



CLAUDE IRWIN PALMER

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Claude Irwin Palmer is best known outside of Armour Institute of Technology as an author of textbooks on mathematics. A statement from the McGraw-Hill Book Company says that the copies of his eleven books have reached a grand total of over 500,000 on January 1, 1928. By the alumni and students he is known as Professor Palmer, instructor in mathematics.

Dean Palmer was born in Michigan, coming from an old Yankee family. Graduating from the University of Michigan in 1903, he joined the faculty of Armour Institute of Technology in the same year. In 1910 he was appointed Associate Professor of Mathematics, and on the retirement of Dr. Campbell and Dean Monin in 1927, he was made Head of the Department of Mathematics and Acting Dean of Students.

As Dean of Students he is kept decidedly busy listening to their troubles and complaints, adjusting their many difficulties, and his natural sympathy, sweetness, and sense of justice are often in evidence. Notwithstanding all his varied duties, he rather enjoys his

work. Never ruffled, never in a terrible hurry, always cheerful, always more than willing to cooperate, it is a real joy to be associated with Dean Palmer.

DIRECTOR OF EVENING CLASSES

Robert Vallette Perry, Professor of Machine Design and Director of Evening Classes, was born in Hartford, Conn., but has made his home in Chicago since 1890. He graduated from A. I. T. in 1897, one of the pioneer students of the institution.

After four years of commercial experience with transcontinental railway lines, he returned to the Institute to take up the work in which he now ranks as Professor. His early association with the instruction force of the Evening Classes resulted in appointment as Assistant Director in 1917, and the advancement to Director of Evening Classes in 1925.

Professor Perry is active in all faculty and student interests. He has been President of the Faculty Club twice and has frequently held office or served as committee chairman in the club during the twenty years of its existence. His summer home in the Minnesota lake region serves as a base for his many and extended hunting, fishing, and canoeing adventures. He is fond of golf and an expert at billiards. A quiet, positive, friendly type of man, who is a real factor in Institute affairs.



ROBERT VALLETTE PERRY

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