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ENGINEERS' DAY, MAY 21

They tell us of an Engineers' day, five years ago, when exhibits were placed in a chautauqua tent where Seventeenth Avenue crosses the future Engineering Quadrangle—a day of success dampened only by a near cloudburst. That exhibit made history in being the first Engineers' day, but plans for this year's celebration so completely overshadow all others, as to lend weight to the predictions that other precedents will take form. Plans, already partially formulated, include a noonday parade with the student branches and societies entering floats, free motion pictures, Texnikoi (Senior honorary) election, an Engineers' Dance and exhibits in the new Engineering Experiment Station.

The most cursory of glances at this program convinces us that student support must be enthusiastic—that there is much work to be done and that none of us should shirk. Every student must get behind his departmental society. The planning of exhibits and of floats will be no little task—surely will be one requiring more than a handful of workers. Trophies will be given for the best float and the best exhibit, selections to be made on a basis of originality and not necessarily grandeur.

The committee chairmen selected by Engineers' Council are the following:

Off Campus Exhibits.....Ed. C. Sawyer
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Sub-committees are to be appointed by each student society, to work in harmony with the above men.

This Engineers' day will be not merely the usual round of exhibits, with the half holiday providing an excuse for "skipping these parts," but will be a day of real events which no one will want to miss.

INTEREST THE FRESHMEN

Our congratulations are offered to the A. S. C. E. for what appears to be the most commendable step taken by any student branch this year. That Society recently announced that awards of free membership will be given to several of the most promising freshmen this year. It is not so much the value of the award—nor is the principle of the idea so important as the fact that recognition is thereby given to freshman engineers. A visit to the A. I. M. M. E., the A. I. E. E. or any other of the departmental societies will show how small a part of the attendance is composed of first year men.

The work of the student societies is an appreciated agent in acquainting the engineering student with the personnel and problems of the industries. It supplies perhaps the best means for co-operation between the student and his professor—outside of the class-room. There is no reason why these benefits should not be shared with the first year men. The blame is fastened on the societies themselves; there is an attitude of indifference to overcome. In a great many cases and we can assume that it is generally true, the freshman is non-attendant because he believes he is not wanted. The solution of the problem lies primarily in the realization of its actual existence, and in a desire for its elimination. Here, the American Society of Civil Engineers has taken a commendable lead and it is hoped that the other societies will not be slow in acting.