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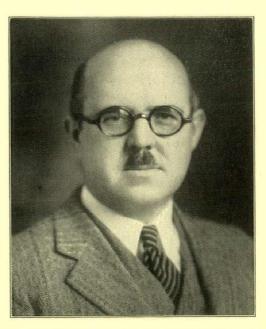
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#### ANDREW R. MORISON

May we present Andrew R. Morison, five times elected Treasurer of the Michigan Society of Architects, and unopposed for his sixth term?

His duties, being of such a nature as to attract little attention outside of the other officers closely associated with him, it is fitting that we give public recognition of a service faithfully performed.

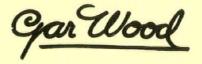
His excellent handling of the affairs of his office has stood us in good stead during the present times, and has left the Society in a sound financial position.

It was through his budget directing that we are able to present to the 19th Annual Convention the proposal that a special dispensation be made with regard to back dues, which may mean wiping them out entirely.

This was Andrew Morison's own recommendation, and is the most convincing evidence that the Society wants your support, and not just your money.

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#### PROGRAM

Michigan Society of Architects 19th Annual Convention, Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit

February 23-24, 1933

Thursday, February 23 Registration will begin at 3 P. M. 4 TO 10 P. M.

Officers and Directors will receive and welcome Registrants at the Society's Headquarters on the 19th Floor. Refreshments.

The evening will be left open for Informal Get-Together of Architects, Producers and their Friends. No organized Dinner or Entertainment.

Friday, February 24

9 A. M.
BUSINESS SESSION—BALLROOM

Call to Order by the President

President's Greeting and Address

Appointment of Tellers on Election of Officers

Minutes of Last Meeting

Reports

Communications

New Business

Comments and Voting upon adoption of New By-Laws

Report of Tellers on Election of Officers

12:15 P. M.

Luncheon—Rose Room Speaker, Leonard P. Reaume, Vice-President, Detroit Trust Company

2 P. M.

Business Session—Ballroom Speakers

Clarence M. Stein, A. I. A., New York Subject, Housing

Colonel George B. Walbridge, Detroit Subject, Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Its Possibilities in Michigan

Professor Ernest M. Fisher, University of Michigan

Subject, Housing

Discussion

No Organized Dinner

8:30 P. M.

Smoker—Spanish Grille
Entertainment and Buffet Lunch, Complimentary
Refreshments
Adjournment



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## 19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

## MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

FORT SHELBY HOTEL, DETROIT

February 23-24, 1933

For the purpose of this convention the President, your officers and board wish it understood that as far as back dues are concerned you can mark that paid.

You will have the opportunity of voting on Treasurer Morison's recommendation that all back dues be wiped out. Those who do not attend will be "ordered to show

We now have ample time to gather together to devise ways of promoting new construction. This, of course, is not a one-man job. It is not for the architects alone, but

for the entire building industry. Our friends, the producers, are, therefore, urged to meet with us at the Fort Shelby on February 23 and 24.

The late Theodore Roosevelt said, "Every man should devote a portion of his time to the building up of the industry or profession of which he is a part." Lancelot Sukert adds that, though a man give up his membership in every other organization, he should by all means hold on to the one that represents his livelihood. Your observer might add that he should not only retain his membership, but he should contribute, to the best of his ability, toward the furtherance of its usefulness. By that we do not mean financially. The Society asks not one cent of any member. Thanks to our stingy, money-grabbing treasurer, Andy Morison, the Society is still solvent.

We are not glorifying the member who is in arears, or holding him up as a shining example. It would not be fair to the members who have paid. What we do want to make clear is the importance of a good attendance at convention, regardless of back dues. The fact that some have paid and others have not means that those who could afford it have made it possible for the Society to carry on. Those who have not, we believe, have had good reasons. It is sufficient to know that their intentions were good in joining the So-

ciety, and we want their moral support now more than ever before.

The program committee has left nothing undone to make the convention both entertaining and constructive. As they say in Indiana, "A Good Convention is the result of Good Architects. Good Contractors, Good Craftsmen out for a Good Time, using Good Materials."

And so, on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, barring strikes, windstorms, acts of providence and changes by the management without notice, the 19th Annual Convention will be held at the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit.

The only charge made by the Society will be \$1.00 for registration, which will include the smoker. The luncheon will be 75c, the bare charge by the hotel. There will be no banquet. The Society will accept your check for registration.

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# The President's Annual Report to the 19th Annual Convention

By H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL



H. AUGUSTUS O'DELL
President of The Michigan Society of Architects

In all probability the outstanding achievement locally, was the Detroit Architects part in the Modernization Program sponsored by the Detroit Building Congress. Members of the Michigan Society of Architects and the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., co-operated in the re-modelling of this building and with no outside financial help. This splendid achievement showed the public what could be done in modernizing old residents and attracted a great deal of national, as well as local, attention. During the month it was on exhibition, it is estimated that over 200,000 people passed through it.

The Michigan Society is doing its share in trying to guide public opinion so that, when Woodward Avenue is widened, it may be an architectural credit to the City instead of the unfortunate result obtained by the Gratiot Avenue widening.

There is still a serious situation, that of caring for indigent draftsmen here in Detroit; this has not yet been solved.

This Society has worked with the Detroit Chapter in trying to correct the unfortunate conditions caused by the present governmental policy with regard to the Supervising Architects' Office in Washington.

The most important item affecting the M. S. A. is the proposed Unification of all State Societies with the American Institute of Architects. The approval of the matter comes before this Convention and it is my hope that it will be approved as it is now written.

The organization has kept in touch with and has contributed its share to the work which has been done by the Michigan Committee for Trade Recovery and the Detroit Building Congress.

Dodge Reports have kindly sent this office a copy of each of their preliminary state reports when an architect had not yet been employed. A letter was sent each of these prospects telling him the advantages of employing a Registered Architect and the pamphlet, "This Man the Architect," enclosed. This was discontinued about three months ago. As soon as the building business resumes this should be continued, as it is a very desirable form of publicity.

The Tuesday noon luncheons of both organizations have been very well attended, have brought out many interesting discussions and architects have become better acquainted with each other, which is as it should be.

The combined monthly meetings have been fairly well attended and the same spirit of co-operation has been manifested there as in other ways, all of which has helped toward the proposed Unification Program.

The Attorney General has ruled that the Registration Board of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors can make certain by-laws, which in my opinion does away with the necessity for any additional legislation. The Board has adopted a by-law which states that anyone "Representing himself as an architect—or who uses the word "Architect" as a principal in the practice of Architecture—" can be prosecuted under the existing act.

Every effort should be made to keep the name Registered Architect before the public, as considerable work is still being placed with contractors which deserves a different sort of attention that it receives.



#### N. CHESTER SORENSEN

#### To N. Chester Sorensen

After faithfully serving our society as secretary for the past two years, you are retiring at the coming convention. You have been re-nominated, but have declined to be a candidate for office, for which we are truly sorry.

On behalf of the Society the officers and board of directors wish to thank you for the splendid work you have done, and while we will miss you on the board, may we still see you regularly at the meetings?

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

N. CHESTER SORENSEN

I believe this year, for the first time, we have accomplished what we have set forth as our purpose in Article III, of the Articles of our association, namely: "To facilitate the interchange of ideas, to encourage discussion of its problems." This has been to a great extent due to our regular luncheon facilities at the Union Guardian, where a private dining room has been available with cafeteria service which the architects could afford. We have also made a little start to carry out high ideals set forth in the last sentence of Article III of the Articles of our association, "to emphasize its obligations to society, and for the proper promotion of the welfare of our architectural association."

One of the most helpful things that have kept the boys together this year has been the encouraging weekly bulletin we found on our desk every Monday, by our editor, Talmage Hughes. When there seemed to be no news at all, good or bad, this wizard would always show up with a paper full of pep, cheer and news that would make you want to be at our Tuesday Round Table to talk it over. Let's give him a hand.

W. G. Malcomson certainly gave us a big order when he as President of the Building Congress asked our group to assist them with their modernizing campaign in Grand Circus Park. I don't know of a demonstration where the entire building industry showed greater cooperation. It turned out to be one of the greatest building shows ever put on in Detroit. Many gave of their time and money and certainly they all got a kick out of it. I believe it was entirely worth while.

We miss the congenial smile and stories of our Major Weston at our luncheons. Among the pioneers he was one of our most faithful in attendance and was most generous with his time, giving us, and committees he served with, well seasoned advice from a professional life of rich experience. He was chairman of the joint committee of architects and contractors. One of the most important things this committee had as its object was some system of doing away with the so called shopping of bids, one of the bad things we have had in the building industry for a long time. After his untimely death

the committee carried on and there was finally evolved what is known as the Detroit bidding system. This has been a big job and now that it has been accepted generally by all concerned the architects should get back of it and give it a fair chance.

The efforts of both the M. S. A. and the Chapter to have the County Supervisors appoint a Port Commission did not succeed. The Act as drawn apparently made it possible for such a Port Committee to spend money and the Supervisors voted the recommendation down. I feel, however, the Supervisors will reconsider the whole question as to the advisability of a Port Commission when the St. Lawrence bill is actually passed by Congress. A new taxation system in Detroit by that time might place an entire new problem in connection with abutting or adjacent property along a new or improved highway, such as the proposed river front drive.

Lancelot Sukert's constant work on the unification plan from the time of its inception at San Antonio convention to the time of that memorable fight at the American institute convention last spring in Washington was no doubt one of the strong national influences that led to its adoption. With a stronger national unified profession will also come a proportionally greater responsibility on its officers, but the union is now consummated for

better or for worse but we hope it will mean for greater and grander opportunities.

The Michigan profession has been ably represented in a national way in connection with the field of blighted area housing by your Vice President, G. Frank Cordner. Regardless of what happens to this line of endeavor a big recognition should be given him for starting this research and the subsequent months of study on a civic project.

At the request of the city officials of one of our neighboring cities a committee was appointed by President O'Dell to investigate the causes and remedies for certain structural failures that have been causing trouble and expense for several years to its public buildings. Under the able chairmanship of Mr. Thornton this work was completed thoroughly and expediently. The professional advice, during the weeks of investigation, of John Stahl was of great values to the committee. Although this investigation led into the realm of chemistry, physics, and technique of the other trades, a comprehensive unbiased report was submitted to the officials. The entire recommendation of the committee was put into effect immediately, in fact, the entire report was adopted by the officials who thanked them for the work they had done for their city.

During the recent National Building Congress held at Detroit Mr. Herbert Wenzell and his committee held an important meeting at the Airport. We were honored by the presence of our A. I. A. President, Mr. Russell from St. Louis; Mr. Stanley Parker from Boston; Past President Kohn from New York, Regional Director, Herbert E. Hewitt, Merritt Harrison and other notables of the A. I. A. The subject of this meeting was aimed primarily at the development of the proposed wider Woodward Avenue of Detroit. The committee had on the program such men as Walter Blutcher, Max Ramm, members of the City Plan Commission who gave some history of this widening process. There was Prof. Lorch, who was one of our first men to visualize the possibilities of getting some concerted action among the owners along this most important highway of Michigan. The Prof. gave lantern slides of what other cities had accomplished with perhaps less opportunity than we now have. Mr. Ernest Russell (who is also Chairman of the St. Louis City Plan Commission) proposed a plan of preparing studies of entire city blocks abutting the avenue, by unemployed draftsmen. This plan, Mr. Kohn thought, would have the personal assistance and direction of the larger offices and the Department of Welfare might be even induced to give some support with their funds.

Among some of the other speakers Mr. Saarinen sounded, in my opinion, a very important note of warning to our city officials and fathers to the effect that proper city planning and study costs money but it costs a lot more money not to do it. Councilman John S. Hall, who was from the beginning years ago against this widening project, but the award now being confirmed by the Court he is desirous of saving the hundred and twenty thousand dollars daily interest charge and is seeking ways to "get going." He furthermore predicts "the sound of the hammer will again be heard in the land. Mr. Herbert Wenzell and his committee have a real problem in getting the owners to see this widening in its proper architectural setting. The committee furthermore informs us nearly all the larger cities have taken advantage of these opportune times and gone a long way during the last two years with their necessary civic improvements when Detroit has done nothing along this line to make it a pleasant place to live, say nothing of the economy of spending one dollar now for that which the taxpayers will have to pay several dollars for in the future.

Under the direction of its chairman of Public Affairs, Mr. Richard Marr, Michigan Society of Architects did its share in connection with Congressional Bills H. R. 6187, 6307, 9267, directed at Federal architectural work in the Treasurer's office. In fact I doubt if any other state architectural group did more and perhaps not as much. Mr. Trank Eurich, chairman of the joint committee did a fine job for the Michigan architects. The lack of definite facts collected from the entire country as to how many millions the country would save by the adoption of our legislation appears to be the most important real reason why we failed. With the work of our new unified order collecting these facts and a Congressional committee looking for economy and relief to the taxpayer, it would seem quite easy to achieve our goal in the coming administration.

We have been depending on Mr. Clair Ditchey to be our ambassador at the City Code hearings. Some of us are commencing to believe that as soon as manufacturers cease to manufacture new materials which they insist we must use in buildings regardless of their fitness for economy our new City proposed Code will be approved.

Clair has taken on a new job in order to properly represent our technical interests, he is chairman of the Associated Technical Societies. He finds time, however, to come up to our Round Table luncheon and shatter some of our old ideas on professional small houses and other similar competitions. He warns us that every time the architectural profession sponsors these competitions we are encouraging the very thing so far as the public is concerned that we are trying to stop. It is no wonder then that when a job is proposed the Building Committee invariably calls for beautiful sketches from all the traveling sketch artists and firmly believes it is then getting the best the architectural profession has to give.

Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch of Columbia University says, "The present business depression will not automatically cure itself any more than an epidemic disease will cure itself. Radical changes in inter-relations of credit, industrial production and purchasing power of the public will have to be made." In fact several famous engineers are tackling this depression problem seriously. Why should not the architectural profession with its wider point of view go after this old man depression. Our efforts may be branded as architecnochracy, but we may go a long way in our own building industry.
The farmer has his problem in not getting his share of the price the consumer pays for his product because of the intervening racketeers and the consumer is forced to cut down his buying. There exists in our own building industry trades which by means of skillful legislation of years past, are costing many times more in the building than they These parasites are not making contribution of service to the finished building. They simply collect a racketeering fee for doing nothing. With a unified architectural profession in cooperation with the rest of the building industry is it not possible to put on a public educational program that will demand that every unit in building operation be a producer and the building public will force the unethical practice out of the industry.

Our discussions at the Round Table this year have been more civic minded than ever before. The only hope I see for our profession is that it continue so; for no class legislation that has for its goal only selfish interests cannot hope to survive in the long run. If we know of places in the public or private building where the ultimate building cost is more than it should be due to bad practice or otherwise we are the logical link in the building chain to correct it. In fact the building industry will suffer until we perform our duty.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Editor's Note: The policy of publishing annual reports in advance of Convention has been established as a means of facilitating movement of the meetings, thus, lengthy reports are dispensed with and much time is saved. Delegates can come to Convention with a knowledge of what has taken place during the year and be prepared for discussion, or voting upon acceptance of reports. The way is thus cleared for meetings to move rapidly with more time for open discussion. Owing to the number of activities now engaging the attention of the Society and the vast amount of work covered by these reports it has been necessary to condense them to the minimum. They may not, therefore, be in the exact words used by the chairmen. Committees not mentioned herein had no reports to make.

#### Membership Committee, FRANK H. WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN

The membership committee feels keenly the loss of Major Weston during the year 1932, his egregious interest in the M. S. A. activities is a hard one to

fill.

We also can't let the opportunity of using the world wide (depression) alibi go by. Some people have said that this depression has reached the four corners of the earth, and I always thought that the world was round. Well, anyway, it hit the membership committee's ideas for a concerted attempt to add to our membership. But our efforts along these lines have not been in vain, for you will note that the society has in mind a substantial reduction in dues, and a remedy for those in arrears, also a proposed change in the by-laws of the Society as drafted by Mr. Sukert for the purpose of complying with the A. I. A. unification plan, which will mean that practically every registered architect in Michigan will be a member of the M. S. A.

These changes will greatly assist the 1933 membership and put the society in a truly representa-

tive position.

There have been a few resignations submitted this year that have not been accepted, due to the contemplated changes expected in our by-laws, which would automatically reinstate every registered architect in Michigan.

#### Joint Committee with Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. to cooperate with Detroit City Plan Commission

#### MARCUS R. BURROWES, CHAIRMAN

I regret to state that owing to conditions over which we apparently have no control there has been no occasion to meet with the Commission, therefore, there is nothing to report.

#### Committee on Practice FREDERICK BECKBISSINGER, CHAIRMAN

Your Committee on Practice has nothing to re-

No complaints before the committee in 1932 therefore no action required.

#### Report of Committee on Education LANCELOT SUKERT, CHAIRMAN

The activities of the Atelier of the Thumb Tack Club of Detroit, which has been the particular charge of this committee, have been curtailed this last year, due to lack of finances. The committee, therefore, has no report to offer.

#### Report of Committee on Relations with Contractors,

Now Representing the M. S. A. On the Architects' and Contractors' Joint Committee of Detroit LANCELOT SUKERT

#### Substituting for the Late Major William Weston, Chairman

Since its inception this committee has adopted and circulated among the architects, General Condition Clauses on Hoisting, Cleaning, Temporary Light, Glass Breakage and Patching, and has, on request of the Detroit Building Congress, studied the matter of bid-peddling, with the final issuance of what is termed "The Detroit Bidding Plan," heard, partly on the plan offered at the 19th Congress. based, partly, on the plan offered at the 18th Convention of the M. S. A. by Clarence L. Cowles, of Saginaw, and partly upon the so-called "Boston," or "Huddlestone Plan." This has already been approved by the Detroit Building Congress for a year's trial. Since hearing William Stanley Parker, of Boston, explain the successful working of the Boston Plan on public works, the committee will undoubtedly give further consideration to the subject, with a view to accepting the Boston Plan in its entirety.

The joint committee has probably done more to cement the friendship and to secure cooperation be-tween contractors and architects than has any previous effort. The recent acceptance to member-ship of the Michigan Society of Building Crafts, representing all of the sub-contractors' organizations, rounds out the committee so that it now is truly representative of all those whose problems it was originally designed to solve. It is a practical building congress in itself, since its members have full authority to act for their organizations.

report must necessarily be one of success.

#### Detroit Building Code Committee RICHARD P. RASEMAN, CHAIRMAN

To the best of my knowledge and belief this committee has not met within the past year, so the proverbial progress can not even be reported.

I am very much interested in seeing a much stiffer code in effect for Detroit with the provision written therein making it mandatory that after a period of say five years all existing buildings of all types must be modernized to conform to minimum standards of new buildings. If such a code is possible of enactment the problem of so called slum clearance would be to a large extent solved.

#### Committee on Public Affairs RICHARD H. MARR, CHAIRMAN

The chairman begs to report a busy and successful year. A number of projects of importance to the public have been given attention viz, Wider Woodward, Water Front Development, Demonstration House, etc., but none of this work and self-sacrifice has been done by this committee. All the public contacts have been made by the individual committees. However, I firmly believe that the committee should continue as it sounds well and is not too arduous a task for the chairman.

#### The Weekly Bulletin TALMAGE C. HUGHES, EDITOR

It is said that the depression has received 100 million dollars worth of publicity. Our board some time ago declined to accept such advertising in the Bulletin.

Outside of the fact that the Bulletin was formerly on Joy Road and now of Mad Avenue, we offer no alibi. Even this has not dampened our spirits. It has at times dampened the copy.

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## INTERVIEWING THE CANDIDATES

Our re-write man gives a few terse descriptions.

HILE the Bulletin's guest economist this year reserves his forecast until after convention, the ground hog has made his appearance, and with the accompanying series of galley proofs on the lives and works of our nation's best architects there should be left little but doubt in your minds as to the uncertainty of the future. At least, let's be gay!

There will be rumors for rent at the Fort Shelby, and confidential communications concerning candidates will be received up to and including their terms of office but, mind you, the way is dark and the dangers are many, so weigh well your words and answer according to your deepest convictions, otherwise we have nothing to suggest, except that you observe all of the rules and lead your fourth highest from your longest and strongest suit.

The disgruntled Third Party has this year exercized its prerogative, and said, "A fine bunch of rookies you've nominated." For instance, they reason that true enough, the ranking officers should be from out in the state, but the rankest ones are in Detroit. If they really wanted to be liberal they should have gone to Billings, Montana, for Bill

Reid. He's wanted in many cities.

Reading from A to Z we present herewith brief biographies of the 25 candidates, leaving out their jail sentences and photos, which may be obtained at the nearest police station. The firing order leads off with Roger Allen, who was in the Navy and says that Columbus' most noteworthy discovery was that even a queen would hook her javels for was that even a queen would hock her jewels for a sailor.

Roger Allen, Grand Rapids

(For President)

I was born some years ago to honest and upright r was born some years ago to honest and upright parents who had done little or nothing to deserve it, and was named Roger after Benjamin Franklin, who in turn was named after Ben Betts of the American Architect, and Allen after Lydia Lopokova, the Russian dancer.

Right after that things began to go wrong. First the automobile tried to supplant the horse. Finally it DID supplant the horse, except in the estimation

of Mrs. Horse. And then came the war! What a sight, Talmage! It would have broken your heart, or at least a rib, to see all the old family retainers lining the long driveway, cheering and holding their noses as the Young Master rode off to join the navy, on a bicycle. Who says that

Chivalry is dead? Have you seen the new Chivalrys

with no-draft ventilation?

Then battle! Man against man in that inferno of bayonet and shell! Where was Allen when the of bayonet and snell! Where was Allen when the bullets were thickest, when America poured out its blood on the altar of Democracy? Where was Allen? Allen was in Paris, up three flights in the Rue Clichy and ask for Suzette. You've heard of crepes Suzette, haven't you? They were named after a remark of Allen's. "That's a lot of crepe, Suzette," he used to remark.

Finally the war torn world was at peace Allen.

Finally the war torn world was at peace. Allen said good bye to our gallant but uncollectable allies, the French, and set off for Home. On the voyage home he had been conscious of a strange feeling. "Something I ate, no doubt," he remarked with a gay laugh, BUT HE WAS WRONG, TALMAGE. AH, THE PITY OF IT. It was Architecture in a malignant form. You know the rest, Talmage.

In conclusion may I ask you to say to your millions of readers that Allen wears no man's collar, not even his own until he gets 45 cents to get his laundry out of hock? I stand four square and solid

on a platform demanding the abolition of tight check reins, more and louder welkin ringing and the return of the old fashioned horse troughs to our streets. Forward, America!

For a completer picture of my viewpoint I have compiled the following table, which is self explanatory. It is entitled "Mourning Becomes Elect-

#### Mourning Becomes Elected

By R. Eugene O'Neill Allen

#### In case I am elected

1. I consider my election to the presidency the highest honor that could possibly be bestowed upon me and I thank the Society, every member of which I love like a brother.

2. The gentleman whom I so undeservedly defeated is a man of the highest caliber. His character is of the highest and his professional attain-

ments inspire widespread commendation.

3. The Society has a great and glowing future. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and make 1933 a year of real accomplishment. Beyond the Alps lies Italy!

4. My fellow officials and the members of the board of directors are men of the utmost honor

and integrity.

5. I consider my election in the light of a tribute to that great forward looking, vital city, Grand Rapids.

- 6. The retiring President, Major O'Dell, has established a record of efficiency in office that no one will ever surpass.
- 7. The Editor of the Bulletin, Talmage C. Hughes, has made that organ one of the most informative, witty and worth while publications in its class.

#### In case I am not elected

- 1. Thank God that I escaped the task of heading an organization that is only a little higher than the Anti-Saloon League. Most of the members must be low grade morons, judging from their Bertillon measurements.
- 2. That guy didn't do so good on the last job he had, the warden tells me. Is he still cheating newsboys out of their pennies?
- 3. Geez, what a bunch of chiselers. Why don't they get that racket organized and go around puncturing tires on fire engines?
- 4. One thing I learned at my mother's knee: never play poker with Lance Sukert.
- 5. This town is the first lighted cemetery I ever saw.

6. Major hell, I'll bet he was Captain of the

Head.

7. Will I put the blast on that guy Hughes; getting me nominated and then voting six times for Dave Williams.

#### Russell A. Allen, Jackson

(For 3rd Vice President)

Russ thinks that an architect today who submits to an interview and gives out only serious information about himself is one of two things. He is either depression-proof or he is silly.

"Otherwise all of the conceit we have ever had has been squeezed out of us by these technocratic years," he says.

Russell Allen was born in Ionia but migrated south to Jackson at such an early age that he classes himself as a native of that splendid city. During his sweet adolescence he absorbed much architecture from his father and this was augmented by his alma mater-Emil and the University of Michigan.

"As to religion," he says, "by the rights of baptism and confirmation I can claim membership in either the Presbyterian faith or the Episcopalian

"My politics should not need clarifying inasmuch as you are aware of the fact that we had one of the post office afflictions.

"In the material things I am blessed with a wife,

two sons and a daughter.
"The 'career' has been typically small-townish with metropolitan size jobs only now and then. It has been occasionally disturbed by the advent of some of the Chicago and Detroit boys when a good job looms in view such as the \$8.000,000.00 memorial to the Republican party, so ably sketched by our esteemed contemporary, Albert Kahn, lack of funds only preventing it from being modeled. Time, the Democrats and Technocrats will doubtless heal this wound!"

#### August W. Balle, Detroit

(For 1st Vice President)

Candidate A. W. (Gus) Balle is a man of few words. Unlike the late Calvin Coolidge, he does "choose to run" and like Robert Fulton, or was it Thomas Jefferson, he has but one life to give to

the poorfession.

Gus is a native son, born in Detroit in the hectic eighties. His early training on high wheel bicycles over cobble stone pavements fits him for the high position he seeks, no matter how difficult. He spent his early childhood on the east side streets and alleys of this fair city. Attended public schools and the old Whitney theater on Sundays and assisted in the erection of the "big stove" at Jefferson Avenue and East Grand Boulevard. It was in that capacity Balle obtained his first tee square experience.

Mr. Balle's outstanding achievement in architecture for 1932 was the remodeled home that stood during July in Grand Circus Park. It was there that he obtained first hand information as to the Soviet Government's five year plan. Gus became deeply interested in mob psychology and gained fame in the poorfession as an authority on mob architecture, and why the five year plan must fail -because the Russians neglected to write a set of

specifications covering their plans.

His spare moments, and he, like the rest of us, has had plenty of them during the past two years, is given over to his favorite sport, golf. We might mention that our candidate waves a wicked spoon. He not only waves a deadly golf spoon but he also shakes a very wicked cocktail spoon. Gus is the

last word when it comes to socking the golf ball and dunking for cherries. He does like his cherries, or what have you? These qualifications alone or what have you? should make him an ideal vice president of such

an August body.

Balle has been right hand man for W. G. Malcomson for many years. He is quiet, self contained, a good listener and possesses a good right arm trained in the art of pounding director tables or lifting glasses. He knows his ethic and can distinguish varnish from good bourbon.

#### G. Frank Cordner, Detroit

(For Director)

On the subject of Housing, Cordner is one of the best informed men in the country. He even knows all of the terms, such as "Lower Income Brackets," "Limited Dividend Corporations," "Blighted Areas," and is about to complete what he calls "Lay Organizations," to see how the land lays.

#### C. Howard Crane, Detroit

(For Director)

What this country needs is more showmanship in architecture. Howard Crane has it, but he didn't get it from Ringling Brothers & Barnum & Bailey.

He got it from abroad—who left it back-tage. It's a far cry from the "Nickelodeon," which came out of a remodeled store to house the first moving pictures, to the finest motion picture theatres of today, but Mr. Crane made that step in

He came to Detroit on a day coach one night in 1904, on what an itenerant draftsman would call a vacation. He worked for Albert Kahn for two months and was fired. Next day he went with Smith Hinchman and Grylls and, as he says, talked himself into chief draftsmanship. They thought he was 27 but, I guess it's all right to tell Max Grylls now, he was only 19 years old.

Shortly afterwards Mr. Crane and a friend from Pittsburgh took the night boat to Cleveland. the boat they met Mr. Kahn, who asked the visitor

how he liked our city.

"I think it all very wonderful," he replied," but you have the greatest bunch of braggarts I have ever met. Take Mr. Crane, for instance. He only deals in superlatives—you have the greatest industrial plants, the finest skyscrapers, the largest and best of counthing. We in Pittsburgh are and best of everything. We in Pittsburgh are a little more modest."

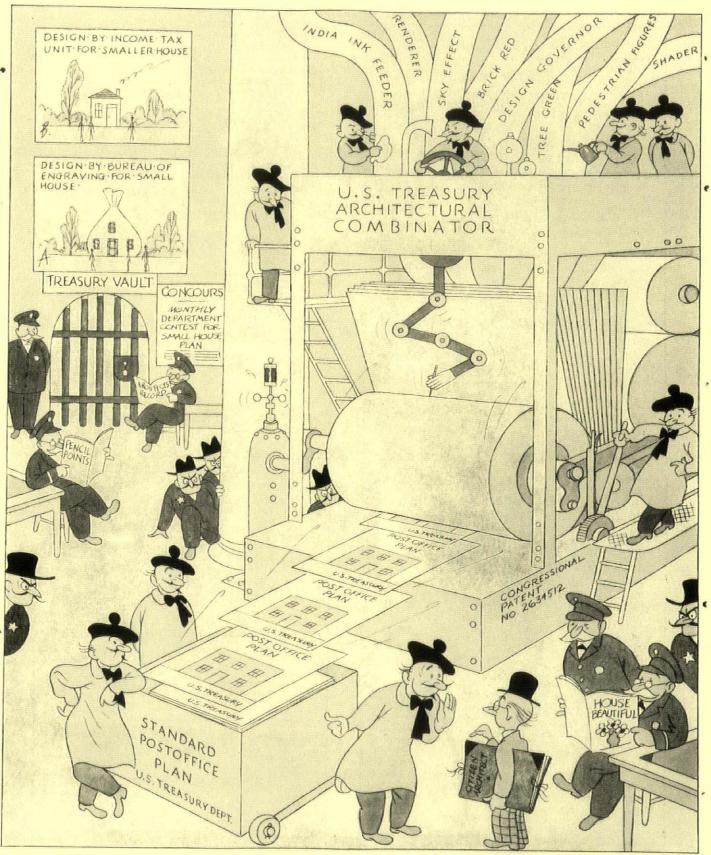
Turning to A. K. Mr. Crane said, "we not only have all of those things but we have the greatest architect, and that's Mr. Kahn. He's the only man who ever fired me."

Mr. Kahn retorted, "Well why tell him how great I am in one breath, and what a darn fool I am in the other?

Mr. Crane's next position was with Gustav Mueller, where his experience was largely on breweries. He then enterd businss in Windsor as Watt and Crane. This connection prospered and he soon came back to Detroit for bigger things. With the advent of the moving picture he became stage struck and today his theatres line the white ways of this nation and others. When bigger and better theatres are built Crane will build them.

He is blessed with good looks, good health, a genial disposition and a love for his art that today stand him in good stead. His indomitable spirit for doing big things is not downed, even in these times. He is now interesting himself in tremendous developments that are bound to come.

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Our Inquiring Taxpayer No. 2. He learns there are in the Treasury Department architects—not to speak of the hundreds of architectural engineers—draftsmen, clerks and accountants. He thought of Alexander Hamilton's business as made up of vaults and kegs of gold, stacks of bonds and adding machines. The figure in the lower right foreground, in the venerable derby and plaid trousers, is an architect taxpayer himself, who innocently submits a plan for his home-town Federal building. His impression of his reception has been graphically caught by our artist.

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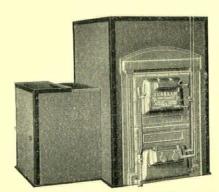
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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE M. S. A.

PREPARED BY LANCELOT SUKERT, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY'S NATIONAL UNIFICATION COMMITTEE

#### Editor's Note

An amendment, completely revising the by-laws of the M. S. A. will be offered for the consideration of the membership at the coming convention, to be held in Detroit, February 24th, 1933. Members are urged to read the accompanying article and proposed changes in order to facilitate discussion and voting upon their adoption.

The committee on By-laws, backed by the directors, has not only rearranged and codified much of the machinery set up in the original and oft amended by-laws, but has also incorporated all of the necessary features which are required if the M. S. A. wishes to become a "state association member" of the A. I. A. and intends to carry out its part in the scheme to accomplish national unification of the architectural profession.

Although much has already been said about unification, the members of the M. S. A. are due some further explanation in order to thoroughly understand the proposed changes in the by-laws.

Briefly, the scheme, as worked out by a committee consisting of representatives of seven existing state organizations and five representatives of the A. I. A., provides that the Institute shall remain as the central national organization and shall act as the national spokesman for the profession.

The Institute was founded on a selective basis. Hence its membership is comparatively small. could not well change that basis without sacrificing much that it has struggled through many years to establish. It exists as a strong national organization of the highest standing. It upholds the loftiest principles. It has carried on a national struggle for the good of the profession at large. Its membership of some 3,000, while representing about 30 percent of all practicing architects, has financed, fought for and won practically every inch of forward progress that has been gained by the architectural profession as a whole.

The Institute's struggle against bureaucracy in Washington has made obvious the need for a strongly united profession. Every architect and every draftsman and architectural employee in the United States should, in some way, belong to a great central organization. The unification plan is designed to bring about national unity.

The change in the By-laws of the M. S. A. is one of the active measures being taken to accomplish this very thing. The unification plan provides that the Institute shall proceed to assist in the formation of state societies where none now exist. New and existing state societies may affiliate with the Institute or may become "state association members," with the right to a voting delegation at Institute conventions. The By-laws of each state organization which becomes a "state association member" of the Institute must provide that every bona fide architect in the state shall be eligible for membership, and draftsmen's organizations must be eligible to some sort of membership. Broadly speaking, it is the intention to, in some way, tie every architect and draftsman in the United States into the Institute through the medium of the state associations.

Since they consider the loose affiliation with the Institute, voidable at choice of either party, as a shabby compromise amounting to a badge of indecision, the directors of the M. S. A. have decided that our state organization should either whole-heartedly support the unification plan, or definitely postpone action until such time as the members are ready to support it unanimously. The directors believe that the national unity of the profession is

worth almost any sacrifice, however great. They want none of the trial marriage scheme of loose affiliation. They can see no advantage in becoming affiliated without having a voice in national affairs. They refuse to put the M. S. A. in the position of saying to the Institute; "We are now affiliated with you, but if you don't play our way we'll quit." Certainly such an arrangement does not help to accomplish national unification.

The major requirements for the M. S. A.'s becoming a full fledged "state association member" of the Institute are that the purpose of our organization, as expressed in its constitution or articles of association, shall be parallel to those of the Institute, (and ours needs no change) and that the by-laws shall provide that every architect registered in the state shall be eligible for some sort of memin the state shall be eligible for some sort of membership, and further, that means shall be provided to bring the draftsmen in some sort of affiliation with the Institute, through the state association. The actual text is too long for inclusion here.

A study of the proposed amendment to the bylaws, printed herewith, will show that all of these requirements have been met with.

requirements have been met with.

The high points in the proposed amendment are somewhat unusual. Every architect registered in Michigan will immediately, upon the adoption of the amendment, become a member of the M. S. A., with the right to vote for officers and directors, by mailed ballot, and to vote at all meetings and on all subjects except the selection of delegates to the A. I. A. convention and the disbursement of the funds of the Society. There are certain other obviously necessary, but self-evident, minor restrictions.

Each architect, registered in Michigan, who pays the full amount of the annual "subscription," at once becomes an "active" member, with the right to hold office or to become a delegate to Institute conventions and to vote on national architectural affairs.

There are no other membership qualifications than registration. Those who do not pay the annual subscription are called "associate" members. They may donate whatever they please to help the Society finance its work for the profession. Those who pay the annual subscription become "active" members. Ateliers, architectural clubs and other organizations of draftsmen, to which are eligible any and all draftsmen, may become members, as

an organization.

If the M. S. A. finally becomes a "state associa-tion member" of the Institute, it will help to bear its share of the Institute expenses by paying to the Institute, \$1.50 for each of its "active" members except those who are already members of the Institute and have paid their national dues of \$25.00 to the Institute.

Since the Society is relieved of paying the fee of \$1.50 on those of its members who are also Institute members, the amendment to the by-laws provides that these members shall pay that much less as their subscription fee to the Society.

The amount of the annual subscription to be paid by active members, is left to each board of directors. Obviously, if the Society is to have any active members at all, the subscription must be kept down to the absolute minimum. It also appears obvious that the present board, or the newly elected board, will have to look toward the cancellation of all back dues so that the new amendment provisions can be started with a clean slate. If the amendment is not adopted no such cancellation will be necessary.

The proposed all-inclusive membership plan has been in vogue in California for some four or five years, and has met with such success that it was adopted as a part of the national unification program. As soon as the Institute accepted the amendments to its own by-laws, putting the unification scheme in force, the State Association of California Architects immediately adopted the few changes in its own by-laws necessary to make them con-form to Institute requirements for "state associa-tion members." The California group is the first to request this type of membership in the Institute, just as their past President, Robert H. Orr, was the first to promote the idea of unification. Because the Institute Board of Directors has not yet met to act upon it, the California application has not yet been accepted.

We in Michigan believe that California, having promoted the idea and worked so hard for its accomplishment, should be the first to be accepted by the Institute as a "state association member." We will be the first to offer our heartiest congratulations! We also believe that Michigan should be a close second. It may be that other state societies have already made application, but we believe not. Michigan's representative was one of the most energetic workers on the national committee which proposed the unification idea and the method for its accomplishment. Michigan has vigorously supported unification. We cannot now renig.

If Michigan is to do its share in the accomplishment of a nationally united profession the new amendment to the by-laws of the M. S. A. must be accepted. Immediately following their acceptance we must make application to the Institute for state association membership. We step aside for California, but let's be a close second!

The text of the amendment proposed by the Committee on By-laws, follows:

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws of The Michigan Society of Architects

(Proposed to become effective March 1, 1933)

#### ARTICLE I. Membership.

Section 1. Membership shall be divided into two classes, namely: Active and Associate.

Section 2. Every architect registered in the State of Michigan who has paid to the Society the an-

nual subscription for the current year shall be an active member for that year; and, for the purpose of affiliation with or membership of the Society in The American Institute of Architects, active members are designated as "voting" members.

Section 3. All architects registered in the State of Michigan, who are not active members, shall be

associate members.

Section 4. Members of both classes shall have the privilege of attending and addressing all meetings, and voting thereat, except that only active members may:

(a) vote on matters pertaining to the funds of the Society,

(b) be elected to hold office, (c) be appointed to the chairmanship of any standing or special committees,

(d) become voting or non-voting delegates of the Society to meetings of the American Institute of Architects,

(e) become participants in national affairs as between the Society and the Institute, or voters on such issues, or on the selection of delegates to Institute meetings.

Section 5. Affiliation with the Society shall be by organizations, (hereinafter referred to as Architectural Clubs) in the membership of which the majority are employed or seek to be employed as draftsmen or architectural employees in architects' offices. Upon being granted affiliation with the Society by its Board of Directors, (hereinafter referred to as the Board) an architectural club shall pay to the Society the annual subscription of one member. The architectural club so affiliated shall be entitled, as an organization, to all the rights and privileges of an active member of the Society except that of holding office or committee appointment; and, in the matter of voting, the architectural club shall vote by proxy, cast by a member of the club who is also an active member of the Society. The constitution and by-laws of the architectural club so privileged must provide that every architectural draftsman or architectural employee, either employed or seeking to be employed as such, shall be eligible for membership in or affiliation with the architectural club, and the club shall endeavor to have every such draftsman or employee become a member or, in some manner, become affiliated with it.

Section 6. All who have been elected to Honorary membership in the Society prior to the date of adoption of these by-laws shall remain as such for life, but there shall be no honorary membership

class after such adoption.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### Meetings.

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month unless designated otherwise by the Board.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting, for the election of officers, the transaction of business, the hearing of reports of committees and officers and the presentation of subjects of interest to the profession shall be held during the month of February of each year, at a time and place designated at least three months in advance by the Board. Official notice of the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and an outline program of same shall be given to the membership by the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings must be called by the President upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least 20 active members. In emergencies the President may call special meet-

ings without such vote or request.

Section 4. The number of members or proxies thereof required to constitute a quorum at any

meeting of the Society shall be set by a majority vote of the Board at a Board meeting held prior to such meeting of the Society.

Section 5. The Board shall hold monthly meetings for the purpose of transacting the current

business of the Society.

Section 6. Special meetings of the Board must be called by the President upon a majority vote of the Board or may be called by the President, without such vote, when emergency requires.

Section 7. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at least three days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society for the purpose of drawing up any special resolutions which the Board may wish to present for the approval of the membership, and to make final arrangements for the program of the annual meeting. At this time the Board shall appoint a committee of three active members, to be known as the Election Committee, to whom shall be entrusted all of the details of the election, and to the chairman of which the Secretary shall turn over all ballots, sealed, received by him, as hereinafter provided.

Section 8. Four members shall constitute a quorum of the Board at all meetings held for the transaction of the business of the Society.

Section 9. The parliamentary usage governing the conduct of all meetings shall be as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised", when not inconsistent with these by-laws.

#### ARTICLE III.

Subscriptions, Assessments, Dues and Fees.

Section 1. There shall be no entrance fee on

joining the Society.

Section 2. The Board shall set the amount of the Annual Subscription to be paid to the Society by all architects registered in the State of Michigan. Section 3. If and when the Society becomes af-

filiated with or becomes a state association member of the American Institute of Architects, and pays dues to the Institute on the basis of its "voting" members, as hereinabove defined, and, as the Society will not be required to pay such dues on its members who are also members of the Institute and in good standing therein, such members shall be permitted to deduct the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) from the amount of their subscription to the Society for the approximately current year; or, having paid the full amount of their subscription to the Society, they may, upon payment of their dues to the Institute for the approximately current year, and upon presentation of their receipt therefore to the Society, request a refund of one dollar and fifty cents, (\$1.50), from the Society, to be applied on account of their further subscription thereto.

Section 4. The Society may receive gifts from associate members to be applied to the general fund or to any special fund or funds as the donor may designate, but should any such gift be equal or more in amount than the amount of the annual subscription for the current year, then the donor shall be immediately enrolled as an active member, and the amount of the annual subscription credited to his account and entered in the general fund, unless specifically required otherwise in writing by the donor, and the remaining balance, if any, applied to the general fund or whatever fund the

donor may have designated.

Section 5. Except for the annual subscription, the Board may not levy any special assessments

upon either class of membership.

Section 6. All monies of whatever nature, except funds payable to the fund set up for the operation and business of the Official Handbook of the Michigan Society of Architects, (hereinafter referred to as the Handbook), shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the Treasurer of the Society; and all funds pertaining to the operation and business of the Handbook shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the Executive Secretary of the Society, both as hereinafter pro-

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### Officers and Directors.

All officers and directors of the Society shall be elected by secret ballot as hereinafter provided. The Officers shall consist of a President, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Executive Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall, with the exception of the Executive Secretary, be ex-officio Directors of the Society, and, together with eight Directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Officers and Directors shall be elected at a constitute of the Society of the Society.

elected at each annual meeting of the Society, as hereinafter provided, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and shall

have qualified.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary shall be elected as provided for the election of other officers of the Society, but need not be an architect.

Section 4. In the event that any of the officers or directors elected shall have failed to qualify, the officer or director, as the case may be, pre-viously elected to the office in question, shall continue in that office, unless he has ceased to be an active member.

Section 5. Should any vacancy occur in the offices of the President or any of the Vice-Presidents, the officer next in rank shall advance to the next higher rank to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus created and the Board shall elect a Third Vice-President from among the active members of the Society.

Section 6. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any of the other officers or directors, the Board

shall elect an active member to fill such office.

Section 7. Should any officer or director cease to be a member his office shall thereby become vacant and shall be filled as hereinabove provided.

Section 8. The Society shall have the power to declare vacant the offices of any or all of the officers and directors by a vote of three-fourths of the number of active members present at a special meeting of the Society called for the purpose of considering such action, voting thereon and filling any vacancy so created. At such a meeting the procedure hereinabove outlined for the filling of vacancies shall be superseded by an emergency election by secret ballot, requiring the vote of three-quarters of the number of members present to elect any candidate to fill any vacancy.

Section 9. Should any officer totally neglect the duties of his office to such an extent that, in the opinion of a majority of the Board his neglect is detrimental to the business of the Society, or should any officer or director conduct himself in a manner inimicable to the purpose and policies of the Society, or should any officer or director show, by extended continued absence from meetings of the Society and of the Board without reasonable excuse or reason, or without having been granted leave after having made written request for same to the Board, the Board may, at its own discretion, de-clare such officer's or Director's office vacant, upon which the said officer or director shall be notified of such action, and the vacancy filled at the next meeting of the Board as provided in Section 6 above.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### Duties of Officers.

Section 1. President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the

Society and of the Board, to appoint all committees and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. He shall, together with the Secretary, sign all contracts and legal docu-ments for and in the name of the Society, but only when so authorized by the Board. He shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. He shall be the spokesman for the Society in matters of public import unless he shall have delegated such duty to another officer or director of the Society

Section 2. Vice-Presidents - In the absence of the President the First Vice-President, or, in the absence of both, the Second Vice-President, or, in th absence of the President and both the First and Second Vice-Presidents, the Third Vice-President shall exercise all of the duties and powers of the President; and in the absence of the President and all Vice-Presidents, the Board shall elect from among its remaining members a presiding officer

pro-tempore.

Section 3. The Secretary shall take charge of and be responsible for all of the clerical work per-taining to the business of the Society except that pertaining to the publication of the Handbook. He shall

(a) together with the President, and when so authorized by the Board, sign all contracts and legal documents for and in the name of the Society;

(b) keep a record of all meetings of the Society

and of the Board;

(c) make and maintain a complete record of all members;
(d) issue notices of all authorized meetings of

the Society to all members; (e) issue notices of all authorized meetings of

the Board to all officers and directors; (f) have direct supervision over the work of the Executive Secretary;

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(i) cause to be exhibited any and all data, records, correspondence, documents, membership roll and any other information in his care or possession, whenever so re-

quired by the President or the Board. His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the Board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incidental to the work of his office in an amount approved by the Board.

Section 4. Executive Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Evecutive Secretary to do all of the clerical work in connection with the preparation, rurchase and sale of printed matter and publications, and such other work as the Society or Board may require. He shall be ex-officio a member of the entertainment committee and as such shall work under the direction and on the advice of the Board, to whom he shall report regularly. His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the Board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incurred incidental to the work of his office in an amount approved by the Board. He shall receive and care for funds pertaining to the operation and business of the Handbook, but shall disburse same

only with the authority and approval of the Board.
Section 5. Treasurer: It shall be the duty of
the treasurer to make and forward all invoices, receive all monies (except for the Handbook) and to deposit the same in the name of the Society, in a bank approved by the Board. He shall:

(a) keep regular and systematic books of ac-

count:

(b) exhibit these books and any and all papers and vouchers when so required by the President or the Board;

(c) submit a written statement of receipts and disbursements to the Board at each regular meeting and to the Society at its annual meeting;

(d) pay such bills as are presented to him

upon the authority of the Board only.

(e) sign all checks for the Society, but in his absence or incapacity they shall be signed by the President or the Secretary.

His salary or compensation shall be fixed by the Board and he shall be reimbursed for the expenses incidental to the work of his office in an amount approved by the Board.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### Duties of Directors.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each of the directors to carry out the object and purposes of the Society, and to that end the Board of Directors shall exercise all of the powers of the Society, subject to its by-laws and to such action as the Society may take at its regular or special meetings. Section 2. The Board shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the Society and shall have general charge on the shall arrest a result of the Society and shall have general charge.

and shall cause a yearly audit of its books, reporting such audit to the Society at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The Board shall have the power to employ attorneys, publicists and investigators to render them assistance in their work or in that of the State Board of Examiners of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Board to consider cases of dishonest practice, fraud or misrepresentation in the obtaining of the State certificate of Registration, malfeasance or gross in-compentency on the part of any architect registered in the State of Michigan, or cases of violation of the State law providing for the registration of architects, and to report its findings, with recommendations, to the aforesaid State Board of Examiners.

Section 5. The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in its membership as

hereinabove provided.

Section 6. The Board shall govern the expenditure of all funds of whatever nature. No officer, director, committee or committee member may incur any financial obligation for the Society withcur any financial obligation for the Society with-out first having obtained the approval of the Board, and its authority to act for the Society. Section 7. All discussions of the Board and the individual actions of its members relative to any business of the Board shall be held strictly con-

fidential.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### Elections.

Section 1. Officers and directors shall be elected by secret ballot as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. The officers and directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, as hereinafter provided, and shall hold office until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. The election shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast for each of the respect-

ive candidates.

Section 4. Nominations — At the last regular meeting preceding the annual meeting the members present shall elect a nominating committee of three active members, and the President shall appoint a separate nominating committee of three active members. Acting independently of one another, these two committees shall each prepare separate lists of nominees for each of the offices of the elective officers and eight directors. The members' committee shall recognize and place in nomination any candidate who is an active member, for any office, upon a petition signed by five mem-bers, provided such petition is delivered to the chairman of the members' committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Both nominating committees shall report to the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

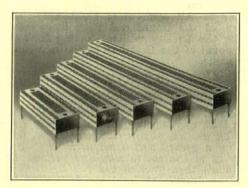
Section 5. The Secretary shall mail to each active member, at least five days prior to the date of the annual meeting, a printed ballot containing the nominations for the various offices, arranged in alphabetical order and as they are mentioned in Article IV, Section 1 of these by-laws. He shall problem with each helpt a slain problem. enclose with each ballot a plain envelope for sealing same and a printed reply envelope addressed to the Secretary and marked on the outside: "Secret Ballot of" and bearing the member's name. Members shall vote by marking the ballot, sealing the same in plain envelope, inserting the latter in addressed return envelope. addressed return envelope and sending the same to the Secretary so that he will receive the same before 9 o'clock A. M. on the date of the annual

meeting.

Section 6. An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Board at its annual meeting held three days or more prior to the annual meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall turn over to it all of the letter ballots received by him, with seals all of the letter ballots received by him, with seals unbroken, together with a complete roll of the members. The tellers shall check the names on the ballot envelopes against the roll, throwing out the ballots of any voters not on the list, after which the seal shall be broken and the votes counted. The tellers shall report the result in writing to the officer presiding at the business session of the annual meeting.

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#### ARTICLE VIII. Committees.

Section 1. The President shall appoint all committees authorized by the Society or the Board.

Section 2. Special committees may be authorized by the Society or the Board at any regular or special meeting.

Section 3. All committees shall act under the direction of the Board and shall incur no obligations for the Society without having first obtained the approval of the Board as to the maximum limit of the same.

#### ARTICLE IX. Amendments.

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed at any meeting of the Society or of the Board, by motion of any active member, duly supported by a second active member. If approved by a majority of the active members present, the Secretary shall then publish the full text of the proposed amendments at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the same are to be voted upon.

Section 2. Amendments so proposed shall require for their ratification the vote of two-thirds of the members present at the regular or special meeting of the Society immediately following publication.

Section 3. Amendments shall go into effect immediately upon their ratification.

#### ARTICLE X. Publications.

Section 1. The Board may, at its discretion, adopt means to create, finance, publish and distribute circulars of information, legal forms for the use of the profession, periodicals and a book

containing data of informative value to architects.

Section 2. For the financing of a periodical, the
Board shall direct that a portion of the amount of the annual subscription paid to the Society by active members be set aside for such purpose.

Section 3. The name of the book containing data

of informative value to architects shall be "Official Handbook of the Michigan Society of Architects.'

Section 4. The publication of the Handbook shall be under the direction of the Executive Secretary, and a committee or committees appointed by the

President for that purpose.
Section 5. The Board may contract for the Society with an individual or firm, not necessarily an architect, to discharge the business matters pertaining to the publication of the handbook, at whatever arrangement for compensation it may

determine as reasonable, just and expedient.

Section 6. The Board, through its appointed committees, shall have the power and it shall be its duty to control the text matter, advertising matter and all matters of finance in connection with the Handbook and any other publication authorized by these by-laws.

Section 7. Separate accounts shall be kept for each individual publication. The Board shall have access to the same at its pleasure. An annual audit of the books of each publication may be required by the Board, the cost of the same being charged against the account of the individual publication.

Section 8. The Board may contract for the Society with an individual or firm, not necessarily an architect, for the sale or publication rights of building information held by its members and may, through its appointed committee or committees, arrange for the manner of publication and distribution of the same.

Section 9. The member, firm, individual or committee in charge of any of the aforesaid circulars, forms, periodicals and the Handbook, shall submit to the Board a complete statement of financial conditions at the Board's request, and must submit such a report, properly audited, at the Annual Meeting.

Section 10. For the purpose of making complete financial report at the Annual Meeting, the fiscal year of the business of any of the aforesaid pub-lications shall correspond to the fiscal year of the Society, beginning and closing on the first day of February of each year.

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#### INTERVIEWING THE CANDIDATES

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Of course, the fact that every good project can not be consummated today is no fault of his, but when things begin to break Howard Crane will be

#### William D. Cuthbert, Ann Arbor

(For Director)

The D. in Cuthbert's name is for Duncan, but it doesn't matter, for those who know him 15 or 20 minutes call him Bill anyway.

Hackley Manual Training School, Muskegon,

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Albert Kahn, Draftsman Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, Draftsman

Signal Corps, U. S. A.
University of Michigan, Student and Assistant.
Practicing? Architect, Ann Arbor.
All of which, Bill says, "Looks very silly on paper, especially in these times when our own insignificance is paintally energet." significance is painfully apparent."

#### H. J. Maxwell Grylls, Detroit

(For Director)

Whose firm has 90 hundred clients, and all delighted. Enjoys Europe and knows personally Captain Rene Pugnet of the S. S. Paris. Likes Marie Dressler and on a recent crossing met her in Rome. They took a walk and presently came upon some gates in the baths of Caracalla. They were locked, whereupon the influence of Mr. Grylls as an architect reacted to open them, and the two wandered through ancient hanging gardens and amid Roman

through ancient hanging gardens and amid Roman ruins until they were tired.

As they were leaving Miss Dressler said to an attendant, "Why do they try to keep people out of that nice, restful spot?"

"Because," was the respectful answer, "we are

expecting them to cave in at any moment."

Mr. Grylls is our committee of one to welcome distinguished visiting architects, because he numbers them all among his very close friends, because he is a very gracious person, a good talker, a better listener and a valued friend, whose genial disposition has made our lives happier.

With this he is very democratic, and has this year met many times with the contractors as our representative on the Architects'-Contractors' Committee. Meetings were held at a hotel where all languages are spoken—a universal joint, hence the Joint Committee. Their chief concern was for the poor shop girls, in whose defense they devised an instrument admonishing us to do our shopping

It was called The Detroit Bidding Plan, or a little ditty entitled "Sauce for the Goose." It is said that they also put on other good numbers but there were no newspaper men in the room.

#### Alvin E. Harley, Detroit

(For Director)

Mr. Harley is the dancing partner of Harley & Ellington, a charming combination (oh does it

show?)

The Society's wealthiest prognosticator, boulevardier and famous week-ender. Born with a silver spoon in his mouth and ended up with a gold plate. Has a town house, country house and pent house. Some of his hot shots follow:

"What Frank Wright says in his sleep is no-body's business."

"Mr. Rear Axle, our artistic sandwich chiseler, should have been nominated for treasurer. He has that friendly touch, if I know what I mean," said Mr. Harley, as he pushed the button and ordered two more of the same thing.

#### Talmage C. Hughes, Detroit

(For Executive Secretary)

"Forty steps from Grand Circus Park." To that phrase the great architect attributed his outstand-

ing success, when interviewed by the writer.
"But along came Hard Crane and adapted the slogan, 'Thirty steps from Grand Circus Park'—of all things—you know the rest," said Mr. Hughes, as he trimmed the fringe from his cuffs.

The expert on newspaper pirating admitted that he employed ghost writers, but to the quesetion, "Whom do you employ as ghost architect?" he was eloquently silent.

#### Walter E. Lentz, Detroit

(For Director)

Should be a candidate for "Register of Deeds" because when given a job for the Society he gave a good account of himself. Enjoys a bit of farming up at Algonac, where his summer neighbors, Al Harley, George Jerome and Gar Wood call him Sir Walter (not Raleigh?)

He is most loyal to the Society and to our University of Michigan. Generally has a building or two going up at Eloise, where he has provided a special wing for architects. His viewpoint is always fresh, perhaps because its wrapped in CELLophane.

#### Emil Lorch, Ann Arbor

(For Director)

Don't look now, but do you see that distinguished looking gentleman over there? That's Professor Lorch, Director of the College of Architecture, University of Michigan, and he's just as distinguished as he looks.

#### John MacKenzie, Flint

(For Director)

Mr. MacKenzie is of Highland Scotch decent, and can trace his ancestry away back. One of them was a banker. They traced him as far as China.

"After that," says John, "we gave up the chase for fear of uncovering sheep stealing or moon

shining."

MacKenzie is 51 years old, getting bald, is addicted to glasses (Scotch style) part time, and will take any given amount—came to America 27 years ago, has been in the noble profession 35 years, in Flint since 1919, where he has done considerable work. He will not make a free sketch (George Haas, please note), and has never stolen from or for an owner.

Has always been able to meet his obligations until the past year; he also knows Frank Wright-neither of which should be held against him.

Outside of the above he is seemingly normal, except that he says he enjoys reading the Bulletin. This may give you a better slant on his type of mind than all of the biographies.

#### Frederick D. Madison, Royal Oak

(For Director)

The Noble Warrior.

Saws wood and generally has a job. Uses what is called a Culbertson approach. Make him a director and find out how he does it.

A well educated architect. Has as many degrees as a thermostat. Sings well, on occasions, and likes his notes high—50's and 100's.

#### William George Malcomson, Detroit

(For Director)

We wager that he will get more votes than any

other candidate.

In W. G. we have the greatest interest, almost a fatherly interest, because when he is asked to take the presidency for something he doesn't shirk but is really in earnest when he says, "Oh, I'm not ready for that yet, maybe later."

The only explanation is, he is young yet-79 on

April 7, 1932.

As President of the Detroit Building Congress he has just relinquished the reins to Frank Austin. His only remaining duty is to preside at a ceremony in which J. Lee Baker will present a bust of Willis H. Hall to Harry Menard, Mayor of small time square. The bust was chiseled out of asbestos from the Johns-Manville Co. It will undoubtedly be a complete bust.

#### Richard H. Marr, Detroit

(For 1st Vice President)

Mr. Marr's work on our Foreign Relations Committee has made him a favorite on the radio.

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience. This is Graham cracking of the International Station, alias 'The Voice of the Windsor Tunnel.'"

#### Andrew R. Morison, Detroit

(For Treasurer)

Who, next to John Stahl, can be tipped over in his car without serious results more times per day than any other man. Had a traffic accident out in Bloomfield Hills recently and knowing Gus (or should I say His Honor) O'Dell to be a judge, made his way to the house and rang the bell. Gus was laid up, not from a hangover, but anyway he didn't want to see anyone. When the butler announced there was a man downstairs with a mustache the judge said, "Oh, tell him I have a mustache."

Andy is a candidate for treasurer for the fifth consecutive time. After his first term there has been no opposition. He is versed in slight of hand

at balancing budgets, picking locks, etc., but there is one lock he can't pick—off the top of his head.

In the fifth year he has what he calls the Five Year Plan, that of wiping out all back dues. Now, will you vote for him?

#### H. Augustus O'Dell, Detroit

(For President)

It is late in the day to review Mr. O'Dell's public career; it was scrutinized minutely a year ago, and the year before that. It is a good one, and an interesting one, since it is bound up with that kind of progressive social leadership which is the most heartening aspect of our organized efforts.

He has, however, added to his talents during the past year, having been elected Judge of Bloomfield Hills; and appointed by Governor Brucker to the Michigan State Board of Examiners for Registration of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors.

He had sought to retire from the presidency and succeeded in so convincing the two nominating

committees.

I thought to do him a favor and wrote for him

a farewell address. It went like this:

"Friends and fellow citizens, the period for a new election of a citizen, to administer the executive government of our Society being not far dis-

tant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed, to decline being considered among the number of those out of whom a choice is to be made.

And so, on and on, but the rest of it doesn't matter. Gus sent it back with the notation,

"Thanks, I've read the original."

However, Gus was drafted by a third party, so I will hold it for another year and submit it to him

Several members had already planned to give him presents including a pair of flour bag pyjamas, a coyote and two timber wolves. I myself had intended to give him the sleeves out of my vest and

a bundle of apartment house bonds.
Gus is the only architect who ever made money uses that expression he originated, "Perfectly dam splendid."

We would like to reproduce Dr. Rosinger's picture of him from the News but it won't go on our

#### George R. Page, East Lansing

(For Director)

George was "bawn and raised" in the Piedmont District of North Carolina, the land of all-weather Democrats. Since migrating to Michigan has learned to speak their language and understands the State Police.

Says when a Northerner pulls a gun on him in plain view he has nothing to fear, but, "when he reaches for a fountain pen, look out!"

#### Lewis J. Sarvis, Battle Creek

(For 3rd Vice President)

The Sage of Battle Creek, which makes for good

The type who, when confined to a hospital, is surrounded by a strong supporting cast, and they issue Weekly Bulletins (just what the doctor ordered) about his condition.

#### John C. Stahl, Detroit

(For Director)

"Old Faithful."

Always a worker for the Society, but now and then he has a conflict, as when he was recently put on a nominating committee and they had to take his deposition.

John deposes and says:

That he is a past president of the Society and a close observer of conditions, that things have not been so bad the past year, that W. G. Malcomson had a golden anniversary, Fred Smith a birthday, and that we often encounter John Donaldson strolling through the park.

Further, this deponent sayeth not. My commission expires (what a pity).

#### Christian Steketee, Grand Rapids

(For 2nd Vice President)

According to Harper's, page 642, thirty per cent of them (vice presidents) are unnecessary and should be done away with-painlessly if possible.

You mentioned my career. When is it going to happen? So far all I have experienced were consequences instead of results.

Had I ever possessed wisdom teeth it might have been different. Thus, it was decided to make an architect out of me, and forty years ago the process started.

Our text books being mostly in modern languages, the architectural student had to add two or three languages to his high school course. Next came the academy of arts, a four year course and then one was placed in an architect's office as paying apprentice for a period of three years.

Those who had made enough progress might continue hence forward, travel in foreign countries, enabling himself to gain fame and master's wages, returning in due time to raise a family and receive

due honors worthy the profession.

Alas, romance and destiny interferred in my case and, after much sailing and soldiering, I returned to my first love and courted dame Architecture more than ever. She made me undergo hard tests at her Ann Arbor residence, because she wouldn't stand for any more flirting, but finally admitted me to the number of her admirers.

And that is all, except that I have never yet de-

signed anything over eight stories high, or costing

more than one quarter of a million dollars. You see, there are no results yet, only consequences.

Lately I am apt to believe that my love was misplaced. Dame Architecture is fickle, being still free, white and more than 21. Also, being in possession of a lieutenant's picture, the call for joining the Foreign Legion at Marokko is getting stronger and stronger.

#### Lancelot Sukert, Detroit

(For 2nd Vice President)

Past President, three terms. With respect to Sukert we have long ago exhausted all our superlatives, so the only thing left is to say that he is a very virile person. He can write the wonderfulest pieces, just accidentally, for instance, the Proposed New By-Laws entitled, "California, Here I Come!"

He is a man of few words, and when asked for a report simply wrote, "There is nothing to report," and under a P. S. went on with the by-laws which and under a r. S. went on with the by-laws which appear in this issue. Being of a retiring nature it was difficult to get anything on him, until we stumbled on the following in The Detroit Free

Press, at least it was something like the following:

Lancelot Sukert, who derives his name from a
word used by the Greeks, is Lancelot the Fourth
Dimension. The blood flows through 18 kinks in his veins, so his competitors claim, and a cousin of his is now keeper of a light house in Trafalgar Square. He calls his wife "Peg." What she calls him has What she calls him has

not been disclosed.

Perhaps his very close veins accounts for his taking up architecture and other peculiarities which he refers to as music, art, poetry, etc. It is said that when company stays too long Peg says. "Play for them, Lance." He has attended most all of our institutions of learning and was never higher than the state of the same and the s kicked out of one-he always beat them to it.

His liking for church work may be traced to an early period when his parents thought he was going to be a minister, because he was always using ecclesiastical terms. However, they discovered the terms were being used in a very unecclesiastical

The World War found him in a New York architect's office (behind the filing cabinets) and for two years he went over seas in an airplane to add

to the hangers-on.

He has authored numerous articles for publications, some of which have been accepted. He aspires to be an advertising man, and spoke on that subject at a recent convention, winning great popu-larity, particularly with the Publicity Committee. It is said that their ardor for him was of such a nature that they firmly believed he should be made a fourth member of the Trinity.

#### Frank H. Wright, Detroit

(For Secretary)

Last, but not least. Frank H., of the Riparian Wrights, so highly spoken of by Bill Palmer.

Frank has become famous for his splendid water colors, and does he like boats? At Lake Orion he has a summer home called "Ben-Venuto." I invite you out to see him sometime. You bring the ducks.

In the basement of this cottage Frank built a boat which he said was for his own amusement and while such a boat will not float, it didn't matter because he couldn't get it out of the basement anyway.

#### Clair W. Ditchy, Detroit

(For Director)

Clair W. Ditchy's piece, "Bally Who's Who," enacted with Wirt Rowland and Frank Eurich at the joint meeting between Architects and the Producers' Council in Detroit, November 10, 1932, was reprinted in the January BUILDING, weekly publication of the Philadelphia Builders' Exchange and Employers' Association.

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Clair was recently installed as chairman of the Associated Technical Societies of Detroit and he may become a director of the Michigan Society of Architects. He has been a regular contributor to our columns and has otherwise distinguished himself. He is a member of the A. I. A. Committee on Wayside Stands, designated by some as the Red Hot Committee. Incidentally he had an architectural job recently which, perhaps, best exemplifies how unique he can be.

#### David H. Williams, Jr., Detroit

(For President)

He hails from northern Minnesota right from the heart of the richest iron mines in the world. His spare time as a boy was spent around the great engineering works about the outer harbor of Duluth where the coal and iron shipping industry carry on. These great ships that come and go made quite an appeal to him. In fact, with the exception of an occasional deer hunt in the Cumberland mountains, sailing became his hobby henceforth. The same enthusiasm that won his northwestern racing laurels while a member of the Duluth Boat Club, we still find ever ready today when there is a race on at the Detroit Yacht Club.

During his High School vacation time he worked in architects' offices where there was no A. K. or a George D. to advise him, but he designed safely. There is on record at least one chimney about 125 feet high whose statusquo he determined in those High School days long before he knew of such a science as graphic statics and the chimney is still standing. He completed his architectural work at Michigan University in 1914. For some time he

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Grand Rapids Kalamazoo Battle Creek Ann Arbor Jackson Flint was designer for George Graves of Detroit and Robinson Campau of Grand Rapids.

When he became associated with George D. Mason's office, his first large job he worked on was the plan for the present Lincoln Motor Company which was then building the famous Liberty engines. When this was completed he enlisted in the Flying Service of the U. S. Army.

After the Armistice he returned to Detroit to become Vice-President of the firm of the George D. Mason Company. Mr. Williams played an important part in the layout of the Masonic Temple and the Central Woodward Christian Church, both of which hold honor awards by the A. I. A. for outstanding work in this locality.

He is a member of the Tau Sigma Delta, the Detroit Yacht Club, the Inter-Collegiate Club and all the Masonic bodies. He has also been quite active recently in the doings of Alpha Rho Chi, Architectural Fraternity. He was a leading influence in the early days in architectural organizations for study and research among students and draftsmen. This was particularly true of the first atelier that later became the thumb tack club. He has been given several committee appointments by the A. I. A. and the M. S. A. from time to time, all of which have been discharged with dispatch and efficiency.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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In our present Corner of the Hubbub, against the theatrical district it is some times necessary to sneak away to some quiet spot to do some heavy writing of light reading matter. On one occasion,

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being shy of paper, we used the back of what we supposed to be a menu. The printer didn't even see the long hand but printed the wine list in the Bulletin.

And so, you see, the Bulletin also has a mad printer. Many of you have been misquoted and your names have been misspelled. These pleasantries on the part of our printer recall that at least one entire article was published that never should have been released. This, of course, was Marvin's fault—and I told Professor Lorch so. Next day Marvin shipped as a mess boy on a tramp steamer bound for Liverpool.

We take this opportunity to thank our advertisers, who have made the Bulletin possible, and to thank all of the architects who have been so loyal in their support. Many of them have been most thoughtful in remembering the Editor's birthday (Nov. 17) and the kind of cigarettes he smokes (Piedmonts) and little things like that.

We dedicate this issue to those contributors who have meant to be funny and were not and those who have not meant to be funny but were. Aside from that we have no bad news to report.

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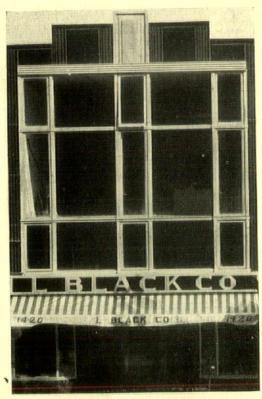
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