Lorentz Schmidt Represents Central States Architects; Is Regional Director of Institute

By Wendell Parks

Lorentz Schmidt of Wichita, Kansas, Regional Director for the Central States District of the A. I. A., was a member of the Arcus Society at University of Illinois, one of the two founding societies of Alpha Rho Chi. Later he served the fraternity on the Grand Council as W.G.E. His interest in Alpha Rho Chi and Anthemios Chapter has never faded and the Archi is happy to publish these comments on his career in architecture by one of his Anthemios brothers.

Architecture has always been a highway of happiness in the life of Lorentz Schmidt. Today he reaps the rewards of a life of service to his fellow man and continues his service in even greater measure.

Alpha Rho Chi at Illinois was actually born in “Schmidt’s” study room, where Arcus men often met and discussed fraternal possibilities. Today, thirty six years after his initiation into Alpha Rho Chi, we review his busy life.

Kansas born, he spent his youth on his father’s farm near Clyde, and planned to make farming his vocation. Later, however, he left the farm and entered the State Normal School at Emporia. After two years he transferred to the University of Illinois and enrolled in Architecture in the College of Engineering, graduating in 1913. From college he went first to Chicago to gain a little experience. There he worked in the office of Holabird & Roche.

Leaving Chicago, he headed west to his native state, to begin a career of service to the people he loved, in a country filled with opportunities. He chose Wichita, the “Peerless...” (Continued on back page)
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Alumni Active Membership Cards, Designed By D. Ely, Go To Life Subscription Holders

The new Life Active Membership card for alumni, designed by Dwight Ely, W. G. A., is now being sent to those members who pay their alumni dues by the life subscription of $25, at one time or in installments over three consecutive years. The card is reproduced here in black and white; the original cards are handsomely emossed, with red, blue and gold in the lettering.

Life dues have been paid in full by 8 alumni, representing 5 chapters. These are:

ANTHEMICS-Joe W. Ganschieniet, George A. Whitten.
DEMERICOS-Dwight P. Ely.
MNESICLES—Myron E. Dasseat, Anton Johnson, Harry J. Kohued.
PADONIOS-Charles W. Shaver (Hon.).
THERON—Verle L. Annis.

Partial payments of life dues have been made by:

ANDRONICUS—Robert Y. Meyer.
ANTHEMICS—Carl R. Blum, John P. Goyer, Fred A. Rohn, Laurens Schmidt.
MNESICLES—George D. Dahl.
PAEONIOS—L. I. Irwin.
POLYKLEITOS—George D. Smith, Jr.

Annual dues are acknowledged by a blue card, with the Grand Council seal in gold, showing the member's name and chapter. Alumni who have paid their 1949 dues before June 1 were listed in the June Archi. Since then, W. G. E. Whitten reports the following additions to the roster:


The Bulletin notes that Harford Field, A. P. X. from Anthemics ('24), has closed his Hinsdale, Illinois, office and moved to Hartshoma on Glen Lake, Cedar, Michigan, where he has a comfortable rural practice.

For this Chicago news THE ARCHI thanks Kenneth Smith of that city, President of the Anthemios Alumni Association.
Council Reports
Financial Status

George A. Whitten, W.G.E., has furnished the following summary of assets and liabilities from his financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949:

**ASSETS**

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**NOTES:**

- All accounts receivable and accounts payable shown in this statement have since been paid.

Kallikrates News

Raul Wilkins, one of Virginia's delegates to the 1948 convention, surprised his brothers by getting married August 19. His bride, the former Amelia Maxine Lewis, is from Sayre, Pennsylvania.

Richard Moon sent this news to the Archi, and wrote also that three Kallikrates men graduated in June and are now employed in architecture. They are Don Beall, working in Washington, D. C.; Joe Norris, employed by the Navy at Portsmouth, Virginia; and Dick Walton, working hard down in Houston, Texas.

Russell Jordan was seriously injured on August 21 when he was pinned under his overturned car and badly burned.

Allen Cherry, William Dove and Dean Owens are Kallikrates chapter officers this fall.

New Chapter House For Iktinos

The Ann Arbor chapter is in the process of establishing its new home at 640 Oxford Road after 30 years at 608 East Madison. The Madison Street location has been taken by the University as part of a site for a men's dormitory. The new property is in the desirable Hill-Washtenaw section of Ann Arbor and includes about 2½ acres of wooded land. Necessary alterations to the house, principally to provide enlarged dining quarters, are proceeding rapidly. Plans include incorporating in the new house the familiar stone entrance doorway from 608 East Madison.

Successful consummation of the long negotiations with the University and with owners of properties available represents many days of hard work by active members and alumni of the Iktinos Building Association, including Bert Trowell, Henry Ruitfro, and O. K. Griffith, officers of the Association, Ralph Hammett of Ann Arbor, and Dave Stiffler and Robert McClure of the chapter.

Mailing List...

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Box 713, Station A, Champaign, Illinois. Progress has been made in bringing the mailing list up to date, but addresses are still missing and becoming obsolete.

If you move and do not send THE ARCHI your new address, the search to find you starts all over again.

Life subscription has been paid by every member initiated since September 1, 1924. A large proportion of those initiated before that date paid life subscriptions in the campaign conducted prior to 1930. Since 1947, every initiated Alpha Rho Chi has been counted as a subscriber and should be receiving each Archi. Since 1945, issues have appeared in October, 1946; January, May, and November 1948; February and June, 1949.

Convention...

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"608" Doorway to Move...
Lorentz Schmidt, Anthemos '13, Is A. I. A. Director

(Continued from page one) Princess," as the place to stake off a claim to the designing and planning of future schools, public buildings and homes. A faded newspaper clipping recalls that event, "Chicagoan Comes West and Picks the Peerless Princess as Live One."

So it was here in 1915 that Schmitty opened his first office, but he found it an arduous task to get started. The old attitude expressed by "we like your ideas, but we want someone with experience" was a big hurdle for him, just as it is for every other ambitious new practitioner, but he did not give up.

Since opening his own office, he has handled successfully millions of dollars worth of construction. Through fair dealing with all he has justified the confidence reposed in him by his clients and earned the faith of contractors, making his influence a great factor in raising the standards of the building industry of our state.

He has always been a friend of the man on the job, and has advocated good working conditions and rates of pay. The quality of his buildings reflects the sincere cooperation of all those working with him.

Schools, churches, residences, factories, public buildings, apartments, hospitals and housing are included in his varied practice, commissions for which have come from the far corners of the state. Kansas communities have responded generously to his offer of buildings designed to interpret their way of life, and have provided a clientele that assures many future opportunities.

Today the firm, Schmidt, McVay and Peddie, operates in their own building, a very comfortable and pleasant one, planned for the business of architecture.

Schmidt, a corporate member of the Institute since his first year of practice, was the first organizer of the Kansas Architects, and has served three times as president of the state architectural organizations. Today the Kansas Chapter is one of the strongest and most active in the Institute. Recognizing his leadership, the Kansas Chapter presented his name for Director of the Central States District of the A. I. A., and he was elected to that position in 1948. His enthusiastic interest is demonstrated by his visits to the various chapters throughout the district, where his personality has made him a friend to all.

The varsatility of Schmidt's nature is well shown by the variety of his recreations. Ever since the days when he was working his way through school, he has always taken some time out for play. Today his skill — whether at golf, fishing, hunting or poker — puts him out ahead of the average competitor.

In Wichita he has consistently devoted his best energies to public service and the betterment of the community. His loyalty to his church is reflected by the religious tone in his daily life. He has been an arduous worker in Scouting and other youth activities. Civic clubs and the Chamber of Commerce have always enjoyed his support, backed by his time and money. He heads the powerful Building Industries Committee and has activated a statewide Builder's Forum and annual Home Show.

He has always encouraged higher standards of accomplishment among students. The Freshman Scholarship Award is given yearly by Schmitty at each of our two state schools. Recognition of merit, in the classroom, in the office, and on the job, has always been a characteristic of his relations with his associates.

If I were to pass up this opportunity to write about Schmitty's family, I am sure he would be disappointed. His wife and children, and now grandchildren, have brought him immeasurable happiness. The close companionship of Mrs. Schmidt and her sympathetic participation in all his activities have been a constant inspiration.

It has given me great pleasure to write about Lorentz Schmidt's work, for his career and his whole philosophy of life make a story that excites enthusiasm.

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Wendell Parks is an alumnus of Anthemos Chapter, '27. Before studying at Illinois, he worked in Lorentz Schmidt's office. After graduation he returned to Wichita, where he was associated at different times with three other Anthemos men, Glen Thomas, Harry Overend, and Godfrey Hartwell, all of whom had worked with him in Schmidt's office.

Since 1938 Parks has practiced in partnership with Ed Forsblom in Wichita. Work now being done by the firm includes city and parochial schools, hospital additions, a girl's dormitory for the state, and a large plant for the Wichita Coca Cola Company.

Parks has served two terms, 1945 and 1946, as president of the Kansas Chapter of A. I. A. He reports that Y. M. C. A. work is his outside interest and fishing and golf his recreation. He has three sons, one studying architecture at Kansas State, one studying psychology at Minnesota, and one in high school.