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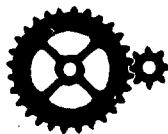
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FAREWELL NOTE

Another year draws to a close and a new staff prepares to take over the work of THE OHIO STATE ENGINEER. Their aspirations are high, as they should be. Many chances for improvement exist. It is the expressed hope of the outgoing staff that the new staff will not overlook these opportunities. During the past year some changes have been made in the magazine and its organization. It is a generally expressed opinion that these changes have been for the better, as they were intended. As was stated in the first issue of this year, THE OHIO STATE ENGINEER is not a stagnant publication. It is our sincere hope that the magazine will never become one.

The thought presents itself, that, given a chance at the magazine for another year, we should be able to avoid all the mistakes we made during the past year. Then comes the thought that probably every other editor and staff before us had this selfsame feeling. However, this short tenure of office has one redeeming feature—only one year is provided in which to succeed or fail with no second try offered. It is this fact that spurs us on toward the goal we set.

No "swan song," such as this, is ever complete without some mention of the splendid cooperation of all those connected with the publication of this year's ENGINEER. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Advisory Board for their keen interest in the publication and for their meritorious achievement in helping us avoid *most* of the editorial pitfalls. We wish to extend special thanks to Professor Wilson R. Dumble and Professor Emerson E. Kimberley for their invaluable help in preparing editorial copy. We wish also to thank Professor Samuel R. Beitler for his cooperation with the business staff in keeping the ENGINEER on a sound financial basis. We would like to take the time and space to individually thank everyone on the staff for their work and interest in the magazine, but space does not permit. Let it suffice to thank them collectively and hope that their cooperation will be assured the new staff.

We wish to take this opportunity also to introduce Franklin M. Rhodes and Richard W. Dawson as editor and business manager for the coming year. It is under their direction that this issue has been published. We feel certain that their efforts are and will be toward the betterment of the ENGINEER. We wish them every success in their endeavors.—R. L. S.

INSPECTION TRIPS

As we near the end of another spring quarter, the quarter of inspection trips, the question arises, whether or not the inspections were worth the time and money spent. Have they not been just costly holidays from school work? Why take time from academic work to travel around the country looking at commonplace, everyday industries?

Most of the departments in the College of Engineering have an inspection trip or trips of some shape or form. Some last a week or more; some, a week-end, and others, just a few hours—perhaps within the city. In most cases, time is not lost from actual classroom work for the trips are held over a week-end, or a vacation period or else the classes in the department are suspended for the duration of the trip.

As for the commonplace industries, what could be more interesting to the student engineer than a preview of the career for which he has spent years of preparation? What better way is there to correlate industry and education? A common criticism of the modern university is that its graduates are not practical; that they may be excellent students but poor employees. One or even several inspection trips will not make industrial engineers of engineering students, but they will give the student a better perspective of industry.

It is important to the student to see the various phases of his field before the time comes for selecting the type of work which he will follow.

All in all, the inspection trip seems an inexpensive, indispensable part of a college career.