



GEORGE CLARENCE ERICKSON

Thesis: *Design of a Power Plant for a Modern Hotel.*

Armour Branch, A. I. E. E.

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Erickson was born in Chicago, January 30, 1885, and has since honored the place of his birth by living there up to the present time. After graduation from the Hawthorne School of Chicago in 1899, he became imbued with the idea of becoming a financier, hence entered the Metropolitan Business College. The humble position of financier in so large a community as Chicago losing its charms after a time, the future trend of his life was changed. Without hesitancy he chose the brilliant field of Electrical Engineering for his life's work and will undoubtedly make good. His preparatory training was accomplished at the evening school of the Central Y. M. C. A. by dint of hard work, and, to show that appreciation of the work of one who is willing to help himself, the school awarded him a scholarship in his last year.

He joined the Armour Branch of the A. I. E. E. early in his junior year, since he realized the importance of an association with such an organization in his chosen profession.

Realizing that the Sherman House, one of our newest and finest hotels, could increase their return on the investment by generating their own power, he has for some months been in daily consultation with his colleague, Mr. Meade, and with the managers of the hotel trying to prove his contention. Incidentally he has made this work his thesis but we must not believe this the important part but rather that he firmly believes in his ability to make an application of his training. It would not surprise us very much if we should hear some few years hence that the Sherman House actually did make use of his ability and installed the suggested improvement. We wish him success in his endeavor and in his future life and work.