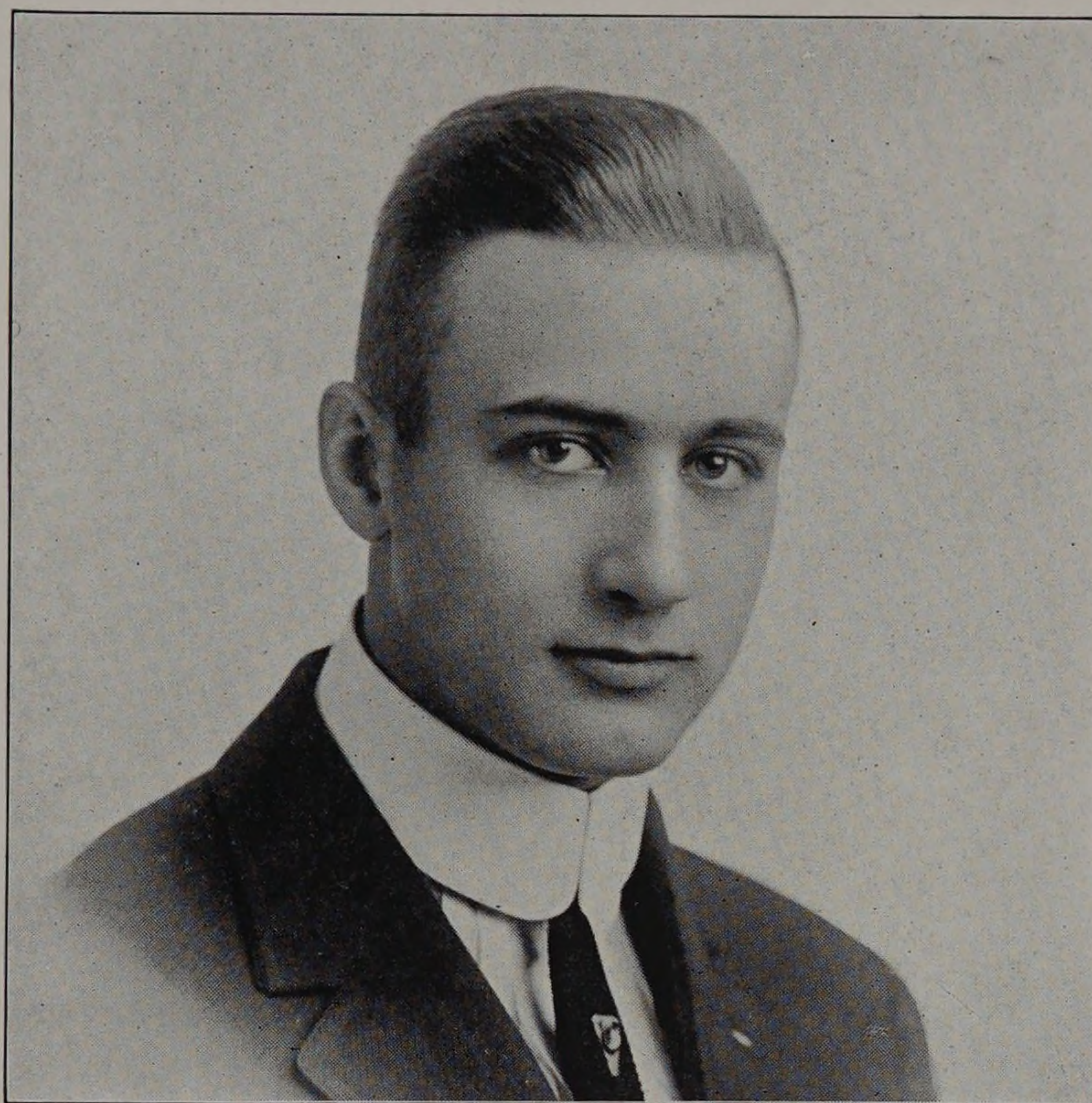


SENIOR CLASS BOOK 1912.



FREDERICK CHRISTIAN DIERKING

Thesis: *Design of a Reinforced Concrete Street Crossing for Track Elevation.*

Omega Lambda	Student Member Board of Athletic Control (3), (4)
Tau Beta Pi	Class Treasurer (4)
Radical X	Second Marshal Junior Week
Armour C. E. Society	College Basketball (2), (3), (4)
Chapin Club	Ass't. Business Manager (Elect) The Integral (3)
Usher, Commencement 1911	

Ladies and gentlemen, we have with us today, a gentleman who is well known in scholastic, athletic, and social circles at Armour, Mr. Frederick Christian Dierking, better known as "Fritz," or "Dierk." It was on a farm near Bensonville, Ill., on December 24, 1888, when a Christmas present in the form of a small wriggling noisy baby was left with the Dierking family. This baby was none other than "Unser Fritz." After the animals on the farm had tired of his oratory and he had devoured all the knowledge available in the country school, his parents found it necessary, in 1900, to move to Chicago. In 1902, he graduated from the Anderson Grammar School. The same year he entered the Northwest Division High School which he left in 1906.

After leaving high school he decided to battle with the world for a while. For one year he worked in the Engineering Department of the Chicago Telephone Co., leaving as he was about to be made chief engineer. He then tried out his powers as an advertising agent, but, seeing the need of a college education, quit business life and entered Armour in 1908. Since entering Armour, Fritz has been kept busy juggling his studies, physics papers, basketball, fraternities and social affairs. One year we even find "Prof." Dierking teaching Surveying in the night school. If in walking down the hall you hear a student whispering louder than the instructor is talking, you have surely located Fritz. The same word might be prefixed to Fritz's stories as is to our beloved city. During the summer of 1911, he built a grain elevator at Kansas City, and the preceeding summer he was Bridge Engineer of the C. M. & St. P. R. R. Something on the order of "My Big Brudder Sylvest."

But, any way and all the way, Fritz is a person to be admired and liked, especially by the tribe of 1912, for he is a builder of college spirit, and we trust that the Fates have in store for him only that success which he deserves.