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EDITORIAL

An Appreciation

Back in the "old days," a few Engineering students conceived the idea of printing an Engineering magazine, its purpose being to publish information interesting and helpful to students in that college. It was no small task to start this, and in Professor C. E. Sherman these students found a friend who rendered them very timely and material aid. The success of *The Ohio State Engineer* has been due in no small measure to him. Officially he has been Treasurer of the Advisory Board, but in addition to the careful handling of the money entrusted to him, members of the staff have found him a friendly advisor and full of excellent suggestions. However, due to the multiplicity of his duties and obligations, he has found it necessary to resign from the Advisory Board. We regret to see Professor Sherman sever his direct connection with *The Engineer*, and take this opportunity to express our appreciation of his past services. We have his assurance that this will not mean the loss of his interest, and we shall continue to levy upon him for the help and guidance we have enjoyed heretofore.

The Engineer is pleased and proud to have secured as his successor, Professor C. T. Morris. Professor Morris is no new friend, but we are glad to have him connected with us in an official way. He has already manifested his active interest in various ways, and we are confident that this association will prove to be of great benefit to *The Engineer*.

The Stadium and a Memorial

Last spring Dr. Wilce, in a talk before the American Legion, spoke of incorporating in the design of the Ohio Stadium a memorial feature to the sons of Ohio State who, during the war, gave their lives in the service of their country. At a recent meeting, the University Post passed a resolution favoring this idea. What the Legion asks is not a memorial to the American Legion, nor to those who have returned, but a memorial which shall endure throughout years to come to those sons of the University, and for that matter, of the State, whose sacrifice was complete. Those of us who have lost friends and comrades can never forget, but the public memory, as time goes on, will grow somewhat dim. For the sake of American patriotism, these men and what they died for must not be forgotten. The Campanile is many, many years distant.

There is nothing inappropriate in the incorporation of a memorial in the Stadium. Many of the men to whom it would be built were Ohio State's foremost athletes. A large per cent of the men who volunteered at the outset and who filled the first training camps were men of athletic type.

Taken collectively, the American soldier was more athletic than the European soldier, and hence was able to compete favorably with soldiers of superior training. It is so well known as to make it trite to say that an athletic life fits a man to take up military service, should the need arise. The Ohio Stadium is bound to give an added impetus to athletics among the student body, to create a greater interest and to develop a more widespread participation in the various games. It is therefore evident that a direct connection exists.

We do not wish to dwell on the subject, for we believe that the idea would meet with almost universal approval. We do not know whether any decision has been reached as to this. It may be that it is impracticable to carry out the idea, and that, of course, can be best decided by the designers. Nevertheless, it seems to us, as it must to many others, a splendid and a fitting thing to do.

Concerning This Issue

The hen who has laid an egg feels herself entitled to do a little cackling, and it seems a natural thing to do. So, if we take a little pride in bringing forth this issue of *The Engineer*, we hope you will pardon us for it, and we assure you that you would do it if you were we. A combination of circumstances resulted in a slight loss of money on the last number of last year. That was rather disheartening, but the Staff was unanimous in the opinion that we should keep it going. We have, accordingly, retrenched in a few minor details, although not where the value of the magazine to Engineering students would be affected, and we believe that this issue is going across in creditable shape. Special thanks are due the Advertising Dept., under C. R. Oberst, whose work is to such a great extent responsible for the publication of this issue, and that at the pre-war price. So, because it has not been easy, we feel that a little pride is not altogether out of place.

We wish, particularly, to express our thanks to all our contributors. In the midst of all the activities that have been going on since the beginning of school, they have nevertheless found time to prepare this material, and we want them to know that it is not unappreciated.

In this issue we are able to do what we have wanted to do for some time, namely, bringing out Prof. Hindman's article on the Ohio Stadium from the engineering viewpoint. It must, however, be borne in mind that all details have not been worked out as yet, and that various things are subject to revision before work is actually begun. The information offered is the best available at this time, and we are indeed glad to print it.