

LEUT. CARB SPEAKS AT MASS MEETING

Travelling for French High Commission — Says "American Soldiers in France Wore Blinders"

MANY CUSTOMS EXPLAINED

At a mass meeting held Friday in the Walker gymnasium Technology undergraduates were privileged to hear Lieutenant David Carb of the French Army give an excellent talk on "Understanding the French." Lieutenant Carb is an American, and is at present traveling under the auspices of the French High Commission. With many illustrations he brought out one of the chief differences of the two countries, namely, that whereas the French enjoy the process of an action, the delight of the American is in the result.

Lieutenant Carb was introduced shortly after 1.00 o'clock, and his talk lasted a full hour. He spoke of the fact that Americans in France often paid exorbitant prices for articles, and then went on to show that this was simply due to failure in understanding the French nature. He cited an example, supposing that he had been sent to buy a spool of pink silk thread which, after he had talked with the shopkeeper on all conceivable subjects, was finally offered to him at a price too high and sold to him at a reasonable sum only after he had refused the first offer. An American, unused to French ways, he said, would have taken the article at the first price because he enjoyed the "result" of the sale whereas the Frenchman enjoys "process." He said the same fact accounted for the lack of drunkenness among the French, since the Frenchman, drinking his wine slowly, enjoys the color and odor meanwhile.

Lt. Carb believes that "we played the late war the role which Germany played in the Napoleonic Wars." He says he was sorry to see the "automatic" manner trained into the Americans in the war. He cited the instance of the parade down the Champs Elysees, after the signing of the armistice, when the rifles of the

Americans were all carried at exactly the same angle, showing that they had become in a measure automatic; and contrasted with this the action of the French troops when they, according to their old custom, pulled out their bread and cheese at every halt, even in this moment long awaited.

The talk was rich in side-lights on French methods: "They play so that they can enjoy it the next morning; they are able to do a job without fuss or flourish; the Germans look down on their women, we look up, the French look them square in the eye."

Lt. Carb condemned the Germans "standardized mind," saying that when men had minds all on the same level no advancement could be made, because greatest strides were made by those whose minds were in advance of the rest. Also it is shown by statistics that the French youth at 20 is far more advanced than the American, but that at thirty the American is the more mature. "What could we do if we were as advanced as he at twenty," suggested the Lieutenant.

Up to the present time, Lt. Carb has spoken four times in Boston, including appearances before the twentieth Century Club, one of the Methodist Churches and THE TECH dinner of last Wednesday. His itinerary in this country is not yet completed, nor is his schedule in Boston this week. It will include, however, an address before one of the classes at Harvard today.

The lieutenant, a graduate of Harvard, was once an instructor in English at Technology. He left in 1915 to take part in the war and saw service with the French ambulance units and artillery. When the United States entered, he tried to enlist here, but was rejected, and reenlisted with the French. He has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery under fire.

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Kawai '22, will represent China and Japan respectively.

The Committee on Friendly Relations with Foreign Studnets, which is affiliated with the Y. M. C. A., has decided to pay \$25 towards the expenses of each of the foreign delegates from the Institute.

UNDERGRADUATES FAIL IN SUPPORTING FUND

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the war, have subscribed under the name of that class. All such men have been requested by the Undergraduate Fund Committee to turn in their names, and the class under which they have subscribed, to any member of the Undergraduate Committee. Thus it is known that several former 1918 men have subscribed to the fund and have put on their pledge card the numeral '1918'. If these men turn over their names to Norris G. Abbott '20, or any other members of the Undergraduate Committee, their names will not be counted as being members of the class of 1918. The Senior committee estimates that of the 473 men which the Registrar's office credits to the class of 1920, at least fifty have subscribed under either 1917, 1918 or 1919."

MANY K. OF C. STUDENTS CHOOSE ENGINEERING

Majority of Applicants Desire Technical Training

The ever-increasing tendency toward engineering education is forcibly shown in the applications for scholarships offered by the Knights of Columbus in connection with the educational program of that organization. Fifty per cent of the war veterans who applied for these scholarships desired courses in some form of engineering, a large majority wishing to attend Technology. Men from all over the country applied for the K. of C. scholarships, and all those who could meet the regular entrance requirements of the institutions they desired to attend were admitted.

The scholarships offered to ex-service men of all denominations are a part of the educational and Americanization plan of the Knights of Columbus. The program also provides for schools at the organization's local headquarters throughout the country, as well as for vocational training in the demobilization camps. At present three hundred and fifty men are receiving college educations under this plan, at a cost of over a million dollars.

Forty-seven of these war veterans were assigned to Technology, and are at present entered in various courses in all the classes. The Knights of Columbus are paying all their expenses including tuition, books, room, and board for four years.

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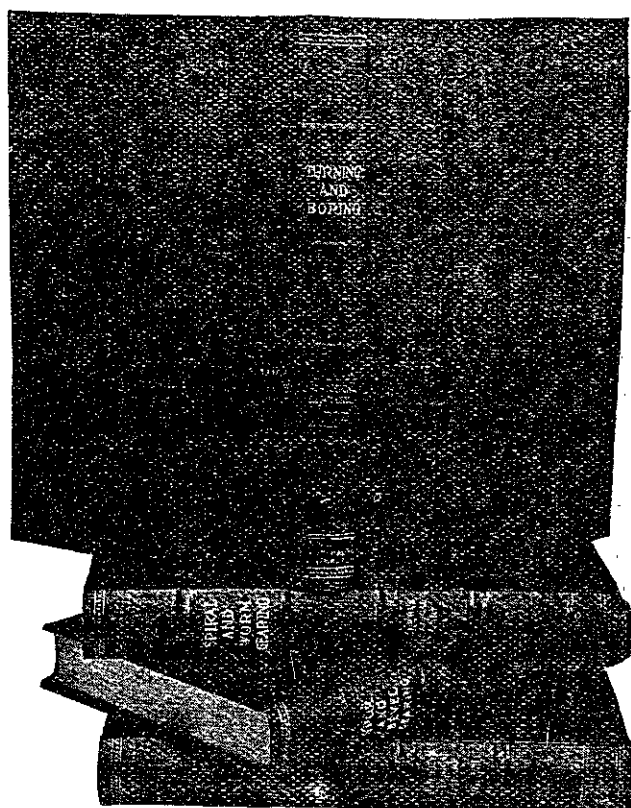
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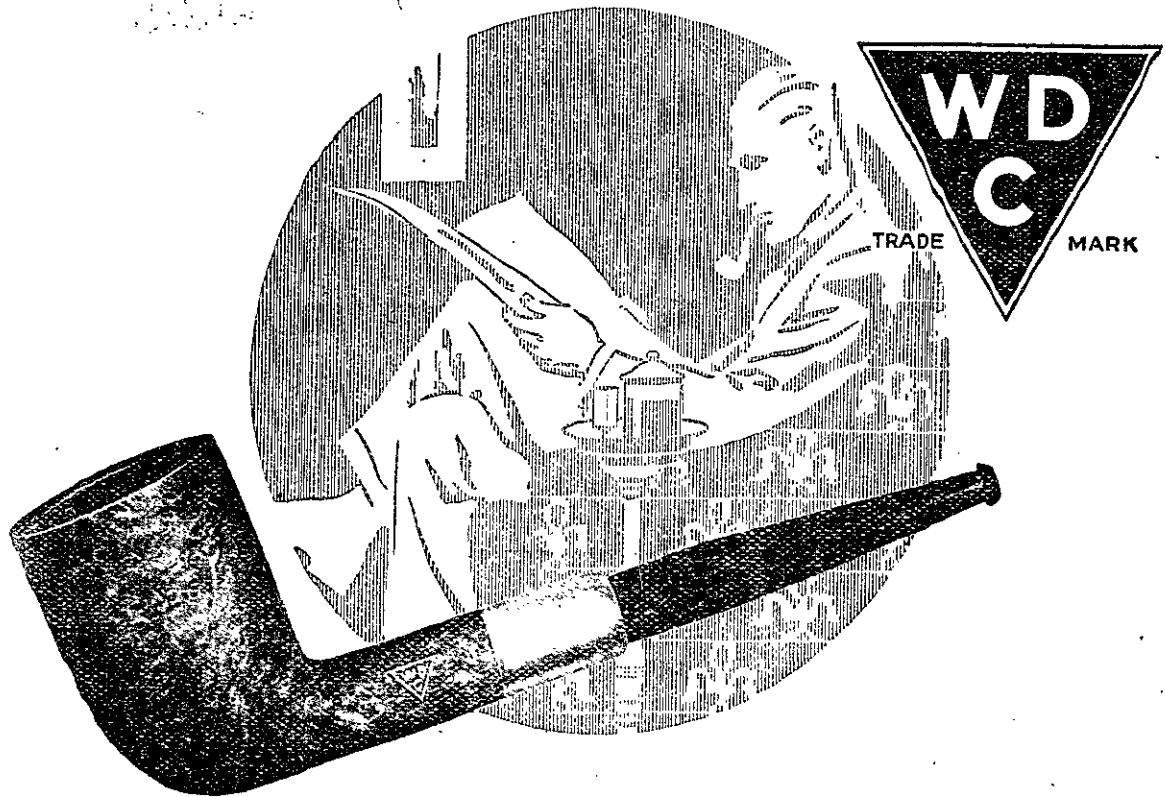


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