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THE ARCHITECTS CIVIC DESIGN GROUP DETROIT METROPOLITAN AREA

The Architects Civic Design Group of the Detroit Metropolitan Area, a group of architects voluntarily preparing studies of some of the general city planning problems of the Detroit area for public educational purposes, held its regular monthly meeting in the Rackham Memorial Building on January 17th.

At this meeting were reviewed and discussed street pattern layouts prepared by Leslie M. Lowry, Robert Kremer, Dirk Van Reyendam, Eberle M. Smith, Louis G. Redstone and Suren Pilafian.

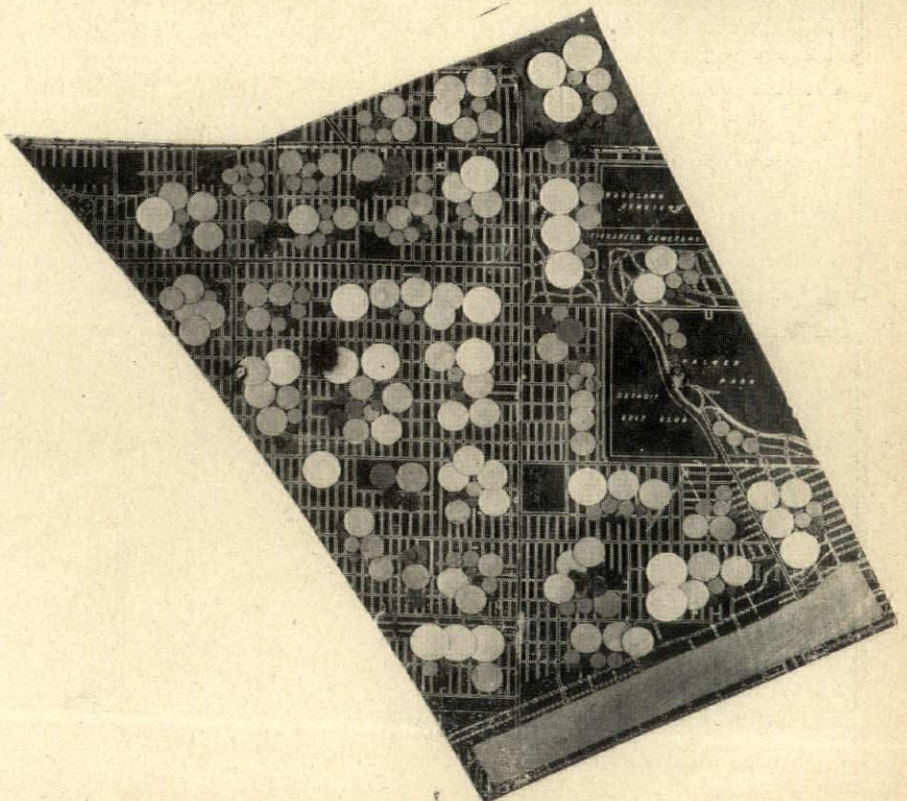
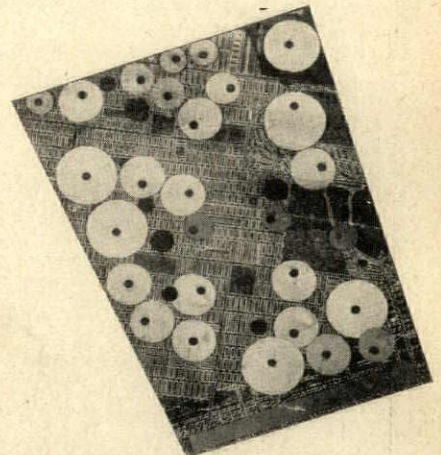
One of the many questions discussed in connection with these studies related to the amount of physical separation by means of so-called "greenbelts" which should be considered appropriate between the various types of sub-communities. Eliel Saarinen, the Group's consultant, expressed the opinion that such separation should be in proportion to the size of the area being separated. Just as an individual house needs a certain amount of "free space" around it, each neighborhood, each junior high school group, each senior high school group and each community needs a proportionate amount of surrounding open areas. This, Mr. Saarinen explained, has been found to be of definite value in practice and is essential for the preservation of the initial advantages of "organic decentralization," on which principle the Group's studies are being based.

Another question raised referred to Detroit's proverbial smoke nuisance. One of the studies presented at the meeting showed a group of several residential neighborhoods surrounded on three sides by proposed industrial developments. One of the members wondered if this would not aggravate the smoke condition and suggested that if the relationship between residential and industrial areas were determined by the prevailing direction of winds, the smoke problem would be eased considerably. Reference was made in particular to Ludwig Hilberseimer's recently published book on city planning in which he stresses the value of designing industrial areas as strips so located that prevailing winds would blow the smoke away from the residential areas. Mr. Saarinen thought that in the case of Detroit it would be of greater advantage to eliminate smoke at its source by mechan-

ical means since then the restrictions on the planner would be reduced considerably. It is one of the basic principles of the Group that, in planning the city's development, provision should be made for the population to live as closely as possible to their places of work and that this can be achieved largely by planning industrial areas pleasantly.

After the discussion of these studies Phil Brezner, one of the members of the Group, gave a brief account of his recent trip to Boston where he took an intensive two weeks course in city planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Brezner mentioned that he was particularly impressed with the varying conceptions of appropriate densities between the planners in the east and those in the middle west. Apparently the eastern

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cities are accustomed to a much more intense use of land.

Branson V. Gamber, chairman of the Group, gave a report on a presentation of the work of the Group that he had made the previous night at Cincinnati at the request of the Cincinnati chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

The Group then viewed a model of Detroit's proposed Cultural Center which Buford L. Pickens, one of its members, had prepared as architectural consultant on the Cultural Center to the Detroit City Plan Commission.

Herewith are reproduced some additional examples of the work of the Group. These supplement the studies published in the October 10, 1944 issue of the WEEKLY BULLETIN.

—SUREN PILAFIAN, A.I.A.

The plans shown here represent studies prepared as part of the Architects Civic Design Group program by Louis G. Redstone, A.I.A. Plans on page one are diagrams at the scales of 2300 and 1000 feet to the inch, respectively, showing symbolically the distribution and relative densities of population proposed for the area. The other plan is a more realistic diagram at the scale of 1000 feet to the inch showing the actual shapes and locations of proposed blocks and streets.

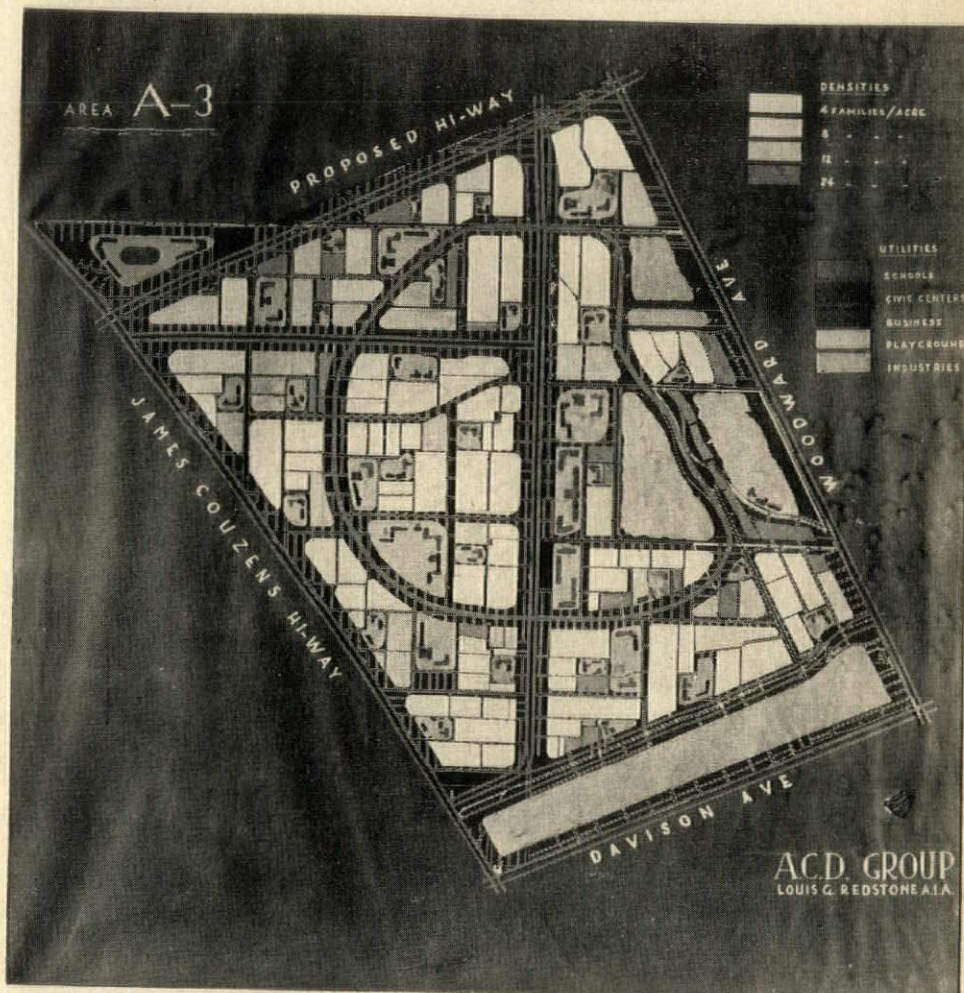
This area covers about 7 square miles and is designed here to accommodate a maximum population of 110,000 divided into three communities each of which would be subdivided into 8, 10 and 11 neighborhoods, respectively. A high school serves each community, an elementary school and nursery serves each neighborhood and five junior high schools serve the entire area.

The northern boundary of this area is formed by a proposed expressway, cutting across eight mile road, parallel to Davison Avenue and leading directly to Mount Clemens. The other boundaries are

formed by existing thoroughfares. The principal north-south street within the area is Livernois Avenue. The continuous, curved "belt" street which connects the three communities with each other and with the existing large "green areas" on the east is proposed to be built by utilizing portions of several existing streets.

The triangular area at the northwest extremity formed by the intersection of three thoroughfares is planned as a setting for a stadium and as a large recreational center.

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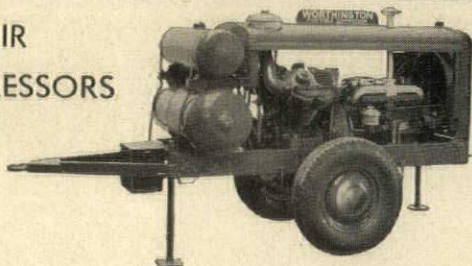
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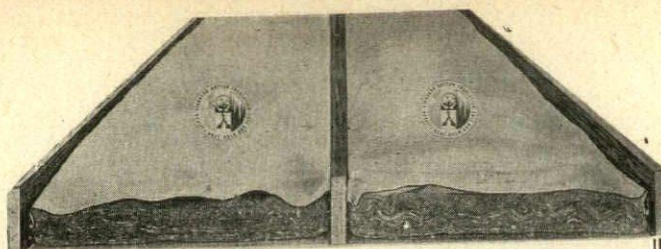
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By N. CHESTER SORENSEN, A.I.A.

THE JANUARY ISSUE of the Planner by the Detroit City Plan Commission, under the subject of "excessive commercial frontage," states that, "An alternative use must be found for the frontage along major thoroughfares." Also, "Commercial centers need deeper frontage for parking space."

The writer submits the following analysis and illustration as a solution for this problem.

In our post-war planning there is general agreement among city planners as to the diagnosis and cure for decaying portions of our cities. The general elements of the plan briefly consist of:

(1) The breaking up of the decaying portions of the city into orderly replanned communities that would be, to a large extent, self-contained, having their own schools, shopping centers, etc.

(2) That these neighborhoods be separated by transportation arteries, express and local; that these arteries be well screened and insulated from adjacent communities, both as to noise and view.

(3) Transportation planners are further in general agreement that a comprehensive system of limited access highways must serve these superblocks or neighborhood communities, emphasis being placed on speed yet noiseless operation of these expressways.

What is not clear is how this can be achieved, economically, socially and politically. You perhaps will not make much progress unless your program in its last analysis is for the best interest of land owners involved. These are the hurdles:

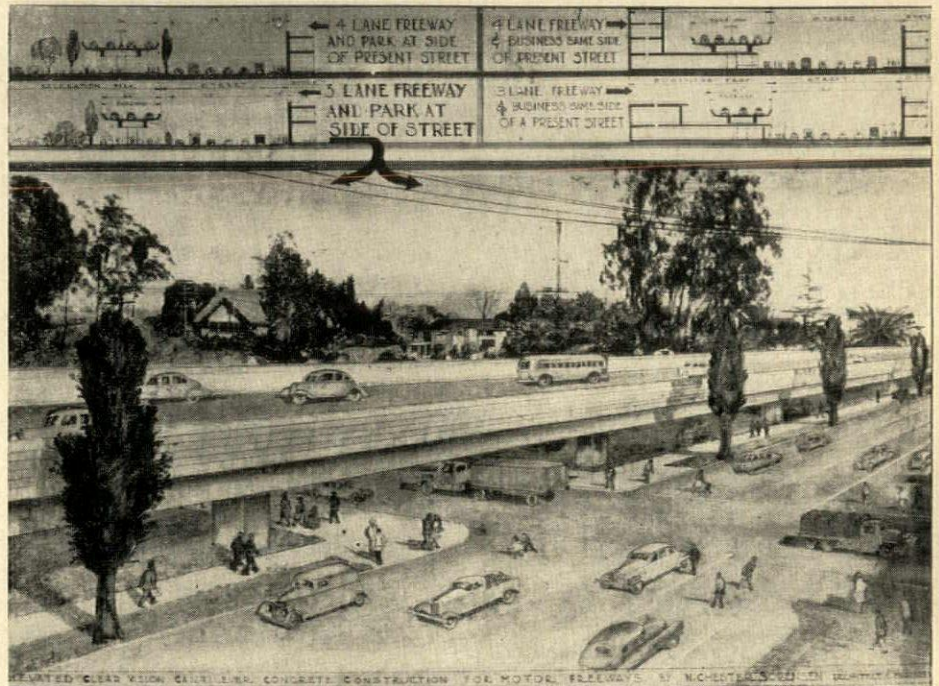
(1) The replanning of whole communities is an evolutionary process, requiring several years, yet the new highway construction, that cannot wait, must be so flexible that it will also serve properly the new planned communities in the future.

(2) In a grade or sub-grade freeway, where it is necessary to cut off cross streets, the abutting property owners for a block or two back are entitled to property damage, according to recent Supreme Court decisions. Notwithstanding that, at some future time when these same neighborhoods are organically decentralized and replanned, it would be for the best interest of these abutting property owners to have their streets closed. In the meantime, it is not for their best interests, hence the huge right-of-way cost.

(3) Ultimately, additional minor freeways will be built to serve properly new planned communities. These may or may not follow the present streets. The main thoroughfares, however, that now carry or attempt to carry the bulk of the load, are perhaps organic in their location and it would be well to have freeways in these locations or in proximity to them.

However, if a grade or sub-grade type of freeway is here established, it means doing away with the business frontage and present shopping facilities or pushing them farther back, if that were desirable. If you put a freeway or parkway in the center of a residential block, the present main thoroughfare may prevent, in the future, an organic development of property between it and the center of block freeway. This procedure would tend to obstruct future good planning of neighborhood communities and fail in establishing stable values.

Here is where a motorway of a cantilever design, as illustrated, could give some relief to these hurdles.



(1) It offers economy without distracting from appearance or efficiency. Such a four lane construction cost per lane is considerable less per mile than a grade or subgrade free way, when all factors are added in on the cost.

Such saving could easily run \$100,000 per lane on a four lane basis.

(2) The elevated cantilever highway offers a greater protection from noise from its traffic than does a grade type from noise emanating from its freeway traffic. The only obstruction the grade type freeway offers noise to prevent it reaching adjacent neighborhoods is the comparatively thin landscape screen, whereas the cantilever elevated has a solid 4½-foot high concrete balustrade. The roadbed is a heavy slab, through which little, if any, traffic noise can go. This slab roadbed can be kept almost at a dead level and is not obliged to follow grade terrain, so the traffic sounds that so develop on this elevated structure are directed upwards.

(3) An elevated motorway of comparatively low height can be as effectively screened by trees as can a grade type of freeway. With the clear vision made possible by its construction, the sun may even shine under at certain times of the day, making certain landscaping possible.

(4) In this 100 per cent cantilever construction, the expansion joints fix the points of inflection and make the stresses in the structure more determinate by breaking the structure at these two points in every other span. This makes it possible to have long spans of approximately 100 feet in reinforced concrete of comparatively shallow beams. This construction with its hung expansion joints makes for economical, safe earthquake construction.

Mr. S. B. Barnes, well-known consulting structural engineer of Southern California, confirms this point of view in the following letter:

"I have examined the typical section and plan of the center pier, four-lane highway you propose and have made sufficient calculations to show that this type of construction is practical and feasible from an engineering standpoint. The sizes of members indicated on the drawing submitted to me are approximately correct for high strength concrete. The center pier footing will of course need to be slightly larger to comply with California Earthquake requirements.

The cantilever and suspended apron design is economical and stable. Slight differential settlements do not cause trouble in this type of structure and the single center pier similarly permits slight settlement without the detrimental distortions that would occur with the multiple column type of structure."

Where land values are high, it is doubly important not to destroy the use of the land under such elevated motor highways, as has been done in other cities. It is also important that the materials of structures of such freeways be in harmony with business buildings to which they come in proximity. It requires careful study, which, by the way, is more of an architectural problem than an engineering one.

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National Council Appoints State Correspondents

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Architectural Registration Boards, as sponsor of The Weekly Bulletin, has set about to appoint representatives in each state to be known as correspondents, whose duty it shall be to furnish up-to-date lists of registered architects and to supplement such lists when new names are added to the rolls, to furnish news items and photographs of architects, that will be of interest to the profession, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Through the Council, it is the aim to send The Weekly Bulletin to every architect in the United States. From the first mailing to 15,000, hundreds of changes of address have already been received and, through correspondents already appointed, several supplemental lists have been received, as well as many news items.

Mr. William L. Perkins, of Chariton, Iowa, secretary-treasurer of the Council, states that response to his first request for state representatives has been very encouraging and that he anticipates no difficulty in obtaining complete coverage.

Mr. Perkins states, "I believe the more we can get behind us the better, as we will have just that many more who have a personal interest in the publication, and that kind of help is the kind that makes things go."

"When the organization of state correspondents and their assistants is completed, all architects receiving the Weekly Bulletin will be requested to send news items about the profession to their state correspondents and also keep them informed promptly of changes of addresses, of new architects coming into the field, or other pertinent information."

The mailing of the first issue to go nationally has brought many favorable comments. A few excerpts follow:

Harry B. Tour, president of the Tennessee Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, writes:

"I enjoyed very much the first issue of the Weekly Bulletin of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and am anxious to have it in the hands of all of the members of the Tennessee Chapter. When it comes to unification, the national distribution of the

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Mr. Fred F. Martin, of Doylestown, Pa., writes:

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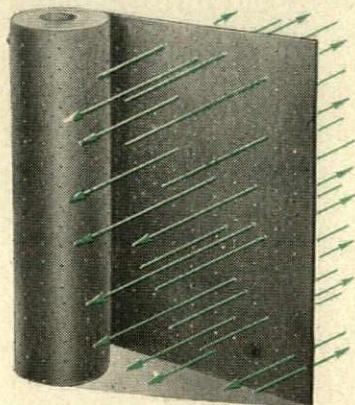


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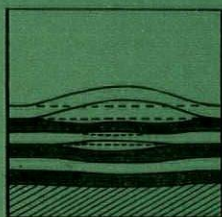
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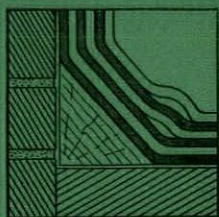
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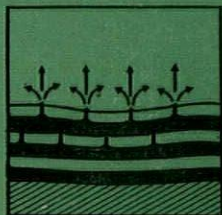
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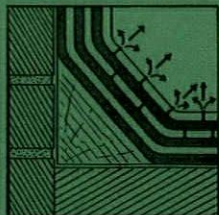
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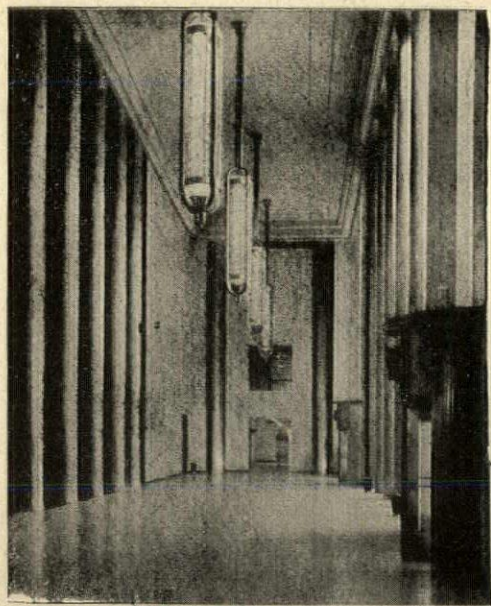
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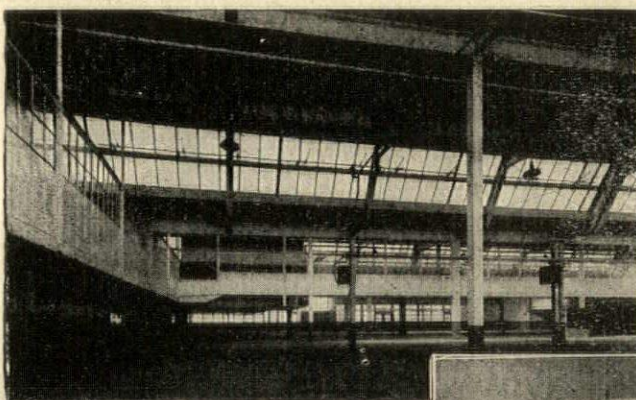
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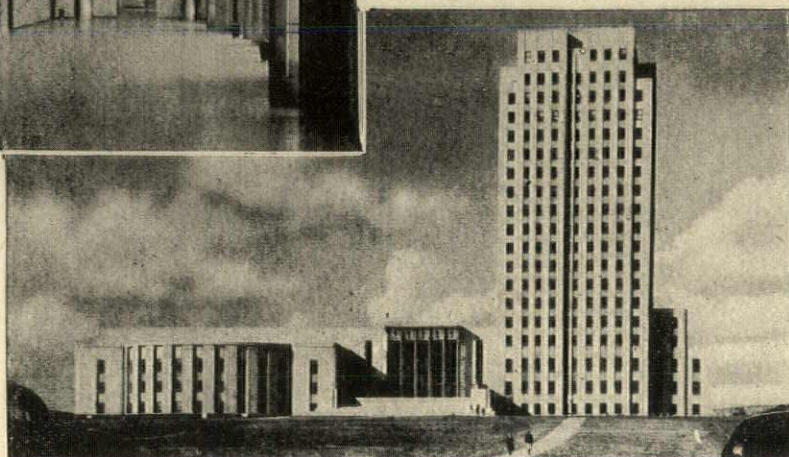
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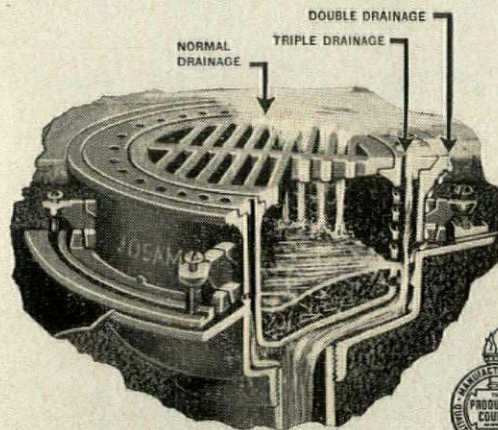
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Oberwarth Reports on Institute Membership

C. Julian Oberwarth, F.A.I.A., of Frankfort, Ky., membership secretary of The American Institute of Architects, has issued some interesting statistics on Institute membership, as of Nov. 1, 1944. In tabulated form, he shows the number of architects in each Chapter area, number of Institute members and percentage of architects who are corporate members.

Listing the total number of U. S. architects as 14,477, the chart shows Institute corporate membership as 4,618, or 31%. The breakdown of this by chapters is as follows:



Oberwarth

New England District

Corporate Members

	Members	%
Boston	197	27
Connecticut	61	17
Maine	12	38
Rhode Island	34	30

New York

Albany	19	28
Brooklyn	55	10
Buffalo—Western N. Y.	73	46
Central N. Y.	96	44
New York	458	29
Westchester	14	5

Middle Atlantic

Baltimore	80	44
Central Pennsylvania	52	50
Delaware	32	91
New Jersey	98	11
Northeastern Pennsylvania	24	44
Northwestern Pennsylvania	9	32
Philadelphia	216	34
Pittsburgh	118	40
Washington, D. C.	90	56
West Virginia	27	44

South Atlantic

Alabama	56	45
Florida Central	18	25
Florida North	29	32
Florida South	57	41
Georgia	66	48
North Carolina	26	18
South Carolina	25	25
South Georgia	13	62
Virginia	43	29

Great Lakes

Cincinnati	58	40
Cleveland	133	53
Columbus	57	41
Dayton	35	47
Detroit	401	87
Eastern Ohio	24	28
Grand Rapids	51	57
Indiana	62	39
Kentucky	40	36
Toledo	26	29

Central States

Iowa	41	48
Kansas	34	63
Kansas City	56	37
Minnesota	26	18
Nebraska	18	20
Oklahoma	50	49
St. Louis	80	30
St. Paul	16	23

Illinois-Wisconsin

Central Illinois	33	26
Chicago	228	24
Wisconsin	66	22

Gulf States

Arkansas	26	45
Central Texas	22	37
Mississippi	24	44
New Orleans	28	22
North Louisiana	15	60
North Texas	40	15
South Texas	64	43
Tennessee	58	52
West Texas	27	24

Western Mountain

Colorado	42	40
Montana	19	79
Oregon	44	33
Spokane	16	80
Utah	36	44
Washington State	82	42

Sierra Nevada

Arizona	12	20
Central Valley, Cal.	15	25
Hawaii	19	19
Northern California	98	23
San Diego	16	52
Santa Barbara	8	42
Southern California	145	19

Totals.....4,491 31

Indiana Board 100% Registered With NCARB

The Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects has become the first such board in the United States of which all



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members have been certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, it is announced by William L. Perkins, of Chariton, Iowa, secretary-treasurer of the Council.

Members of the Indiana State Board are August C. Bohlen, of Indianapolis, chairman; Warren D. Miller, Terre Haute; Alvin M. Straus, Fort Wayne; Oswald A. Tislow, Indianapolis, and Joe H. Wildermuth, Gary.



Mr. Straus



Mr. Tislow

Construction Surveys

Construction Survey Company, 101 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., is offering a service in quantity surveys that should be of interest to architects. It is estimated that about 90 percent of labor spent in estimating in the usual way is wasted.

Hospital Competition

Winners in two architectural competitions conducted by the Modern Hospital Publishing Co., Chicago, have been announced.

Winners in the community health center competition are:

First prize, \$1,000: Samuel E. Lunden, A.I.A., and Louis C. Dixon, associated architects, Los Angeles.

Second prize, \$750: Roslyn Ittelson, designer, and Leonard Greenburg, M.D., public health officer, New York City.

Third prize, \$500: Fisher and Fisher, Denver.

Honorable mention, \$100: Laurence P. Johnston, Evanston, Ill.; E. Todd Wheeler, Wilmette, Ill.; L. Forstner, Toronto.

Winners in the 40-bed hospital competition are:

First prize, \$1,000: Fisher and Fisher, Denver.

Second prize, \$750: Basil Yurchanco, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, Mass.

Third prize, \$500: H. P. Van Arsdall, Cincinnati.

Honorable mention and \$100: Robert J. Reiley, New York City; George Blumenauer and Associates, architect, and Paul H. Fesler, hospital administrator, Oklahoma City; Janet and Milton H. Caghey, West Los Angeles.

Best Real Estate Page

Winners in the second annual competition of the National Association of Real Estate Boards for "The Best Real Estate Page of the Year (1944)" were announced by the association as the following:

Class A, for cities of more than 500,000: The New York Times, Lee E. Cooper, real estate editor; honorable mention, The Detroit News, E. A. Baumgarth, realty editor.

Class B, for cities of 100,000 to 500,000 population: The Cincinnati Enquirer, John F. Cronin, financial and real estate editor; honorable mention, the Providence Journal, John W. Hawkins, real estate editor.

Class C, for cities of less than 100,000 population: The Cedar Rapids Gazette, Naomi Doebl, real estate editor; honorable mention, the Schenectady Gazette, Edward Themak, Jr., real estate editor.

Sperry Memorial Prize

A collaborative competition for the design of a memorial to Dr. Elmer A. Sperry, inventor of the gyro-compass, is announced jointly by the Sperry Gyroscope Co. and the Assn. of the Alumni of the American Academy in Rome.

The competition, which closes May 14, is open to teams comprising no fewer than two nor more than four representatives from the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, painting and sculpture. Applications may be made to the alumni association, 101 Park Ave.

ARCHITECTS, Engineers, Draftsmen needed for the Detroit area. Best of salaries and working conditions. Apply to the Weekly Bulletin, 120 Madison Ave., Detroit 26.

Letters—

May I say that we have got a lot of inspiration here from your publication, along with a lot of interesting information about what is happening in the profession.—Frank Chouteau Brown.

I was pleased to see the R.I.B.A. letter in the Bulletin. I have heard a number of our boys say the same thing as Walker did.—Clement Fairweather.

Will you please have my address changed (to 1425 N. Dearborn Ave., Chicago) on your mailing list of the Weekly Bulletin. My negligence in not advising you to date of this change has resulted in my missing the last two issues and



Mr. Fairweather

that is a worse catastrophe than ones radio out of commission for a like period.—Alfred P. Allen.



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do so and can assure you that I enjoy reading every article from front to back and that I also have a file of copies in my office.—Harry L. Yakel.

The Weekly Bulletin under your able editorship is most stimulating and enjoyable. It is extremely interesting to be kept informed in the wider field. I am most grateful to you for the courtesy of this publication. It is read from cover to cover and available to teachers coming to the art office.—Mabel Arbuckle, Director of Art Education, Detroit Public Schools.

May I acknowledge with expression of appreciation the kindness of you and your publication in publicizing the plea of the Committee on Standards and Tests of the City of Chicago, for submissions for their consideration. This publicity, supplied in such a conspicuous manner, is certain to bring desirable results and for that reason our Committee have requested me to use the greatest emphasis in setting forth their gratitude.

With the aims of your publication and its intense reader interest, there is no question of its future progressively increased success. — Paul Gerhardt, Jr., A.I.A., Commissioner of Buildings, City of Chicago.

I was both surprised and pleased to receive the December 5 issue of the Weekly Bulletin and find that you had given the better part of two pages to our lecture series on "Building or Buying a Home." Needless to say, we would be pleased to furnish any other school or organization with more details about the program.—B. K. Johnstone, Head, Dept. of Architecture, Penn. State College.

Ever since last spring you have been kind enough to send me the Weekly Bulletin. I am very much pleased with the publication and to date I have not paid for it. I am wondering how much longer this goes on.

Perhaps it would be a good idea if I sent you a dollar for a year's subscription. May I have your views on this subject?—George Fred Keck.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Your consideration is appreciated.

In order to send the Weekly Bulletin to all architects in the United States, as of Jan. 1, 1945, we surrendered our second class mailing permit and are now mailing third class instead—at a cost of approximately ten times as much.

We would be glad to accept your dollar for 1946 subscription, with a view to becoming reinstated as a second class publication.

The Weekly Bulletin in its new form gives evidence of the progressive spirit in Michigan.

As Secretary of the Maine Chapter, I have had the pleasure of receiving the Bulletin for the past three years, but I have been "kicked upstairs" to President for 1945, and our new secretary is William D. Tuttle, A.I.A., of the firm of Wadsworth, Boston & Tuttle, 57 Exchange Street, Portland 3, Maine.

I regret that the Maine Chapter is unable to reciprocate in kind, but, if you wish to continue sending the Bulletin to our Secretary, you can be assured that it will be much appreciated.—John Howard Stevens.

As past editor of "The Tennessee Architect," I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me your weekly paper.

I think that your objective in sending this paper to the architects over the entire nation is very commendable and I do second Mr. Tour's notation to you in regard to each chapter of the A.I.A. in at least helping to defray some of the expenses.

You are doing a fine job and I do know from my past experience just what you have to put up with.

With best wishes for the coming year and continued success with your paper, I am—Guy H. Parham, Jr.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for having been the recipient of the Weekly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects. I assure you I have enjoyed it very much. The very fine special articles of interest to the Architectural profession, news items concerning the Detroit Chapter of The A.I.A. as well as other Chapters throughout the United States, has been of considerable help to me this year. Knowing what you fellow architects are doing in California, New York, Michigan, etc., has been of considerable assistance in outlining a program for the Columbus Chapter in 1944.

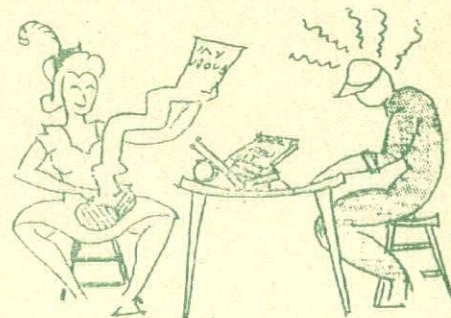
Mr. C. Curtiss Inscho has been elected President of the Columbus Chapter for 1945, to succeed me. I am sure he would enjoy the Weekly Bulletin very much.—Raymond D. Goller.

Your Weekly Bulletin of December 26, 1944, has just arrived, and I note that on Page 5 you again give California credit for taking the lead, this time in the Home Planning Institute idea.

Credit for the present strength of the Home Planning Institute in California

should go to Vincent Palmer, Allan Sheet and Walter Hagedohm, all of Los Angeles, who worked with the California Edison Company and the various lending institutions in the Los Angeles area to promote the Institute in 1943 and 1944. Here, in the northern part of the State, we have modeled the program on that set up in Southern California, and, at the present time, a series is being given in about twenty High Schools and Junior Colleges under the Adult Education Program. If any State or Community wishes information on the setup we will be happy to furnish copies of our program and organizational procedure.

With every good wish for you and your publication for the New Year, I remain—John S. Bolles.



A friend and brother architect, Mr. Frederick Mathesius, showed me his copy of the "National Architectural News Weekly."

After reading it from cover to cover, I must compliment you on the work, and particularly the news coverage of vital information to the architect.

I enclose my check for one year's subscription. If there are any other requirements for receiving the publication, please inform me.—Herman M. Cole, 415 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Yesterday my first copy of the Weekly Bulletin arrived. The address, however, was incorrect. Please send future copies to 627 Carondelet Street, Los Angeles 5, Cal.—Paul Hunter.

I assure you that the architects of this section are grateful indeed for the interest shown, and with warm regard from both Messrs. Cady and Harkness, our retiring and new presidents, respectively, Rhode Island Chapter—F. Ellis Jackson, of Jackson, Robertson & Adams, 1216 Turks Head Building, Providence 3, Rhode Island.

Received your January 9 copy of the Weekly Bulletin. Looks like all good news.

Enclose please find one dollar (post office money order) for I want it every week. Good Luck!—Frederick W. Bohlmeier, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey.

We received the first issue of the National Weekly Bulletin and read it with interest. I think you are doing a fine job and your publication seems to fill a needed place.—Walter F. Martens, President, West Virginia Chapter, A.I.A.

I have just received my first copy of the "Bulletin" and believe that it will be of much interest to architects throughout the country.—Walter M. Weber, Decatur, Ill.

LADY WITH THE HANDBAG

Excerpts from a talk before the recent annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter A.I.A.

By ROGER ALLEN, president Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.

Reprinted from the Monthly Bulletin of the Washington State Chapter, A.I.A.

I have made a somewhat hysterical study of prophecies about the manner in which post-war housing will be conducted, and it goes about like this:—We will take an average American (let us call him J. Scratchington Doakes) who desires to purchase a new house. To be correct, Mr. Doakes is in no particular sweat to buy a new house but his wife is and after she has told him so in clear, firm tones for several months he gets the idea that his wife would like a new house. So he decides to get one. Naturally, he does not call up an architect, that's old-fashioned. Nor a contractor; that's old-fashioned too. He calls up the office of the International Prefab Housing and Wet Wash Corporation and tells the telephone operator he wants a house. Up to this point we have ruined only the architect and the contractor, but business mortality gets a little higher as we go on. The telephone operator asks him what size house he wants and he says he doesn't know. So she asks him if he is the average American family consisting of two adults and 2.4 children and he says right back at her that if she is insinuating that one of his children is not all there, he will take his house purchasing somewhere else. One word leads to fifty thousand and they get this straightened out, and he tells her he wears a size 15 collar and she says that means he needs a model 22-BX house and she will send it up right after lunch.



Mr. Allen

Then she enquires where Mr. Doakes' lot is because she feels it is always nicer if they get the house on the right lot. She says the house will be delivered right after noon and they can get it assembled by 4:45; allowing one hour and fifteen minutes to get the shrubbery growing before dinner at 6. It won't be necessary to survey the lot because if the house gets built too close to the lot line, you can shove it over with an auto-jack. There goes the land surveyor over the hill to the poor house.

Sure enough a whole truck full of house drives up at 2:15 and two unskilled laborers put it together, using a small screw driver, some Scotch tape and a few paper clips. The prophets always stress the fact that these houses can be erected by "unskilled" labor. I can hardly wait until they clear this with Sidney. We have now brought to the state of destitution the bricklayers, the carpenters, the steam fitters, the plumbers, the electricians, the tilesetters, and about 21 other trades. Practically the only people in town not on relief are the two unskilled laborers, the officials of the International Prefab Housing and Wet Wash Corporation, and Mr. Doakes himself.

So Mr. Doakes moves into the house and it is really worth every cent of the \$2,987 that Mr. Doakes shook out of Junior's piggy bank to pay for it. Of course,

it's a little small. To borrow Mr. Fred Allen's deathless remark, "the living room is so small that every time you turn the door-knob it rearranges the furniture." The walls are of plywood construction; nothing in the house is plastered except, now and then, Mr. Doakes himself. The kitchen is a cozy little spot; so cozy that when Mrs. Doakes opens the oven door, she pushes herself under the sink, which is too bad because the space under the sink is where the heating plant is.

I could go on like this for some time, but I think you have a rough idea of the prospect.

Frankly, I doubt if this ever comes to pass. Prefabrication may be right around the corner and undoubtedly, in the lowest range of housing, we will have mass production in some form or other. But most houses in the higher priced range will continue under the guardianship of the "Lady with the Handbag."

You are just as familiar with her as I am. She comes into your office, announces that under no circumstances will she pay more than \$7,500 for a house complete

with plumbing, heating, wiring and a lawnmower. Then she opens her handbag and takes out in rapid succession a pair of knitting needles, six bus tokens, a copy of "Strange Fruit" that she has promised to let four other women read before taking it back to the lending library, two ration books, a compact, a comb, eleven other articles, and finally a clipping showing exactly the kind of house she wants. The house bears a striking resemblance to Mount Vernon, except that it's considerably roomier. From there on you know the various steps as well as I do.

I do not believe the Lady with the Handbag will disappear with the onslaught of prefabrication. I certainly hope she won't. She is an exasperating and challenging female, but her insistence on what she wants and what she doesn't want is responsible, in a large measure, for the fact that the American family is better housed than the citizens of any other country.

Compare the architect-designed houses of today with the dwellings produced twenty years ago and the striking improvement is the measure of the job that has been done by the army of determined women bearing bulging handbags. Hospitals frequently have in their lobbies statues of Florence Nightengale with her lamp. Some day, perhaps, an architectural school will unveil a monument showing the indomitable Mrs. America, complete with handbag.

Bannister Heads Alabama Chapter

Turpin Bannister, dean of the School of Architecture, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, is the new president of the Alabama Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

Other newly elected officers are W. C. Campbell, Jr., of Montgomery, vice president; Edward B. Lancaster, Auburn, secretary, and F. L. Little, Montgomery, treasurer.

At a joint annual meeting in Birmingham, Jan. 12, of the Alabama Chapter, A.I.A., and the Alabama Association of Architects, George H. Bond, of Atlanta, regional director of the A.I.A., said that numerous letters from service men point to an increase in manpower in the architectural field after the war.

The problem of properly placing and using that manpower will be important, and the A.I.A. will cooperate fully in any effort to aid veterans, Bond asserted.

Chapter officers who were succeeded are: Clyde C. Pearson, Montgomery, president; Don B. Schuyler, Tuscaloosa, vice president; William C. Campbell, Jr., Montgomery, secretary; Farrow L. Tittle, Montgomery, treasurer. Present officers of the Alabama Association are: Wilmot C. Douglas, Birmingham, president; William C. Campbell, Jr., Montgomery, secretary.

Douglas A. Condie and Richard A. VanderSys have formed a partnership and have established offices at 61 N. Royal St., Mobile, Ala., for the practice of architecture.

Condie is a graduate of Cornell University and has considerable experience in the architectural field with services under famous architects throughout the East.

VanderSys, widely known in Mobile, is a graduate from Auburn and has participated in many construction and architectural projects.

The Architectural firm of Greer, Holmquist & Chambers announce the removal of their offices from their present location to rooms 401-402 Chamber of Commerce Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

The firm holds membership in The American Institute of Architects and each member is prominently identified with business, social and fraternal organizations in Birmingham.

It is with deep regret that we record the recent passing of Frederick Childs Biggin, former dean of the School of Architecture, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, at Auburn, Alabama.

Raymond Sizemore and his associates, J. Streeter Wiatt, Tom B. Kirkland and B. E. Hill have moved to new and larger quarters at 16 South Hull St., Montgomery 5, Ala.

Warren, Knight & Davis, of Birmingham, have completed plans for a \$500,000 Crippled Children's Home for that city, as a unit of a \$30,000,000 medical center.

Harding, Branson on Arkansas Board

Tom Harding, Sr., Little Rock, was renamed on the Arkansas State Board of Architects and U. S. Branson, Blytheville, was appointed to the board by Governor Adkins. Mr. Branson replaces Mitchell Seligman of Pine Bluff. Mr. Harding has been serving as vice president.

Other members of the board are Frank Ginocchio, president, Ed Brueggeman, secretary-treasurer, both of Little Rock, and E. Chester Nelson, Fort Smith.

California's Ernest J. Kump is Honored

Ernest J. Kump, A.I.A., San Francisco, has been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Emblem by the Navy Department, it was disclosed recently.

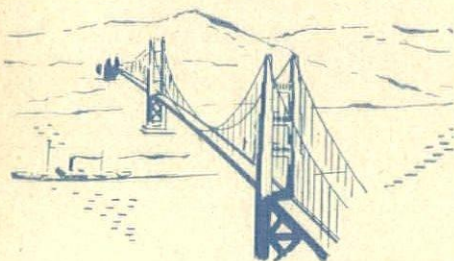
The award was made for "recognition of excellent services rendered over and beyond those normally required" in architectural work by Kump for the Navy during the last 18 months.

The work included design and expansion of air bases and theaters of operation facilities and technical reports and surveys, to the extent of \$35,000,000.

Mark Falk, structural engineer, also of San Francisco, was similarly honored.



Mr. Kump



Whitney R. Smith, architect, has been re-elected president of the Pasadena Citizens' Council for Planning.

Receiving his license to practice architecture in 1940, he conducted a private architectural practice in San Marino. He was instructor in advanced planning and housing at the U. S. C. College of Architecture, 1941-42. He also has served as associate architect on two Federal Housing Authority projects, one at San Diego, one at Chula Vista.

Mr. Smith's work has been prominently published in Architectural Forum, Architectural Record, Pencil Points, California Arts and Architecture and Sunset.

His Linda Vista (San Diego) Shopping Center will be featured in early issues of Collier's, Better Homes and Gardens, Mademoiselle, and the American Builder.

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For the general practice of architecture Henry H. Gutterson has opened new offices at 85 Second Street, San Francisco. Architect Gutterson requests recent catalogues and samples.

Justement on Codes

Washington, D. C.—Louis C. Justement, A.I.A., as chairman of the Committee on Building Codes, of the Washington Building Congress is making a strong plea for the creation of a building code board of appeals, to free architects from the "straight jacket" of detailed regulations.



Mr. Justement

Mr. Justement said that "in practice architects find that they are being placed in a strait-jacket of regulations and sometimes prevented from achieving rational and effective planning which would meet the spirit of the law because the logical design for a given problem is in violation of one or more regulations."

The proposed board would consist of a practicing architect, a structural engineer, two mechanical engineers, and a contractor appointed by the Commissioners from nominations made by local chapters of national architectural, engineering and building associations. It was emphasized that the board was not intended to reflect upon the building inspector, "but to strengthen his position by giving to the board far greater discretionary power than could rightly be allowed to any one individual."

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Thomas Locraft, A.I.A., of the architectural firm of Murphy and Locraft, has been named by the Commissioners to a five-year term on the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects to succeed Frederick V. Murphy of the same firm.



Mr. Locraft

Mr. Murphy's term on the board ended Jan. 2 and Mr. Locraft's began the next day. He was recommended by Nathan C. Wyeth, Municipal architect.

Mr. Locraft received his Ph.D. at Catholic University where he later served as critic in design. He went to Fontainebleau in 1927 and studied in Europe as Paris Prize Scholar from 1928 to 1931.

After working for Frederick Vernon Murphy, F.A.I.A., about a decade ago, he became a partner and the firm has conducted a successful practice in the field of schools, churches and institutional buildings.

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Theodore Irving Coe, chairman of the District Board of Zoning Adjustment, led the discussion on the development of building materials at the home planning institute of the Washington Building Congress Jan. 9.

Also scheduled to speak was Arthur B. Heaton, an architect here for more than 30 years. The institute is open to the public, and weekly meetings will be held through February.

Detroit Chapter Hears Divers

"Decent housing for everyone is a goal which Detroit and the Nation may reach whenever we mobilize our weapons against substandard housing with the same singleness of purpose with which we are fighting this war," according to William K. Divers, Regional Representative of the National Housing Agency, who spoke to 135 members of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects on Jan. 24. "There is every indication that housing will reach a greater volume of production after the war than ever before and there should also be greater participation by architects," the speaker said.

"Improvement of conservation neighborhoods, rehabilitation of blighted areas, clearance and redevelopment of slum areas should all provide additional outlets for the talents of the architectural profession."

The basic housing requirements for white war workers based on wartime standards have been met, Mr. Divers said, but he did not imply that a satisfactory housing condition for white residents of the area has been achieved.

The housing situation for Negroes in Detroit and adjacent communities is still unsatisfactory, Mr. Divers said, both from the standpoint of the wartime emergency and from the long range view. He emphasized the fact that the Negro housing situation is not attributable to the war but is the result of a progressively deteriorating situation which has been aggravated but not caused by the influx of Negro war workers. Under the limitations imposed by the war it has not been possible to improve the unfortunate housing conditions which existed before the war in Negro residential areas.



For the long range improvement of the housing situation in the Detroit area Mr. Divers suggested the following:

First, the present supply of good housing must be conserved.

Second, means must be found to check the further deterioration of blighted areas and to prevent invasion of blight into sections not currently affected.

Third, there should be a housing market analysis. We cannot prescribe until we know the symptoms.

Fourth, suitable additional locations for the development of desirable Negro residential areas should be provided.

Fifth, the facilities for financing privately owned dwellings should be improved and made available to lower income groups than heretofore.

Sixth, the desires of home buyers should be studied carefully to determine the types of housing desired and new construction should be more carefully aligned with consumer desire.

Seventh, the respective fields for public and private housing should be so clearly defined that there can be no conflict between them.

Eighth, slum clearance must proceed and new methods for land assembly must be developed.

Clair W. Ditchy, Chapter president, presided. A question and answer period followed the lecture.

Exhibitions at U. of M.

Currently at the Rackham Building in Ann Arbor are two one-man shows. In one gallery is being shown the work of Alden B. Dow, of Midland, Michigan and Houston, Texas; in another, the work of Ernest J. Kump, of San Francisco, California.

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Board Meeting, 4:00 P.M.; Dinner, 6:30 P.M.; Program, 8:00 P.M.

February 22, Joseph Hudnut

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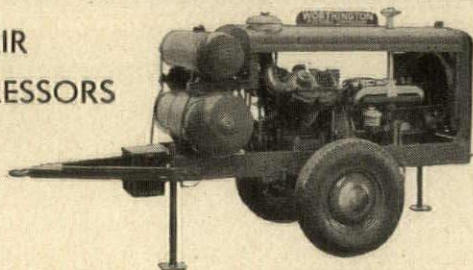
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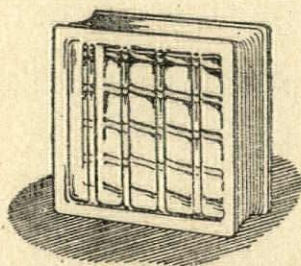
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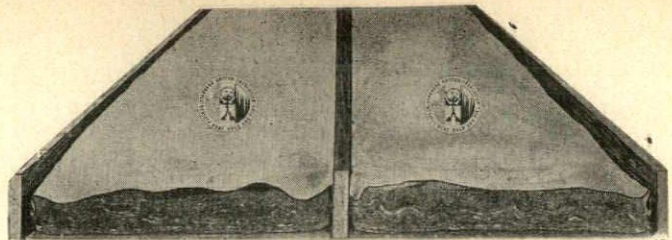
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Skinner is President, Florida South Cerney Speaks in Duluth

At the annual meeting of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects held Jan. 10, in Miami, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Coulton Skinner of Steward & Skinner; vice president, William E. Tschumy; secretary-treasurer, George J. Haas. George A. Coffin, past president, was made a member of the executive committee.

The keynote of the meeting was the need for stimulated participation in proper city planning and housing for this area, as well as proper study of present and postwar problems of the construction industry.

In his acceptance talk Skinner outlined his hoped-for accomplishments of the chapter for the coming period. He said that unquestionably the coming postwar period would show unprecedented activity in the building field and would present a challenge to the architects and offer them great opportunities to co-operate with officials of local municipalities in working out sensible postwar plans for the public in this area.

Haas, now a local resident, is a past-president of the Michigan Society of Architects, and is district manager of the Stran-Steel division of the Great Lakes Steel Corporation. He is also a member of the board of directors of the National Producers' Council, former chairman of its postwar Technical committee and a founder member of the first Kiwanis club.

Fred T. Hannaford of Gainesville, was re-elected president for a third term of the Florida North Chapter, American Institute of Architects, on Jan. 11.

Jefferson D. Powell, vice president, and Russell Seymour, secretary and treasurer, both of Jacksonville, were also re-elected.

New member of the board of directors is Kenyon C. Drake of Jacksonville, who replaces Ralph Fetner. Other directors are E. F. DeLaHaye of Daytona Beach and James A. Stripling of Tallahassee.

The proposed unification of the three Florida chapters in a national association of architects was discussed at the meeting. The group adopted a resolution in favor of unification.

The group also paid memorial tribute to Rudolph Weaver of Gainesville, charter member of the North Florida Chapter, and director of the University of Florida school of architecture, who died in November.

James A. Stripling, architect of the state department of education, continues as president of the Florida Association of Architects.

He was re-elected at a meeting of the association in Tampa. The other officers are: Miss Marion I. Manley, Coral Gables, re-elected vice president; Frederick T. Hannaford, acting dean of the University of Florida school of architecture, secretary-treasurer, succeeding E. F. DeLaHaye of Daytona Beach.

Archie G. Parish, A.I.A., of St. Petersburg, has been elected president of the Florida state board of architects. Mellen C. Greeley was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other members are John L. Skinner and James Gamble Rogers II. Mr. Parish designed the local Y.M.C.A. building, St. Petersburg Junior college, First

Church of Christ, Scientist, Mound Park hospital nurses' home, and was associate architect on the Jordan Park housing project.

The Board of Control of Florida has passed a resolution in memory of the late Rudolph Weaver, director of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts at the University of Florida, and architect of the Board of Control, who died a short time ago.

The resolution states in part: "As head architect of the Board of Control, he developed a style of architecture for the institutions under the management of the Board truly fitting for the work each institution is doing, and greatly improved the structural and cultural design of the buildings erected.

"In his passing those with whom he worked have lost a noble companion and counselor, the institutions a faithful and efficient employee and the students an inspiring teacher."

Twentieth-century Americans are misfits in obsolete nineteenth-century cities, Clarence Stein, F.A.I.A., of New York, declared Jan. 15 in the second lecture of the University of Miami's Winter Institute of Arts and Sciences series.

He told his audience what can be done and what already has been done about it. The architect and city planner illustrated his talk, "The Form of Future Cities," with slides picturing actual and possible conditions.

Latenser Heads Omaha Planning Commission

John Latenser, Jr., as chairman of the Omaha Planning Commission, is active in the organization of a series of programs intended to inform the citizens of that Nebraska city on the subject of city planning.

He opened the series on Jan. 17 and various organizations will cooperate during the year.

Latenser, a member of the firm of John Latenser and Sons, Inc., received his training at Columbia University, School of Architecture.

New Jersey Capitol Center Prize Won by Kelly

Announcement has been made that Col. Hugh A. Kelly, Jersey City architect, was the winner of the \$2,000 top prize in the state competition for a scheme of architecture for a modern State Capital Center.

Kelly, who now is with the army in the Panama Canal Zone, submitted drawings calling for extensive alterations to the ancient Capital building and for construction of a new eight-story building across from the Capitol facing on West State street.

John T. Rowland, architect of Jersey City's Board of Education, died Jan. 22. Seventy-four years of age, he had practiced architecture in Jersey City for more than 50 years, 44 years of which was with the Board of Education.

Robert G. Cerny, professor of architectural design at the University of Minnesota college of architecture, spoke on "Home Exteriors" before approximately 500 Duluthians interested in postwar construction at the fourth in a series of meetings of the Duluth Home Planners institute Jan. 16.

Mr. Cerny received his master's degree in architecture at Harvard University and spent a year abroad studying architectural trends.

He discussed solar heating, the trend to use more glass, modern architectural designs, and illustrated his address with slides of various styles of domestic architecture.

Timlin, St. Louis, Retires

After 40 years with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, I. R. Timlin, architect and co-designer of the telephone building in St. Louis, retired Jan. 1. Timlin, who has designed about 140 telephone buildings in Southwestern cities, started in 1904 as a draftsman, was made assistant equipment engineer in 1907 and was appointed architect in 1911.

He served as vice president of the St. Louis chapter of The American Institute of Architects for two years and treasurer for seven, was a member of the commission to revise the St. Louis building code and served on the St. Louis Smoke Abatement Commission.

Boller Heads Kansas City Chapter

At its annual meeting on Dec. 14 the Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A., elected Robert O. Boller president; Herbert V. Pennington, vice president; Albert B. Fuller, secretary, and Franklin P. MacArthur, treasurer. Dwight Brown, retiring president, presided.

Harold Vagtborg, president of the Midwest Research Institute, told members that great opportunities are ahead for Kansas City and the middle west.

North Carolina Chapter Elects Weeks President

H. Raymond Weeks, of Durham, was elected president of the North Carolina Chapter of The American Institute of Architects at the annual meeting Jan. 6 in Charlotte.

Other officers elected include Ross Shumaker of Raleigh, vice president, and W. H. Dietrich, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer. Earl Stillwell of Hendersonville, retiring president, presided over the meeting, attended by about 35 members.

Walter W. Hook, of Charlotte, has been reappointed as a member of the state board of architectural examination and registration for a term expiring April 8, 1947.

Chairman of the board is Erle Stilwell of Hendersonville, Hook is vice chairman, and Ross Shumaker of Raleigh is secretary-treasurer. Other members of the board are James B. Lynch of Wilmington and J. Burton Wilder of Greensboro.

U. of Ill. "Firsts" Record Impressive

UNIVERSITY HAS PIONEERED IN EXPERIMENTS ON SMALL HOME CONSTRUCTION

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Bloomington's Home Planning institute was lauded by Rexford Newcomb, dean of the school of Fine Arts at the University of Illinois, speaking at the recent quarterly meeting of the Central Illinois chapter of The American Institute of Architects in Bloomington.

Mr. Newcomb said the idea of the institute, a pioneer in Illinois, is taking root to the point where the university is helping start similar institutes in other cities throughout the state. Mr. Newcomb led discussions on postwar planning for small homes and cities.

Representatives were present from Champaign, Urbana, Decatur, Springfield, Peoria and Bloomington. Archie Schaeffer of Bloomington, president of the chapter, conducted the installation of two new members, Richard Belsterling and Rudy Kelly of Peoria. Edgar E. Lundeen had charge of arrangements.

Elbert I. Harrison of Peoria, formerly of Bloomington, remained to visit with his father, E. G. Harrison.

In commenting on the University's Small Homes Council, Dean Newcomb said, "For over a quarter of a century the University



has been engaged in experiments having to do with small homes: heating and ventilation, sanitation, plumbing, insulation, home management, house planning, and the like. We now have, as you may know, two experimental houses devoted to heating research alone.

"The results of much of this research has been published in highly technical bulletins of little use to the small home builder. These researches, together with current and future findings the Council proposes to disseminate in a form available to the small home owner and builder.

"In collaboration with the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Home Builders' Institutes are being organized in cities throughout the State. The expenses for these are raised by local agencies under the leadership of local chambers. Organization, programs, speakers and literature are being furnished under the direction of the Council.

"Manufacturers, materials dealers, trade associations, realtors, architects and builders have shown wide interest in the program of the Council of which Professor William Scheick of the Department of

Architecture has been named coordinator."

Chicago—Home owners planning repairs, insulation work, or remodeling of attics, basements, or other parts of their dwellings into apartments have been cautioned against the building racket operated in Chicago by certain contractors. The warning was given in a report published by the Chicago Better Business bureau.

Cooperating with the bureau in advising the public were Paul Gerhardt, Jr., A.I.A., building commissioner; the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders' association, and the federal housing administration. Gerhardt started a campaign last summer against the "attic racket."

The "attic racket," which flourished in Chicago until publicity slowed it up, was worked as follows (with variations): A contractor persuaded a home owner who had a vacant attic to sign a contract to have it remodeled into an apartment which could be rented to a war worker at a fair return on the investment.

After the job was completed the owner learned that it failed to comply with the building code and he was forced to make necessary structural alterations for which he had to pay extra.

Samuel A. Marx, A.I.A., has bought the 12 story apartment building at 1325 Astor St., Chicago, at the southeast corner of Banks St., to prevent his nine room and 5 bath apartment being remodeled into small apartments. He was highest bidder of several who wanted the property and paid the New York Life Insurance company \$300,000.

Marx's purchase ended a long period of uncertainty and unrest among the 12 families which occupy the building over the possibility of being forced out through purchase by interests planning to remodel it.

L. Morgan Yost, North Shore architect, who is also on the staff of American Lumberman as associate editor, states that in spite of a civilian shortage today there will be plentiful high quality lumber as soon as war needs are satisfied, because there is an abundant supply of raw timber still standing in the United States forests.

The present scarcity of lumber for civilian needs is due, in part, to the shortage of skilled workers in forest and mill. The industry has lost between 70,000 and 80,000 experienced men. It suffers too from a shortage of equipment—fewer power saws, tractors, trucks and tires. Lumber production is no longer measured in mill capacity but rather by available manpower equipment. Yet despite the shortage of manpower and machinery the industry today is producing much more lumber than is normally required for civilian consumption.

Charles W. Nicol and associates, architects and engineers, have moved their office to 23 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

Philip Duke West, architect and designer, has opened an office at 185 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago.

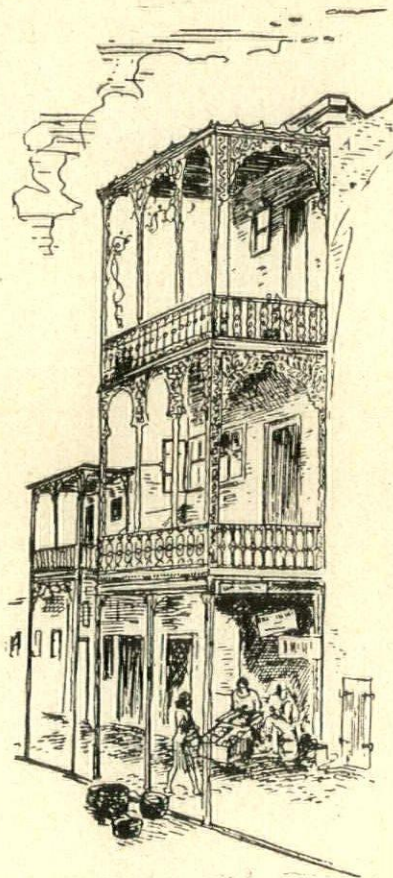
Ashton Speaks in Idaho

Raymond J. Ashton, president of The American Institute of Architects, was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 11.

Mr. Ashton is a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce Construction and Civic Development Committee. Mr. Ashton's subject was "Lifting the Face of Main Street," and dealt with means of improving business districts by the installation of more attractive store fronts.



Mr. R. J. Ashton



Curtis Speaks to New Orleans Chapter

Since offensive weapons in the war have far outstripped measures for personal property protection, it is highly probable that the cities of the future may be built on the lines of what has been called the "defense city," Nathaniel C. Curtis, F.A.I.A., associate professor of architecture at Tulane University told members of the New Orleans Chapter of The American Institute of Architects in a recent address.

Features of such cities would be specially designed houses, easily repairable transportation arteries, avoidance of concentration in the civilian population, and the elimination of all factors tending toward disorganization, he said. The war has revolutionized city planning, Professor Curtis added.

Massachusetts Elects Gray President

John M. Gray, A.I.A., of Salem, was elected 1945 president of the Massachusetts State Association of Architects at its annual meeting, Jan. 10. He succeeds Richard Shaw, of Boston.

Charles D. Maginnis, Jr., was awarded a certificate of honor for his contribution to the war effort in shipbuilding, and Charles P. Hoyle of Worcester, former vice president of the State Association, was given a similar honor for his activities in educational affairs in his area.

Robert Allen Cook of Milford and Delmar L. Lambert of Worcester were continued as directors of the association, representing the Worcester area.

The Container Corporation of America has retained famed architect Walter Gropius, once with the Bauhaus in Germany, as its "architectural consultant." Among other things, he will draft a "dream factory plan" for the company, giving the structures a family resemblance and hence some promotional value.

Mr. Gropius is chairman of the Department of Architecture in the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, and is a member of The American Institute of Architects and an honorary member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He is also vice president of the Institute of Sociology of London and is author of "The New Architecture and the Bauhaus."

"Architects seem to be something like Cape Codders—where you find three of them together, you get four opinions," writes Barbara Bigelow, in the Boston Traveler.

Starting with the idea of conducting a poll of architectural thought on the best and worst public structure in the city, she interviewed 15 of Boston's leading architects.

The Boston Public Library and the Boston Elevated got two votes each as the best and worst, respectively.

Pulling no punches in his survey of the Hub, Dean Joseph Hudnut's accusing eye falls on the Customs House.

"Senseless, crude and arrogant, this building crushes at its base a fine relic of Boston's past and at its top challenges the rightful presidency of her golden dome," he says.

Paul Revere's house pleases him the most of any building in the city: "The time, the place, the theme, and the technique of building are fused into an unaffected and eloquent pattern, undistorted by theory or scholarship. The restoration is unskillful but honest."

Charles D. Maginnis said, "I have no embarrassment about indicating the most offensive architecture of my acquaintance. I nominate with enthusiasm the excrescences which now serve as subway entrances on Boston Common. Why such ponderosities were deemed necessary to express the simple business of going up and down passes reasonable comprehension. In that clutter lies Boston's most provoking ugliness."

The Boston Public Library, in his opinion, is our most arresting and impressive civic building. Admitting that it is abstract and academic, and if done again would be done differently, Maginnis feels it is a demonstration of architectural nobility for which modernism promises no corresponding terms. Its distinguished

envelope, rich decorative contents and general serenity all appeal to him.

A general vote for the Public Library as the most pleasing public building is cast by Richard Shaw. "The library expresses most pleasingly and satisfactorily the admirable initiative and cultural aspirations of a traditionally distinguished community. I am unacquainted with any building in Greater Boston that, by contrast, can successfully challenge in any field the aristocratic qualities of the Boston Public Library."

Kingscott Succeeds Allen As President G.R. Chapter

Louis C. Kingscott of Kalamazoo was elected to head the Grand Rapids chapter, American Institute of Architects, at the annual meeting held Jan. 27. Clarence H. Rosa of Lansing was elected vice president, and Warren L. Rindge of Grand Rapids is the new secretary-treasurer.

Roger Allen, retiring president, was elected to the executive board, which consists of the new officers, Allen, and Adrian N. Langius, state director of buildings and construction at Lansing.

The Grand Rapids Mr. Kingscott chapter, whose territory includes all western Michigan and the upper peninsula, now has within its membership 57 percent of all practicing architects in its territory, Allen pointed out in his annual report. This compares with a national percentage for all chapters of 31 percent.

The publication, Scholastic Coach, of New York, for January, carries an article, "A Modern Stadium," by William C. Zimmerman, A.I.A., of Pontiac, Michigan.

This excellent Wisner Memorial Stadium in Pontiac, of which Mr. Zimmerman was the architect, is a tribute to the progressive people of that city. In another article in the same issue, Mr. Marshall Simpson discusses the floodlighting installation of this stadium, under the title "There's Light in the Saginaw Valley."

Rudolph Adler

Atlanta, Ga.—Rudolph S. Adler, 56, a member of the firm of Shutze, Armistead & Adler, architects, died Jan. 19.

Born in Atlanta, he attended schools in Atlanta and New York. He was graduated from the Columbia School of Architecture in New York and studied in Europe.

A lieutenant in World War I, he served for a while as a major in the present war, but was discharged because of ill health.

Mr. Adler was a member of The American Institute of Architects.



West Virginia Chapter Renames Martens

Officers were elected by the West Virginia chapter of The American Institute of Architects at an annual meeting Jan. 9.

President Walter F. Martens and Secretary-Treasurer Robert H. Daley, both of Charleston, were re-elected, and Albert F. Tucker of Huntington was named vice president. James W. Montgomery of Charleston was elected to serve as director for a three-year term.

Wisconsin Architects Meet Jointly

The State Association of Wisconsin Architects and the Wisconsin chapter of The American Institute of Architects held a joint meeting Jan. 24 in Milwaukee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss unification of the profession.

Leigh Hunt, vice chairman of the institute's committee of unification, explained the unification program, how it is being developed and what action is necessary to be taken by Wisconsin architects in order to have one state organization.



Mr. Hunt

Rudolph J. Nedved has assumed his new duties as director of Milwaukee's Housing Authority, it is announced by Leigh Hunt, F.A.I.A., authority chairman.

Nedved, a native of Czecho-Slovakia, came to the United States at the age of 9. He was reared in the blighted west side area of Chicago known as "the valley." A graduate of Armour Tech in architecture, he later was an instructor in architecture at that school. In 1923 he won the Chicago Architect's club foreign scholarship and spent 13 months in Europe studying housing. Since the early '30s he has served with various federal housing agencies and in accepting the Milwaukee position he leaves the job as chief of site and dwelling standards for the NHA.

N. Y. Chapter's Holden Sees Need For Early Planning

Arthur C. Holden, president of the New York chapter of The American Institute of Architects, recently said: "We must bear in mind that not buildings alone must be designed; entire communities and cities must be rebuilt." Yet the war has greatly complicated the task of the architect.

Daniel Paul Higgins of New York city, a prominent member of the profession, has pointed out that a huge program of postwar building is still a program until it is actually recorded on a set of blueprints. He said larger projects require approximately a year from the beginning of the planning to the initiation of construction. Small jobs still require three to four months for preparation.

The old slogan of "Taking the city to the country" will be reversed after this war, according to J. M. Berlinger, architect. That means, Mr. Berlinger says, creating new urban housing to accommodate the shift. New York, he points out, already has all it needs such as streets, parks, schools, police and fire houses, sewers and public facilities, etc.

"Potential housing such as old-law tenements and early built new-law structures already exists," he says. "Let us alter them without interference and create super-blocks and slum clearance developments proposed by the city with state and federal aid."

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has given unqualified indorsement to the Mitchell-Coudert bill which provides tax exemption for owners of old-law tenements who modernize their premises to alleviate the present housing shortage.

Maxwell A. Cantor, of the New York State Association of Architects, recommends amending the multiple-dwelling law to permit remodeling of one-family frame dwellings to two or three-family homes.

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion on this subject among architects.

Problems of sound financing and construction of dwellings by private interests after the war were discussed by several hundred bankers, realtors, architects, city planners and housing experts at a recent one-day conference of the National Committee on Housing at the Biltmore hotel in New York.

Miles L. Coleman spoke of the minimum standards of sound construction as set up by the FHA as a rational approach to an "important element of mortgage, lending policy."

Ralph T. Walker, F.A.I.A., warned against too much standardization or centralized control in housing standards and urged constant change of these standards to keep pace with changing conditions.

Henry J. Kaiser, whose shipyards have played a major role in producing war material, believes that "residential building after the war can do for American economy what the automobile did for us in the early Nineteen Twenties." Mr. Kaiser was speaker at the luncheon meeting of the conference.

Eggers & Higgins are architects for a proposed memorial to the late Gov. Alfred E. Smith being planned by a committee of 95 prominent New Yorkers.

Otto R. Eggers, partner in the firm, has accepted a three-year appointment to the Municipal Art Commission, of New York City.

Delano & Aldrich have won first place in a competition to select an architect for the postwar building program at United States Military Academy at West Point.

Second, third and fourth places in the competition were won, respectively, by these New York firms: Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, Alfred Hopkins & Associates, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

The competition was authorized by the War Department and was under the direction of Colonel Edgar W. Garbisch, the Army's New York District Engineer.

Charles W. Stoughton, a member of the architects' firm of Stoughton & Stoughton, New York, for the last fifty years, died Jan. 9 in Mount Vernon Hospital after a brief illness, at the age of 84.

Mr. Stoughton was graduated as a civil engineer from Columbia University in 1889, and immediately entered the architectural field. In 1894 he and his brother, Arthur A. Stoughton, his only immediate survivor, formed the firm of Stoughton & Stoughton.

William Francis Dominick, A.I.A., with offices in New York, died at Greenwich, Conn., on Jan. 17, of a heart attack. He was 69 years old. Mr. Dominick, who held degrees from Yale (1898) and Columbia (1901), received from The American Institute of Architects its 1941 certificate of merit for "excellence in small-home design" for his remodeling of the home of Mrs. Archer F. Brown in Greenwich.

G. Morton Wolfe has been elected president of the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter of The American Institute of Architects. He succeeds James S. Whitman. Other officers are: Vice president, Raymond Freeburg of Jamestown, and secretary-treasurer, Earl Martin. Mr. Whitman and Alfred B. Baschnagel were elected directors for three-year terms. James W. Kideney has been named representative to the New York State Association of Architects.

Appointment by Buffalo Public and Grosvenor Library Boards of Eliel Saarinen and James W. Kideney as architects for the proposed combined library to be built after the war was approved by the Buffalo-Western New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, Jan. 10. Executive Secretary Earl Martin informed the council. The chapter recommended the council confirm the appointment.

With the advent of the New Year, the Brooklyn Chapter, A.I.A., has started on the road toward its fifty-first milestone.

"We feel that if the architectural profession follows the philosophy of the defeatist school it will soon become weak

and lose its rightful place among the highly skilled professions of the modern world," says E. J. Gambaro, chairman of the Chapter's Current Work Committee.

We hope that these observations, as expressed by the Chairman, will serve, even in a small way, to unify all of us in a more friendly, sympathetic and understanding spirit.

"This is the time to keep up the collective spirit and develop our usefulness as an architectural organization," says Cy Tucker, secretary of the Rochester Society of Architects.

"Rochester has suffered, as many other cities, from an economic illness. Are you familiar with what steps can be taken to counteract this trend? Station WHEC is sponsoring 20 weeks of broadcast on Tuesday nights at 9:30 on subjects of civic interest. The program is being handled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the first one will be titled 'City Planning in Rochester,' in which Mr. William A. Kaelber and Mr. Blake McKelvey will take prominent parts."

Hunter McDonnell, A.I.A., of New Rochelle, died on Dec. 27, at the age of 52.

Indiana Hears Myers

Through the cooperation of N. Roy Shambleau, architect, one of the sponsors of The South Bend Home Planners' Institute, Howard Myers, architectural editor of Life magazine and editor of Architectural Forum, spoke to the Institute recently.

Besides being an authority on home building and a leader in emphasizing good style and convenience in moderately priced houses, Mr. Myers has been a pioneer in better city and town planning. He is now devoting his attention, thought and editorial space to the practicability of prefabricated houses.

The program, the third in a series sponsored by the Home Planners' institute to encourage interest in postwar home building, remodeling, decoration and refurnishing, included a question-and-answer forum conducted by Mr. Myers after his talk.

Maine Seeks Registration

Presentation to the Legislature of a bill for registration of all architects in the state was decided on at the annual meeting of Maine Chapter, American Institute of Architects, Jan. 12.

This will be the fourth time such a bill has been submitted, John Howard Stevens of Portland, newly elected president of the chapter, explained.

Architects in the State numbered about 30 a year ago but there probably are few today, he said.

Other officers elected were John S. Larsson of Bangor, vice president, and William B. Tuttle of Portland, secretary-treasurer. Royal Boston, Jr., retiring president, presided.



Pickering President Cincinnati Chapter

Annual Meeting Looks To Overall Long-time Planning

Cincinnati Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, elected Prof. Ernest Pickering, head of the department of architecture, School of Applied Arts, University of Cincinnati, as its president Jan. 16. He succeeds Standish Meacham. Those named with Pickering were Edward H. Kruckemeyer, vice president; Ramsey Findlater, secretary, and George E. Porter, Jr., treasurer. This group also will act for Cincinnati Section, Ohio Architects' Society.

Meacham became a member of the executive committee, taking the place of George F. Roth, Jr. The two other members of this committee are Charles R. Strong and Bernard Pepinsky. As chairman of the membership committee Roth reported that the chapter has 57 corporate members and 97 associate and student members which, for 1944, showed an increase of 21 per cent.

A report by the building code committee was accepted by the chapter and will be discussed at another meeting. The report opposed a standardized set of regulations for all communities.

Branson V. Gamber, F.A.I.A., of Derrick & Gamber, Detroit, spoke on the work of the Architects' Civic Design Group of Metropolitan Detroit, of which he is chairman. Gamber was introduced by Charles F. Cellarius, Great Lakes Regional director of the institute. John W. Becker was chairman of the Program Committee.

A real effort to get down to the grass roots of public preference in city planning is being made by the Citizens Planning Association, the Engineering Society of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

These organizations are sponsoring monthly forums with the hope of getting real break-down discussion of who-wants-what in the Cincinnati of tomorrow. At each forum there will be speakers on the topics of discussion, after which there will be questions and talks from the floor. At one of the sessions, Mrs. John W. Becker, of the Modern Art Society, will speak on "What do Cultural Facilities mean to Cincinnati—Have we more than we can afford?"

Harry Hake has been selected as architect for a new McKicken Hall at the University of Cincinnati, to cost about \$1,000,000.

Hake and his associates have been architects for many important buildings in Cincinnati and in Ohio. These include the Student Union and Taft Law School on the University campus, all of recent construction, and Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Co. buildings.

Clifford M. Stegner, 67, building commissioner in Cincinnati from 1927 to 1943, died of a heart attack Jan. 18.

A native of Cincinnati, he received engineering degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Cornell University. From 1912 to 1926 he had a private practice in Cincinnati as architect and engineer.

Active in many engineering societies, he was past president of the Building Officials' Conference.

Cleveland—A proposed ordinance to require architects on every building job in Shaker Heights, has caused a fight between architects and home builders.

Francis K. Draz, chairman of a committee which represented the Cleveland Chapter of The American Institute of Architects in studying the proposed ordinance, defended it as a protection to the Shaker Heights public.

"The required use of an architect will protect public health and safety," he said. "Another good feature is the insistence that the architect supervise the construction and that he certify to the city that work was completed according to approved plans and specifications."

"If an architect is to be put in the driver's seat on every home construction, the best operative builders—who build homes for sale after completion—will get out of Shaker Heights," warned A. A. Treuhaft, vice president of the Home Builders' Association.

Columbus Chapter, A.I.A., elected G. Curtis Inscho as president for 1945. About 30 years ago his father, Charles L. Inscho, was presiding over the same chapter.

Father and son now practice together, this partnership having been carried on for the past five years following the attendance of the new president at Ohio State University.

Thomas E. Brand, state architect, was re-elected vice president. The duties of the secretary were placed in the hands of Gilbert Coddington of the Department of Engineering Drawing at Ohio State.

Marion A. Carter, associated with the office of Ohio State University architect, was elected treasurer and Raymond D. Goller, the retiring president, was elected as a member of the executive committee.



All officers of the new student branch of The American Institute of Architects at Ohio State University are women. They are Eloise Killian, Wapakoneta, president; Ellen Tubbs, Westerville, vice president; Barbara Wolfe, Fremont, secretary, and Louise McDaniel, 782 S. Front St., publicity officer. Advisers at the monthly meetings are Prof. Wilbert C. Ronan and Todd Tibbals, architect.

The American Commission for Living War Memorials, of which Howard Dwight Smith, Ohio State University, is architectural advisor, has issued a booklet, "Memorials that Live." Of 58 pages, it is beautifully illustrative of many types of memorials.

Regardless of any feeling concerning so-called living memorials, the profession at large will be interested in the Commission's acceptance of the policy which was insisted upon by its architectural advisors, namely, that the brochure should

be confined to stimulating ideas for setting ideals rather than to promulgating specific types or plans of possible memorial projects. This policy is distinguished from that already followed by the American Recreation Association, some branches of the American Legion, the Recreational Division of the Community War Services, and others, who have published booklets containing drawings of suggested structures. Some of these drawings have been dimensioned and described in such manner as to suggest their possible use as working drawings.

The Commission has been importuned on numerous occasions to publish drawings of types of structures, but has refrained because of the belief, as expressed editorially in their brochure, that even the smallest of community memorial projects should grow from the life of the community which it serves, and that specific professional service is desirable, if not essential.

It should be apparent that the Commission's concern for American physical fitness is deeply sincere. Its respect for, and reliance upon, the architects and engineers of the country in the whole matter of living memorials are indicated by this recent publication.

Toledo—Alfred A. Hahn was elected president of Toledo Chapter, American Institute of Architects, at its annual meeting Jan. 16. Other officers chosen are Carl C. Britsch, vice president; Mark B. Stophlet, secretary; Roy Peterson, treasurer.

Willis A. Vogel, the retiring president, was elected a director for a three-year term, representing the Architects' Society of Ohio. Horace W. Wachter, retiring treasurer, was also elected a director, with Michael B. O'Shea an alternate director. Harold Munger and Charles H. Stark are holdover members of the board of directors.



Mr. Hahn

Hahn, a member of the firm of Hahn & Hayes, has been actively interested in his professional organizations, as well as civic affairs, for many years. Among the many creditable jobs to his credit are the \$2,000,000 Toledo Public Library and \$1,500,000 Hillcrest apartment hotel.

Over 400 person of Toledo and environs attended the first annual dinner of the Toledo Regional Planning Association on Jan. 9. The topic was "Status of Planning in Toledo." Harold H. Munger spoke on "An Architect Looks at Toledo."

John Richards, Toledo architect and artist, is currently holding a one-man show at the Toledo Artists' club. The exhibition contains watercolors and lithographs of European scenes, the Smoky mountains and eastern states, as well as local views.

A one-time instructor of watercolor at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Richards is one of Toledo's outstanding architects and a member of the firm of Bellman, Gillette and Richards. He also is a member of the Tile club and the Toledo Artists' club and the A.I.A.

Central Pennsylvania Names Johnstone

The annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, was held at the Harrisburger hotel Jan. 11. President William Lynch Murray, Harrisburg, was in charge.

The chapter acted on a motion to join with architects throughout the Commonwealth in forming a Pennsylvania Society of Architects.

Officers elected were B. Kenneth Johnstone, State College, president; Harry E. Yessler, York, vice president; Daniel S. Readinger, Harrisburg, secretary; John W. Greiner, Lancaster, treasurer; William L. Murray, Harrisburg, executive committee member.

Mr. Johnstone has been most actively interested in his professional organizations for many years. Last year he completed a study of the distribution and availability of architectural services in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Lemont H. Button, has been elected president of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Institute of Architects, for 1945. Roy L. Hoffman was elected vice president; J. Phillips Davis, secretary; D. Donald McGervey, treasurer; and Raymond A. Fisher, director, 1945-47.

Eliot L. Whitaker, associate professor in the department of architecture, Penn State College, won first prize of \$1500 in War Bonds for "his ingenious design for a home in which heating facilities can be shifted quickly and easily from one fuel to another as shortages or price increases may dictate," in a nation-wide competition sponsored by the Bituminous Coal Institute and the Architectural Record. Professor Whitaker is co-author with B. Kenneth Johnstone, head of the Department of Architecture,



Prof. Whitaker, and other staff members of a forthcoming book entitled "Building or Buying a Home."

Thirty-one years of outstanding service as head of the school of architecture and building construction at the International Correspondence Schools were completed last week when William S. Lowndes, A. I. A., announced his retirement.

During his long tenure of teaching, Mr. Lowndes saw many of his students reach eminence in their profession. Upon announcing his retirement before his faculty associates at the I.C.S., the architect predicted that youthful ideas will revolutionize many concepts of the American postwar life.

Paul T. Farrell, A.I.A., died at his home in Pittsburgh on Jan. 6. He was 63. Mr. Farrell was a former member of the firm of Braziell and Farrell. He had recently worked on government housing projects in Groveton, Meadville and Dravosburg.

Washington State Elects Jones President

Victor N. Jones, prominent Seattle architect and member of the firm of McClellan and Jones, was elected president of the Washington State Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, at its annual meeting in Seattle Jan. 20.

Lt. Col. Ivan Meyer, assistant chief of staff, army intelligence, 41st Division, spoke on "Architecture of Australia." William F. Gardner, of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, was a guest.

Other officers elected include: vice president, Seattle district, George Wellington Stoddard; treasurer, Paul Hayden Kirk; secretary, Perry Johanson; vice president, Yakima district, John W. Maloney; vice president, Tacoma district, Charles Pearson; vice president, Olympia district, Joseph Wohleb. Convention delegates are George Wellington Stoddard, Ralf Decker and Frank Smith. Henry J. Olchewsky was elected to the board of the chapter for a three-year term.

Mr. Jones' firm is preparing to open offices also in Boise, Idaho, announcing that several million dollars worth of postwar work in the Boise valley had already been secured.

Twelve engineering and architectural societies covering western Washington and the entire state have formed the Puget Sound Council of Engineering & Technical societies patterned after the Oregon Technical Council in Portland.

Nathan A. Carle, former Seattle city engineer and a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has been elected chairman of the council which will represent the state's engineering and technical profession in a manner similar to that in which the state bar represents lawyers.

The Council expects eventually to encompass 20 societies and have a total membership of 300 engineers and architects.

The Washington Chapter, A.I.A., is represented by A. M. Young.

Oregon Elects

Francis B. Jacobberger was elected president of the Oregon chapter, American Institute of Architects, at the annual meeting Jan. 16.

Other officers included: Van Evera Bailey, vice president; Thayne J. Logan, secretary, and John K. Dukehart, treasurer.

Pietro Belluschi, retiring president, was named to the board of directors to succeed Clarence H. Wick.

In a talk on "Redesign for Social Order" Rev. Thomas J. Tobin urged co-operation between labor and management to the point that government intervention would not be necessary.



Mr. Jones

South Texas Chapter, A. I. A. Votes Werlin President

Eugene Werlin has been elected president of the South Texas chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

Other new officers include Jack W. Knostman, first vice president; Thomas Fitz Patrick, second vice president; C. H. Kiefner, secretary; and Lewis J. Woodruff, treasurer.

Milton McGinty was elected to a three-year term as a director. Holdover directors are A. F. Finn, Sr., and James Chillman.

John B. Danna has been elected president of the Dallas section of the Texas Society of Architects succeeding Tom Broad.

Other new officers of the organization are Robert Goodwin, vice president; John P. Wiltshire, secretary, and Wade Klamburg, treasurer. Arthur Thomas was elected as a new director and Broad and Hal Yoakum, retiring secretary, became members of the executive board.

Hugo Leipziger, instructor in architecture at the University of Texas, has been invited by the city of Galveston to serve as consultant on housing and city planning for its postwar period.

Planning for Galveston will include consideration of the city's historic and cultural background and recognition of the sort of community it wants to be, Leipziger said. He emphasized the importance of attention to housing as an integral part of any well-rounded city plan.

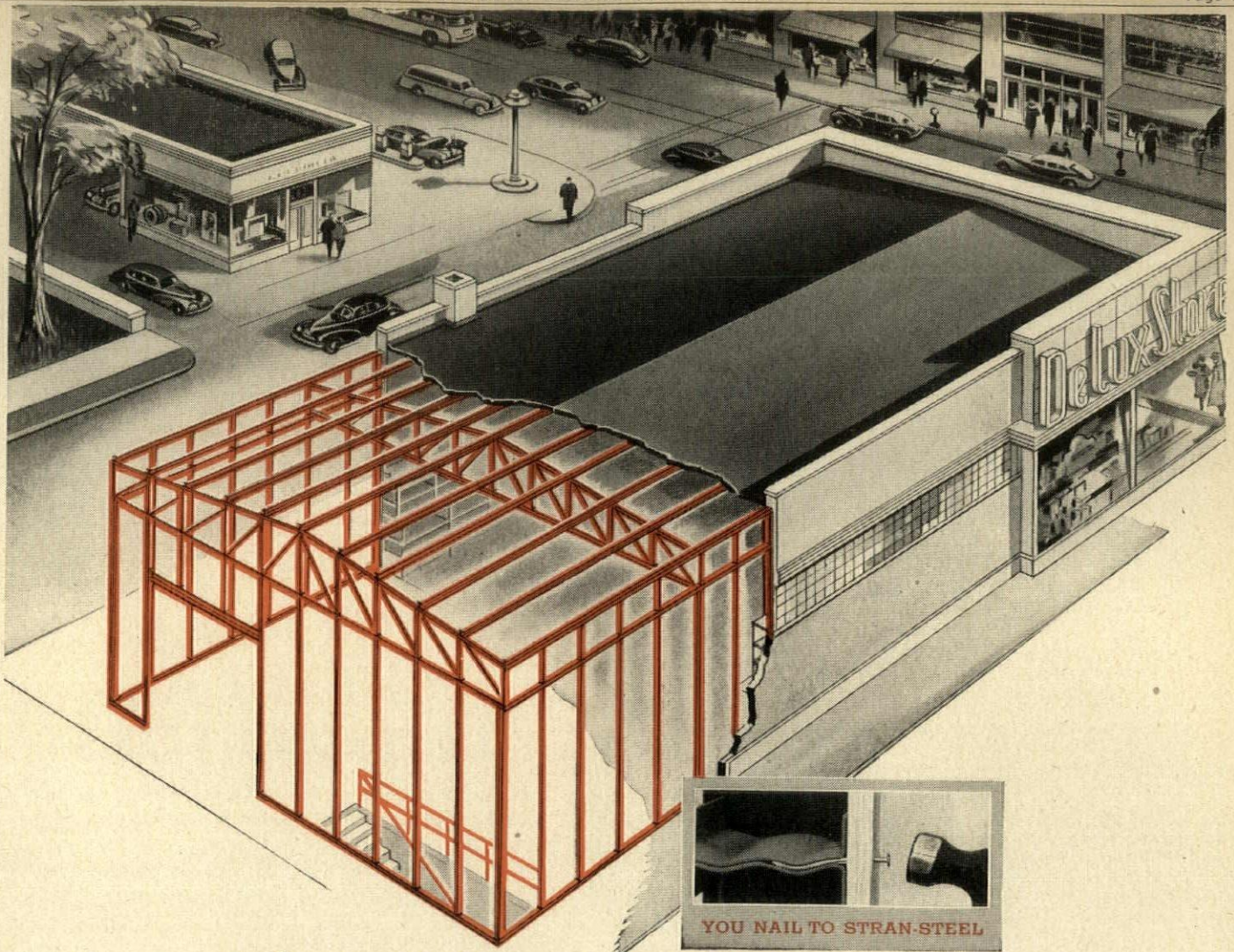
Members of the community council who are working with the architect are representatives of Galveston's city and county organization. Leipziger has also assisted with postwar planning in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Members of the Dallas Architects' Wives Club, assisted by the Women of Rotary entertained men from Ashburn Hospital, who were in Dallas for the week end.

Arriving here at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, the veterans were met by members of the Architects' Wives' entertainment committee and taken to the homes of club members, where they were week end house guests. Mrs. Thomas D. Broad and Mrs. John B. Danna, assisted by Mmes. John D. Carsey, Terrell R. Harper, Mark Lemmon, Arthur Thomas, Wade Klamburg, Harry A. Kemp, Walter W. Ahlschlager, J. Murrell Bennett and Roy E. Lane, were in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Marion Foose, president of the club, is general chairman of the city-wide project.

Hugo F. Kuehne, Jr., is not only following his father's professional footsteps, but is taking time out in his leisure from navy duties in the South Pacific area to do some occasional architectural sketches. Recently he sent his father an architectural drawing he made of a chapel in New Guinea.

Young Kuehne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo F. Kuehne. Kuehne is an Austin architect and a member of the architectural firm of Giesecke, Kuehne and Brooks.



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Rhode Island Honors Two

Rhode Island Chapter of The American Institute of Architects recently did honor to two of its most distinguished members at a testimonial dinner. The recipients were F. Ellis Jackson and Wallis E. Howe. John Hutchins Cady, president of the chapter, saluted Mr. Jackson in the following words:

"A student and patron of historic Rhode Island architecture, Mr. Jackson has the happy faculty of adapting traditional forms to meet modern requirements, as exemplified by his notable group of buildings on College Hill. His passion for harmony and order in neighborhood design led him into the field of city planning, where his inspiration and leadership were of such significance that he received a citation from The Providence Journal in the summer of 1944 for outstanding community service. He is devoted to the interests of The American Institute of Architects and the advancement of its ideals, and is a wise counsellor of the Rhode Island Chapter."

His greeting to Mr. Howe was as follows:

"A designer of distinction, with a technique of delineation envied for its brilliance and charm by his fellow practitioners. Mr. Howe has produced, and is still producing public buildings, schoolhouses, office buildings, churches, and other architectural works of sterling quality. Of outstanding charm are his many residences, not one of which has failed to add beauty and distinction to its environment."

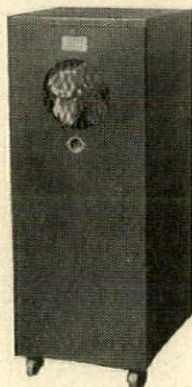
Mitchell, S. D.—The recent 26th annual convention of the South Dakota Society of Architects, at Mitchell, was welcomed by Walter J. Dixon, architect, mayor of the city.

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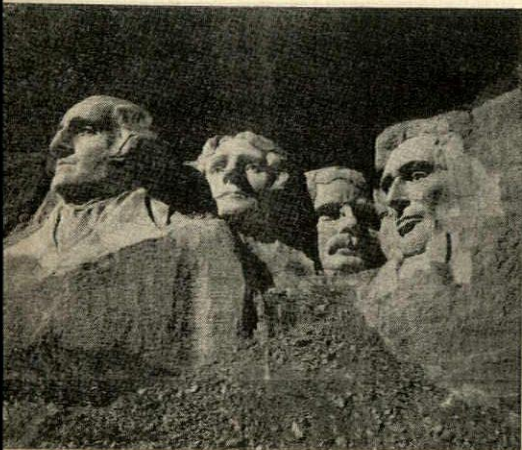
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M. S. A. Board Meets Discusses Annual Meeting

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of The Michigan Society of Architects met at the Rackham building in Detroit on the afternoon of February 8. President John C. Thornton presided. Directors present were Messrs. Gamber, Black, Langius, Blakeslee, Caldwell, Stirton, Hughes, Pellerin and Mead. Also in attendance were Watts A. Shelly of the State Registration Board, Aloys Frank Herman of the Legislative Committee, Emil Lorch and George McConkey of APELSCOR, and Clair W. Ditchy, president, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

After discussion of registration and legislation, a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year was named by the board as follows: Kenneth C. Black, chairman; Robert B. Frantz and Harry L. Mead.

President Thornton appointed a second nominating committee consisting of Branson V. Gamber, chairman; Wells I. Bennett and Randall Wagner.

The president appointed a committee on roadside signs consisting of Alex Linn Trout, chairman, Fred Harley and Buford L. Pickens. He also named William E. Kapp and Frederick Fairbrother as a committee on schedule of charges.

The president announced that he had appointed Andrew R. Morison as the Society's representative to comply with a request from the city of Pleasant Ridge for information on costs of residential construction.

Victor E. Thebaud, of Grand Rapids, was made a member emeritus of the Society.

It was announced that the Saginaw Chapter of the A.I.A. is now duly established with twenty-four members.

ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the Society's annual meeting has been changed from March 23 to March 22, 1945. This was made necessary in order to secure the proper facilities. This being a one-day meeting with less than 50 from out of town, no conflict with ODT rulings will be experienced.

The Producers' Council will provide a program the evening before. The board of directors will meet at breakfast at the Wardell Sheraton on the 22nd which will be followed by the opening business session in the Rackham building at 10:00 A. M.

A luncheon will be held at the Wardell Sheraton and another business session in the afternoon.

The annual dinner will be held in the banquet hall at the Rackham building, followed by a lecture in the large auditorium at 8:15 P. M. The speaker will be Frank Lloyd Wright. It is expected that Mr. Wright will arrive on the morning of March 21 and be at the Detroit Athletic Club for a press conference.

Dinner Meeting of Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

RACKHAM MEMORIAL BUILDING, DETROIT

Thursday, February 22, 1945

Board Meeting, 4:00 P.M.; Dinner, 6:30 P.M.; Program, 8:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Joseph Hudnut, Dean, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University
SUBJECT: "The Art and Science of City Planning."

JOSEPH HUDNUT has been Professor of Architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Design at Harvard University since 1935.

Before that date he had been Professor of Architecture and Director of the School of Fine Arts, University of Virginia, and Professor of Architecture and Dean of the School of Architecture at Columbia University.

Born at Big Rapids, Michigan, in 1886, Mr. Hudnut graduated at the University of Michigan in 1912 and received his professional degree in architecture from Columbia University in 1917. He served twelve months with the A.E.F. in Italy and France.

Until 1935 Mr. Hudnut was not only a teacher but a practicing architect, having designed and built many buildings in New England, New York, and the South. He has been, and still is, an active contributor to periodicals and a lecturer at universities and museums of art. He has served from time to time on public boards and committees and as a director of architectural competitions—among these, the national competition for the Smithsonian Gallery of Art in Washington. He is the author of a critical essay on sculpture: MODERN SCULPTURE, published by Norton & Company in 1927.



Dean Hudnut

Helen Fassett on City Plan Board

Miss Helen L. Fassett, director of research for Smith-Hinchman and Grylls, Inc., has been appointed to the nine-member City Plan Commission by Detroit's Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, Jr.

The mayor's letter of appointment asked Miss Fassett to complete the final month of the term of Branson V. Gamber, who resigned from the commission recently, and to accept a full three-year appointment beginning March 1. A graduate of Armour Institute, of Chicago, Miss Fassett is secretary of the Architects Civic Design Group, an association which has worked in an advisory capacity with the City Plan Commission on long-range development plans for the city.

Russian Course at Detroit Tech

To meet a growing demand, the Detroit Institute of Technology will offer courses in the Russian language this spring in its regular curriculum. The instructor in these courses is Mr. E. Litvinoff, a highly-educated native Russian with a rich background of experience in teaching the Russian tongue to Americans. His teaching method provides a short-cut to basic Russian, eliminates all non-essential details, moves always toward the dual goals of **useful mastery**, and **quick mastery**.

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APELSCOR Meets to Discuss Court Decision

From the Michigan Engineer, Dec. 1944

A meeting of the Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors Committee on Registration was held recently at the Rackham Memorial Building in Detroit to discuss the recent Illinois Supreme Court decision which ruled that state's registration act unconstitutional. George Francis, Chairman of APELSCOR, appointed a Committee to study the Michigan law in view of the Illinois decision to see if legislative action is warranted in Michigan.

Watts Shelly, Executive Secretary of the Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors, has presented the following summary of the Illinois decision:

A far reaching and severe blow has been dealt engineering registration in the case of Krebs vs. Thompson, recently decided by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

In this case, the newly enacted law, regulating the practice of professional engineering has been declared unconstitutional and, therefore, invalid. Basis is primarily on the vague definition of the term "Professional Engineering." Inasmuch as the Illinois law is patterned, to a great extent,

after the model law used by most states, it is quite imminent that steps be taken to amend the model law in all vulnerable provisions. Since engineering is a man-made profession, its functions must be clearly defined. Probably, the common-law professions of medicine, law, and divinity would stand up under such a general definition as we have given engineering; but since our own profession is statutory, its scope must be accurately defined and its standards of practice clearly set forth.

The Supreme Court of Illinois held that an act to be valid could not be vague, indefinite, and uncertain but must be complete when it leaves the legislature and sufficiently explicit to advise everyone of his rights under the act and the effect on him by its operation. Quoting a previous decision, Court said: "Statutes which are so incomplete, vague, indefinite, and uncertain that men of ordinary intelligence must necessarily guess at their meaning and differ as to their application, have uniformly been declared unconstitutional as denying due process."

The Court said that the words "engineering principles and data" are not defined in the act and have no fixed and definite meaning. Furthermore, that engineering services and the application of engineering principles and data extend to many different vocations and employment. The chief

objection is that the law gives too much discretion to the Department of Registration and Education and its Engineering Committee, in that not only is the definition of engineering lacking but also standards of determining qualifications thereunder are also lacking. Said the Court: "If the statute leaves to a ministerial officer to define the thing to which the statute is to be applied, and if the definition is not commonly known in the modes already pointed out, the act becomes invalid, because it creates an unwarranted and void delegation of legislative power."

As the final blow, the Court said that the provision, stating that an applicant must meet all requirements of the act, is meaningless because there are no requirements set out in the act.

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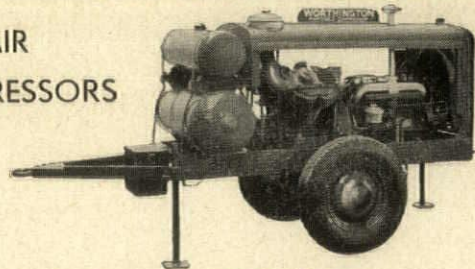
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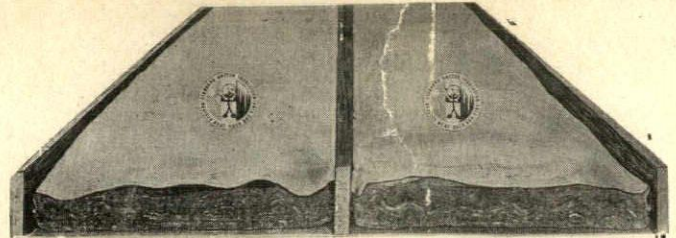
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Annual Report of the President, Grand Rapids Chapter A. I. A. for the Year 1944

By ROGER ALLEN

THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER begins the year 1945 with the largest membership in its history, and with its membership 100% paid up, as far as the obligations to the national body are concerned. Only the fact that one or two members have not paid their chapter dues for 1944 spoils an otherwise perfect record.

We now have 50 corporate members and one associate member in this chapter, a figure that represents 57% of all the registered architects in our territory. This figure of 57% actually means a higher percentage than the

figure indicates, for of the architects registered and accredited to this chapter's territory, a number are out of the state, in other lines of work, or inactive. I think it would be fair to say that of the architects in actual practice in our territory, nearly 70% are Institute members.

I have received and have studied with very great interest a tabulation recently made by C. Julian Oberwarth, membership secretary of the Institute. As you can see, this tabulation



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is a large blue printed sheet containing complete information from every chapter in the United States on the relation of institute membership to the total number of architects. Let me read you a few of the figures: The total number of architects in the United States is 14,477, and of this number 4,491 are members of the Institute. This means that 31% or slightly less than one-third, of the practicing architects of the United States hold membership in the Institute.

The Grand Rapids chapter ranks 6th, out of a total of 72 chapters, in the proportion of Institute members to total number of architects. You may be interested in the five chapters that have a larger percentage than we have: Delaware has 32 out of 35 architects for a percentage of 91; Detroit has 401 out of 461 for 87%; Kansas 34 out of 54 for 63%; South Georgia 13 out of 21 for 62% and North Louisiana 15 of 25 for 60%.

Incidentally, the chapter with the lowest percentage is Westchester, where of a total of 310 architects only 14 are Institute members, for a percentage of 5%.

The percentage varies widely in the regional districts. These percentages are as follows:

New England	25%
New York	25%
Middle Atlantic	31%
South Atlantic	34%
Great Lakes (our district) ..	55%
Central States	33%
Illinois-Wisconsin	24%
Gulf States	31%
Western Mountain	43%
Sierra Nevada	21%

Mr. Oberwarth points out:

It is fair to remember that the obstacles to large proportionate membership vary widely in the different chapters. The larger the area covered the more difficult the task becomes. A city having 100 architects and a chapter covering only its corporate limits has a simple problem compared to a state with 100 architects and no large cities. These difficulties are multiplied for chapters which cover two or three large states.

Another factor is the date of passage and quality of the registration law in the chapter area. A state which has recently passed a law which allows initial registration to "almost anyone" may be expected to have a proportionately large list of non-member architects.

It is surprising to discover, however, the degree to which proportionate membership fails to follow the unusual conditions (outlined above in fairness to some chapters) and persists in following those who have shown themselves willing to "bury the hatchet," throw aside old prejudices and consideration of personalities or size of practice, and show a brand of leadership which makes all architects want to join in building a strong, clean, truly national Institute.

In general, therefore, the tabulation tells a significant story and gives a good view of proportionate strength of the Institute in all areas.

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I think our old friend Julian Oberwarth deserves the thanks of every Institute member for the job he has done in the past year as chairman of the membership committee, and not the least important thing he did was to prepare and circulate this extremely informative and thought-provoking tabulation.

We hope that before the next annual meeting the war will be over and we will have with us again the members of the chapter who are now in the armed services. The chapter has had, on the whole, and in spite of its president, a successful year in 1944 and I am sure that 1945 will be more successful.

I would like to make a few recommendations. First, as to the type of meetings. One of the most successful meetings we have had was the one conducted by Libby-Owens-Ford, at which the Solar House was discussed and illustrated. I believe firmly that informative meetings of this type are the most worth-while type, and such a meeting has been scheduled at Lansing, for the February meeting of this chapter.

Secondly, I feel that we should publish once a month a mimeographed Bulletin, whether we call it ARCHITECTONICS or something else. I am convinced that nothing makes a chapter member desire to take part in institute activities as much as providing him with complete information on what is going on inside and outside the Chapter. While the Bulletin of the Michigan Society functions brilliantly, still there are many things of interest principally to our own members that can be handled better in our own news letter. I do not think that this Bulletin should take advertising or become a printed leaflet; two mimeographed sheets should give us plenty of scope. I

would like to see this matter gone into as soon as possible, for while I would be glad, if the chapter so desires, to edit this bulletin, I have no intention whatever to get mixed up in any details of the duplication or distribution of it.

It seems to me the Chapter should be giving some consideration to the fact that very soon, we hope, the war will be over and young men will be returning to the practice of architecture. I think the institute should make every effort to see that these young men are given all the assistance they need in obtaining positions in established offices and that the young men who return to college to continue their architectural studies should be aided in every way possible. I have been serving recently on a committee that has been discussing War Memorials and in looking over the various types of memorials now being planned all over the nation, I note that the emphasis is on some form of living memorial, or at least a memorial that benefits the living while it commemorates the sacrifices of the heroic dead. In Pontiac for instance, the students of one of the large high schools have established a scholarship to the University of Michigan. Each scholarship is to bear the name of some graduate who fell in battle. It seems to me that the two institute chapters in Michigan could very well do something of this sort and establish an architectural scholarship or scholarships in the years to come.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the splendid cooperation I have had from every member of this chapter. The other officers and members of the Executive Committee have been extremely cooperative and every member has assisted in the chapter's efforts to keep an active chapter life going during these difficult years.

John H. Freeman Heads Builders & Traders'

At their recent annual election, the Builders' & Traders' Exchange, of Detroit, chose John H. Freeman, president; G. K. Chapman, of Walbridge, Aldinger Co., treasurer, and re-elected E. J. Brunner secretary-manager. Other officers chosen were Lester L. Brooker, Brooker Engineering Co., and Thomas Marshall, Robert Hutton Co., both vice presidents.

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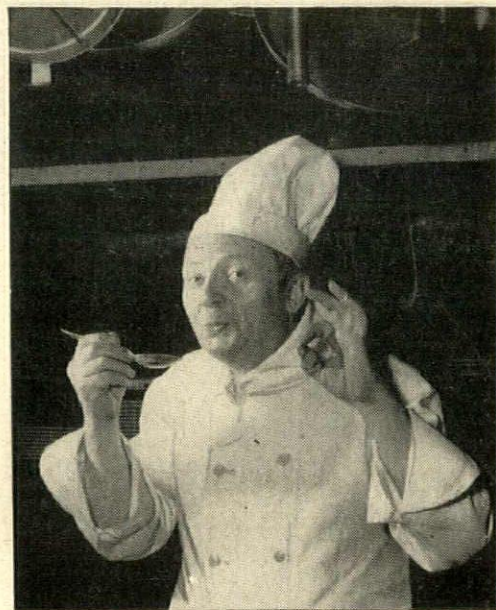
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SAGINAW PLANS AHEAD

SSAGINAW'S Board of Commerce, Committee for Economical Development has just issued a 57-page booklet on its Postwar Planning Program. The program appears to be a conservative one, with every division practically certain of achievement.

Member Robert B. Frantz, A.I.A., who is chairman of the sub-committee on Basic Planning, states that a score of other projects, particularly in the building construction field, have not been included in the report, for the reason that they are uncertain of becoming realities.

The report coordinates all public, industrial and other planning committees' findings for the general public's study and approval.

Says a foreword in the report, "A growing city should look ahead one, two, five and even ten years in an attempt to direct its efforts toward the accomplishment of chosen objectives which it feels will contribute

most to local commercial and civic development."

Stress is laid on the importance of encouraging private industry, which in peace-time accounts for two-thirds of total construction. The committees' goal has been to encourage the preparation of as many as possible of the postponed and needed private and public projects.

Many of the leaders in Saginaw's business, professional and social life are devoting their time and energies to the end that their city may be a better place in which to live.

Mr. Frantz, who has served as officer and director of The Michigan Society of Architects and Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, has long been actively interested as a member of this committee. He is currently a member of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.



Mr. Frantz

Dutch Housing Project Shown in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Effect of The Netherlands national housing act of 1901, which served to replace slum districts with worker homes, was shown in the photographic exhibit of modern Dutch architecture at Grand Rapids Public museum throughout February. About 220,000 new dwellings were erected, each with an average area of 500 square feet, at an annual rent of \$134.

The exhibit was secured by the Metropolitan Planning association of which Mrs. Siegel W. Judd is general chairman. Arrangements were made through Willard Wichers, director of the Holland museum and regional representative for The Netherlands Information bureau. It was first displayed last summer at Octagon house, Washington, D. C., headquarters of The American Institute of Architects, and also has been featured at Rockefeller Center, New York.

The exhibition shows the development of glass brick walls and extra large glass exposures to capture maximum light.

Effect of the war on The Netherlands was displayed in pictures obtained from the Dutch underground.

Plans and projects being developed by the planning bodies in metropolitan Grand Rapids also were shown. Clubs and organizations were invited to hold their February meetings in the museum auditorium and to study the exhibit.

Harold S. Ellington is author of an article, "A Practical Approach to Postwar Plant Design for Breweries" in the January issue of *Brewer and Dispenser*. The article by Mr. Ellington, of Harley, Ellington & Day, Detroit architects and engineers, was from a talk he had given before the Third Wartime Conference of the Master Brewers Association.

Dittmer Speaks on Prefabrication

Ralph T. Dittmer, A.I.A., architect for The Palace Corporation, spoke before a recent meeting of the Genesee County Board of Realtors in Flint, Michigan. His subject was "Postwar Prefabrication of Small Homes."



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THE NEW OFFICERS of the Chapter: President, Louis C. Kingscott, Kalamazoo; Vice-president, Clarence H. Rosa, Lansing; Secretary-Treasurer, Warren L. Rindge, Grand Rapids; Members of the Executive committee, the officers and Adrian N. Langius, Lansing, and Roger Allen, Grand Rapids.

LT. CARL J. RUDINE writes: "Here I am, out in the Pacific again among the islands. The romantic part of the islands has gone and this place is like any other war center. Coming across I had several ships with me; in fact I was Task Unit Commander. We had high winds and seas all the way across and I never was so glad to reach this harbor and get a couple of good drinks... We have been very busy at this place preparing for our advance base and things to come... Yesterday at the Officers' club who should I see but

Bill Palmer, now a Lieutenant-Commander, who is stationed here. Small world, isn't it? He looks the same as ever except a little thinner, I believe. He is very anxious to proceed out to some advanced base... My crew has enjoyed the music box so much and I often think of the Chapter for their kindness... I've taken some pictures but so far haven't been able to get them developed; when I do I'll send you some... Doris is now working as draftsman for Mr. Hartwick at State Parks... Would appreciate hearing from you and all the fellows."

CARL'S ADDRESS is Lieut. Carl J. Rudine, USNR, LST 821, c-o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. It would be a nice thing for everyone to drop him a note.

THE EDITOR of this Bulletin, a Mr. Allen, is now in the midst of moving his office from 1029 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg. to No. 1126 in the same building in order to get more room to think up stuff in. We had a couple of very comical clippings on architectural subjects that we had intended to pass along but they are probably lost for the time being and will turn up when we have no further use for them.

THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM will have a letter from Mr. A. in the Feb. issue; maybe, if we get moved, the April issue will also, as we just received the following note from Howard Myers: "The Allen public is champing at the bit. How about a bit of the champ?" That Myers is a one.

JOHN P. BAKER, the Johnny that Bonnie Baker sang about and our ex-Chapter President, has returned from the wars to assist Gus Langius in setting up (as if it's a set-up) post-war construction pro-

gram. Monday is our chance to get the gory details of his lurid past 3 years as Chief of Design Section, Chemical Warfare Service (phew), Pine Bluffs, Arkansas Arsenal.

THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE a new heading prepared for this bulletin and a plate made so we could use the same heading every month but Lou Kingscott's office and we quote is so busy there wasn't time to get it out unquote and he is just saying that to make us feel bad. But it will be along in time for next month's issue which will also have quite a lot more stuff printed above where it says

Roger Allen, Editor.

Steel Joists Available

Gabriel Steel Company, of Detroit, has been authorized to resume manufacturing of all types of steel joists. Production is now under way. For further information call Joe Landry at Gabriel.

Institute Dues

Michigan architects should give heed to the fact that dues in their chapter are now payable for 1945. The Roster Number of The Weekly Bulletin goes to press March 12.

Kampers at Hot Springs

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kamper, of Detroit, have left the snow behind them in favor of the South's balmy weather and sunshine. They are now sojourning at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.



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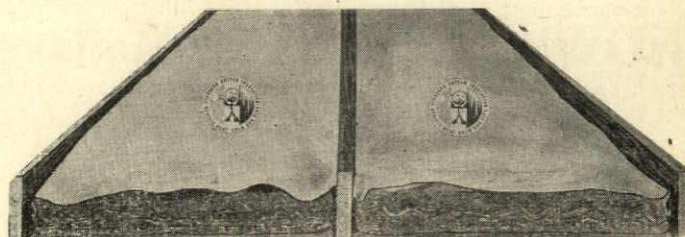
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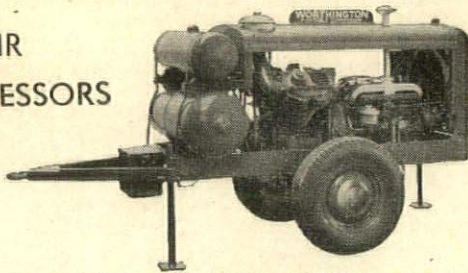
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Day Elected on New Construction Industry Council

Clarence E. Day, A.I.A., of Harley, Elington & Day, Detroit architects and engineers, was elected a vice-president of The Construction Industry Council, at its organization meeting in the Hotel Statler, Monday evening, February 19. He represents Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

The organization is to provide a medium that will offer an over-all approach to, and aid in solving, Detroit's postwar construction problems.

Other officers chosen were: President, Joseph G. Standart, representing the Detroit Mortgage Bankers' Association; vice-president, F. M. Sibley, of the Retailer Lumber Dealers' Association; secretary, Wallace Reid, of the Detroit Builders' Association, and treasurer, Clarence Treadwell, of the Detroit Real Estate Board.

The CIC's executive board will consist of the officers and the following: N. J. Biddle, of the Warm Air Heating Association; Ralph McMullan, of the General Builders' Association; L. L. McConachie, of the Heating & Piping Contractors Association; Henry Horn, of the Building

Material Suppliers' Association, and Edwin J. Brunner, of the Builders and Traders Exchange.

Clarence Day, Jr. is Safe

Clarence E. Day, A.I.A., and Mrs. Day have been informed that their son, Sgt. Clarence E. Day, Jr., is safe and well after being reported missing in the South Pacific area.

Although he bailed out when his plane was only 300 feet above the jagged rocks of the Jap-held Chinese interior, because he stood by his radio set to transmit an SOS, Sgt. Day got safely through the Jap lines and back to his base only three days after the Army had declared him missing.

After completing its mission Jan. 18, the Liberator bomber on which he was radioman and gunner had three engines shot out, and began to lose altitude fast. The order to bail out was given and all of the crew jumped, except Day and the pilot.

Writing to his family about what had happened, Day said that after sending the SOS he and the pilot took one look at the rugged terrain below them, wished each other good luck, and jumped, neither one feeling there was more than a slim chance of pulling through.

Day landed on the side of a mountain, unhurt, not far from a tiny settlement of native huts. Since a mist was rolling in and it was growing dark, he decided that there was little chance of finding the other crew members before morning. By sign language and drawings, he managed to find a place to spend the night.

"Then somebody brought me a couple of fresh eggs," Day writes, "which I proceeded to place in my canteen cup, full of water, over a small fire."

"During this procedure a great many eyes were bulging out at me. They were astounded to see me cook the eggs, rather than eat them raw."

"The next morning the villagers found my pilot safe in the valley. Later on in the day we had collected all the rest of the crew, and we were indeed a happy lot."

"I can't tell you what happened in the next nine days, except that we were picked up by Chinese guerillas, that I have never walked so far or over such treacherous terrain in my life, and never hope to, and that I have become very proficient in the use of chop sticks."

"Ten days after we bailed out we were all back at our base, and all of us were unhurt."

They returned to find that their barracks had burned to the ground, destroying all their possessions, while they were gone.

"About the only things I have left are the family picture and the Bible that I always carry with me."

"Of course I picked up a few new things on the trip—a large troupe of Chinese fleas."

Day, who is 23 years old, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and entered the service in February, 1942 while a student at Kenyon College.

Memorial to "Dad" Blakeslee

The Bert N. Blakeslee Memorial Fund recently presented two large Koster blue spruce trees to the College of Engineering, University of Detroit. These trees, more than twelve feet in height, flank the main entrance of the Engineering Building and make a valuable and handsome addition to the campus. They were purchased with funds donated by graduates of the Departments of Architectural and Civil Engineering who were students in Professor Blakeslee's classes in Structural Engineering.

Professor Blakeslee, affectionately known to his students as "Dad," was Director of Architectural Engineering from 1922 until his death in March, 1942. The trees are a particularly fitting memorial to him as he was one who loved nature and one who was keenly interested in landscaping the campus.

Mr. Blakeslee was the father of L. Robert Blakeslee, secretary of The Michigan Society of Architects.

Fred O'Dell Speaks On Materials

Frederick C. O'Dell, A.I.A., associate professor of architecture at the University of Michigan, discussed "Building Materials" at the fifth bi-weekly meeting of the Home Planners Institute in Jackson, Mich., recently.



The Institute is being conducted by the extension department of the University under joint sponsorship of the Greater Jackson Assn. and the Adult Education center.

Prof. O'Dell, who has been a member of the University faculty since 1920, was the engineer in charge of the United States construction and mapping office in Russia from September, 1918 until July, 1919.

At Philadelphia's Art Alliance are being shown designs of war memorials. The majority are by the famous Philadelphia architect, Paul Cret, who exhibits photographs and original drawings of his memorials at Varennes, Chateau Thierry and Fismes, the last-named a bridge, having recently been destroyed in the war. Among the other exhibitors are John Russell Pope and York and Sawyer. Mr. Cret is chairman of the committee on war memorials for The American Institute of Architects. This small gallery, by the way, is to be devoted, in the future, exclusively to architectural exhibits.

Spence Promoted

James Alexander Spence, A.I.A., now at Naval Training Station, Dearborn, Mich., has been promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander. In civilian life he was a partner in the firm of Frantz and Spence, Saginaw.

Zerga Opens New Office

Hanley Company of Bradford, Pa., largest manufacturers of face brick in the eastern part of United States, will open a sales office, yard and display room at 14545 Schaefer Highway, Detroit, on or about March 1st under the management of E. F. Zerga.

The Hanley Company, established in 1893, has developed into the largest manufacturer of face brick, ceramic glazed brick and tile in the eastern part of the United States with an annual output of ninety million units. Hanley Co. has supplied face brick and ceramic glazed materials in many of the largest building operations in all parts of this country. For many years Hanley Co. has produced materials of finest workmanship and mechanical perfection, accepted by the outstanding architectural firms throughout the east and middle west.

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