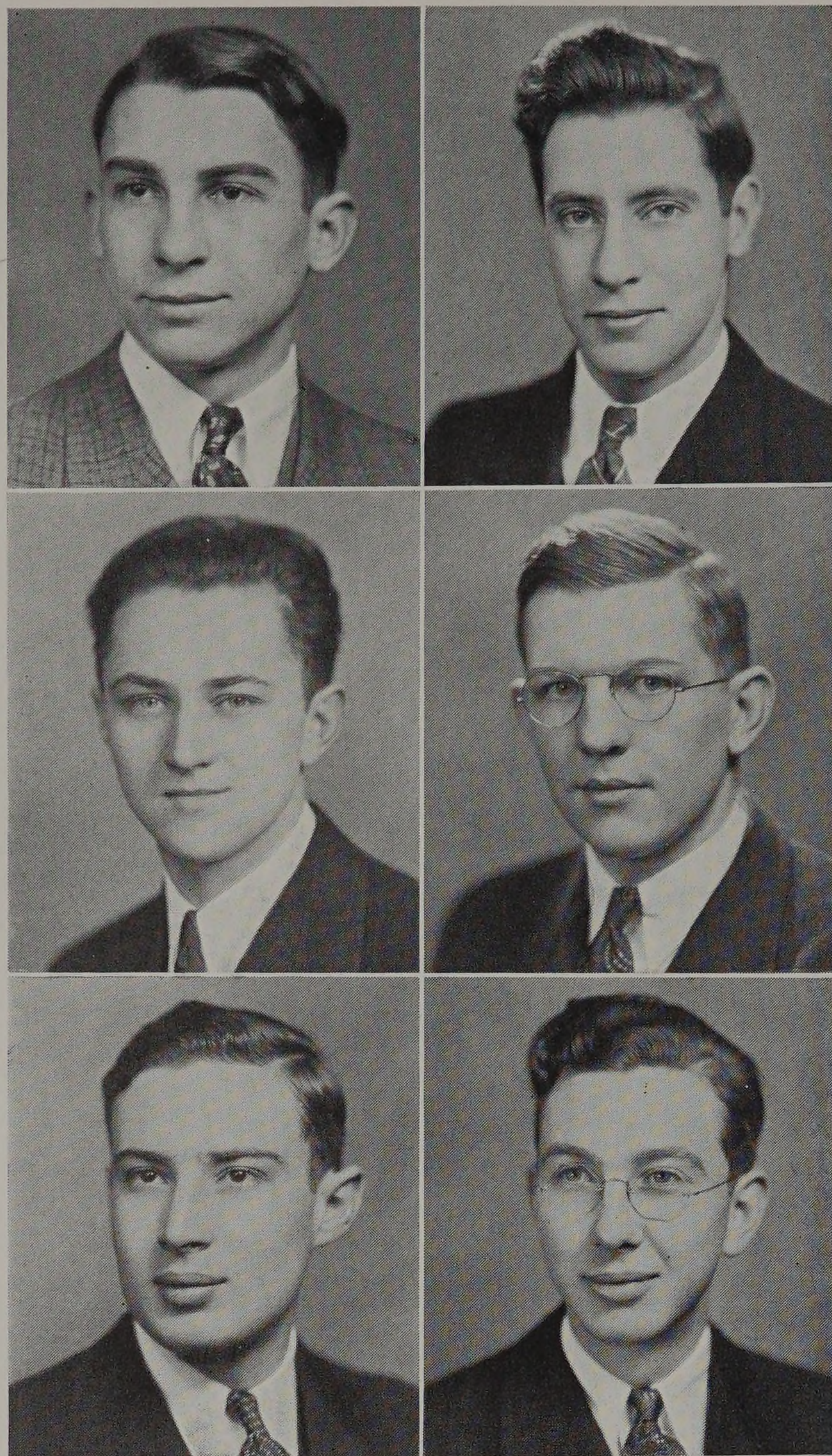


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April 9 of this year was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the *Armour Tech News*. The paper was known as *The Armour News* when the first issue appeared on April 9, 1928. Since this title suggested that the paper was connected with the meat packing company of the same name, the second issue, on April 20, 1928, bore the name, *Armour Tech News*.

Professor Walter Hendricks, head of the English department, was the father of the idea that the students should publish a school newspaper. A committee, composed of the members of Sphinx, honorary literary fraternity, investigated the possibilities of such a publication and guaranteed the funds for the first issue. With John Hommes, F. P. E. '29, as editor, five issues were published in the period from April 29 to June 1, 1928.

Beginning the following school term, the paper was published weekly. It was five columns wide by sixteen inches deep. The size of the *News* was enlarged on November 1, 1928, to its present form, six columns wide by eighteen inches deep, with the publication of the twelfth issue.

Until 1930, when the student body voted to add the cost of a subscription to the *Tech News* to the student activity fee, the paper was supported by solicited subscriptions.

Some interesting sidelights of the history of the *News* are that as early as 1928, the paper conducted a political straw ballot during the Hoover-Smith presidential race. One of the early ads read, "The

Red Brick Building at the North End of Ogden Field Is the *Armour Tech Cafeteria*"—in large type, of course. The currently popular column in the *Tech News* of today, "The Slipstick," was started with the first issue. Typical of the early jokes was, "And at the top of the canning industry, we find, not Mr. Heinz, but the dean of the Institute."

A new staff is elected each year to manage the affairs of the paper. Each staff has added its individual touch to the style of the paper and has published a paper in pace with current newspapers. Standard copy practice has been instituted, and the paper has reached an efficiency comparable to that of city daily newspapers. During the ten years of its existence, the *News* has been under the successive guidance of John Hommes, David Smith, Fred Atwood, Wilbur Rudolf, Orville Barnett, Norman Colburn, Edwin Searle, Russell Johnson, Fred Leason, and co-editors Landrith Parker and James Sheehan.

The *Armour Tech News* has remained an uninfluenced student publication throughout its life. For some time the policies of the *Tech News* have been quite definite. In an editorial titled "Our Policies," which appeared in the issue of September 28, 1928, the purpose of the paper was made clear." . . . Our only aim will be the aim of our great Institute, whose life we are. Our only hope will be to have something vitally important to say, something about ourselves, and something about our school. We will serve no group, save the group to which we all belong . . ."