



Combining Theory and Practice in Industry

dents were granted interviews, and those students who seemed as though they could readily adapt themselves to the course were sent to officers of co-operating industries. There they were given additional interviews and examinations before they were finally accepted for the program. The first cooperative class was small, but arrangements were quickly made to provide facilities for larger classes. Mr. L. J. Lease, vocational director of Thornton Township high school, was appointed a member of the department of mechanical engineering of the Institute to serve as coordinator between the school and the subscribing industries. Under his able direction the enrollment has been increased from fifty to three hundred.

The first class of cooperative students that entered Armour was definitely a group set apart from the remaining students at Armour. Few of the members had friends in the regular student body. The group was alone. It was compelled to continue by itself, becoming a closely knit and united body. Being in school for only eight weeks at a time, the members had little or no opportunity to serve on the athletic teams and staffs of the student publications. However, the members of this first class gradually found that by making sacrifices they could enter competition with remaining students for short periods of time. In the face of all of the obstacles that lay in the path of the cooperative students, some members of the classes were able to serve on the wrestling team, while others joined student clubs and the musical organizations. These men have gained commendation even though they have been forced to work under a handicap. Alternating between school and industry every two months they find themselves continually beset in their attempts to serve these organizations faithfully. In fact, those cooperative students who have gained prominence in extra-curricular activities have received the admiration of all students of the school. Endeavoring to show the same spirit that characterized the classes of the regular four year students, the Co-ops entered four teams in the inter-departmental touch-ball tournament that was held in the Fall. Playing a surprisingly good game of ball, these men proved to be aggressively determined to win, and they succeeded in winning several games. Few of the regular students expected to receive opposition from the Co-ops since many believed that they had little school and class spirit. However, after it was recalled that the Co-ops had vigorously entered the Freshman-Sophomore Rush of the preceding year and had fought valiantly, many of the former critics changed their ideas.

Top Row: Westphall, Walsh, Cuculic, Heenan, Rapp, Knowski, McGinnis, Sullivan, Stryz, Francis. Second Row: Zablen, Kanarek, Swanson, Windstrup, Hanuska, Weaver, Kocourek, Koenig, Jordan, Lundgren, Schauburger. Third Row: Miller, Erickson, Zuk, Reider, Olchawa, Bobco, Swanson, Danson, Howmiller, Lesage, Loftus. Fourth Row: Sampson, Wierciak, Juergens, Kelly, Hayes, Till, Stone, Siebert, Dina, Miles, Milewski.

