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Alpha Rho Chi fraternity was founded at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan on April 11, 1914. It is a social undergraduate fraternity limiting its membership to students of architecture, architectural engineering, landscape architecture, or the allied arts, enrolled in the departments leading to a bachelor's degree. The name Alpha Rho Chi is derived from the first five letters in Architecture. The title of the magazine is derived from the same source.

EFFLO E. EGGERT, Managing Editor

## REMEMBER



*Leo M. Bauer, Anthemios Founder, Arcus delegate to Nationalization Conference April, 1914, First Worthy Grand Architect. Practicing Architect in Detroit.*



## FOREVER



*Chandler C. Cohagen, Iktinos Founder, Sigma Upsilon Delegate to Nationalization Conference April, 1914, First Worthy Grand Scribe. Practicing Architect. President of Montana A. I. A. Chapter.*



## TWENTY YEARS INCORPORATED

APRIL 11, 1934, marked the twentieth anniversary of the incorporation of the national Alpha Rho Chi fraternity, which was brought about by the merger of two local organizations, Arcus at the University of Illinois, and Sigma Upsilon at the University of Michigan, both of which had been in operation for four years before then. The charter members of both groups totalled over fifty men. THE ARCHI in past issues has referred to the two men who met in Chicago April 11, 1914, to form the national organization as the "Founders" of Alpha Rho Chi. Leo M. Bauer, Anthemios, first Worthy Grand Architect, and Chandler C. Cohagen, Iktinos, first Worthy Grand Scribe, are the men so designated.

The late Dr. Nathan C. Ricker, first Master Architect of the

fraternity, was very active in the organization and suggested the name, Alpha Rho Chi.

The fraternity has grown from two chapters and fifty men in 1914 to ten chapters, two inactive at present, with 1600 members.

The highest membership the fraternity has to offer, Master Architect, has been restricted to one living member at a time. Upon the death of Dr. Ricker, Architect Cass Gilbert, of New York, was initiated by the Mnesicles Chapter and is now the incumbent Master Architect.

During the last twenty years, many men have meditated beneath the Arch, many who have gone out into the architectural world

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HEADING this article "nineteen-thirty-five" is just another way of saying that what we want to talk about is the Fraternity's future.

So far as the present is concerned, we have the feeling of a man digging out from a long hard winter. We believe the worst is over and that brighter days are ahead.

The months just past have been difficult and because they have been difficult we have felt that a policy of hanging on tight was sufficient. However, we can follow such a policy only so long, and we believe that nineteen-thirty-five should see us back on our old-time standards of aggressive action. The Fraternity has a twenty year history of growth and character which must be maintained.

To do this, we are planning first to institute a more careful and uniform supervision of our chapters. Reforms are being arranged which should be of benefit both to the Grand Council and to the chapters alike. The cost of membership in Alpha Rho Chi will not be increased but it must not be forgotten that the Fraternity like everything else which is worth-while is not free.

Arrangements must be made for resumption of the Convention; alumni officers must show more activity; we must resume our efforts to expand into new institutions. It is our belief that every loyal Archi member will welcome a program of aggressiveness, and we are confident that every loyal member will cooperate in such a program.

Yours fraternally,  
DWIGHT P. ELY  
Worthy Grand Architect



## Archi Men in the News

CLAIR W. DITCHY, Iktinos, '15, past Worthy Grand Architect, was mentioned in *Architectural Forum* because of his election to the presidency of Michigan's Society of Architects.

Emil Lorch, Iktinos Honorary, head of the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan, was elected to the board of directors of Michigan's Society of Architects.

Howard Dwight Smith, Demetrios Honorary, wrote an article for the A. I. A. publication. Several New York papers carried the story. The *Architectural Forum* published the same article under the caption of "State Architecture." Ready to defend his writing if the occasion demands, Professor Smith left Columbus to attend the A. I. A. Convention.

Harold Davidson, well-known Columbus composer, had dedicated his "Danse Alexandrienne" to Professor Ralph S. Fanning, Anthemios Honorary, who teaches history of fine arts at Ohio State University.

F. Leo Smith, Demetrios, '16, reports to the A. I. A. Convention in Washington, D.C., May 18 as Secretary to the Producers Council.



## Washington Alumni Dinner

THE Washington Alumni will give a dinner on the evening of May 17 at Washington, D.C. All Archi attending the A. I. A. Convention at this time are invited. Cass Gilbert, Master Architect, and Dwight P. Ely, W. G. A., have prepared messages for all members attending. F. Leo Smith, technical adviser for the Producers Council, is in charge of all arrangements.

## Editor's Mail Box

THERON

Hugh W. Brown, Jr., '28, 525 N. Bell St., Shawnee, Okla., licensed architect in Oklahoma, got a commission for the first Oklahoma PWA contract, a \$60,000 elementary school building in Shawnee. October 22, 1933, Brown took a stenographic, book-keeping and cooking partner.

Henry Hartley, '28, was married last February 12 and now resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Guy Summers, '28, is resting at St. Mary's, Ohio, on a farm with his parents.

Paul Harris, '28, is practicing at Chickasha, Okla., having three dormitories and a large high school there.

Harold Redding, '28, was assistant district engineer for south-eastern Oklahoma for CWA.

David W. Tenkham, '30, was also on a CWA project at Oklahoma City.

Bryan Nolan, '26, is employed by the State Highway Department at Tishemingo, Okla.

Ivan Reynolds, '29; Ralph Ball, '31; Nub Hudgins, '31; and Pat Murphy, w'33, are all married.

DEMETRIOS

Leo R. Campbell, '13, has formed the contracting firm of Campbell-Lowrie-Lautermilch Corporation in Chicago, Ill. The company is located at 400 W. Madison St., Daily News Building.

ANDRONICUS

The alumni are publishing a news sheet entitled, *Astonisher*, that is mailed to all alumni in advance of each alumni meeting. We quote from a recent issue: "Congratulations to Spaulding, the new president of A. I. A.; to Carlton Winslow for his work in CWA; to Merrill Gage for his fine work and for winning the *Times* Competition; and to George Anderson for his sketches in the January issue of *Pencil Points*."



## Rome Finalists

TEN finalists were chosen from a group of 130 for the Katherine Edwards Gordon Fellowship in Architecture of the American Academy in Rome. D. Roderick Jones, Polyklitos '29, of Homestead Park, Pa., and Elmer Love, Polyklitos '26, of Champaign, Ill., were included in the list of ten.



## Travelers from the East

J. S. JENKINS

POLYKLITOS held a very successful pledge party March 3 at the Ruskin hotel. The alumni present, Mario Celli, Bill Perry, D. Roderick Jones, and A. R. Naser, of Iktinos, gave interesting talks.

Two of our men, Henry Jandl and Mario Celli, were fortunate enough to have spent the past eight months in Europe. Celli is with us again, and has promised that upon Jandl's arrival they will give the chapter a very entertaining evening relating their adventures and showing hundreds of photographs of continental architecture.

## New Initiates

The official Grand Council record as certified by W. G. E.

ANDRONICUS (Feb. 17, 1934): Mann, Bill M., '38, Hollywood, Calif.; Slinkard, Bill J., '38, Los Angeles, Calif.; Weaver, Frederic P., '36, Phoenix, Ariz.

IKTINOS (March 10, 1934): Ruitfork, Henry W., Jr., '37, Saginaw, Mich.; Seeley, DeLos A., '36, Pontiac, Mich.; Vincent, Nicholas K., '37, Akron, Ohio.

ANTHEMIOS (Feb. 24, 1934): Fritzing, George F., '35, Belleville, Ill.; Jobusch, Fred H., '37, Collinsville, Ill.

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DEMETRIOS (May 5, 1934): Bentz, Carl E., '35, Columbus, Ohio; Clagett, Theodore D., '36, Toronto, Ohio; Rovtar, Leo S., '35, Cleveland, Ohio; Walters, Marcus D., '34, Columbus, Ohio.



## Andronicus Field Trip

THROUGH cooperation with the College of Architecture at the University of Southern California, the Andronicus chapter recently made a three-day field trip to Elsinore, a small city 85 miles south of Los Angeles. Forty students and four professors composed the party.

Some of the time at Elsinore was spent in making sketches of the lake and mission scenery. Local organizations entertained the group, some of whom lectured on various phases of architecture, especially as it related to Elsinore conditions. This was followed by a clinic on local building problems, replacements and improvements. A planning commission was appointed to work with fifth-year students in developing a city plan.

Dean A. C. Weatherhead of the College of Architecture said concerning the trip: "As far as I know it is something entirely new in that it combines an excellent form of academic education with a program of educating the public." Similar trips are planned for the future.



## New Home for Dinocrates

JAMES R. HOLMES

LAST term we were without a house, but through concerted efforts on the part of alumni and actives, Dinocrates is installed in a home again.

The new chapter house is a modest but substantial two-story affair with a wide veranda across the front. One enters directly into the reception room, with its staircase and telephone alcove. Ad-

joining this is the cosy and clublike living room, and beyond this, the dining room with a beamed ceiling and huge fireplace. All of the downstairs rooms have oak panelling to the plate rail. Upstairs there are large pleasant bedrooms and a long sleeping porch. There are seven men staying in the house.

The Sphinx Society, a local honorary architectural organization, initiated James and Archi Pledge Perry in February.



## Twenty Years Incorporated

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and made fine names for themselves, their fraternity and their University.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the fraternity is the election of four of its members as Prix de Rome winners four years in succession: George Fraser, Mnesicles in 1925; C. Dale Badgeley, Demetrios in 1926; Homer F. Pfeiffer, Anthemios in 1927; and Charles Sutton, Anthemios, winner in 1928. The fraternity feels these boys have done much for the name Alpha Rho Chi.

So much for the past twenty years. During the next twenty years, we should achieve the following:

I. Because the fraternity owes its existence to the Universities, Scholarship has always been and will continue to be of prime importance to Alpha Rho Chi.

II. The fraternity has always insisted that its chapters maintain chapter houses. Without a house, an organization holding meetings at different places at irregular intervals, cannot be a real fraternity.

III. Every member a life subscriber to THE ARCHI. Through the forethought of Past Editors, the life subscription was started some ten years ago. Today 75% of the members are life subscribers.

IV. The establishment of a Scholarship fund, which in the name of the fraternity, will offer yearly a national scholarship equal to the "LeBrun Prize" and will be open to all architects in the United States, with restricted age limit only.

V. The annual offering of the "Alpha Rho Chi Medal" to every recognized school of Architecture in the United States. The medal is unique in that it is not offered solely on a scholarship basis, but is offered on a basis of leadership, service and merit.

Twenty years have taught us the foundations were built firm, the supports are staunch, the arch is true and the joints well pointed.

Many things are in store for Alpha Rho Chi in the next twenty years. We do not have to start with the foundation. Our span is large today and the rise is high.



## Chicago Summer Meeting

A SUMMER meeting will be held in Chicago, August 11, to discuss fall rushing and other business. All members attending will meet in front of the Art Institute at 1:30 P.M. All Archi men in Chicago that day are cordially invited to attend.

Fred P. Cole and his wife will live at the chapter house this summer.

Any Archi men passing through Champaign will be entirely welcome at 1108 South First Street.



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