. T. C. Camps.

Go to Camp and Make Money

At camp you will really get acquainted with a goodly number of your classmates. Many a man says, "I can't go to camp, I've got to work this summer and make some money." While it is true that the money that a man draws from the Government when taking an Advanced Course is paid in relatively small amounts extending over a period of about twenty months, yet the total sum received is such as to largely exceed that a man could have earned during the six weeks' camp period.

The Coast Artillery Camp will commence on Thursday, June 14th, and will be at Fort H. G. Wright, Fisher's Island, N. Y. Fisher's Island is about eight miles from New London, Conn. There are two Government boats per day each way. Also there is a civilian boat that makes frequent trips. Fisher's Island has about the best summer climate of any place on the Atlantic Coast. The swimming is excellent. There are at least two hotels on the Island.

Chance for Week-end Visits

If she lives not further away than New York or Boston, it will be possible for you to see her on Saturday or Sunday (if you have the price of the

fare), as passes will probably be granted from Saturday morning until Sunday evening. If not otherwise attracted you can find many points of interest within a few miles of New



Stand Clear—The concussion makes proximity to the big mortars unpopular during firing.

London, Ocean Beach. The Griswold Hotel across the Thames at Groton, Oswegatchie Casino a short trolley ride west of New London, Norwich, Westerly and Watch Hill.

There will be dances and other social functions within easy walking distance of the Camp. While it is called a Camp yet you will be comfortably housed in a permanent barrack. And as for eats, I expect that we shall have a hard time to get you away from the Camp on Sundays. The allowance for food is seventy cents



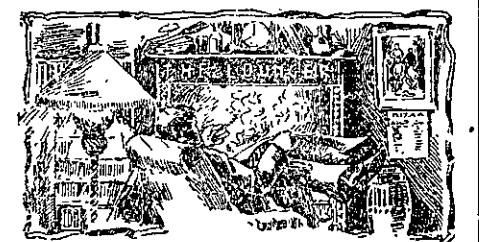
Loading a Big Fellow—A few students do the work for the edification of the watchers on the gun pits at Fort Monroe

per man per day, and Heaven help the Mess Officer if he doesn't come across with results. There is an excellent Post Exchange where ice cream and sodas can always be obtained. Years ago it was called the "Canteen" and "Sergt. Hill's Solution" was obtainable.

Special Battery for Students

As to work there will be a plenty of it; and it is up to us to make it interesting, instructive and profitable. It will include service practice with 10 inch guns. We are hoping that there will be a full battery of 155 G. P. F. guns with their tractors to add to the amusement. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays will be free. On each of the other four afternoons of the week there will be a two-hour period devoted to supervised athletics and swimming. It is planned to spend one week on small arms practice.

Fort Wright is the home of "Sub Aqueous Sound Ranging" by means of which the position of a vessel can



"And after we had had a nice snappy walk across the bridge from the theater we sat around the campfire and told stories. It was awfully spooky. It was against the law to have a bonfire but we just had to have a fire and so we made a nice cosy circle of gas heaters and it gave a wonderful effect."

This is what the Lounger will have to tell to his grandchildren when they plead for a story before they go to bed. We must think of such matters as this when we are planning a celebration for our little Field Day party. It would never do to tell them of the way the naughty boys made hash out of glassware in the Lenox grill and we have to make sure such things do not happen again.

This idea of making it a safe bonfire seems to the Lounger to be the straw that breaks the camel's back. And some camel it is. One dissipation a year, is a blame good record for even a camel. And to make this a safe and sane celebration is going too far.

Raymonds might loan their gas pipe racks which could be piled in a symmetrical pattern. All that would have to be done then would be to turn on the gas and you have a fire that may deceive the staggering cohorts of the tank corps but it will be a pitiful spectacle to a crowd of clear headed engineers, or for the fair spectators over the river in the Back Bay apartments.

Another plan is to collect the logs that blaze but don't burn and use them. The Lounger feels that this will give a little variety and afford much pleasure during the collection process.

The Lounger has become wildly elated over the integrity and straightforward character of one of our publications. Awhile back they told of a marvelous contest they were running for drawings and drool. This contest was, according to the posters, open to anyone except the men on the publication's staff. Those who won were to receive a fat plum for reward.

There was a nice issue with many good points and much shouting. When all was said and done we printed the names of the winners and lo! Ben Adams' name led all the rest. By this we mean that one of the fold was rewarded the plum.

The Lounger has for some time been considering the idea of running a girl's number or something of that nature and offering a prize to the winner. He has decided to offer as a reward one million iron men. This he considers safe because he will now act on precedent and see that the one who gets the prize is none other than the Lounger, himself.

be accurately determined during a fog or in spite of a smoke screen. Instruction on this will be given by local personnel who have been working on its development. Instruction will also be given on searchlights and their power plants, anti-aircraft artillery, and sub-marine mining.

Local Officers to Command

Members of the Coast Artillery Units of M. I. T., New Hampshire State College and Columbia University will constitute the student personnel of the Camp. It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that Colonel F. W. Phisterer will be the Camp Commander. The undersigned expects to be Executive. Major Ottosen will be there with an extra supply of curves (not baseball, but ballistic) wherewith to puzzle the unsuspecting student, and probably he will be the Company Commander. If he is, I am willing to bet that you will learn what "police" means.

Don't think for a minute that if you "take on" with the Coast Artillery Unit that you are going to be wedded to a concrete emplacement in case of war. The Coast Artillery in addition to manning the coast defenses mans heavy mobile artillery, railway artillery, searchlight batteries and anti-aircraft artillery. These offer a real chance to get into the game and variety enough to suit anyone.

Advertisement for Collins & Fairbanks Co. featuring Young Men's Hats, London Topcoats, and Suits for dress and sport wear. Located at 383 Washington St., Boston.

Advertisement for The Egyptian Room, a wonderful place for a wonderful time with a wonderful girl. Dancing from 6.30 to 1. Located at Boylston Street at Clarendon.

Advertisement for hiring a Dodge car, drive it yourself for \$1.50 per hour. J. B. Jurad, 11 Court St., Newtonville. Telephone N. 3335.

Advertisement for Stodder Men's Shoes, featuring three new Oxfords on a modified Brogue Last. Price \$7.50. Special 12 1/2% discount to Tech students. COES AND STODDER, 10-14 School St., Boston.