

## A. GENT ELECTED TO HOLD BASEBALL RUDDER IN SPRING

### Simpson Back to Hurl Terror at Enemy

Abel H. Gent, '29, regular third baseman for the last three years, has been elected captain of Armour Tech's 1929 baseball team. Although never a spectacular player, Gent's steady and consistent fielding together with his timely hitting have contributed greatly toward the success of his team.

Gent received his first training in baseball at the Carl Schurz High School, where he played on the 1924 city championship team. The Schurz team of that year was also victorious in the intercity game with the New York High School, and thus automatically carried off the Eastern championship.

The 1928 season of the Armour Tech baseball team, which terminated on Circus Day, May 19, with the annual Alumni game, was a decided success, the team turning in ten victories against five defeats. The Battling Techmen demonstrated their ability by downing some of the strongest college aggregations of this section of the country.

Three of the defeats were by the close score of 2-1, one of which was received at the hands of Luther College, Iowa State Champions for the last three years.

The outstanding feature of the season was the spectacular pitching of King Simpson, who is credited with eight of the ten victories reaped by the team. The climax of his hurling was reached when he pitched a brilliant no-hit, no-run contest against De Kalb Normal. Other outstanding players, all of whom are back in the fold this year, are Rossetti, short stop and last year's captain; Robin, first base, and Stehno, pitcher.

### Jorgensen, Formerly of '28, Succumbs

Edwin C. Jorgensen, an architectural student, formerly of the class of '28, died Tuesday, August 28, after being ill for more than a year. Jorgensen was born in 1906 in Joliet, Illinois, where he received his grammar and high school education. He entered Armour in 1924, and attained a high record in his studies. His ability as an artist was recognized when he was elected to membership in Scarab, honorary ar-

## 10 Wins in 13 Was 1928 Tennis Record

Thirteen games on a tennis schedule may be an omen of ill portent, but be that as it may, it didn't phase the team one bit last season, for out of the thirteen games they emerged victorious in ten. Grinnell College of Milwaukee, led by that shining light of tennis, Harris Coggeshall, scored the only defeat that really hurt, since the other two failures, received at the hands of Marquette and Lake Forest, were balanced by wins later in the season. Triumphs were also chalked up against Michigan State, U. of Louisville, Detroit City College, Hillsdale, Wheaton, and Loyola.

Much of the credit for the remarkable showing of the team naturally falls upon George Jennings, who was serving his second term as captain, and who, as usual, held the greater part of the attention, due to his masterful handling of the racket. After the completion of the season for the school team last spring, Jennings proceeded to tour the country picking up cups and trophies wherever he went, and in so doing has brought much glory to Armour. He is now both singles and doubles champion of the National Public Parks, singles champion of Wisconsin State, and Beverly Hills, and runner up in Illinois State, Michigan State, as well as for the Lehigh Valley Championship. A complete story of his achievements, along with his picture, will appear in the next issue of the ARMOUR TECH NEWS.

With Ray Stellar as captain, and with several of the old regulars back in the fold, the 1929 Armour Tech tennis team should harvest an even greater number of victories.

chitectural fraternity. The initials "E. C. J." were familiar ones to readers of the Cycle and of the Engineer, who observed them affixed to many of the plates and cartoons in those publications. He was also a member of the Phi Pi Phi fraternity.

Just before the close of the semester in 1927, he was compelled to lay aside his studies because of his health, and since that time he has not returned to classes. He was apparently regaining his health at the time of his decease, however, and his sudden death was unexpected by his parents and friends.

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## KRAFFT CHOSEN BASKETBALL HEAD

William C. Krafft will direct the destinies of the Armour Tech Basketeers for the coming season, succeeding Milton Romney as head coach. Mr. Krafft is well known to both alumni and students, having been associated with the Institute for the last six years as Director of Physical Training, and also serving in various coaching capacities during that time.

Back in 1922 and 1923, when Mr. Krafft first came to Armour, he was coach of the basketball team, and performed the job with a high degree of success. However, just at that time the seriousness of the baseball situation became such that it was imperative that a man be delegated to devote most of his time to training men for better work on the diamond, and Krafft was given the job. In 1923, with no coach, the baseball team won only three games out of fifteen. The next year, the same team, after a few of the niceties of the game had been drilled into them by Bill Krafft, won exactly half of the games on a difficult schedule. The following year the team won eleven out of fifteen games and since then has consistently finished every season with at least two-thirds of its games chalked up as victories.

Mr. Krafft graduated in 1920 from North Central College of Naperville, Illinois, known at that time as Northwestern College. That he was active in sports at his alma mater is evidenced by the fact that he possesses nine major letters, which he won in basketball, baseball, and football.

Following his graduation, Krafft spent a year as coach of basketball, baseball, and football at the Waukegan High School. The following year he assumed the position of Director of Physical Training at the Armour Institute of Technology.

## 33 Civils Complete Summer Camp Course

Thirty-three students of last year's freshman Civil Engineering class were in attendance at the annual Civil Summer Camp at Trout Lake, Wisconsin, from June 17 to July 26. Three members of the faculty, Professors Wells, Smith, and Heald, were in charge of the classes while William L. Hafner, '30, was the student assistant. The courses taught at the Civil Summer Camp are part of the regular curriculum of the Civil Department, and attendance for at least one summer is compulsory if a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering is desired.

The course includes instruction in the use of the transit, laying out of curves, leveling, typographic surveying, railway and highway location, triangulation, and practice with the sextant.

Trout Lake is located about eighteen miles north of the town of Minocqua, Wis., and about thirty miles from Brule, the town near which President Coolidge spent his vacation. The camp is part of a Wisconsin reserve called the Northern State Forestry Park, and because of the fact that the purpose of the reserve is to encourage the growth of pine, the students at the camp prohibited from cutting away any of the small trees and brush which gradually accumulate. It is said that the problems assigned in field work are becoming more and more difficult because of the existence of this brush.

### URSON '09, DROWNS NEAR NILES

Frank J. Urson, Jr., '09, a graduate of the Department of Civil Engineering, was accidentally drowned in Indian Lake, near Niles, Michigan, on August 16. Urson was prominent in the movie world, having been, up to the time of his death, a film director for De Mille.

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