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The little city of Lena, Illinois does not occupy a very conspicuous position on the map, nevertheless it is destined to play no small part in our history of the class of '12. It was not until May 2, 1888 that this honor became definitely assured and this little town still has its eyes upon one Loyal R. White who has been the cause of its prestige.

He did the only fair thing to do, by remaining in his home town for his grammar and high school education. He graduated from the Lena High School in June 1906 and then, being possessed with a roving spirit, he became engaged in telephone work in the wilds of South Dakota at a place known as Chamberlain. Finding the climate not very much to his liking he migrated very shortly to California where he became assistant electrician for the Tuolumne Transmission Co.

In this capacity he became very well acquainted with the construction and operation of this plant, so much so that the Department of Electricity will be favored with a full and complete discussion of its workings as his thesis.

Owing to a delay in transportation or other methods of travel in the far west at that time. White did not arrive at Armour until February 1909 and has therefore been with us only three and one-half years. Whether he will be there any longer or not is problematical as we go to press.

He was rather mixed in his classes and it was not until after two years that we knew he really belonged to 1912. Since then he has been honored by that class with all the insignia that such a membership calls for. His favorite occupation in the dynamo laboratory is to balance the scale on a motor test, especially the one for the synchronous motor. In such a position he stands in front of the pulley wheel and receives a hot bath when the man operating the selector switch pulls out a phase, accidentally. (?) However, when the incident above cited took place, White had on a pair of boots more commonly associated with Civils so no argument was started and the guilty man escaped unharmed. Later the same day the same thing occurred by a sudden drop in the impressed voltage and White has now given up the only job he liked.