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## Another Year Begins

It was gratifying indeed, to the staff heads as well as to the faculty advisers of the Engineer, to see the large turn-out at the first meeting of this year. The size of the group, which Professor Beitler said was the largest he had ever seen on such an occasion, expressed mutely that the Engineering College does want a representative publication. It is far too early to make predictions, but it does seem that with the interest so far displayed by students, and the splendid cooperation already extended by the faculty, the Engineer has a fair chance of maintaining a high rating among the student engineering magazines of the country.

The Engineer, the only student publication of the engineers, has a duty to perform in bringing more closely together the somewhat separate departments of the college. It is an accepted fact that the professional schools (Medical, Dental, Law and Engineering) stand apart from the university as a whole. We have our own honoraries, our own quadrangle, our Engineers' Council. Our activities are almost entirely for engineers only. And yet we find that we are not exactly well coordinated. Too many of us are completely absorbed in our own departments. To bridge this gap will be the objective of the Engineer, to tell you what your neighbor is doing and to let him know of your interests and achievements.

To accomplish fully our objective calls for many changes and additions. As we go along, we hope to increase in size and scope. May we take this opportunity to invite all who may be interested in working with the staff to attend the next meeting. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday evening, room 403 in the Engineering Experiment Station.

## Mass Production

Today the science of operation efficiency plays a most important part in the manufacture of industrial and commercial products. We are not only obtaining the best product, but also cutting costs in order to sell the product at a reasonable price. This is accomplished by mass produc-

tion which includes unit operations, conveying systems, and the latest developments in automatic machinery.

Our possibilities along this line are almost unlimited. We must bear in mind, however, that we are replacing men, who are consumers, by machines that virtually are only producers. Where is this leading us? Until recently few people thought of this and fewer cared, as long as things were running smoothly. Now we are in a fog apparently, due to too much governmental planning of our national economy.

Engineers have it in their power greatly to help or hinder mankind due to the effect of engineering enterprise on social and economic problems that confront us. Every engineer should consider this a personal challenge to his intelligence.

## We Hope You Will Like It?

With this, the opening issue, the Engineer begins its nineteenth year on the campus. As you may have noticed, there are some notable changes. For one thing, we hope you like the new cover design and color scheme. Too, there are a number of new and promising members on both the business and editorial staffs. Several new features and departments have been added, but our old favorites are still with us.

Professor John M. Weed of the Engineering Experiment Station and our editor are visiting points of technical interest and reporting on them. We know you will be glad to see Wilson Dumble with us in his "Engineers' Bookshelf." Here we find first hand information on current literature. Here we find in the cultural relief from the technical.

"Doc and Pete" a new humor column, will be furnished by those two microbes of wit, Dwight Crummer and Pete Lambrou. We are, also very fortunate to have Mr. L. W. Hendershott conducting a series of puzzles and brain teasers. Various articles by the faculty, members of our staff and alumni will supplement the above. We hope you will like it. We'll appreciate your comments and suggestions.

J. L. K.