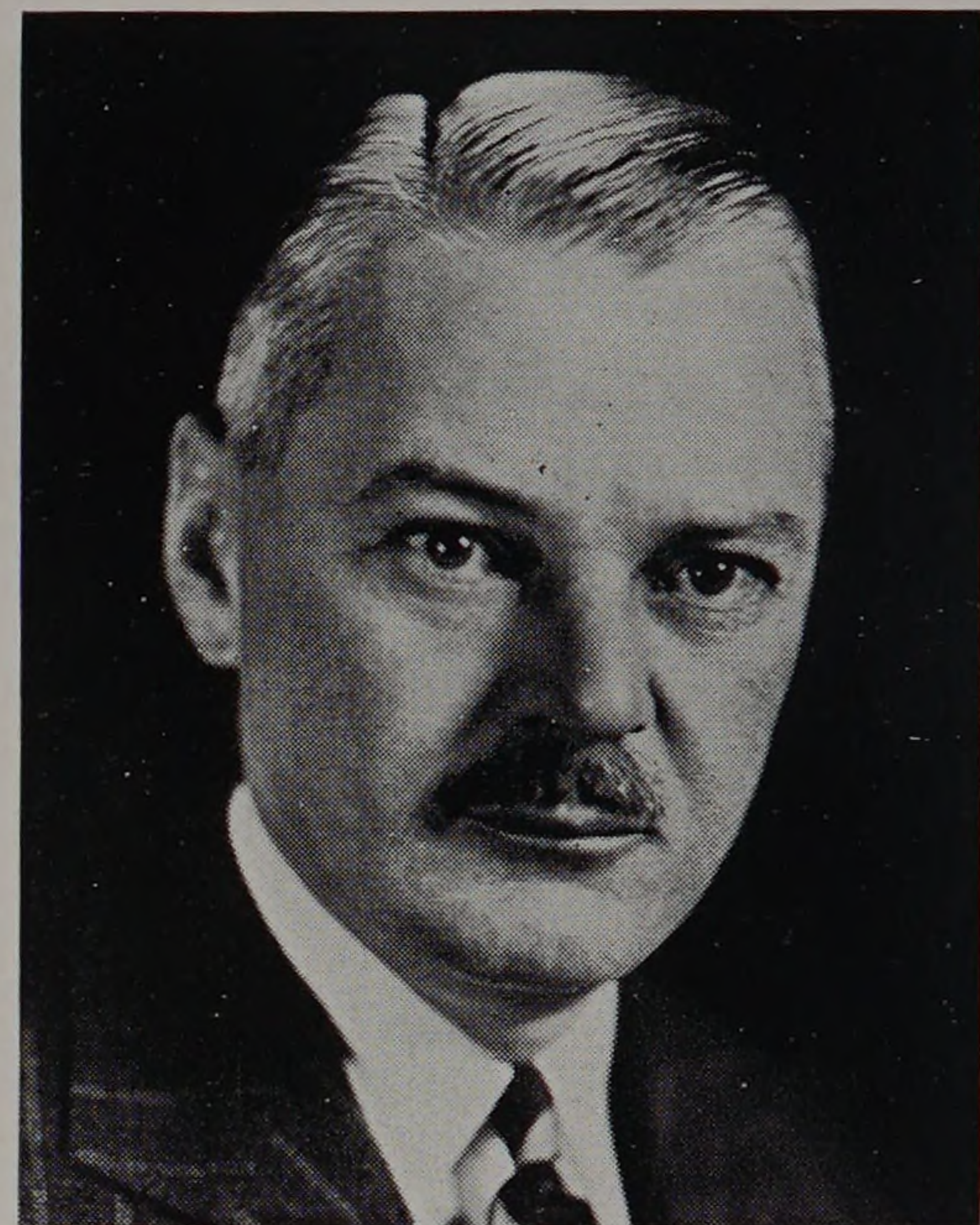


## DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1933-34

Of the ambitious program for educational development adopted two years ago by trustees of Armour Institute of Technology, several important features have become operative during the past year. Working carefully toward the objectives determined when the program was first laid out, the administration has suited execution of its recommendations to current experience at the Institute, modifying the program as conditions have warranted.

The adjustment of curriculum is probably the most significant change embodied in the program. During the summer of 1933, the administration worked out the uniform freshman course which was offered to entering students this year, providing them an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the engineering college routine before they are required to select departments for specialized study. The department of Social Sciences, just finishing its first year as an important part of the curriculum, has offered courses in business and social subjects to all freshman and senior students. It will, of course, be impossible accurately to determine the effectiveness of these courses until some time after the present freshman class has been graduated. It is interesting to note in this connection that the younger alumni—those who have had to seek a foothold in the engineering professions during the distress and confusion caused by the depression—are particularly enthusiastic in their support of the new practice at Armour, feeling that later graduates will be better equipped to face practical conditions in business.

Another important event of the last year was the temporary suspension of shop courses pending an investigation to determine the proper place of shops in the engineering college curriculum. A committee of faculty members has been studying this problem throughout the



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