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## PARR SUCCEEDS STRONG AS W. G. E.



**TRUMAN J. STRONG**  
909 E. Washington, Urbana, Ill.

### FRATERNITY GIVES WATCH TO STRONG

Presented By Chicago Boys As  
Surprise From All

One matter of business instigated by the convention at Manhattan, but which did not appear in the records, were the plans for presenting T. J. ("Duke") Strong, Alpha Rho Chi's W. G. E. for the past seven years, with a gold watch by the members of the fraternity. The means appointed by the convention to this end are well enough known by those interested.

However, the actual business of making the presentation was placed in the hands of the Chicago Alumni Association by the committee appointed by the convention. Consequently Bro. Harford Field, A. A., was intrusted with the plans which would arouse the least suspicion in Bro. Strong's mind and hence gratify the idea of making it a surprise for him. "Duke's" letter to *The Archi* tells how well the plans were made.

His letter is "In Appreciation to My Brothers In Alpha Rho Chi" and reads:

### ADVENT OF SCHOOL FINDS NEW OFFICER

Books and Records Transferred  
From Strong to Parr

As the various chapters of Alpha Rho Chi swing into action of the current academic year they will find at the helm as Worthy Grand Estimator a new man, Bro. Harold L. Parr, Anthemios '21, who was elected at the Manhattan convention.

Before transferring the books and other records to Brother Parr, our old friend Truman J. Strong, Anthemios '17, retiring W. G. E., closed up the business of the preceding academic year as far as was possible to do so.

Let it be understood that all W. G. E. business should now be transacted with the newly elected W. G. E., although Brother Strong is ready and willing at all times to answer correspondence relative to the past activities of his office. In addressing communications to "Duke" Strong remember, however, that Brother Parr now has all the records of office and he may be able to answer quicker, save for memory, than can his predecessor.

At either side of this page are published likenesses of the retiring W. G. E. and incoming W. G. E. together with their addresses.



**HAROLD L. PARR**  
632 Thurman St., Saginaw, Mich.

### NEW W. G. E. IS NOW MARRIED MAN

Weds Helen Frances Badgley  
July Twelfth

The Jackson *Citizen-Patriot* of Jackson, Mich., of July 13, carried the news of the marriage of our W. G. E.-elect. In part the story read:

"Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Badgley, Summit township, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Frances, to Harold Leslie Parr, at high noon, Tuesday, July 12, in the parlors of the First M. E. Church.

"Rev. Luther Butt read the service that took place before a bank of palms and tall baskets of garden flowers. The couple was unattended. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Sophie Parr of Champaign, Ill. Following the nuptials, a wedding breakfast was served to about 25 immediate relatives at Meadow Heights.

"Mr. Parr is a graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1921, and for the past four years has been employed as engineer with the Commonwealth

"Some emotions are rather vaguely expressed by even those who are versed in the art, so it will be difficult for me to convey my true feeling of appreciation to those who are responsible for the very wonderful gift presented to me on the evening of June 20th, 1927.

My esteemed Brother and brother-in-law, Bert Thorud, Anthemios '17, communicated with me to the effect that there would be a meeting in Chicago of several Anthemios Alumni to talk over plans for the new house and my presence was urged. This sort of request seemed a bit uncalled for, but failed to arouse any suspicion on my part as to the real purpose of his request.

After a very enjoyable dinner with the Chicago Alumni they proceeded to talk in a mysterious manner about some action at the last convention and presented me with a very beautiful, mono-

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Demetrios, has same officers as Columbus Alumni Chapter.

Power Corporation of Jackson. For the past year he was employed as resident engineer on the new Consumers Power Co. pulverizer fuel plant at Kalamazoo. Recently Mr. Parr was transferred to a similar position at Saginaw.

"The bride is a graduate of the Jackson High school in the class of January, 1923. She was formerly associated with

the public library of this city and for the past several years has been in the clerical department of the Commonwealth Power corporation.

"After an extended motor trip thru Canada Mr. and Mrs. will return via Niagara Falls and Cleveland to Saginaw where they will make their home at 632 Thurman St."

## BETWEEN YOUR EDITOR AND HIS PASTE POT

Well, old paste pot, there isn't room on this page for the old mail box this month so we have got to ring you in. Anyway you remind us of what we ought to do with some of the fellows who do not co-operate by getting stuff into the mail box.

You know it was this way, this "Late Fall" issue was originally the June issue which was intentionally postponed by your boss because we were tipped off that a certain chapter would have a hot story shortly after school closed, so we deliberately planned to hold the June issue over and publish it as a midsummer issue to span the gap between the closing and opening of school.

But then you know there is many a slip, even as your old paste brush now and then gets into the ink bottle by mistake, and that chapter's duly or dooley elected representatives fell down on the story that was anticipated. Well we saw these same fellows later in the summer and again were promised the story so we held the midsummer issue a while longer, still—well here we go without the promised NEWS.

### Communication Interrupted

However by awaiting we were able to get another good story to balance the watch story about Strong. Our "watchful" waiting enabled us to get in on the wedding bells of Brother Parr.

But let's get to that again later. Things in official A P X circles were rather upset this summer from the standpoint of communication. First of all "Duke" Strong, our esteemed brother, moved his permanent residence from Freeport, where he has been for quite some time and subsequently he was on the road covering several supervision jobs over half of Illinois. However he finally established a new residence at Urbana.

Last we saw "Duke" he was returning from his folks' home down in Missouri via Alton to Jacksonville and Urbana, where he had been taking a bit of a rest cure following a siege of "flu," malaria or what-not. The old boy was pretty thin, but looked like he was on the mend. It was thru "Duke" that we learned about Parr's departure from the path of single cussedness.

### Promotion Precipitates Plans

We promptly wrote Harold who confessed that he was married and sent the clipping we demanded. He pleaded that we not "say too much," but we had to report his story as the W. G. A. made your editor when he stepped off. Be that as it may, Harold's marriage was speeded up a bit when the Consumers people shifted him from Kalamazoo to Saginaw. Congratulations, Harold, even though you missed a good deal of the

fun that you had originally planned. And Sister Helen, welcome to the big APX family.

And while we are talking about members of the APX officialdom we are tickled to announce the advent into the home of Bro. and Mrs. Paul E. Nystrom, Mnesicles, of little Katherine Ann on June 2nd. Paul is the business manager of *The Archi* and now lives in Madison, Wis.

Another wee card which reached us since the last issue was from Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Pickett announcing the arrival of Jesse Lee on Oct. 1st. "Pick," Anthemios Ex '23, is in the New York office of the Associated Tile people.

#### Tillotson of Polyklitos

While on the subject of cards we received one from D. P. Ely, W. G. A., announcing that since July 1 his office address is 904 Buckeye Bldg., Columbus, O. Brother D. P., you know, is an engineer with the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co.

Further while mentioning announcements, another to reach us since the last issue of *The Archi* was from Mr. and Mrs. LeVert Sterling Wright announcing the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Bartram to Jared Eugene Tillotson, Friday, May 27, at Pittsburgh. Bro. and Mrs. Tillotson are at home at 3596 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh. Gene was a charter member of Polyklitos chapter and graduated from Carnegie Tech. in '25. We extend our best to these good young folks also.

In addition to the little visit from the Strongs this summer, ye editor can number other APX men as crossing his path during the interval since June. At the close of school Jimmy Russell, Anth. '28, the Memphis lad drifted onto the old job one day in custody of Joe Ganschneitz, Anth. '26. Joe by the way is now working here in Alton for a local contractor and drives back and forth between here and E. St. Louis, his home.

#### Watch For APX News

Another visit was from Hal and Al, the St. Louis twins, who brought in tow "Bill" Simon, the Kansas City Kid. Hal and Al you know are Kneebusch. Anth. '26, and Wenthe, Anth. '25, and William as his birth certificate reads is Anth. '29. We are always glad to meet and greet any of the wandering brothers and who knows but perhaps there might be a cookie in the jar?

While we are thinking of Anthemios men it reminds us that our old friend Homer (Sig) Pfeiffer after being runner-up in the Prix de Rome a year ago copped the prize this year and is now in Rome at the Academy. Again we say, watch these APX men hew to the line and pluck the cherries.

By the way, you fellows ought to get into the habit of watching *Pencil Points* for news of APX men. For example in the June issue on the same page are sketches by George C. Anderson, Andronicus, and R. J. Pfeiffer, Anthemios, made respectively in France and Rome.

#### Badgeley Wins Again

In the same issue are illustrations of an American Academy of Rome Collaborative problem for a "War Memorial." This is a six weeks' problem presented each year and undertaken by a four-man team, architect, sculptor, painter and landscape architect. The architect of the team this year was Clarence Dale Badgeley, Demetrios '23,

Columbia '25, the man who beat Sig Pfeiffer to it last year.

Sig's drawings of this year were shown in the pages of the July *Pencil Points* together with the criticism of the jury. The problem was a museum for a city, complicated by the item of one large important group of sculpture. The Prix de Rome, as you know, is for three year's residence and study.



For the benefit of those interested chapter correspondents are under standing instructions that chapter news is due in the editor's hands the 12th of the month unless otherwise advised. When no news appears for your chapter your correspondent has failed his fellows.

#### IKTINOS—MICHIGAN

Edw. C. Cummings, Correspondent

Harold ("Red") Philpott, W. A., '27-'28, has left for the gay capitol of France, where he expects to make music with his trombone all summer. Red says he is going to find out what real liquor is like.

J. Martin Frissel left the latter part of June for Berlin with his parents. Next fall "Friss" will probably tell us all about German landscape, and how those modernists do things.

J. Russel Radford was chairman of the committee on decorations for the Senior Ball, which was held last spring.

Pledge Brother Willard J. (Scoop) Wendt, formerly of Illinois, was elected President of the Architectural Society of the University of Michigan by a large majority of votes cast in the recent election. This makes "Scoop" chairman of the Architects' May Party for next year. "Scoops" election was no surprise because of his popularity in the school, and because of his excellent work on the last two May Parties.

Brother Cummings received the office of Curator to the Architectural Society in the same election.

#### DEMETRIOS—OHIO STATE

"Bill" Gould, Correspondent

More than seventy-five hilarious persons joined in the revelry of "A Night in the Ukraine," proclaimed by all the greatest and most elaborate Greenwich Village Party ever staged by this chapter.

The house was decorated throughout in Russian style with interior settings so real that one's tongue tried to turn flip-flops and external snow scenes that called for fur coats.

The Bar-room raced side by side with the Goddess-of-Love den for popularity honors while the Gambling Room held a close second. Yes, some people danced too.

And then the climax. A "Grand Breakfast" served at 4:30 A. M. at the "Farmhouse." Yes sir, boys, it was one grand and glorious night and Judge Hughes stuck it out till the last gun.

Much credit is due the social committee, led by Harold Summersett, for their self-sacrifice in putting the thing across, while they attribute much of the success to the co-operation of the chapter.

Sunday afternoon, June 5, in an informal gathering of alumni, actives and friends. "Judge" Hughs was presented with his badge by the alumni of Demetrios chapter. In acknowledging the presentation, the Judge once more touched our hearts in an eloquent address. We are certainly proud of "Judge" and are extremely glad to see him wearing the Alpha Rho Chi badge.

#### ANDRONICUS—U. S. C.

Carl Denney, Correspondent

As school closed we had accumulated announcements—First, Brother Tow, '25, marriage to Ewyna Deist on June 25; second, Brother King married to Charlotte Schumach, followed by a honeymoon in Europe.

In all probability U. S. C. will have a new College of Architecture in the near future.

Frank Baden, Frank Green, Leonard Cutshall, Carl McElvy, Graham Latta and Donald Parker were our June graduates.

## Theron—Oklahoma

LeRoy Bossard, Correspondent

Our school year closed with a bang. At the last meeting every one was running over with pep and ginger. We made definite arrangements for the purchasing of the property we now live on; we intend to remodel the house before the next school year opens, making the living room bigger and adding a new dining room.

Our petition for admittance to the Interfraternity Council will be voted on next year, and we have that one of our members be allowed to sit in on Council meetings until that time.

On May the 25th Louis (Lanky) Williams, our tallest pledge, and Professor C. F. Drury were initiated. Louis is only 6' 8" in his stocking feet, but that doesn't bother him when it comes to necking. He lets the girl sit on the porch rail and he stands on the ground.

The Alpha Rho Chi scholastic cup was won by F. V. Kerschner, a senior with an average of 92.3. This cup is offered annually to the student enrolled in Architecture making the highest scholastic average for the year. Kerschner also copped a second medal at New York on his Mayan Temple.

## Chicago Alumni

Paul E. Wicklund, Correspondent

Many and many a day has passed since I last wrote to you. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. If I could but transfer my thoughts without disturbing my ambitionless soul you'd hear from me often. Fact of the matter is there hasn't been much of any news, and besides I've been working day and night since I don't know when (but let's say the time of my last writing).

I started working out in the field for Graham, Anderson, Probst & White about four months ago. My present boss is a friend of my former—that's the main reason for my being where I am. They sent me out to Cub's Baseball park for about three months. We double decked about one-half of it and I guess I'll go back to see it finished next winter. Right now I'm one of the assistant superintendents on the State Bank of Chicago.

This job was sort of slow in getting started so I got a few days off and took a trip clear up into the sticks (Pine River). On my way back I had a few hours between trains at Minneapolis. I made a shoot for the APX house and got in on the first part of our Founders' Day Banquet. The boys were more than hilarious, and I was sorry I couldn't see the evening through. I think I will stop writing about myself and tell you some of our chapter doings.

The turnout at our March meeting was gratifying. I. K. Pond honored us by his presence and gave for us his article, "An Architect in Classic Lands," prepared by him for the Chicago Literary Club—an exclusive club of closed membership.

Our Founders' Day meeting was equally good. Prof. Newcomb, Anth. Hon., came up from Urbana to be with us. This was really the first opportunity many of us had to get acquainted with Prof. Newcomb. He gave us some valuable suggestions as to keeping our organization alive and in addition he proved to be a regular fellow. We trust that we may have him with us again soon.

Bro. Lindeberg read our late Bro. Dunlap's eulogy, which he had prepared. Lindy is now in "Pewee's" office. Our card index is still there at the same address, 30 N. LaSalle St., and up to date as ever.

We now have two Oklahoma "Sooners" with us—namely, Bros. Andrew Balfour and S. L. Teasone, both of the Theron chapter.

Bros. Benson and Thorud are associated in the design of a 22-story apartment building on North Short Drive. They've been working day and night, consequently "Burt" and "Benny" have been anything but conspicuous of late.

Although I haven't seen Arthur Ruddy I understand he lives at 162 E. Superior St., Apartment 1, Chicago.

## Indianapolis Alumni

H. S. Garns, Correspondent

No one else wanted this job so I got it. Announcing that the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter is now functioning weekly, and that Mr. Lot Green is our A. A. E. C. Hougen rests on his laurels as A. A. A., while the most revered of our members was chosen A. S. Hereby follows our yearly contribution:

We are six good men, that is, in a moral sense. J. R. Young, E. C. Hougen of Anthemios, and L. G. Brock, H. I. Schoen and Lot Green of Demetrios. Politeness demands that I place my name last, instead of in its rightful position at the top of the list, so to make the count even we'll add H. S. Garns.

Every Wednesday evening we meet at some so-called eating joint, where the service is terrible and the coffee weak, but the prices are right. Every man pays for his own meal, but the officers are now trying to devise a scheme whereby their meals may be taken care of by the community fund or the widow's mite as the case may be. For forty-five minutes we choke on fish bones and gossip about the latest scandal, then retire to the street and watch the girls go by. This is rapidly becoming the most delightful part of our social gatherings, revealing Nature's more generous side when one deals too often with terms of an entirely technical nature.

Our business ventures have been varied and manv. Brock is with the Hugh Baker Co., which well-known firm handles everything from the now defunct corset stay to the top stories of a hotel. Brock does their engineering or some of it anyway, and as yet hasn't let any of his work fall down. "Brig" Young is figuring rivets for Rubush & Hunter, the architects for most of our towering sky-

scrapers, not to exceed fifteen stories, and likes his job very well, due to the fact that Rubush & Hunter employ a stenographer, or secretary, I believe they call her. Schoen is architecting for himself, and at present is busy with several churches, though he claims a hotel would be just as acceptable as a church, there being no partiality on his side. Green is with Kopf & Deery, some very high class architects, though how Green got with them is another story. I haven't as yet discovered his status with them, though I believe they actually pay him wages. Hougen, after flitting from perch to settled roosts, finally landed with the Union Title Co., which organization seems to be intent on the gathering of large sums of money for small pieces of paper. Needless to say Hougen was an immediate success. Saving the important news for the last, I answer the telephone for my papa. I used to stamp envelopes, but I got 'em on crooked and had to quit.

Socially we rate nullo. Hougen and Green are married, and if Young's girl ever says "yes" he will too. Schoen is a confirmed bachelor, enforced or otherwise, and Brock has been under the yoke for years. I still live at home and papa says I can't if I ever get married, so that settles my case.

The dinner gong rings, besides I must save something for the next time. This letter is for your personal edification and is not supposed to fill five or six volumes of *The Archi*. Please send me some dope on contributions, what you want in them, when to send them, how long to make them, etc. I'll do my worst to send in some terrible stuff.

## WATCH TO STRONG

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gramed, Hamilton watch from the Fraternity on the occasion of my retiring as W. G. E.

My work with Alpha Rho Chi during the past seven years has been interesting and worth while. The experience has repaid me many times for the effort and the time given to the work. The possible help that I may have been to the Fraternity is no more, I am sure, than any other member would have been most willing to give.

So you will understand why I say there was no occasion for such material reward from the Fraternity and I feel a bit humble in trying to justify your gift in this instance. But this makes the thought it brings all the more valued.

I would like to thank you each in person, but it is not feasible, so I trust this will reach all who took part.

Your gift and the thought it carries will be even more valued as the years pass. Let me once more assure each and every man of my most sincere and hearty appreciation of what you have done."

Fraternally,

T. J. Strong.