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THE ENGINEERS' COUNCIL

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They sit at the Feet and there hear the Word—

TOWARD the close of the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Council on February 7, after asking if anyone had any further business to present and being greeted with enthusiastic silence, President Ben K. Bare announced that he had some of his own to bring up, and, springing a surprise as unexpected as a merit in physics, he presented his resignation, because, having completed his work toward the Civil Engineering degree, he had withdrawn from college, and had already toiled that day on his new job, earning a whole dollar all by himself. In the excitement it was not ascertained in whose army he had enlisted. "A dollar a day—a thousand days, a thousand dollars—just think of that," he says with a Bare grin.

With real reluctance the Council was moved to consider this resignation, which it accepted, and after voting him a vote of thanks for his excellent work as head of the organization, the Council adjourned. Bare had the honor of being the first President of the Council, which came into being on October 28, 1921, and much of the success the body has experienced in these first few months has been due to his efficient and interested efforts.

A further inroad upon the charter membership was made on February 21 when James R. Collier, Senior representative of the department of Metallurgy, presented his resignation for reasons similar to Bare's. His successor had not been elected at the present writing. John H. Jefferson, '23, was elected by the Civil Engineers to fill the vacancy left by Bare, and he will serve until graduation.

On February 21, By-Laws covering the order of business, adoption of Faculty Eligibility rules for members of the Council, and procedure of filling vacant offices by special election were presented and adopted. At that time Samuel O. Linzell, former Vice President, was advanced to succeed Bare, and John M. Jervis was elected to the office of Vice President.

Section Seven of the By-Laws adopted grants to the managing editor of the Ohio State Engineer the position of ex-officio member of the Council. This provision was made to give the staff of this magazine an avenue of representation should it happen that no member of the Council would be on the staff. The editor will have the privilege of attendance at meetings and participa-

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tion in discussions, but he will lack the power of vote. The proposition of granting the Engineer one or two representatives with equal power as departmental representatives was voted down.

The official emblems of the Council, the familiar castle design of the Army Engineers, bearing the words "Engineers Council" and a Scarlet "O" upon a black enamel background with gold trim, were distributed at this meeting. Only active and alumni members in good standing will be permitted to wear the pin, which is designed to be worn in the coat lapel as a recognition button.

April 7 is the day set for all Engineers to shake the moth balls out of their party togs, shine their shoes, and escort the girls to the Armory for the first great all Engineers' Dance ever given at Ohio State. To keep Dillon and Harrison from working a big graft, the Council set the price down to one simoleon, fourteen Mexican kopecs, or one slide rule in good condition. Even though the price has been put at this unprecedented low figure, the Engineers' Dance is going to set a record for excellence. (We admit we're good, in other words.) "The best orchestra obtainable, excellent programs, decorations, and refreshments" is the slogan of the Social Committee, headed by Walter J. Klaiber. Because Wm. C. McCracken, Superintendent of Buildings, and Joseph N. Bradford, University Architect, have absolutely refused to expand the walls of the Gym, the Council was forced to put on the limit of 250 couples.
