



JOHN JOSEPH SCHOMMER

Thesis: *Study of Glycerol in Vinegar.*

Phi Kappa Sigma
Senior Chemical Society
Track Coach, (4)

S. B. University of Chicago, 1909
American Chemical Society
Class Baseball (3), (4)

Yes this is the famous J. J. Schommer, formerly of the University of Chicago, but now a full-fledged Armourite. "Jawn," the dean of the chemicals, was born in Chicago on January 29, 1884. He began his schooling in one of the Chicago grammar schools, prepared at the Association Institute, and entered the U. of C. in 1905. Here Schommer proceeded to make himself famous as an athlete and as he was not yet ready to specialize, he joined the baseball, football, basketball, and track teams. He was also special adviser to the president of the university on athletic affairs and it is due to their conferences in Mr. Schommer's office that athletics at the university were brought up to their present high standing, so Schommer tells us.

John J. graduated from the U. in 1909 and took a year's post-graduate work so that he might enter Armour. He enrolled at the Tech in January 1911.

Schommer is one of those individuals whose sunny disposition enables them to acquire friends wherever they go. He has a story for every occasion and his parables are famous in the chem. lab. He was at one time asked to run for alderman by a delegation from his ward but preferred to work for his living. It was at Schommer's suggestion that the chemical society has adopted the system of banquet meetings that has so advanced this organization.

John's chief aim in the lab is to make vinegar from everything in sight and to secure the goats of Beifeld and the curator, Mr. Dean. He is more successful at the latter than at the former. He has also a secret ambition to make a million dollars, marry and,—but we are getting too personal so we will only add that Schommer has always one place to spend his evenings besides at home.