

SCORE A HIT

ENGINEERS MAKE THEMSELVES FELT IN RECEPTION SATURDAY NIGHT.

CLASSY SOUVENIRS ARE GIVEN

Enormous Amount of Current Needed to Run Entire Electrical Laboratories Burns Out Transformer.

Saturday saw the establishment of Engineers Night as an annual event. The engineers reception was a success beyond the expectation of any of its promoters. It is estimated that over 2,500 persons visited the engineering laboratories during the evening. There were many out of town visitors among whom were many alumni and were enthusiastic in their approval of the exhibit.

The laboratories were running full force and very little difficulty was experienced in handling the crowd. The shop men were kept busy, however, answering innumerable questions. There was some trouble at the power house in furnishing enough power, the crowds being several times left momentarily in the dark when the lights went out. An unfortunate incident of the evening was the burning of the transformer at Tenth and R streets when an attempt was made to use the city current.

It finally became necessary to conserve all the power possible and as a result other parts of the campus and the state farm were cut off for a short time. It is said that the Glee club was forced to dance by candle light in the Temple.

The Mechanical Engineering building was the place of most interest to the visitors. Never before has it held such a crowd. The power laboratory with its big engines, the machine tool room where the big telescope is being made, the forge room and the wood-working laboratories where the freshmen displayed their skill on the lathe were all places of much interest. The foundry room was crowded to the doors at all times. The stream of molten iron pouring from the cupola fascinated the crowd, few of whom had ever seen iron castings made. On the second floor of this building the A. S. M. E. gave away small blue-printed folders as souvenirs, in return for a signature in their guest book.

The electrical laboratory was in no way slighted by the visitors. Students and professors were kept busy endeavoring to explain the mysteries of electricity to the inquisitive laymen who crowded their building. An interesting exhibition of arc lamps and a variety of colored lighting effects held the attention of the visitors. Many stood aghast at the death like complexion of their companions when they entered the room.

The materials testing laboratories were the subject of much comment. Many exclamations of wonder were heard when the steel bars were pulled or twisted apart in the testing machines. The lovers' knot tied cold in one and a half inch structural steel, the largest one ever tied, attracted the attention of all. The machines for testing road materials were also objects of interest to the visitors.

Engineers' night was planned and carried out by the engineering society and the two departmental organizations, the A. S. M. E. and the A. I. E. E. The idea originated with the A. S. M. E. P. S. Toney was chairman of the committee in charge.

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