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HISTORY

Even though we, as engineers, are not now particularly interested in history, we shall be interested, at some future date, in the history of our college life and that of our friends. Few things will help so much to make that history complete as a good collection of snapshots that we, personally, have taken.

There are many places and incidents that we will wish to recall. Things of just passing interest now will be remembered with enthusiasm many years from now. Let's preserve those pleasant little incidents that are so likely to be forgotten in some permanent form so that we can get real enjoyment from them later on. Snapshots seem to be the best method for the engineer as the engineering student usually puts thoughts of a diary far from his mind during college. His time, he thinks, is far too precious for such diversion. But let's not let these college days slip by without some sort of record of those incidents that we shall want to remember.

This is not an advertisement for cameras and films—just a suggestion that all of us take advantage of that opportunity, so likely to be neglected, to build up a valuable and tangible record of the pleasant incidents that occur during college life. Even if engineering is ninety-nine per cent work, as engineers, we must not neglect the one per cent, and thus fail to make the most possible out of our life at college.—T. A. K.

MAKING THE GRADE

By this time, many of our freshmen have found out, quite to their dismay, that life in the engineering college is by no means an easy one. Their numbers have been considerably lessened, and many of those remaining find themselves in that precarious position known generally as being "on props."

The mortality rate among freshmen of all colleges is almost unbelievably high. The engineering freshman is faced with a situation quite different from the rest. He is faced, almost from the beginning, with a deadly array of technical subjects, something he has never met before. Mastery of these is necessary for his continuing in his course; not because they are collegiate prerequisites, but because they are the foundation of his specialized courses.

It is almost invariably true that when a freshman drops out, he is out for good. When a sophomore flunks, he changes over to another college. Above these two years, the danger zone is passed and the embryo engineer can well consider himself safely on the way to his sheepskin.

A study of failures among engineers makes it seem that perhaps the main cause of failures is ignorance of how to study. This bears out when the freshman is considered. He is ignorant of how to study. Nine times out of ten, he has been coaxed along by his high school teachers and has consequently fallen into a lethargic state.

That is the thing—learn how to study.

—M. L. A.

Horace Liveright has recently published a story of a group of men, cut off from civilization, and forced to live in imprisonment. It is a terrible, profound, and breathless story called *Siberian Garrison* written by Rodion Markovits and translated by George Halasz.

Most of us have seen in the current magazines the interesting sidelights on human activity and inactivity known as "Believe It Or Not" by Ripley. A number of these interesting and incredible facts by Ripley are published in book form by Simon and Schuster of New York.

ENGINEERS DEMAND LEGISLATION TO SAFEGUARD PUBLIC WELFARE

Planned for years, a campaign is now under way which is heralded as one of the greatest moves for American welfare instituted by any professional body in the last decade. Engineering, the only learned profession not governed by compulsory registration laws for public protection, seeks this legal recognition.

Details of this nation-wide drive to license the engineering profession through state legislation were announced by H. A. Wagner, president of the American Association of Engineers, which originated and has sponsored the registration idea since 1917. The movement aims, he said, to obtain registration laws in every state in the union, protecting the public, and the engineering profession itself, from unqualified and unethical engineers.

Enactment of registration laws will be pushed in twenty-two states. The standardization and strengthening of various registration laws at present in force in twenty-six other states will also be sought. All national and state organizations of engineers and the more than 80,000 engineers eligible for registration in the United States will be asked to co-operate with the Association in bringing about this desired licensing legislation.

"We begin on this program immediately," asserted Mr. Wagner. "Full achievement of it will mean that there will be available to the country only reliable and competent engineers, certified and registered as such by their state governments.

"Incredible as it may seem, engineering, upon which rests full responsibility for the development and servicing of the nation's resources and mechanical progress, is the only one of the learned professions not licensed by a national code. No strict legislation is necessary in most of the states, no legal requirements need be passed.

"Consequently the public, and with it the profession, have been open to exploitation by individuals and agencies of dubious ability and background. Public life, health and property involved in engineering activities of this type are always endangered."

Special impetus in the campaign is to be at once directed toward the states of Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Washington and Kansas, where more than 10,000 engineers are eligible for registration.

ARCHITECTS PREPARE FOR BEAUX- ARTS BALL

The annual Beaux-Arts ball, put on by the architects, landscape, and fine arts students, promises to be one of the most colorful social events of the current school year.

The ball will be carried out in the Egyptian motif, and decorations, specialties, and costumes will feature the entire affair. According to the present plans of William S. Gould, Arch. 4, general chairman, one of the well-known campus bands will be engaged for the ball.

The price of tickets has been definitely set at \$2.00 a couple. The Ohio Union will be the scene of the affair on the 28th of February. Admission will be by costume only.

All but 16 of Ohio's 88 counties have elevations above 1,000 feet.