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A different, unusual, interesting and outstanding book is the objective of the staff of every yearbook. The 1938 "Cycle" staff ran true to form in this respect and this is the result of our endeavors. We, while planning the book, assembling pictures and copy, and designing a cover, were not certain what the finished product would look like. We did not know if the book would fall short of the mark we had set, if it would turn out as we had planned, or far exceed our expectations. We still do not know. It is up to the readers of the "Cycle" to decide this issue. If you, while perusing this volume, relive the past year at Armour and remember anew the events that make up the life of a Techawk, then the book is a success. How often you refer to it in years to come, will determine to what degree the staff has attained success in their endeavors.

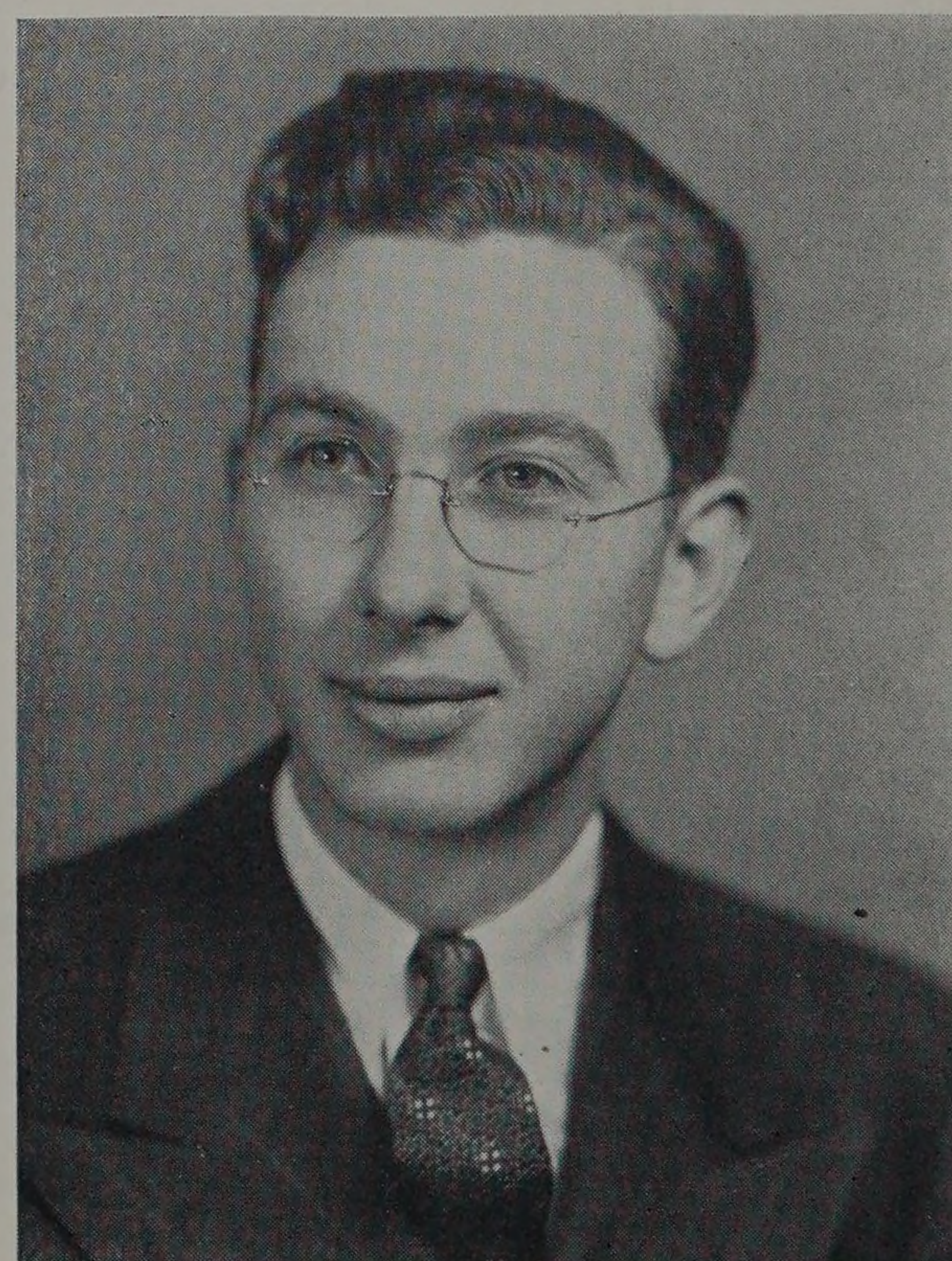
We have this year attempted to make as complete a picture of Armour Tech as possible with words and pictures. More pictures and words were used in the 1938 "Cycle" than ever before in an Armour yearbook. The full size of the page has been utilized with the result that it has been possible to present larger pictures and more written material. This year a view section has been added to the "Cycle," a view section which we predict will enable Armour students to reminisce over the scenes of their college days for many happy hours after they graduate.

It is only with the cooperation and help of a good staff that the completion of the "Cycle" has been successfully accomplished. Countless other interested students, officers of various student organizations, have aided to a great extent by contributing articles and information about their groups—to them we extend our sincere thanks. Others, outside of the student body, have helped a great deal in perfecting our book. Acknowledgments to these people are but a small way of showing our appreciation for the assistance they freely offered. Mr. Wilbur J. Horton of the Hammersmith-Kortmeyer Company, Mr. Roy Solem of the Marshall Studios, and Mr. Kenneth Cooley of the S. K. Smith Company gave many extra hours of their time that we might produce this book. To the members of the faculty, who gave us assistance when we needed it, we also extend our thanks.



The staff has learned a great deal about the production of a yearbook in the past year. After they were elected to their positions, they faced a difficult and unfamiliar job in publishing the 1938 "Cycle." Gradually they became accustomed to the work and enjoyed watching the book develop. Now that the book is finished, it is with sincere regret that we realize that we are through. We can now see where we erred and where we could have made improvements. We wish that we could publish one more yearbook for Armour Tech so that we could put to use our experience. With the knowledge we have gained in this past year, we could, with less effort than that expended this year, accomplish a good deal more. However, the scheme of things is not set that way. We must turn over to our successors a job which they must attempt to carry to a successful conclusion in the same manner that we attempted to. They must begin planning the book, obtaining photographs, writing copy, and selling advertisement space without knowing very much about the procedure. They will learn quickly though, just as we did and then they will begin to enjoy themselves in handling their jobs. So, much as we dislike the idea, we must yield to someone else and allow them to combat the difficulties and problems involved in editing a yearbook.

That this book lives up to our expectations and does simulate the spirit of Armour Tech, is the earnest hope of every member of the 1938 "Cycle" staff.



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