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PRICES AT THE COOPERATIVE STORE

IN another column we print a communication criticizing the report of the Co-operative Society and stating two particular grievances against the management: high prices and insufficient stock. While the validity of the writer's contention that the inventory need not be protected against depreciation as it is largely disposed of at the beginning of the year is at best very questionable, his remarks on prices and stock merit comment.

If, as is apparent, the Co-operative Society is unwilling to raise the dividend rate above ten percent, then prices should be adjusted to that basis. If the Society is to be co-operative in fact, it owes it to the members to supply their needs at the lowest price consistent with financial success. The present prices are fully as high as anywhere else, the dividend at the end of the year being the lure to catch the students' trade. Now we find that the members are not to share the profits to the full extent if they exceed ten percent. That being the case, the profits should not greatly exceed ten percent after the necessary charges have been deducted. Prices should be lowered to a point consistent with this, and the members benefited by a truly co-operative organization.

The other point is the almost invariable shortage of textbooks needed in the various courses. Last year the printers' strike served as an excuse. Now even that is lacking. The Coop can easily secure from the various Professors an estimate of the number of men in their courses and order enough copies of the texts instead of half enough or even less, as seems to be the present practice.

There is a representative of the students of the Institute on the Board of Directors. Let him bring these matters to the attention of the Board, and try to bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs, or make public the reasons which justify present conditions, for the Co-operative is our society and we have a right to know how it is managed.

JOIN THE PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

THE professional societies of the various courses in the Institute have started campaigns for new members, and it behooves every man to stop and consider the significance of these organizations. In the first place each student should look upon his alliance with one of these societies not only as being beneficial to himself, but also as a matter of duty, in much the same light as he would look upon his enrollment in an athletic activity.

Men come to Technology to fit themselves in the engineering professions, but how little they realize that all their lecture, laboratory, and class room work gives them nothing more than a foundation for their future work. They must have also a knowledge of the practical application of their studies, a knowledge of current engineering projects, and most important of all, a knowledge of the men who are prominent in the profession. To supply these connecting links is the function of the professional societies.

One of the most frequent criticisms made of Technology graduates is that, however excellent their ideas may be, they are unable to present them verbally. At the meetings and smokers of the societies there is a fine opportunity for discussion. Also, the most successful men in the country can be obtained to speak at these meetings, and Technology's ability to procure these men is unique. Further, industrial plants are open to the inspection of Institute students, and the highest officers of the concerns are usually detailed to conduct the men through their factories. This is taken advantage of by very frequent excursions to many places in Boston and vicinity.

The most valuable thing a man can get out of the societies is the acquaintances and friendships which he forms, both with students and with the prominent men that he meets. On graduation a man with such an acquaintance is in a far better position than a man who has not had the opportunity to meet these people, and after graduation the successful man is the one who can count on assistance and advice from others in his profession with whom he has become acquainted through his professional society.

Alumni Notes

GENERAL MANAGER RESIGNS

Horace E. Allen '08 lately resigned his position as general superintendent of the Saginaw-Bay City Railway, Saginaw, Michigan. Until about a year ago he was assistant general manager of the Springfield Consolidated Railway, Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Allen graduated from electrical engineering course at the Institute, and has been associated with many western railways in various capacities.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

William C. Lounsbury, '03, general manager of the Superior, Wisconsin, Light and Power Company, has been elected president of the Great Lakes section of the National Electrical Light Association. After spending a few years in practical work in various places, Mr. Lounsbury was placed in charge of the construction work of the Superior Water, Light and Power Company, with which he has been associated for the past 15 years. He became superintendent of the company in 1912 and he held that position until his promotion to general manager.

2000 TICKETS SOLD

Publicity Manager Announces Results of Drive

The membership drive of the Technology Athletic Club closed on Saturday, two thousand season tickets were sold. G. O. Clifford '21, in charge of the campaign has made the following statement.

"Officers of the Club were very well satisfied with the result and consider the drive a great success. It will insure good financial support for athletics at the Institute this year and it is believed this method of financing athletics will prove its merit and be followed every year.

In connection with the managing of the membership campaign, Lyall L. Stuart, in charge of the campaign in the student body, wishes to express his most sincere appreciation for the hearty and exceptionally competent cooperation given by J. Warren Norton '21, Norris Abbott '21, Hal Kirkham '23, and Geo. Ramsey, '22, for it was in no small measure due to the energy of these men that the campaign was brought to a successful conclusion.

Many others worked hard for the campaign, giving a great deal of time very generously. There are so many that it would be impossible to mention all, but those in charge wish to express their appreciation for the work done so cheerfully by these men. W. H. Noyes '22 in charge of the fraternities, desires in particular to thank the various fraternities for the support which they gave to the drive."

NOTICES

for Undergraduates

Go at once and see that your address is correct. Room 10-100.

It is most important that your address be kept up to date on the cards at the information Office.

All Technology students interested in the subject are invited to send their names to Miss Helen H. Hodge, Secretary, 11 Queensberry St., Boston.

A meeting of all freshman candidates for varsity wrestling manager will be held in room 10-250 today at five o'clock.

Candidates for manager of the freshman swimming team report at the M. I. T. A. A. office between one and five o'clock today.

Mr. Alford, who is connected with the central organization of the Y. M. C. A., will give a short talk in room 3-270 today from 12.30 to 1 on "Human Relations in Engineering." All students are invited to attend.

The New England Section of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society will offer during the winter a series of lectures for college men and women on the fundamentals of socialism, every Sunday afternoon at 38 Newbury street, Boston, followed by tea and discussion.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor of The Tech,
Dear Sir,

It was with much interest that I read in the last issue of The Tech the report of the Harvard Co-operative Society for the fiscal year and the editorial on that subject. From the viewpoint of one on the outside the reasons given for not increasing the dividends this year are more than thin. When it was said that a large surplus was needed to take care of their inventory did they think us so stupid we do not see that a large part of their investment is immediately liquidated by the purchases which always occur at the beginning of each year. When the directors of a cooperative society say that the members of the society are not entitled to a share of the profits of the society from what ever source derived it is time for them to cease to call the organization a cooperative society as it is a flagrant misnomer.

However as long as the society is not going to increase their dividends they could at least reduce some of their already too high prices and expend a little of this large surplus in keeping more books in stock and avoid the great inconvenience entailed by their usual limited supply.

It is almost a question of whether a private concern with open competition would not be better than the monopoly which the Co-operative Society now largely enjoys.

To the Editor of "The Tech",
Dear Sir:

It seems that a few lines concerning Tech Night would not be amiss at this time as the committee feels that a few words of explanation are due the student body.

The show originally planned for Tech Night was to be "The Passing Show of 1919" at the Boston Opera House, which theatre is capable of seating 2900 people. On Thursday evening of last week the manager of the Shubert Theatres informed the chairman of the committee that the Passing Show would not be in town on the date of Field Day and he had no idea as to what show would be there, consequently the Opera House was out of the question.

When the other theatres were again canvassed it was found that "As You Were" at Ye Wilbur was the only possibility, since it was the latest musical comedy that had come to the city. The "Follies of 1920" could not be considered because of the extremely high admission prices, and therefore the committee decided to hold Tech Night at Ye Wilbur Theatre. It is unfortunate that the theatre has only a capacity of 1200, but it was either to take this or have no Tech Night at all.

The committee hopes that the students will clearly see the way the situation stands and will make the best of it. If any under-classman feels that he is unjustly treated if he does not procure a seat, the realization that he will see more Tech Nights in the future should help him consider the incident with less antagonism towards the committee.

Trusting for the co-operation and support of the student body,

Very truly yours,
IRVING D. JAKOBSON,
Chairman of Tech Night Committee



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AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY WILL GIVE FREE FLIGHTS ON OCT. 30

Dinner to Follow Trip to Field—Plans for Season Take Shape

The offer of free hops to the holders of the lucky number membership cards of the Aeronautical Engineering Society still holds. The interest taken in the Harvard Centre football game last Saturday made it necessary to postpone the trip to the flying field until Saturday, October 30, when four or six men will be taken up.

The members of the society will leave the Institute at 1.15 for Point of Pine where the field is situated. Men desiring to fly at their own expense will be able to do so at the rate of five dollars for a six minute hop.

At six o'clock the party will return to town where a New England boiled dinner with cider will be served. It is planned to invite some of the faculty interested in aeronautics.

Some Speculate In Styles

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Last Friday evening the Tech Chess Club defeated the Harvard team in Walker, four matches to two. Harvard played well and the tournament was much more closely contested than the score indicates. The Chess Club will meet the Bay State team of the Metropolitan League in Walker next Friday evening.

"Just enough jazz" characterized the performance of Lowe's orchestra at the Catholic Club's dance last Saturday evening in Walker Memorial.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream and sugar, cookies in the shape of hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs were served.

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