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IN CHARGE THIS ISSUE

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IT SEEMS LIKE AN OMISSION

THE remark was recently made from a Boston pulpit that "the principal reason for the present unrest in society in general is the fact that we know so little about how to live together." It is also true that very little is being done to educate the people to their social obligations, and it is a deplorable fact that the Institute is doing nothing to give its graduates an understanding of the fundamentals of sociology.

We are naturally short sighted and our dependence upon the rest of the family of society has far out-distanced our conception of our obligations to them. We still live to ourselves and consider when we go to the grocery, the coal office and the clothing store, that we have visited the prime sources of the supply of the necessities of life, the same as we used to when we dug the potatoes, cut the fire wood, and spun and made up the cloth, and having paid out our dollars we go home and shut ourselves in.

If the groceries are good and the price reasonable we don't care if they were raised by foreigners whose low standards of living are compelling their good American farmer competitors to give up and move to a city job, or whether the farmer is being cheated by the middleman who controls the cold storage plants and thus can force him to sell cheaply. Clothing, if cheap, causes us no concern as to whether it was made by child labor or as to the living conditions of the people whose very lives go into the making of the garment. Coal, if it burns well and costs moderately, does not stir in us any thought of the thousands of hands that have helped it along from the mine to the bin. Whether those hands work eight or fourteen hours, whether they hold a book or a pen at night or whether, belonging to an illiterate, they can only serve their owner's physical demands. Or whether the mine owners, who by a stroke of chance possess those natural resource of our earth, in order to make higher profit, are, through prodigal mining, hastening the day when our coal supply will be exhausted, it matters not for us.

We do pause, however, when in our seclusion we are disturbed by higher prices, by the uprising of labor with demands that affect us, and by thrusts in our national pride when we read in the reports of the draft examiners the appalling percentage of illiterates and physically deficient. But after scratching our head with our slide rule, vainly making a scramble through our mental file of formulae and scientific concepts, we Institute men give up and wait for some one else to solve the difficulty.

In short, we have to shirk our social obligation, we do not increase our knowledge of "how to live together," for we are at a loss how to attack such questions as immigration, race riots, family life, city slums, illiteracy, insanity and the many other sociological problems, because they have never received our attention here at Tech, where the demands on our time cause us to draw closer and closer to ourselves, preventing personally initiated study along these lines, and where we are given no organized study in its place. And we finally graduate, a trained individualist, but four years behind the times in social and economic conceptions.

It seems almost a dangerous omission in the curriculum of the Institute that some course in Sociology is not required, to give to its engineers, who must all soon shoulder heavy social responsibilities, a basis for an intelligent grasp of the framework of our social structure.

Did anybody ever ask the late Arthur F. Estabrook for substantial help for a worthy cause without receiving it in full measure, and with expressions of gratitude from him for the opportunity? Hardly ever!—Boston Globe.

Alumni Notes

TOMPSON '07 QUILTS

William Randall Tompson '07, Superintendent of Highways of the town of Wakefield, Massachusetts, has thrown up his job, that of managing the correspondence of a matrimonially inclined young lady of Albany, New York.

"Dere Mable," is the girl from Albany who recently wrote the Selectmen of Wakefield asking them to find her a husband, and stating incidentally that she was a good-looking blonde of under 30 years and possessed of a considerable share of worldly goods. The Town Fathers met last night and received another epistle from the Albany maid. But the board, after deep consideration of the matter, decided to put a clamp on the further operation of a matrimonial bureau, and instructed Tompson to withhold the developments in the case from the public. It was learned that Mable wrote that she had returned from a vacation to find a number of letters from Wakefield bachelors awaiting her. She wants Tompson to have the eligibles on hand when she arrives in Wakefield "in the near future."

She also asked Tompson to open any letters sent to Wakefield, and, if the writers are eligible bachelors, to have them act as a reception committee committee when she makes her much-awaited visit.

But Tompson did not comply with her request to open her mail, which fills a pigeonhole in the board's official desk. A press of other business probably prevented the reading of the numerous letters which ardent swains have sent.

Although the town fathers have put a censorship on "Dere Mable," the bachelors are getting all dolled up for her arrival, the tailors report increased business and it is rumored one bachelor has even purchased a diamond ring. Tompson was officially designated by the Selectmen some time ago to have charge of the correspondence, but has apparently decided that it is too much for him. Besides receiving numerous letters from bachelors he has been getting joshing letters from classmates at Technology, who are now scattered all over the United States.

EDISON '13 MADE TREASURER

In order to find, through scientific investigation, a solution for the problems of American democracy, Charles Edison '13, chairman of the board of directors of the Edison Company and son of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has resigned all other social, civic, and philanthropic connections to become treasurer of the National Social Unit Organization, which is conducting an experiment in community organization in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Social Unit plan aims to organize the entire community around public health, recreation, education, unemployment and kindred problems. Public needs are discovered by block committees elected for every unit of 100 families and represented in a central community council.

Programs to meet these needs are formulated by an "occupational council" consisting of elected representatives of such skilled groups as physicians, nurses, social workers, teachers, and business men. The object is to secure the most active participation in and control of community affairs by all the people, at the same time utilizing the highest skill.

The demonstration in Cincinnati, it is claimed, has established a remarkable record in health work, improved housing, begun a new system for the collection and continuous recording of community statistics, and promoted Americanization.

LARRABEE '02 PROMOTED

Harold D. Larrabee '02 has been appointed general manager of the Eastern Connecticut Power Co., with headquarters at Norwich, Conn. He is well known in the New England public utility field. He was graduated from Technology in Electrical Engineering, and for the last ten years has been general manager of the Barre & Montpelier Light & Power Co., of Vermont, one of his properties under the management of Charles H. Tenney & Co. of Boston. The Barre & Montpelier Traction Co. was also under Mr. Larrabee's management during his term of service in the Green Mountain State. At Norwich, Mr. Larrabee will have general charge of a 22,000-kw. generating plan interconnected by transmission line with the system of the New England Power Co., and supplying the principal municipalities of southeastern Connecticut with electrical energy.

SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES ARE GOING AT FULL BLAST

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The Following Are At Camp

The following are at camp: W. T. Adams, F. Ayalo, G. Baker, J. W. Barriger, J. E. Bascumen, J. E. Beique, F. L. Blower, J. R. Boston, S. E. Bradford, C. C. Bray, W. K. Brimblecom, M. P. Canterbury, W. F. Clements, J. J. Collins, D. N. Craig, J. R. Cudworth, F. J. Curtin, J. R. Decker, E. F. Delany, T. H. Derby, H. S. DeStaebler, S. T. Drew, E. N. Dube, C. A. Ellis, G. E. Fargo, N. E. Ferguson, W. J. Fitzgerald, H. C. Fleming, A. H. Fletcher, C. T. Gardner, H. E. Gardner, E. R. Gordon, J. W. Gibson, L. H. Hobbs, E. N. Howard, H. V. Howes, N. W. Hunter, K. Jetter, R. C. Johnson, H. P. Junod, F. E. Justice, D. E. Kepner, W. W. Kittredge, C. S. Knight, F. Lazo, R. Lee, L. L. Lessner, W. C. Luce, E. H. McBroom, E. J. McDonald, H. H. Mosher, L. W. Moss, E. W. Noyes, N. Ottens, D. F. Pearlstein, C. L. Pool, W. C. Ready, E. M. Richardson, E. B. Roberts, A. F. Rogers, J. T. Rule, S. Schein, E. Schiro, A. W. Skilling, R. W. Smith, R. H. Smithwick, T. P. Spitz, J. F. Starkweather, C. R. Stiff, C. L. Stone, F. S. Turneure, A. A. Turner, V. L. Valdes, A. Vepsala, W. Wald, E. F. Watts, M. Weisman, C. C. Wesland, H. A. Wexler, D. E. Whelan, Jr., F. H. E. Whalen, F. V. Wiegand, H. D. C. Williams, J. S. Williams, Jr., R. R. Worsenroft, C. T. Van Deusen, B. Terry, E. J. Scott, H. R. Haines, C. L. Poor, J. I. Rooney, B. M. Groiser, W. J. Farris, K. Pope, W. W. K. Freeman and J. L. Vaupel.

The instructing staff consists of Professors Robbins, Hosmer, Howard Babcock, Cullimore, Luther and Messrs. Griffith, Dawson, French, Frey, Hole, Keith, H. R. Kepner, Lusas, McCreery, Starr and Zurwelle.

HOMER V. HOWES '20 IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF STUDENT COUNCIL

Homer V. Howes '20, former editor of THE TECH, was elected chairman of the student council at Camp Technology, the Institute's summer surveying camp, at a meeting of all the students in Bemis Hall at camp last Thursday evening.

Howes had been elected chairman pro tem at an earlier meeting of the campers held the evening of the arrival in camp, the meeting having been called by Professor Luther, camp superintendent.

The following men were elected to the student council: W. T. Adams, F. J. Curtin, E. F. Delany, R. C. Johnson, H. P. Junod, C. S. Knight, R. Lee, E. J. McDonald, L. W. Moss, A. F. Rogers, A. W. Skilling, R. H. Smithwick, C. L. Stone and T. P. Spitz.

Howes was elected on one ballot and the fourteen members of the council on a second. The first meeting of the council with Chairman Howes presiding was held Monday evening.

Professor Luther called the students together the first evening to explain some of the camp rules and to outline the work of the summer. After telling of the academic work of the camp he explained that the activities of the camp had always been in the hands of a student council. Preparatory to the election of the council he called for nominations for a temporary chairman who should call the students together later and elect a permanent chairman and a council. Howes was unanimously elected chairman pro tem and he called for a meeting of the students on Thursday evening.

A committee of three, consisting of E. J. McDonald, R. H. Smithwick and A. W. Skilling, was elected to draw up a constitution for the student assembly. This committee reported a constitution Thursday evening which was adopted by the assembly.

The fourteen men elected to the council will fill the positions, severally, of secretary-treasurer, librarian, chairman of the house committee, chairman of the dining room committee, chairman of the entertainment committee and chairman of the field sports committee. The rest of the fourteen will become members of one or the other committees.

CAMP TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES APPEAR DURING SECOND WEEK

The second week of the season at Camp Technology, the Institute's summer surveying camp, saw activities spring from their marks at the starting line and hit their stride with a real vim. The student council held its first meeting, the baseball league got under way with two games, plans for the camp show were announced, and the date set for the first Technology dance.

Homer V. Howes, chairman of the newly elected student council, called this body into session on Monday night for the purpose of electing from the membership of the council, officers to care for the various activities. The following selections were made: Secre-

tary-Treasurer, R. H. Smithwick; House Committee, C. S. Knight, Chairman, L. W. Moss, F. J. Curtin; Sports Committee, E. F. Delany, Chairman, F. J. McDonald, R. W. Johnson; Dining room Committee, A. W. Skilling; Chairman, C. A. Stone, W. T. Adams; Entertainment Committee, A. F. Rogers, Chairman, H. P. Junod, T. P. Spitz; Librarian, R. Lee.

It was voted to have the chairman of the four committees, the chairman of the council, and the treasurer comprise the finance committee with the treasurer as chairman.

Dance and Show Plans Made

It was at this meeting that it was voted to have a camp dance, and the date was set for August 23. Wieswell's saxophone orchestra from Machias has been secured to furnish music for the occasion.

The entertainment committee is in charge of the arrangements for the dance, and also for the show. The first step toward securing material for the performance was made Monday night of this week when a stunt night was held in Bemis Hall at which aspirants for a place on the program exhibited their wares before the committee and the campers. A group of half a dozen fellows combed the mercantile district of the metropolis of Machias Saturday afternoon canvassing for ads for the show program and despite the limited size of the town, met with creditable success.

The show, which will take the form of a minstrelsy, and will thereby enable the management to feature individual acts, singing and dancing skits and monologues, will be given in East Machias. Past shows have been well received there, and this year the campers have an especial advantage in that last year's show proved such a success that it has been a great advertisement for this year's production.

Five Baseball Teams Formed

Directly after the formation of the sports committee on Monday night the members of this committee got busy and picked five teams out of the fellows here at camp who had signified their desire for membership on one of the camp teams. The first game was played Wednesday afternoon between teams A and B. After a spirited contest in which each team successfully gained and lost the lead, Team A was returned a winner, 12 to 11.

The line-up for the game: Team A, Stone, p; McDonald, c; Collins, 1b; Vepsala, 2b; Curtin, ss; Skilling, 3b; Vaupel, cf; Haines, rf; J. S. Williams, lf.

Team B, Johnson, p; Hunter, c; Baker, 1b; Farris, 2b; Van Deusen, ss; Bray, 3b; DeStaebler, lf; Clements, cf; Fletcher, rf.

The following day Teams C and D played, and the latter were easy victors, 5 to 0.

The line-up: Team D, Howard, p; Brimblecom, c; Noyes, 1b; Worsenroft, 2b; Roberts, ss; Knight, 3b; Weisman, lf; Freeman, cf; Ready, rf.

A camp team has been organized and has a number of games booked. The first game will be with a team from East Machias.

Two Men Register Late

Two new men registered as students during the week, bringing the total registration to 98. They were J. A. Davila and W. H. Irwin. Davila had been held up by the marine strike in coming from his home in Porto Rico, and Irwin was late in getting his discharge at Fort Monroe.

The week-end brought its due quota of visitors to the camp grounds. Parents of the campers and residents of nearby towns journeyed over to view the place.

Courts Rivalry Appears

Rivalry between the civil engineers and the miners, representatives of both courses being included in the camp registration, has sprung up and the result is the arrangement of a baseball game between the members of the two courses. The number of miners here in camp is small compared with the number of Course I men, but the former promise to send out a nino that will take the measure of their opponents.

Progress Made in Field Work

Of professional work, the campers have had their due. To end this news letter without some reference to surveying would lead many a fond parent to the erroneous supposition that baseball and council meetings were the order of the day, and the main events on a daily schedule. But such is not the case. As has always been the wont of Technology professors, they got their innings first and the other things come second, which is as it should be.

Favored with good weather up till Friday, when a drizzling rain forced an all-day period of indoor work, much progress was made in the field work, parties being sent out morning and afternoon to straighten out with transit and tape the crooked lines that somebody or other left in these parts when he tried to do the whole business in six days and rest the seventh.