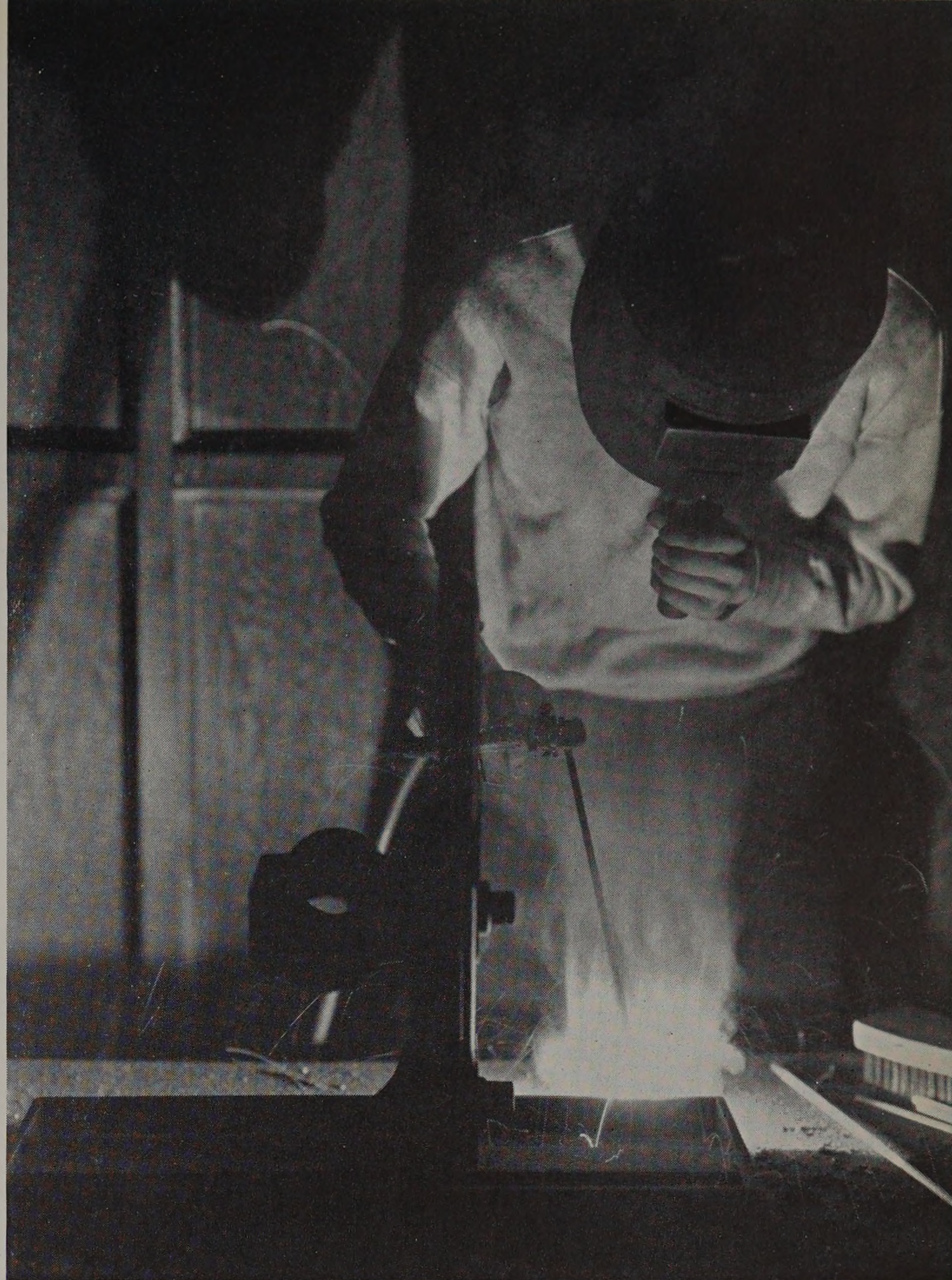


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Offering a cooperative course for the first time in the midwest, the Institute gained immediate attention from educators, executives, and industrialists. Sixty-one members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association denoted their willingness to aid such a program by offering their complete support to officials of Armour. This group secured employment that was necessary to offer the cooperative course combined industrial work and technical education. In addition, this group aided the propagation of the plan by outlining its features to similar manufacturers' associations throughout this section of the country. Once attracted by the course, industrialists were pleased with this program which enables industries to recruit ambitious and dependable young men who obtain practical engineering experience in conjunction with their preparatory training in engineering. There has been little trouble in obtaining industries and executives to aid the plan.

The program of cooperative engineering courses is not of recent origin. The first course of this kind was adopted over thirty-three years ago by the University of Cincinnati. Here the plan was tested in the experimental stage for a number of years. So successfully did the authorities and trustees of the University of Cincinnati consider the course that they abandoned all continuous courses in engineering and substituted in their place cooperative courses. The entire program of that institution is now carried out on the cooperative basis. Other technical schools watched the courses closely, and the plan was similarly adopted at prominent eastern colleges. At present there are courses in cooperative engineering at the University of Detroit, New York University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Drexel Institute, and Armour Institute of Technology. The plan that has been adopted at Armour was therefore not done without due consideration. The details of the plan at this



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school differ from the plan at other schools, but the principal features are retained by all institutions. At Armour the cooperative course in mechanical engineering does not replace in any way the regular, existing four year course. Instead it is considered

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