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WILLARD E. FRASER, Managing Editor

Francis J. Plym, Anthemios Honorary 1869-1940

Courtesy Illinois Alumni News

FRANCIS J. PLYM, one of Illinois' most distinguished alumni and a staunch friend of the University, died Jan. 12, of a heart attack at his home near Niles, Michigan. He was 70 years old.

More than a year ago, after a vigorous life as president of the Kawneer Manufacturing Company and publisher of the *Niles Star*, Mr. Plym became seriously ill. He gradually regained his strength until he was able to walk about his sturdy Swedish home overlooking the St. Joseph river, and for months had been driving to and from his office, apparently greatly improved in health. But the long illness had weakened his heart, and the end came unexpectedly.

Even within a few days of his death he had written letters to various University offices, helping with problems affecting the institution.

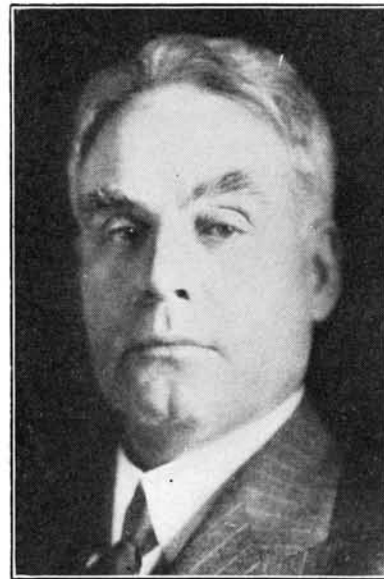
Few men had given so much of their time and money to their alma maters. Mr. Plym was the donor of a number of fellowships and prizes in architecture. One fellowship of \$1200 a year provided a year's study abroad for a graduate in architectural engineering. A fellowship in architecture was established as an endowment in 1912 and one in architectural engineering twelve years later. Originally for \$700, the latter was raised to \$1200 in 1938.

Besides these, he had given sums for numerous prizes for architectural studies.

His philanthropies were large and covered a wide field of interest. He gave the former Plym home in Niles for a municipal hospital. He had built a public park and given it to the city. He frequently gave large sums to civic projects in Niles. Two years ago he was chosen president and national campaign chairman of the Swedish-American Tercentenary Committee and donated \$25,000 to that fund, which provided \$750,000 to enable the American Swedish Historical museum in Philadelphia to carry on its work of preserving the records of notable contributions of Swedish people to the development of this country. He gave a sum for the establishment of a home for old people in Sweden.

He was knighted by King Gustav of Sweden for his work on the committee.

Mr. Plym was a member of the old Alumni Council and served on other governing boards of the Alumni Association. For a time he was secretary of the Class of '97. At his death he was a member of the board of directors of the University of Illinois Foundation and was present at all of its meetings when his time would permit. He was keenly interested in plans for the Illini Union



FRANCIS J. PLYM

building and sat in on conferences in which detailed architectural plans were discussed.

After his graduation from Illinois, Mr. Plym opened an office as an architect, in Kansas City. One day in 1905, a friend of his, Frank Johnson, a merchant in Holdrege, Nebraska, appointed him to design a business building. One of the problems was to set the large plate glass windows in frames which would not collect dust and which would be proof against vibration. Other architects had used wood or cast iron. Mr. Plym knew that wood would rot and

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iron rust. So he went to a sheet metal plant and designed frames of heavy rolled copper.

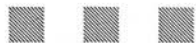
The idea proved popular immediately and was adopted by many other stores. He and Johnson pooled their interests and established a factory to make that product. Mrs. Plym suggested that they name it after one of Kansas City's two rivers. They decided on "Kawneer Company," because it was near the Kaw River. Later Niles, Michigan, once known as Ring Lardner's home town, offered them a building for an expanded plant and the factory was moved there.

When the business was moved to Michigan, Mr. Plym's plant equipment and household furniture would not fill a box car. Now the company does millions of dollars worth of business each year, not only in store fronts but in aluminum and nickel windows and doors, staircases, bronze gates, etc., has another plant in Berkeley, California, and sales branches in almost every large city in the country. During the first World War the company was one of the largest manufacturers of airplane parts.

Mr. Plym was born in Backaby, Sweden, Sept. 16, 1869. He attended the Northern Indiana Normal and then the University of Illinois, being in the University from 1893 to 1897. He belonged to Architects' club, Phi Gamma Delta, Adelpic Society, was on the staff of the *Technograph*, was business manager of *The Daily Illini*, president of the Architects' club, and secretary of the M.E. and E.E. clubs. Following his graduation he lived in Aledo, Illinois, Lincoln, Nebraska, Kansas City, and then Niles. He was a member of numerous architectural societies.

Several years ago he turned over the active management on some of his business interests to his son, Lawrence Plym, '28, executive vice-president, and in other ways showed signs of leading a less-strenuous life.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 14 in Niles, with a number of University officials and faculty men in attendance.



We Present . . .

HARLOW C. RICHARDSON

Mnesicles Faculty

BY DEAN CHENOWETH, in the Minnesota "Techno-Log."

ALL ABOARD! Wait a minute. Have I packed everything? Is my passport safe? Where will I spend the next three months?"

It sounds as if he's off on another trip. Genial Professor Harlow C. Richardson, head of the Institute's English department, confesses that his favorite pastime is traveling and that he has visited many of the world's capitals. In his summer trips to Europe and Asia he has seen the things most of us only read about.

Professor Richardson believes that travel is exceptionally valuable as an educational recreation and, for this reason, calls it one of the best hobbies. He recommends, too, the type of vacation he had the last two summers—camping in the high Sierras of California—to anyone looking for refreshment and a change from the ordinary way of doing things. One of his favorite modes of travel is riding in air-conditioned trains. In 1936 he rode from Minneapolis to Mexico City in one of those traveling coolers, changing trains only twice during the trip.

Professor Richardson, in his four trips to Europe, has fairly

well covered the continent, having visited most of the great cities and having seen many places of literary and historical interest. He visited Hawaii and the Orient in 1934 with Professor John P. Turner of the Zoölogy department, and in 1935 examined the Arctic regions, coming within 500 miles of the North Pole. He likes also to study the customs and manners of the natives of the countries he visits.

Professor Richardson, a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and a graduate of Grinnell College, took graduate work at the University of Chicago and here before joining the staff. He spends most of his classroom time with technical discussion groups and required composition courses, and, by his hammering insistence on description, has made many of his freshman students remember him as a fun-loving fellow—cut out to teach English, to travel and to enjoy life.

Greatly interested in engineering publications, Professor Richardson helped organize a fraternity for technical journalists here several years ago and has a real interest in the operation of the *Techno-Log*. At a convention held at Iowa State University last fall he was elected national chairman of Engineering College Magazines Associated. Besides being a member of Lambda Alpha Psi, honorary literary society, he holds honorary memberships in Theta Xi and the A.S.M.E. He recently was elected the first honorary member of the latter and also is a member of Alpha Rho Chi.

American Institute of Architects Honors Two Members of Andronicus Chapter

RATHER belatedly, to be sure, it has come to the attention of **THE ARCHI** that the last convention of the A.I.A. honored Carleton M. Winslow and Sumner Spaulding, both honorary members of our chapter at the University of Southern California, when



CARLETON M. WINSLOW

they were made Fellows of the Institute. Your editor became acquainted with both these men at the last Convention and takes pleasure in adding his congratulations to those of **THE ARCHI**. We were not successful in getting Mr. Spaulding to express him-

self in biographical form, but Mr. Winslow has furnished us with the following account of his professional career.

My birth place was a small town in Maine, Damairscotta, which with the adjoining village of Newcastle stand at the head of a salt water river connected with the ocean near John's Bay about eight miles away.

In this vicinity have lived my ancestors for some five generations, the first, John Winslow, coming here from Massachusetts Colony about 1750. The old gentleman was a Tory and would not fight against his king although he had four brothers who did. Possibly I inherited some of his conservatism.

I went to school in Brunswick, Maine, where I was well acquainted with a number of the members of the faculty of Bowdoin College. I was interested in buildings and "superintended" the erection of everything being built in the neighborhood, the great cotton mills, the lovely Walker Art Gallery at Bowdoin, Dr. Wilson's fine residence on our street. . . . Later my father moved to Portland where I "completed" my school work in the Woodfords High School in my sophomore year at the age of sixteen. However, I am thankful that I was able to get that much schooling for it introduced me to Latin, history and higher mathematics.

Having to go to work I went to Milwaukee and then to Chicago where I entered the office of Thomas H. Mullay as a combination cub-draughtsman and office boy. Later I was fortunate in entering Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge's Chicago office where a new world of architectural taste and culture opened out.

During these years I kept on with studies, mathematics, French, Italian, drawing at the Art Institute, water color under Burch Burdette Long.

In 1900 an opportunity came to go to New York where I worked under Charles Eliot Birge, brilliant designer and man of great culture. Then into the office of Harold Van Buren Magonigle whence I went to Europe for study and travel for a year and a half, visiting principally Italy and France. During a winter in Paris I worked at Atelier Pascal and Atelier Chifflet Frires and studied mathematics, free hand drawing, French language and water color with outside tutors and instructors. Back to New York

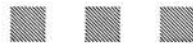
and into the office of Heins and LaFarge for a year when I took the opportunity to get into the Boston office of Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson. Here I entered into a life long friendship with Bertram Goodhue to whom I owed obligations which I never was able to repay.

In 1911 at Mr. Goodhue's instigation I went to San Diego where I worked on the buildings for the San Diego Exposition for four long years. I was on my own there excepting that my work was under the supervision of Mr. Goodhue who besides being supervising architect of the Exposition, designed, through his firm, the California State and Fine Arts Building, handing me the job of superintending its construction.

In 1915 I received my State license to practice architecture and opened an office in San Diego, moving to Los Angeles the next year. In 1918 I opened a branch office in Santa Barbara which is still in operation.

Personally, I am an Episcopalian and a Republican. I am interested in patriotic work and organizations, have been Governor of the California Society of Colonial Wars and am the President of the California Society, Sons of the Revolution. Am interested in biography and genealogy and am a member of the Society of Descendants of the Knights of the Garter at Windsor, England. I am interested in sketching as is any architect and love to dabble in water color which I do very poorly. Within my means I collect old furniture, paintings and such things and find time to accumulate postage stamps. I am interested in Mediaeval Latin, gardening, ecclesiastical ornaments and going places in an automobile. I have spent considerable time in connection with the restoration of the California Missions. I play golf wretchedly so I haven't touched a club in ten years. I enjoy bridge and watching circus parades. I never ride in an aeroplane if I can help it. I am partial to good Scotch and am conceited enough to think I can mix a fair Tom Collins.

Mrs. Winslow and I were married in 1910. We have one son, burdened with the same name as myself, who is now twenty years old and who is a junior in the College of Architecture at the University of Southern California. We are both members of the same Fraternity, Alpha Rho Chi, I as an Honorary.



ANTHEMIOS CHAPTER FINANCING PROGRAM

AT THE request of Kenneth Smith of Chicago, Anthemios alumnus, THE ARCHI is reporting the current situation of the Anthemios chapter house re-financing program. It is the policy of THE ARCHI to reserve these matters for our esoteric publication, but such was not feasible at this time.

In short, the situation is as follows. The Anthemios house was built at the crest of the 1928 wave of prosperity at a cost in excess of \$50,000. In the course of the succeeding depressions the under graduate chapter carried on as well as was possible, but did not succeed in reducing the mortgage. The matter came to an issue last year and at the present time there is a definite necessity that the house be re-financed if the chapter is to continue living in it.

A control committee consisting of F. W. Lescher, T. J. (Duke) Strong and Cyrus E. Palmer with the special assistance of a committee of Chicago alumni composed of Robert Mitchell,

Harford Field, and Kenneth Helms has succeeded in working out a plan whereby this obligation can be scaled down approximately 50 per cent. To accomplish this bonds are being issued carrying an interest rate of 3 per cent. At the present writing there seems to be a good chance that the program will succeed. The committee, however, is interested in reaching any alumni who may not have been reached through the direct mail campaign, but more important, alumni of other chapters who can aid this program. The continued existence of this chapter of A P X is a necessity.

It should be borne in mind that this program has been developed on a sound legal basis and is in accordance with the most conservative financial thought. The bondholders will have a definite equity in a valuable piece of property and will at all times control any disposition of their interests. The control committee can be addressed at P.O. Box 202, Urbana, Illinois.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

WELL, the magazine is late again and we can't blame it on sun spots either. Not too much news, too many other activities and not a little Spring fever have all combined to do us in the eye. We can take a little consolation from the fact that most of the other similar publications which come to us have the same trouble, including the ones with a full-time editor and staff. The alibi reminds us of the good church member who came home from a service very depressed over the continued poor attendance. "Thank the Lord, though," she said, "the Methodists and the Presbyterians aren't doing any better."

- Rule One of "What Every Fraternity Editor Ought to Know" is never to squawk about your troubles. However, here is a little story from true life. One of the boys in an eastern city wrote to us and wondered why he couldn't get THE ARCHI the same time every month. It is just good business, he said. It happened that we wanted a fact verified that he could very easily do, we thought, so we wrote and asked him to. After some months he wrote and said he was sorry but that he hadn't done it yet. Too busy. We knew just how it was, too. So are we.
- Several fraternity magazines worked themselves up to a fair dither several months ago over the perfidy of *Look* magazine in publishing pictures taken of rough house initiations at several

Midwest schools. It seems to us that they only succeeded in doing a fair job of putting the cart before the horse. The proper approach, it would appear, might be in suppressing those practices which appear ridiculous on paper. It may be a lot of fun to tell one's grandson about the time grandpa ate two pounds of cold macaroni while standing on his head and reciting Gunga Din, but it would still be a lot of nonsense. If the fraternity system should find itself replaced by the dormitory system some day, a careful analyst might be able to trace its decline to the public reaction to this kind of horseplay.

- When we were in school there used to be a current legend that a sign backstage at the State-Lake theater in Chicago carried this advice: "If you think you are good, play Champaign." To bring this up to date we would say "If you think you are an architect try designing your own house." We have been trying for several months to work up a house that we might build some day, the Lord and the FHA being still willing, and have about decided that we'll have to go to a plan bureau eventually. Like the movie several years ago that had the line that everything in life that is any good is either immoral or fattening, we find that any idea we get is either too costly or has been worked to death. If anyone has a \$7500 house that can be built for \$3500 please send it along.

ALUMNI NEWS

Theodore Wright, Iktinos, is station manager of the Pan American Airways in Bermuda.

C. Mason Whitney, Iktinos '34, is in the National Park Service, 609 Sheldon Building, San Francisco, California. He reports having worked for this branch of the government intermittently since 1935. In 1938 he was with a private firm in Berkeley.

The work of the Park Service consists of drawings for custodians' residences, fire lookouts, lodges, and so forth. During slack periods he has been engaged in restoring Joaquin Miller's home, "The Abbey," which is situated in the hills back of Oakland.

"The migratory labor problem is really acute out here," he says, "there being two men for every job, both agricultural and architectural. But the sun shines bright and there is no snow in our front yard and our Shasta poppies are all in bloom (March 21). I must not forget the all important fact that I am very happily married to my wife, Lucretia Ann, who went to the University of Illinois. No kids, but three years of mighty fine cooking."

In winding up his interesting letter, he puts in a fine plug for the Golden Gate Exposition and suggests any A P X coming out

avail himself of the "Whitney Guide Service."

Edwin E. Newcomb, Anthemios '21, now lives at 518 South Central Avenue, Chanute, Kansas.

D. H. Buckhout, Mnesicles '17, is member of the architectural firm, Hewlett and Buckhout, in the Richardson Building, Toledo, Ohio. The Buckhout residence is at 446 West Front Street, Perrysburg, Ohio.

Milton S. Osborne, Demetrios '22, writes: "I have your card asking for a short note telling something about myself. Here goes: I have been teaching architecture at the University of Manitoba as Head of the Dept. of Architecture and Fine Arts since 1929. Last year I had an interesting trip to Europe, doing northern Europe and the Scandinavian Countries. We are trying to adjust ourselves to the unusual condition of being at war. We are convinced, of course, that we have the best students in Canada (other Canadian Universities please copy)."

According to word from New York, Homer (Sig) Pfeiffer, Anthemios '25, of Hadlyme, Connecticut, is spending some time in Arizona and New Mexico recovering from a period of illness.



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Irving, William F.
Bleick, Gene W.

IKTINOS

Held, Arthur Leonard, Jr.

Kelly, John Edward
Lane, Charles Wesley
Morison, James Barr
Olds, Joseph Wesley
Phelps, John Edward
Richardson, Stanley E.
Roessler, Clarence A.

Stoll, Robert James

DEMETRIOS

Fusselman, Robert M.
White, Russell A.

MNESICLES

Behrens, Martin Louis

Graffunder, Carl O.

Nelson, Henry H.

ANDRONICUS

Hutton, John W.

Nomland, Kemper, Jr.

CHAPTER NEWS

Anthemios

University of Illinois

By BILL IRVING

This article will have to deal with the past as well as the present, since we didn't have an item in the last publication. I can begin before this semester and tell you what went on in Anthemios way back in the football season.

On December 1 we had one of our annual social events, Bal des Beaux Arts, the theme being taken from the future, La Saturnalia. The dance was supervised by our senior art student, Jim Wallace, who made it one of the big affairs last semester. The couples were forced to use their imagination on costumes. The fellows got their red flannels out of the cedar chest and looked like a cross between Grampa Snazzy and Buck Rogers. The girls had celluloid costumes, forcing their dates to give up smoking for that night.

It is now a long trail from the house to the building. The Illinois heating tunnel project has piled huge mountains on the old A P X trail and we now have to use the sidewalk.

With the beginning of the new semester we see the seniors taking the back seat and a complete change of officers from the new initiates and other underclassmen taking their places. For Worthy Architect Everett Hoerner was elected. Everett previously was a member of the Andronicus chapter but he has now changed schools and is one of our best and most loyal members. Russell Heter was elected W. A. A. and is one of our top men in Junior design. Howard Ohme, who was helped and catered to by Schwall, was unanimously elected Worthy Estimator. Jon Anderson, a sophomore design student, is now Worthy Clerk and Eugene Blicek, who expects to graduate as well as get married in June, was elected 5th Member of the Board.

The love bug bit a lot of the actives and we are hoping to get cigars pretty soon from some of them. Laura Schwall has at last found a girl who is just as tall as he is. Eugene Smeallie has exchanged his pin for a ring. Jon Anderson, Peter Heter and yours truly were also some of the victims.

It has been passed in chapter meeting that there should be a faculty and alumni smoker each month to get the Champaign and Urbana alumni in closer contact with the house and also each other.

Iktinos

University of Michigan

By J. WESLEY OLDS, W.S.

That rough period between semesters, occasioned by exams and changing schedules and the making of general readjustments is now quite far behind and our individual griefs are well forgotten so that we can now, as cheerfully as before, crack a joke or two and pause for a greeting.

Among other things, an election of officers quite recently gave us two new men in charge of affairs here at Michigan. Arthur Held of South Bend, Indiana, was unanimously elected Worthy Architect for the second semester, and is proving himself a true leader of this steadily growing chapter. Jim Morison, of Detroit, was chosen as his assistant, and the number of rushees and new pledges is increasing each week.

It gives us slightly older active members a thrill now to see our Monday night meetings attended in goodly numbers, and the general spirit of the whole group is gratifying. Three weeks ago we

held an initiation and nine men became members of Alpha Rho Chi. Already we have nine more pledges, who have expressed the intention of going through the next initiation, some time after our spring vacation.

One of the past events of any importance here was the "Conference on Co-ordination in Design," held in February. One of the features of the conference was a lecture given by Walter E. Gropius in our new Rackham Graduate School auditorium. Iktinos held a dinner in honor of the occasion, which all the faculty of the College of Architecture attended. Mr. Donald R. Dohner of Pratt Institute of Mr. Walter Baermann of the California Graduate School of Design at Pasadena were the speakers of the evening.

A very successful house party was held here the weekend of the J-Hop. The members all withdrew from the house and it was taken over by the "girls from home." All had a good time dancing until 3:00 A.M. to Tommy Dorsey's music. About sixty people attended the breakfast held at the chapter house later. These proved to be three of the gayest days on our social calendar.

We are proud of Jack Kelly of Rossford, Ohio, a senior member of the chapter, who earned a first mention in the Rome Collaborative Competition held this year.

Our athletic program is quite active now under the supervision of John Phelps and Art Held. The ping pong table, installed in our basement room, claims Jim Porter as its champion. Most of the men are ardently practicing though and hopes are high.

Things are definitely on the upward swing here at Ann Arbor's Alpha Rho Chi and the many happy faces seen around our dinner table three times a day is the best sign of this I know of. If present omens mean anything, ARCHI should have many good reports of Iktinos in the months that follow.

Andronicus

University of Southern California

By ROBSON CHAMBERS, W.S.

The members of Andronicus chapter are apparently becoming house conscious. We have been wrangling with the alumni and our landlord over the possibility of buying the house we are now renting. No decision has been reached and evidently nothing will be done about the matter at this time.

Meanwhile we have been doing a little redecorating. Three of the brothers took it upon themselves to remodel our old ping pong room and have turned it into a very pleasant card room. The ceiling and three walls are covered with natural burlap and trimmed in redwood, while the fourth wall is hung with full length drapes.

The past week we had informal initiation for five pledges including Ted Simms, Ted Fisher, Bill Cody, Ralph Haver, and Sherwood Smith. Formal initiation will be Sunday, March 17. Our second semester pledge class includes, to date, Roy Winder, Bob Young, D. J. Daniels, John Perfitt, Bob Dickinson and Bob Little.

Events on our social calendar this semester have been a dance at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel given by the pledges for the actives, and a Beaux Arts Ball held in the house a few weeks ago. Both parties were very successful. We plan to have the spring formal on April 6, location still undetermined.