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# Society Notes

## Engineers' Council

The Engineer's Council ended its Winter Quarter activities at the last meeting March 5, after a busy three months. Notable among its work was the Engineer's Banquet held at Pomerene Hall at which Stoltz of Westinghouse was the speaker. Mr. Stoltz gave us a new slant and some interesting ideas concerning this thing so many people call the depression. One hundred and eighty engineers were present and went away with the feeling that they had been highly entertained.

The championship of the Engineer's Basketball league was won by the Ceramics and the Industrials came out on top in the Bowling League.

Nor should we forget the Engineer's Round-up and the Debate of the Century. Most of us were greatly surprised by the debating ability shown by our faculty members, namely Dean Turnbull and Professor C. E. Sherman of the Civil Engineering department. Those of us who heard the debate can readily see now just how these brilliant men have achieved and maintained the positions they now hold. Next year the Council promises a bigger and better debate and might add a German band to the entertainment features.

The Council at its last meeting succeeded in organizing an Engineer's Debate League. The subject of the debates will be: "Resolved that the T. V. A. is economically justified." The judges will be picked from the faculty including the Departments of English, Economics and Engineering. All engineers who enjoy debating should see the chairman of the debating teams in their respective departments.

Remember to leave an open date on your calendar for the Engineer's Dance in the Spring Quarter.

—John D. Boylan, Sec'y.

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## A. I. Ch. E.

Mr. Harry R. Drackett, President of the Drackett Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, was recently a visitor in the Chemical Engineering Department. Mr. Drackett addressed the Student Branch of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers on the Relation Between Engineering and Production, and Consumers Economics in Manufacturing. Mr. Drackett, who is the developer of packaging equipment for Chemical Sales, is a graduate of the Department of Chemical Engineering, having received his B. Sc. in Ch. E. degree in 1907.

## A. S. M. E.

It is the custom of the A.S.M.E. student branch to elect officers for a term of one quarter. This policy has been followed for several years and is probably the most desirable plan available. It divides up the work between a greater number of men and gives the organization a refreshing start at the beginning of each quarter. This quarter James Lucas will preside at the weekly meetings. Other officers are: vice-chairman—Earl Correll, secretary—Lyman Reuwee, and treasurer—Herman Miller.

Interest has been kept at a relatively high peak throughout the past quarter by a well diversified program. Outstanding among the group of speakers were Professor Harlan Hatcher of the English department, Professor Glen McCuen of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, and Professor Catton of Chrysler Institute, Detroit.

The executive council, with Professor Franklin Marquis as honorary chairman, promises an equally interesting and profitable program this spring. The first meeting, held on March 29, included a lecture and lantern slides on roller-bearing manufacture and applications, presented through the courtesy of the Timken Roller Bearing Company. Two reels of motion pictures were also shown. One covered railway applications of roller bearings and the other showed the machinery and process of continuous rolling mill operations.

—Howard Crusey.

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## S. S. I. E.

On Wednesday, March 6, 1935, a dinner meeting was held at Pomerene Refectory. The occasion was the election of new officers of the society for the years 1935 and 1936. The candidates were introduced and immediately ballots were distributed for voting. As a result of the count the following men were put into office: Harvey Kranhold, President; Robert Knies, Vice-President; Dwight Coummer, Secretary; John Ramage, Treasurer; Richard Aue, Athletic Manager; A. J. Peterson, Junior Engineers' Council Representative; and Mr. P. Morrison, Faculty Adviser.

—Paul Grady, Sec'y.

It has been rumored that Harvey Kranhold, new president of the S. S. I. E. branch, claims to own a heavy mortgage on a well known "taxi" dance spot in Detroit. Well, Harv, blondes are easy on the eyes but hard on the pocketbook.

## A. I. E. E.

Electrical Engineering students who desire to get a man's "rounded out" education are welcomed into the Ohio State University Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Our program of technical and social training started off with student demonstrations of the Stroboglow led by Clarence Foraker and Walter Gilsdorf.

Much interest was shown in the inspection trip of our University Broadcasting Station, W.O.S.U. This trip was supervised by R. A. Brown, who is a pioneer in broadcasting at this university.

Professor Rowntree, Engineering Economics, who makes a bigger hit each year with the electricals, was out to show his "stuff" in "Yachting on Puget Sound." His talk followed a dinner at the Barn Restaurant.

Entertaining by our branch of the down-town section of A.I.E.E. is always a big event. The dinner and interesting demonstrations given by Dr. Bennett of the Physics Department was deserving of the interest shown by the students and members of the down-town section. A large number of out-of-town engineers were present.

## American Ceramic Society

The last two meetings consisted of technical programs. At one meeting a discussion of the Tennessee Valley Authority was led by Walter Gilsdorf. A talk on "Observations of an American Engineer in Russia" by E. P. Ogden, Ceramic Engineering, '05, was well attended.

Many members have shown considerable talent in Intramural bowling and basketball and will be out to show their stuff in softball this spring. Future plans call for a dance, picnic, and several student papers.

—Arthur J. Wilde, Sec'y.

## Texnikoi

Texnikoi will hold their Linking Ceremonies at the Engineers' Dance this spring. The Freshman Texnikoi plaque will be awarded in May to the freshman engineer who is the most outstanding in scholarship and activities.

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# American Engineering Council

"The Work Relief Bill, after weeks of deadlock, again moves toward enactment with its \$4,880,000,000 fund for projects throughout the country. Each phase of the program earmarked in the present draft of the bill is essentially an engineering job. Highways, streets, grade crossing work, housing, rural electrification, sanitation, soil erosion control, and other items all have employed large numbers of engineers in earlier stage of the emergency program. The function of the engineer has become increasingly recognized in these works so that the expansion of technical staff, both in Washington and in the field, after the bill passes, is a pre-arranged certainty. In addition, a special item of \$300,000,000 goes to projects for professional and clerical people. Any little fraction of such an outlay will mean a great deal to the jobless engineers."

Although primarily in the nature of relief for those long out of employment, and mainly in cases of men with experience, this bit of news can be seen as a boon to the student group who will soon be entering the field. Though it will not mean jobs directly available to engineering graduates, it will undoubtedly be of great help indirectly in that it will benefit the employment situation for the profession as a whole. The young engineer will have less competition from older and more experienced men.

"Casey Jones is rotating in his grave according to a recent newspaper account which credits the National So-

ciety of Professional Engineers with starting a movement to call the operators of locomotives "enginemen" rather than "engineers." The story neglects to say that American Engineering Council has supported this nomenclature for a good many years and that federal classifications consequently have noted the change long before now. Apropos of this, we are reminded of the old yarn about the Irishman who gave a fictitious name in court, styling himself as Patrick Murphy, civil engineer. His companion, when questioned reported himself as "fireman to Pat."

"Accrediting of Engineering Colleges will be undertaken by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development, according to plans recently completed by George T. Seabury, secretary. Purpose is to "identify those institutions which offer professional curricula in engineering *worthy of recognition as such.*" Accreditation is to cover only the graduate and undergraduate curricula which lead to degrees. Curricula in each institution will be accredited individually. For this purpose, the E.P.C.D. will recognize the six major divisions of engineering (chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical, metallurgical and mining) and such others as are warranted. Quantitative and qualitative standards will be used. Evidence will be based upon statistical material obtained from catalogs and questionnaires and upon visits of inspection covering facilities and teaching staff."

—A. E. C. News Letter.