

# IOWA ARCHITECT

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## “Air Force Academy Story” Will Highlight Spring Meeting At Iowa State College, April 25

Iowa Architects will Also Meet with Architectural  
Educators from Throughout the Region

Walter A. Netsch of the firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill has been announced as the banquet speaker for the Spring Meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at Iowa State College, Ames, Friday, April 25.

The evening program, at which awards to outstanding students will be made, will be the climax of a day-long series of events which will be of interest to the profession.

President Wayne Lyon of Iowa Chapter has announced this program for chapter members: Executive Committee Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Architecture Department library.

Chapter meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Architecture Department lecture room.

A joint meeting of Iowa Architects and Architectural Educators from throughout the midwest at approximately 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

Prof. Leonard Wolf, head of the department of Architecture and Architectural Engineering at Iowa State College, has announced that architectural educators from Washington University, Kansas, Kansas State, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba, Illinois Tech, and Illinois have been invited to meet at Iowa State Friday

evening April 25 and all day Saturday, April 14.

"At the joint meeting between Iowa architects and architectural educators of this region, it is hoped that we can discuss in some detail the responsibility of the schools, the profession and the registration boards, the formal and the practical education of architects, their registration and their establishment in professional practice," Prof. Wolf said.

"The Air Force Academy" will be the principal subject of Mr. Netsch's presentation and every Iowa architect and student can look forward to hearing a professionally exciting story of a major development, including the choice of designs and construction methods.

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## Chapter Honors Six "Distinguished Craftsmen"



Present to receive the awards were: **J. L. Bengard**, Exira; **Sam Kupresin**, Carbon Cliff, Ill., **John Medinger**, Reynold, Ill., and **Sidney A. Miller**, Ames. **Francis Bacon**, Sioux City, and **Lars Rygh**, Des Moines, were unable to attend because of illness.

Six craftsmen employed by Iowa contractors were honored as "Distinguished Craftsmen" by the Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects as the organization held its 1958 Annual Convention at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines.

The six men honored were selected from nominations presented by A.I.A. members and contractors, and the Awards Committee reported that all nominations received this year had been proposed by architects.

R. Wayne Lyon, newly elected president, presented awards to:

**Juhl L. Bengard**, 29, of Exira, a mason with 13 years experience in his craft who is employed by the R. H. Grabau Construction Co. of Boone.

**Sam Kupresin**, 28, of 107 5th St., Carbon Cliff, Illinois, an employe of the Allied Construction Services, Inc., Davenport, Ia., who has nine years of experience as a lather.

**John Medinger**, 32, of Reynold, Illinois, an employe of the Dean Fry Construction Co., Davenport, who has been a finish carpenter for 10 years.

**Sidney A. (Sox) Miller**, 67, of Ames, an employee of the Conditioned Air Corporation, Des Moines, who has spent 47 years in his trade of plumbing.

**Francis Bacon**, 45, of 4501 Morningside Ave., Sioux City, Ia., a cement finisher employed by W. A. Klinger, Inc., Sioux City. He has been employed by Klinger for 25 years, and has 18 years in the trade.

**Lars L. Rygh**, 67, of 2429 Capitol Ave., Des Moines, has been a carpenter for 47 years and is employed by Ringland-Johnson, Inc., of Des Moines.

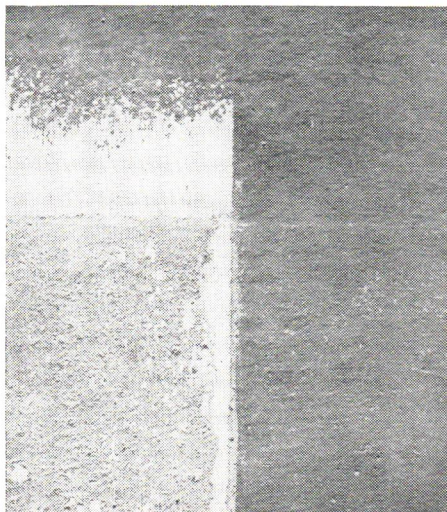
The presentation was the fourth successive year in which the certificates of award were presented by the Iowa Chapter of the A.I.A. as a means of bringing public attention to the combination of skill, loyalty, and pride in well-done work which marks outstanding craftsmen in the construction and allied trades.

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## Lyon Heads Iowa A.I.A. Chapter For 1958

R. Wayne Lyon of the firm of Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter and Lyon, Des Moines, was elected president of the Iowa Chapter of the A.I.A. at the 1958 Annual Convention in Des Moines, succeeding James A. Walsh of Spencer.

George Horner of Iowa City was elected Vice-President, succeeding Wayne Lyon, and Douglas Robison, Davenport, was named Treasurer, succeeding Lyle Howard of Ottumwa.

David Frevert of Des Moines was chosen secretary to succeed Paul Skiles, also of Des Moines.

Raymond Berquist, Dubuque, Lyle Howard and Eugene O'Neil were chosen as members of the Executive Committee. O'Neil served on the committee during 1957.

## Thorson, Roark Report On Regional Subjects

Two major reports to Iowa architects were presented during the convention, one by O. H. Thorson, Waterloo, district chairman for chapter affairs, and one by Lloyd Roark, Kansas City, Regional Director, A.I.A.

Thorson reminded the architects that the next regional convention will be held in Kansas City the first weekend in October of this year, and that the 1959 meeting will be held in Iowa. Thorson also emphasized that the A.I.A. is composed of the chapters and that the effectiveness of the chapters is the vital key in effectiveness of the A.I.A. He expressed the belief that the purpose of his committee was to "needle" the chapter into action and that its Chapter Affairs representative should be someone who has had recent, close connection with the executive committee. He stressed the need for active committees on the subjects included in the basic organization of the chapter.

He expressed belief the Iowa group would make early and complete plans for the Regional Convention in 1959.

Roark described activities of the Regional Directors and emphasized the

## IT's VACATION VILLAGE JUNE 25-27

Acting in accord with the desires expressed by the many members who enjoyed the 1957 summer outing at Lake Okoboji, the Executive Committee of the chapter has selected Vacation Village on Lake Okoboji as location for the 1958 week-end gathering of architects for fun, frolic, and a necessary minimum of business.

need for good committeemen from the Regional to the National level. He suggested that the A.I.A. could take leadership in its relations with the construction industry by accepting representatives of its various branches into some of the several degrees of A.I.A. membership.

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# *A Message from*

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Fellow Architects:

Your President and Secretary attended the annual Central States Regional Council meeting in Kansas City on February 12.

Two resolutions were adopted at this meeting which should be of interest. It was the concensus of the council that (1) The newly established "Architectural Firm Award" of the Institute should be opposed in principal, and (2) the State Department Embassy building program should be cited for its excellence. Proper resolutions were so formulated.

Reports from other chapters indicate business and backlogs somewhat below last year in most offices.

The Spring Chapter meeting will be in Ames on April 25. Plan now to attend, as indications are that we will have an interesting business session, followed by an opportunity to meet and discuss problems with Architectural educators from the entire region, followed by the Annual Student Banquet.

It's been a long hard winter and you will all need a break. If you're a sports fan you can attend the Drake Relays the following Saturday in Des Moines. The weather is always good for the Relays, so it's bound to be good for the Spring Meeting.

See you in Ames April 25.

R. WAYNE LYON, PRESIDENT



## IN MEMORIAM

### WILLIAM L. PERKINS, ARCHITECT

The Iowa Chapter, American Institute of Architects, expresses its sincere feeling of loss in the passing of William L. Perkins who served the Profession so long and faithfully as Secretary of The Iowa Board of Archtectural Examiners, and gave so generously of his time and efforts in this capacity.

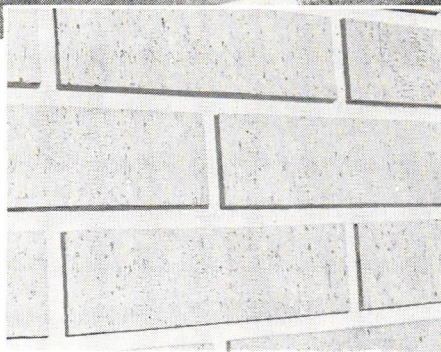
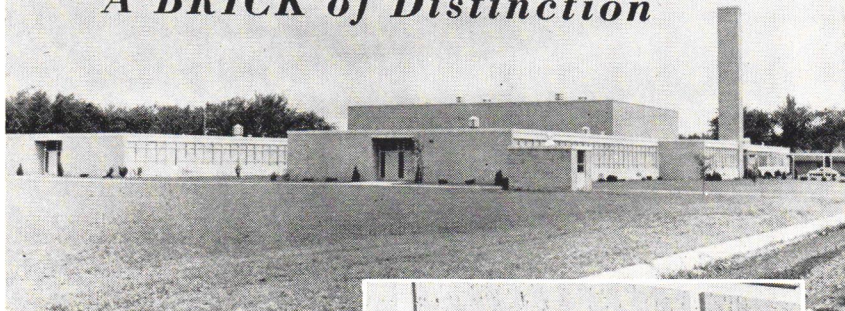
The Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Perkins, who may well be proud of her late Huband's unselfish contribution to the Architectural Profession.

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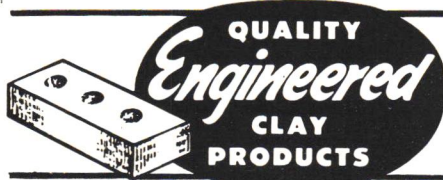
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CONVENTION SCENES. (Top, L. to R.) Prof. Leonard Wolf talks about the job-log projects for A.I.A.; Bill Wagner and John Grove, Pittsburgh, confer between sessions; a "substitute" speaker addresses the banquet crowd. (Bottom, L. to R.) A part of the Luncheon crowd; ISC students at Banquet reception.

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