



EARL LESSLIE CURREN

Thesis: *Design of a Two Hinged Arch, Spandrel Braced, Railroad Bridge.*

Armour C. E. Society

On looking through the birth records of Sheridan, Ill., we find that Curren was born on the 26th day of August, 1888. It will be noted in this connection that many of our great men come from small towns, so he has at least that primary qualification. The family soon moved to Aurora, where our hero has since resided. It would take an expert on the slip-stick to calculate how many miles he has travelled since entering Armour, about 70 miles a day, 5 days a week, 36 weeks a year, 5 years. Going some, eh?

He received his preparatory training at the West Aurora High School, finishing there in 1907. Like many more "misguided youths" (Ed. note. Quotation from R. T. Crane) he decided to study engineering and thereupon entered Armour in the fall of 1907. Through the use of much midnight oil and by grunting and snorting he remains with us. It was in the summer of 1910 when he attended summer camp. On one memorable occasion it was only through the deceitful plans of his jealous tentmates, that he was deprived of attending the Annual Faithorne Dance and of making a decided hit with the farmer girls. He held aloof from the rough necks at camp that year and always behaved as a perfect lady should.

Curren has combined forces with Hess on the thesis proposition and the corporation has designed a two hinged arch, spandrel braced, railroad bridge and although the exact meaning and unquestionable importance of this kind of a railroad bridge may not be perfectly clear to some, the electricals, for instance, we are ready to vouch for the fact that it is a good subject for a thesis and that the corporation has done it justice.