



Cutting a Gear

The Cooperative classes of Armour Institute of Technology are in a rather unusual position. Alternating between school and job, they appear to be continually coming and going, affording us little opportunity of becoming acquainted with them. The cooperatives have classes that are set apart from those of the regular students; consequently, seeking fellowship and friends, they have been obliged to unite among themselves. Although all of the



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cooperatives have elected regular class officers, making the distinction between groups more apparent, that spirit of individualism has not developed among them as it has among students in regular attendance at Armour. The rivalry that characterizes the classes of continuous students is absent among the cooperatives. Instead, a feeling of good fellowship prevails. In fact, the Co-ops have gone even farther. They have formed an interclass club, The Co-op Club, which is a composite of all cooperatives at the Institute. The Co-op Club serves as the organ from which all their social activities emanate.

Entering Armour in February over three years ago, the original class of fifty eight members of the first inaugurated the new plan of education at Armour Institute. Divided into two groups, they were prepared to enter industry and school to begin work and class work in this new five year co-operating course in mechanical engineering. This new plan of education was not offered as an experiment. Instead it has been in existence in eastern technical institutions for a period of years. There the course had attracted widespread attention. It interested General Thomas S. Hammond, president of the Whiting Corporation and President of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. Interested immediately, he met James D. Cunningham, President of the Board of Trustees of Armour Institute of Technology and President of the Republic Flow Meters Company, who was also concerned with the possibilities that surrounded the cooperative courses. Together these men outlined a plan which would be feasible at Armour. Their completed plan was accepted and arrangements were made to incorporate the new course into the curriculum at the Institute in February of 1936.

## COOP CLUB OFFICERS

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