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## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT TAYLOR TO SPEAK

At Detroit Chapter Dinner Meeting, December 17—Subject: "What Architects Should Know About Landscape Architecture"

Albert Davis Taylor, Landscape, Town Planner and Civil Engineer, of Cleveland, Ohio, will be the speaker at the December 17 dinner meeting of the Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, in the Rackham Building. It is indeed fortunate that Mr. Suren Pilafian, Chairman of the Chapter's Program Committee was able to engage this most distinguished landscape architect for our December meeting. In order to do so, it was necessary to change the date from November 24. No meeting had been scheduled in December.

Mr. Taylor attended Massachusetts State College, where he received his B.S. Degree in 1905, LL.D. in 1945. He also received his Master's Degree from Cornell in 1906 and Sc.D., Oregon State College, 1940.

He was instructor in landscape architecture at Cornell, 1906-08 and began practice as a landscape architect in Boston in 1908. Since 1915 he has practiced in Cleveland, Ohio and Orlando, Florida. He was a non-resident professor of landscape architecture at Ohio State University, 1916-24, has lectured at the University of Michigan since 1938.

He is a contributing editor for the Landscape Architecture Magazine, was consulting landscape architect for the U.S. Forest Service, Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial, Pentagon Building site in Washington, D. C., Boys Town and many other important public and private developments.

Mr. Taylor was town planner for the U. S. Housing Corporation, 1917-18; collaborator for U. S. National Arboretum; and consultant for various U. S. Marine Hospitals. He was chief consultant in site planning for the War Department in 1941, and site planner for the Florida

State Capital Development.

A member of many local, state and national bodies, Mr. Taylor was president of the American Society of Landscape Architects, 1935-41. He is a member of the Landscape Architecture Jury, American Academy in Rome, was on the Cleveland City Plan Commission, 1928-43.

### Combined Meeting

American Society of Refrigeration  
Engineers and American Society  
of Heating and Ventilating  
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at the

HORACE H. RACKHAM  
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Monday, Dec. 13, 1948

Dinner ..... 6:30 P.M.

Meeting ..... 8:00 P.M.

Speaker: Mr. H. C. Hoffman,  
Detroit District Manager  
Carrier Corporation.

Subject: "Principles of Conduit Weather-  
master Design and Application to Ter-  
race Plaza Hotel Building, Cincinnati,  
Ohio."

### Dinner Meeting, Detroit Chapter

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Engineering Society of Detroit

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1948

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Program 8:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Mr. A. D. Taylor, Landscape Architect, of Cleveland, Ohio

SUBJECT: "What Architects should know about Landscape Architecture"

NOTE: Chapter Board Meeting will be held the day before, Thursday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m. at E. S. D.

### REFRESHER COURSES

REFRESHER COURSES for persons preparing to take State examinations for professional engineers and architects will be given again next year beginning on January 8th, 1949. Courses will be available in all fields covered by the State examinations for architects, including engineering, specifications, and design. As in the past, these courses will be available only to members of the Engineering Society of Detroit and its affiliate societies. This includes associate members of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

Tuition fees will be \$25.00 for those taking the entire course and \$15.00 for those taking only one part of the engineering work. Registration forms will be available at the cigar stand of the Engineering Society of Detroit's headquarters in the Rackham Building and all applications are to be received by December 31st, 1948.

As in the past, these courses will be conducted in the Rackham Building, Detroit.

In case of further question, please contact Mr. P. J. Bryant of the E. S. D. Phone number TE. 2-5400.



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CITY-COUNTY CIVIC CENTER***(From the Grand Rapids Press)*

To give fresh impetus to his suggested city-county civic center, the formation of a Civic Design Committee composed of local architects, has been proposed by Grand Rapids' Mayor, George W. Welsh.

"Such a group could study the project and determine the best design and plan for a civic center," the Mayor said, in pointing out that it could become a community venture.

The Mayor said that he had already mentioned the idea of an architect's committee to Kenneth C. Welch, AIA, Chairman of the city's City Planning Commission and widely-known architect for store equipment and interiors. Architect Welch, who thought the idea a good one, said he would seek to enlist the interest of other Grand Rapids architects in forming a Civic design committee under jurisdiction of the Western Michigan Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

The Mayor's proposal calls for erection of one or more groups of buildings for Kent County and city administration offices and court rooms, adequate police and sheriff's headquarters and a new jail. Office space could also be leased to Federal and State Governmental agencies serving the area, now scattered through many buildings.

The project would be financed by revenue bonds under a special state law and not out of tax monies, the Mayor said.

Kenneth Welch also liked the Mayor's suggested site, north of the Civic auditorium, along Grand River.

"With the natural advantages of river frontage, as well as access to the Auditorium and the proposed Grand River Expressway, prospects favor a very attractive and workable solution," the architect said, adding that "The parking problem in the lower Monroe Avenue district also could be solved".

Architect Welch warned, however, that a committee of architects could not produce recommendations overnight. Acquisition of the land for the project, now largely industrial, also would be a problem, he said.

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are working on similar projects with the assistance of local civic design committees, architect Welch concluded.

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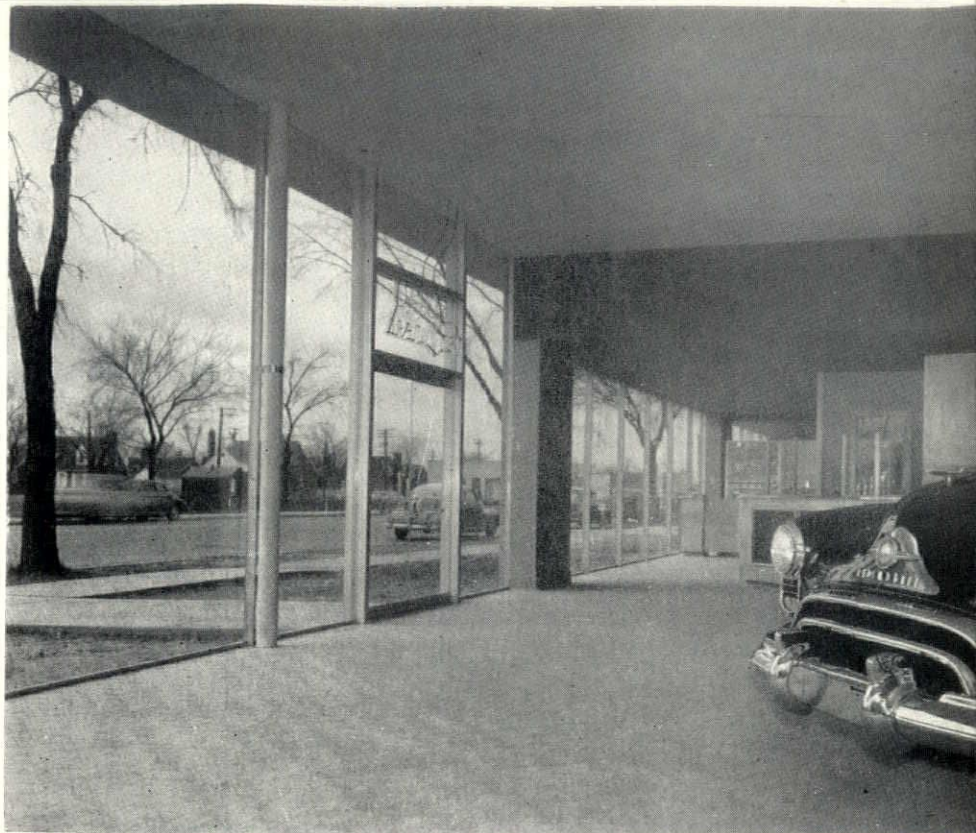
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office provides him with complete con-  
trol of the entire service area. The con-  
trol tower is located on a cantilevered  
platform directly over the customer re-  
ception area.

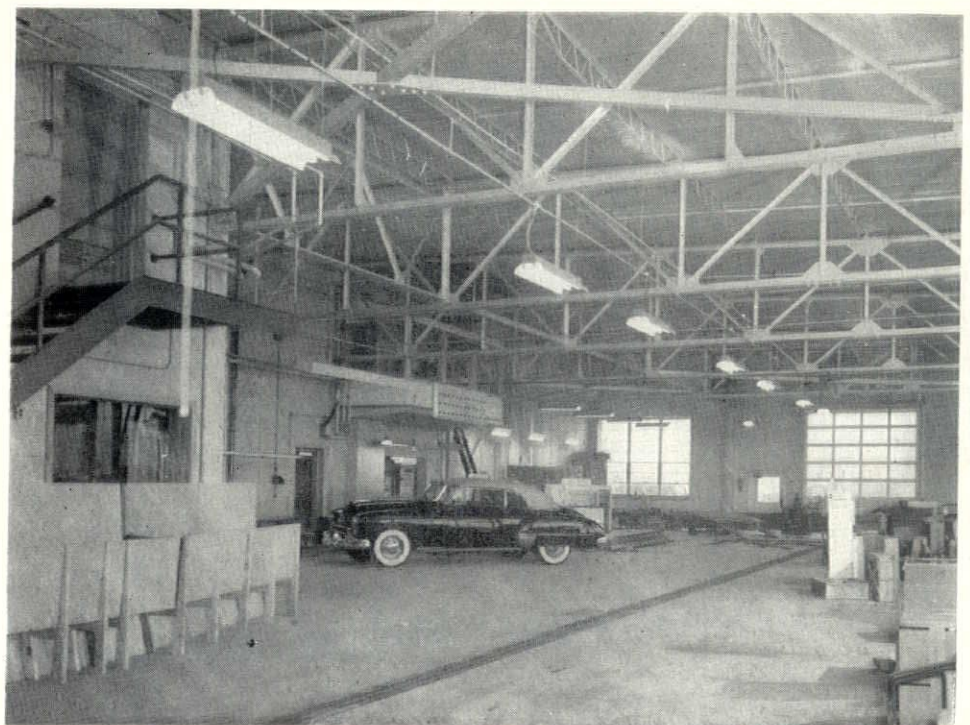
The paint and bump shop is complete-  
ly separated from the main shop area  
by masonry walls without openings,  
eliminating all noise and paint  
fumes from the public spaces. A used  
office is incorporated in this area.  
The basement under the parts depart-  
ment houses the heating plant and other  
mechanical equipment and provides  
space for the storage of large parts.

The first floor is heated with radiant  
heat in the concrete floors. There is a  
ceramic tile floor in the show room as  
well as around the grease racks. With  
the exception of the owners' offices,  
which are carpeted, all the office floors  
are covered with asphalt tile.

The wood trim throughout the build-  
ing is natural birch. Plastered walls  
and ceilings are painted. The exterior

is light buff face brick with stone win-  
dow trim and copings. The overhang is  
finished with a stainless steel fascia.  
Stainless steel letters mounted on that  
part of the fascia directly over the show  
room carry the name of the firm.

BELOW: Service manager's office to be  
located at left. Entrance stairway to mechanics'  
service facilities above. Control Tower  
above car at left. Overhead Door, right  
background.





## CORDNER IN NEW MEXICO

### *In Contracting Business*

G. Frank Cordner, architect, formerly of Detroit, is now located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His mailing address is P.O. Box 1021. Frank practiced in Detroit for many years, as a partner of Lancelot Sukert and as an individual. He served several terms as an officer of the Michigan Society of Architects.

On leaving Detroit, he became engaged by the Federal Public Housing Administration in Washington, D. C. and from there was sent to Puerto Rico in charge of the Government's large housing program there. For the past year he has been engaged in the general contracting field as Steinbach & Cordner, General Contractors, of Santa Fe. A letter received from him recently states:

"I have received Lyle Cole's letter of October 25, forwarded to me from Puerto Rico, in which a general invitation to become non-resident member of the Michigan Society of Architects was issued. Since I am no longer a member of the American Institute of Architects, I am not eligible but thanks for the opportunity.

"The past year of general contracting here in New Mexico has been rather hectic due largely to labor costs and the unusual difficulties involved in working at Los Alamos, the A-BOMB town about 35 miles from Santa Fe, where most of our work was concentrated. During our stay here we have acquired a new house, in which we are now living. Since photography is my hobby, I built into it a little darkroom, which gives me a lot of fun.

"I am very enthusiastic about Santa Fe and New Mexico in general. This north central part of the state is high (Santa Fe Elev. 7,000 Ft.) and has a splendid climate. While you folks were sweltering last summer, we used a blanket every night. July and August included. While the winters are cold, low temperatures don't mean much because it is so dry, and we did not suffer at all as you did from the terrific weather last winter. Our high mountain peaks close by are already snow covered but thus far in town we have had but a flurry.

"Best wishes to you all."—Frank.

## DITCHY, CONNOR ON STATE HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE

*Advisory Committee Named by Governor-Elect, G. Mennen Williams.*

Clair W. Ditchy, FAIA has been appointed by Governor-elect G. Mennen Williams to an Advisory Committee to study and report on Michigan's housing needs and rent problems.

Edward D. Connor, recently elected Detroit Councilman and former Director of the Citizen's Housing and Planning Council, of Detroit, was named Chairman.

The committee, Mr. Williams announced, is being asked to "examine the housing needs of the people of Michigan and to report what measures the State should take to make available low cost homes and low rental housing. It is to consider particularly the possibilities of Federal co-operation in both these fields."

The committee will advise the Governor on possible "standby" rent control legislation should Federal controls be removed.

Other members are: Finlay C. Allan, Detroit president of the Building Trades Council of Wayne County (AFL); Willis M. Brewer, Pontiac real estate dealer and Oakland County Democratic chairman; Mrs. Blanche Cronin, Hamtramck director of a Federal housing project.

George Edwards, Detroit City Council president; Dr. Bruce H. Douglas, Detroit health commissioner; Joseph L. Francois, Muskegon Federal housing project manager; William Haines, Detroit area rent control director; John Hyde, associate professor of planning and architecture, University of Michigan.

Vance G. Ingalls, assistant corporation counsel, Detroit; John Ball, Cedarville farmer; Floyd Jennings, of the Grand Rapids city planning commission; Jack Mosher, Flint city planner; Mrs. Lillian S. Navarre, a Monroe farm housewife.

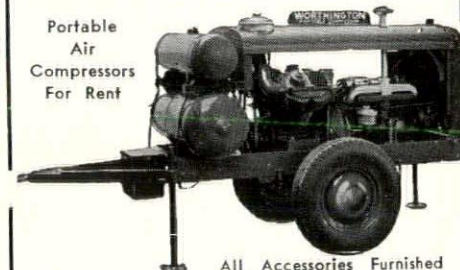
Waldo Phillips, Decatur farmer; Ben Rosenberg, Sodus farmer; Neil Stabler, member of Ann Arbor's housing committee and a builder; Henry Ter-Borg, Muskegon building trades representative, and Stanley Wojcik, Hamtramck housing expert.

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William G. Kaelber, F.A.I.A., of William G. Kaelber and L. A. Waasdorp, Architects, of Rochester, N. Y., died in General Hospital, Rochester, on Sunday morning, November 21. He was 62 years of age. He suffered a heart attack Friday night, November 19, while on a train returning from a business trip to New York.

A Director, representing the New York District of The American Institute of Architects, his name had recently been placed in nomination for the presidency of The Institute.

Will Kaelber had served The Institute and his profession faithfully for many years. As Director he had devoted a great deal of time. In addition, he had been an active member of the New York State Board of Examiners, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

**WRIGHT?**

And speaking of Wright, we have a feeling the Old Joker knows what he is doing when he allows **Time** Magazine to quote him in an end-of-column testimonial as saying, "I get near to the news reading **Time**." **Near**, of course, means "resembling, or as a substitute for, like **near** beer." We've always felt that way about **Time**, too.—The Char-ette.

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H. A. MacMillan, Business Manager of the Builders' Association of Metropolitan Detroit, died in Providence Hospital, Detroit, on Saturday, November 27, at the age of 58. He was a veteran of World War I and past commander and adjutant of the Fowlerville Legion Post, No. 215.

For 25 years he was associated with the Goodrich Rubber Co., serving as divisional sales manager. Since 1940 he had been acting secretary and business manager of the Builders' Association.

The family home is in Fowlerville, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. H. A. MacMillan; a son, Fred; two daughters, Kathryn and Mrs. Marian Jewell; three sisters, Mrs. Jean Eylich, Mrs. Sophia Aylisee and Mrs. Loretta Epplinger, and a brother George.

The \$20 bill is to be brought up to date with a view of the White House that features the Truman balcony. Long overdue is retirement of the sedan on the 10-spot: possibly a Chalmers, though some think it a 1922 Star.

—H. V. Wade in the Detroit News

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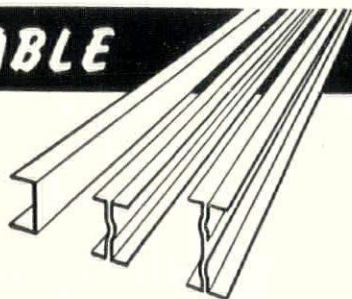
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**ENROLL ON JANUARY 12**

Enrollment evening for the spring term of the Builders and Traders Estimating School is Wednesday, January 12, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the offices of the Exchange, 439 Penobscot Building.

This school, started in 1936, is now completing the fall semester of 1948 with a total enrollment of 150, and with classes on five nights a week.

All classes are held in the plan room of the Exchange. A term is fifteen weeks, class one evening a week, two hours an evening, starting at seven P.M.

Tuition is \$20 for a term's instruction. It is payable upon enrollment. On the first night of the course, each student is furnished a set of the plans and specifications to be used in that class. They pay two dollars for these and own them.

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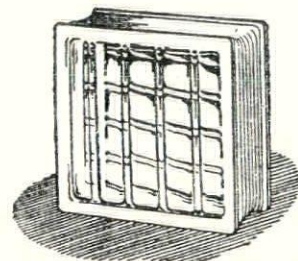
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### BAUMGARTH HONORED

Ernest A. Baumgarth, Realty Editor of The Detroit News, was recently named winner of the national competition for the best real estate page in America for 1948 (cities of over 500,000 population). The award was in the form of a certificate from the National Association of Real Estate Editors, and was presented at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, in New York, Nov. 16.

In addition, Mr. Baumgarth was elected president of the National Association of Real Estate Editors.

Architects and others in the real estate and building fields hereabout will thoroughly agree that Ernie has maintained a high standard in his real estate section of The Detroit News, with "Impartial Dissimination of News of Real Estate," as stated on the certificate.

This is not the first time that such honors have come to Mr. Baumgarth. In 1945 Mr. John W. Galbreath, President of NCARB wrote Mr. Fred Gaertner, Jr., editor of The Detroit News:

"It gives me great pleasure to tell you that The Detroit News has won honorable mention for papers in its class in the national contest conducted by this Association to pick the best real estate page of 1944. Mr. E. A. Baumgarth has done a splendid job and the jury was unanimous in making the award to your paper.

"We are, of course, very happy that in spite of the news print and space shortages American newspapers are still able to recognize real estate news. We hope that we will be able to continue to produce news and that the very pleasant relationship our industry

has enjoyed with newspapers will continue.

"We are issuing a formal announcement of this award and I hope that it will bring your paper the recognition that it so richly deserves.

"Please accept my personal congratulations for the fine work The Detroit News and Mr. Baumgarth have done."



Mr. Baumgarth

### ARCHITECTS' PUBLICITY

*An editorial from The Bulletin of The Indiana Society of Architects, a Chapter of The American Institute of Architects*

Getting our name as an organization, and our names as individuals inscribed on the pages of the daily papers is essential to the life of the profession. However, in obtaining the recognition which is fairly ours, we are pretty much dolts. We sit back in the smug anticipation that the news hounds are going to get hot on our trail, when we are part of a story, and track us to earth, and force the story out of us. And then if our name doesn't appear or the story lacks in accuracy, we are as sore as Job's affliction. By contrast our friends, the realtors, keep pouring their stuff in to the papers, and you may be sure names are included. The papers don't have to hunt for their stories. They come to them. We have the top ranking man of our profession visit us, the President of the Institute, and not a line relative to his visit appears in our papers. You may be sure that when John L. Lewis comes to town, it's not only noted, but columns of interviews appear. We have been inclined to excuse our indolence in the matter of publicity by saying, "We don't advertise, so of course, we can't be publicized. What's the use of trying?" Well, we're just all wrong.

Three members of the Society who were aroused over some recent false publicity in local papers, and who anticipated running smack into this "You don't advertise" barrier, took it upon themselves to visit the local papers

in the interest of more and better publicity for architects. They visited with the top policy making men in the editorial field. They were confronted with these rather astonishing suggestions. The newspapers are anxious to give the architects credit for their jobs, just as they give credit to an artist when they reproduce a painting. The matter of advertising does not enter into the news story of the paper. They want their story to be accurate, and the architects can be of real aid in keeping them so. We are invited to send our stories and renderings and what not in. It all won't be published. Judgment as to publication must rest with the newspapers, but when publicity is gained, names will be used. It was suggested that we keep a running file of current jobs, keep persistently up to date, in the office of the newspapers, so that when a job became news, the reporter need only refer to the file to learn the architect. In brief it was made clear that all that was required was a proper liaison between architects and papers. It all boils down to simple cooperation. We rather anticipate that the situation brought to light in this conference is duplicated about the State. Let's become intimate with our papers—learn to call editors and reporters by their first names, and get the stuff to them.

### TELEGRAM

WE NEED BY-LAWS OF MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AS STATE ORGANIZATION AS EXCELLENT GUIDE FOR OTHER GROUPS. CAN YOU MAIL US A DOZEN COPIES. MICHIGAN BULLETIN OF JULY 27 WOULD SUFFICE IF BY-LAWS THEREIN WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE AT THE MACKINAC CONVENTION. PLEASE TELEGRAPH WHAT YOU CAN DO. REGARDS. E. C. KEMPER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A.I.A.



## COLLEGE, INDUSTRY TEAMWORK

The need for closer teamwork between the Colleges of engineering and industry was emphasized by Clement J. Freund, dean of University of Detroit Engineering College, in an address before the Engineering College Administrative Council meeting at Washington, D.C., on Nov. 7 and 8.

Dean Freund, who is also president of the American Society for Engineering Education, sponsors of the meeting, declared that "Engineering college enrollments have risen sharply from 9,000

in 1926 to an anticipated 70,000 in 1950. The Manpower Committee of the Society believes that the engineering industries of the United States can absorb the sudden flood of veteran graduates during the next three years. However, in order to do so, certain additional outlets need development.

"Heretofore, engineering graduates and college placement officers have concentrated almost exclusively upon familiar positions in design, experiment and test, sales, research and a few others. They have more or less neglected positions in plant engineering and maintenance, production and manufacturing, and the operation of plant facilities of whatever kind.

"Again, comparatively few small industries have engaged engineers heretofore. There are countless openings in thousands of small industries for practically an unlimited number of young engineers.

"However, in order to break open all these outlets, it will be necessary for the engineering faculties to establish much closer relations with the industries, and this applies particularly to the teaching members of the faculties rather than to the personnel officers."

Others attending the meeting were Dean Jasper Gerardi, acting assistant dean of the Engineering College and Professor L.R. Blakeslee of the Department of Architectural Engineering.

## SAGINAW VALLEY CHAPTER A.I.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Saginaw Valley Chapter of The American Institute of Architects met at the home of Alden B. Dow, in Midland on the evening of November 23, for their annual meeting and election of officers.

Alden was re-elected President for another term. Frederick E. Wigen was elected Vice-President; Glenn M. Beach, Secretary; James A. Spence, Treasurer, and Robert B. Frantz, Director. All are of Saginaw.

Beach succeeds Lavern J. Nelsen, who had served for five years and who received a vote of thanks for his valuable services.

Dow and Frantz were named to serve on the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects.

Treasurer Spence succeeds John MacKenzie, of Flint who had rendered distinguished service.

Following the meeting, guests were entertained by some of Alden's beautiful colored movies of architectural subjects.

## RETORTURE

When Eliel Saarinen's students at Progressive Cranbrook Academy reproach him for not having a lengthy and august philosophy of architecture like Frank Lloyd Wright's, Saarinen's stock answer is: "He is always Frank, but is he always Wright?"—The Charrette.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN ELECTS

**WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER, A.I.A.** (formerly Grand Rapids Chapter) has elected Carl C. F. Kressbach, President; Charles Norton, Vice-President; Peter VanderLaan, Secretary-Treasurer; Philip C. Haughey and Bernard J. DeVries, Directors. Roger Allen, Adrian N. Langius and Arthur J. Zimmermann were elected to serve on the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects.

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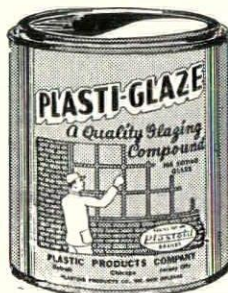
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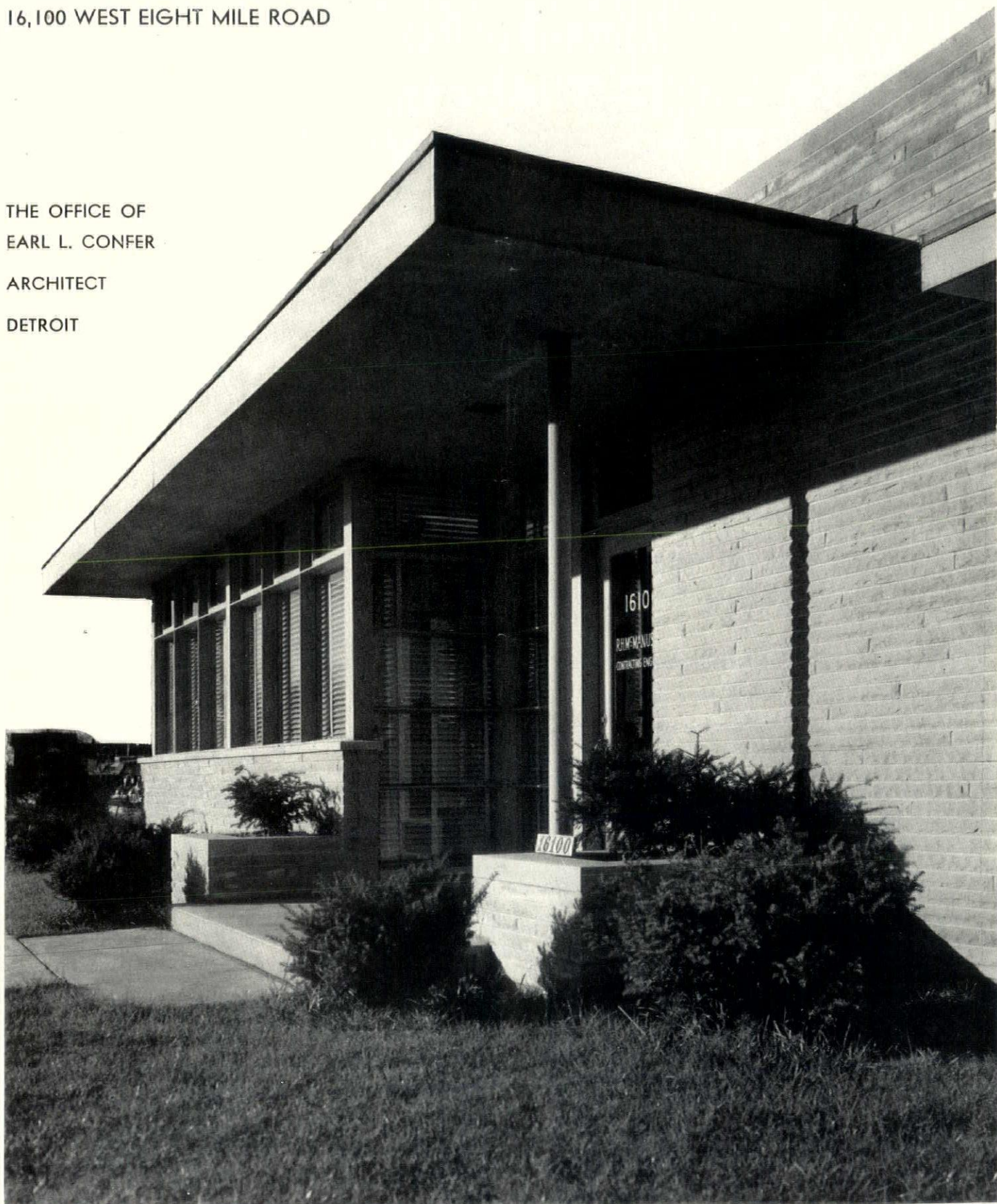
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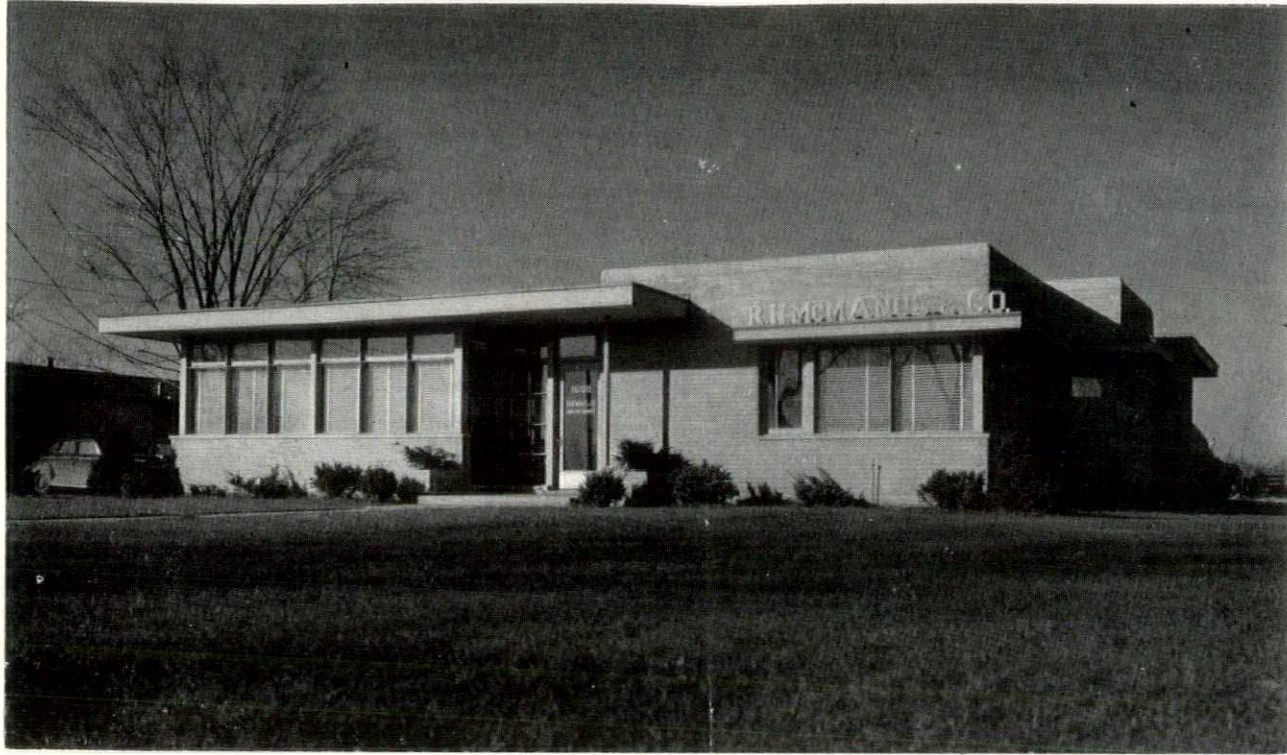
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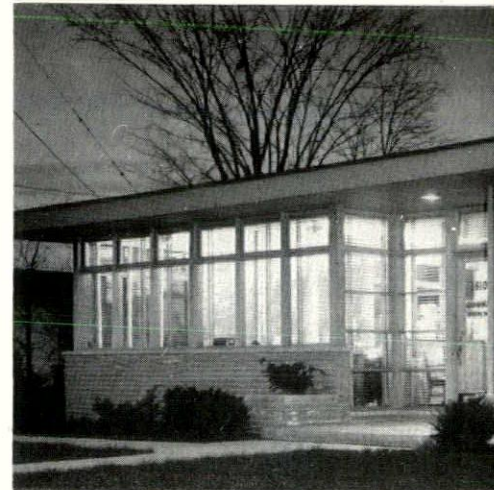
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## NOBLESSE OBLIGE

*From the Bay State Architect, Published Quarterly by The Massachusetts State Association of Architects, Inc. Affiliated with The American Institute of Architects.*

Under the caption "DOWN WITH GEORGIAN", page 14 of the Architectural Forum for September is largely devoted to an account of the controversy raging over the character of the proposed buildings for Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem in North Carolina.

We have read the article a number of times, each time with a growing astonishment. The plans, in preliminary form, have been prepared by an architect known principally for his work in the traditional field. As was to be expected, the buildings designed are Georgian in character. The opposition to

them has become vocal, not to say vociferous, to the point of stridency.

It appears that an enterprising news reporter, scenting an opportunity for public service, or for some other reason, gathered ammunition for a campaign of opposition by soliciting an opinion of the plans from a number of architects. By consulting architects whose predilection is known to be for the current contemporary style and who respect, and perhaps understand, only the purely mechanistic approach to the solution of such architectural problems, the results of this "packed primary", so to speak, were just what might have been expected and all that could be desired. They were highly condemnatory and could be summed up in the statement that it would be a "tragic mistake" to swaddle a new college plant in "a traditional straightjacket". Parenthetically, this "swaddled" condition is not unknown but is, in fact quite prevalent, as for instance at Cambridge. Yet we had not heard anything about the slow strangling of Harvard's lusty intellectual life from confinement within its fine Georgian buildings.

Thus prepared for the fray, a newspaper campaign against the proposed program was launched and carried on so effectively that North Carolinians, or many of them at least, are thoroughly roused and up in arms against this awful thing, which, they are told, is being imposed upon them.

Convinced sincere opposition is an excellent and potentially constructive thing. This particular wave of opposition, however, seems to have passed the limits of propriety and to have descended to the level of personal abuse. The epithet "carpetbagger" has been hurled at the architect and his architectural epidermis described as his "old world

hide"—elevating and marvelous matters indeed.

Just why an architect, because he is conservative in his thinking and practice and largely unaffected by the changing fashions—we have heard it called evanescent rubbish — ballyhooed by some magazines and other agencies should therefore, in our democracy lose his right to vend his wares without incurring personal villification, we cannot understand. But the architect in this case seems to have felt the full weight of the reformer's burning zeal and intolerance. And why the architect alone? Was there no building committee who first retained him knowing his conservative reputation and who presumably discussed and studied the problem and passed final judgment on the proposals? But perhaps the architect is looked upon as a mesmeric fellow who holds his building committee in complete

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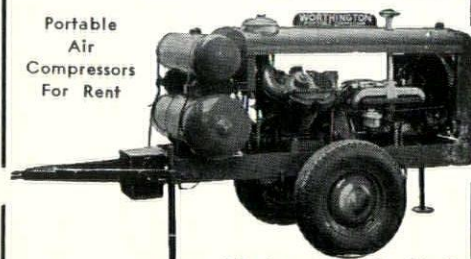
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mental subjection and is therefore solely responsible for what is decided. The entire performance seems to have been carried through with much of the intolerance and virulence—and all of the dignity of a witch-hunt.

As far as this controversy is concerned, we hold no brief for the Georgian or any other style. In all sincerity, this writer's reaction would have been the same if the style under attack had been anything from the late Minoan to early General Grant. We protest because from the FORUM account we can find nothing in the architect's course to justify the character of the attack to which he has been subjected.

As perhaps the most surprising sentence in the entire account we quote the following:

"Appearing before angry, anguished members of the State Chapter of the A.I.A., Larsen defended his plans as "timeless and ageless".

If we rightly understand the meaning and implications of this sentence, inevitably we have a picture of the architect, like an accused prisoner in the dock, on the carpet before—of all bodies—a division of the A.I.A. Yet we seem to remember reading in the A.I.A. JOURNAL a year or two ago a statement to the effect that our overall governing body, for the best interests of the profession, should take no part in stylistic versus contemporary controversies—certainly we have always understood that the A.I.A. and its related units would remain neutral and aloof from such matters. Clarification on this point would be most acceptable. The adjectives "angry and anguished", to this writer at least, suggest partisanship of no tepid kind.

All things considered, the whole affair is perhaps not to be wondered at, but whatever the outcome it is devoutly to be wished, for the sake of the dignity of our profession, that it could be argued out and settled in a seemly manner—less suggestive of an inter-union labor squabble. If the attack itself is understandable, its manner and its venom are alike deplorable.

## ORR DEFINES FRONTIERS

"Frontiers of this nation are not gone—just changed," Douglas William Orr, New Haven, Conn., president of the American Institute of Architects, told the Indiana Society of Architects in Indianapolis recently.

"These new frontiers are a joyous challenge to the practicing architect, stimulating his fervor for creative work, nurturing his characteristic forward-looking interest in helping solve mankind's problems, and the lively attitudes of mind which drew him originally into the profession."

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### MATERIAL, LABOR OUTLOOK

The supply of both building materials and labor is expected to be sufficient for the \$18.1 billion of new construction and \$7 billion of repair and maintenance estimated for 1949, according to a forecast prepared by the Producers' Council, national organization of building product manufacturers, and released by James M. Ashley, Council president.

"Aside from the supply of iron and steel, where the outlook is complicated by the unknown extent and character of the defense program, no serious shortages of materials are expected during 1949," Mr. Ashley said. "In fact, unless the armament requirement is much over that now anticipated, iron and steel products should be at least as plentiful for construction as has been the case during 1948.

"Millwork, which has remained a troublesome item throughout 1948, should be much more readily available next year. Sash and door mills have been catching up with back orders and this progress is expected to continue.

"Recent increases in plant capacity for producing gypsum products should definitely keep these items off the shortage list. The supply of cement may remain tight, due both to an expanded volume of public works and to distribution problems created by the basing point decision, but these considerations are not expected to delay or hold down the volume of building in 1949.

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"The extreme tightness of the labor supply, which has made premium and overtime payments a feature of the construction picture since the end of the war, should be much eased during 1949. The continuance of a large volume of construction plus some inroads on the labor force by the draft, should, however, prevent any surplus of labor from arising. Even the slight reduction in demand that is anticipated in certain classes of construction should permit the retirement of older workers and the weeding out of some of the less competent among the younger men."

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## Marcus R. Burrowes, Architect and Friend

FROM STARR COMMONWEALTH NEWS

MARCUS R. BURROWES, Detroit Architect, has designed every building on the Starr campus. He first met Floyd Starr in the summer of 1915 at a business men's noonday luncheon club where Uncle Floyd talked about "good boys called bad." They were introduced by T. Glenn Phillips, the late landscape architect, who also did much for the school.

At that time Gladsome Cottage was the sole dwelling on the campus. Then as always Uncle Floyd had a dauntless faith in the future. He must have adequate housing for the boys that he knew needed the home and training he wanted more than anything else to provide. To him this meant buildings of beauty, dignity, utility and permanence. From the beginning he was a perfectionist and this led him to seek the best in design and construction. So he sought out Mr. Burrowes. With only a few cents in his pocket but with courage born of the conviction that he was engaged in the most important business in the world, Floyd Starr put these facts before the artist.

So the plans for Newton Hall were drawn. Everyone who visits the building today enjoys its 25 by 52, well-lighted living room which provides its own welcome. As you enter, the mirror which hangs over the fireplace at the

*At this season, it seems appropriate to call attention to the good being done by such agencies as the Starr Commonwealth for Boys, at Albion, Michigan, and by our good friend and Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, Marcus R. Burrowes.—Editor.*



opposite end, flanked by Chinese prints on either side, reveals the colorful hangings, rugs and painted walls which add warmth and friendliness. The twin peaks shown in most pictures of the cottage are instantly recognized by lovers of beauty as a photogenic feature.

The other three campus dwellings as well as the Emily Jewell Clark Building, Webster Hall and Hillside were all authored by Mr. Burrowes. They are Old English in type and give one an immediate sense of reassurance, as if they had stood atop their elevation from the beginning and would remain till the sands ran out. Inside there is a feeling of home.

Mr. Burrowes attended the Denver, Colorado Art Academy, was privileged to attend lectures and receive instruction in construction by architects of note and served an apprenticeship in the leading architectural offices in Denver and Detroit. He has been in independent practice in Detroit for the past thirty years. During that time he has designed and supervised construction on numerous public buildings in that city and its environs. He is particularly proud of being the author of the little Greek theatre at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, on the estate of Mr. George Booth.

(See BURROWES, Page 2)





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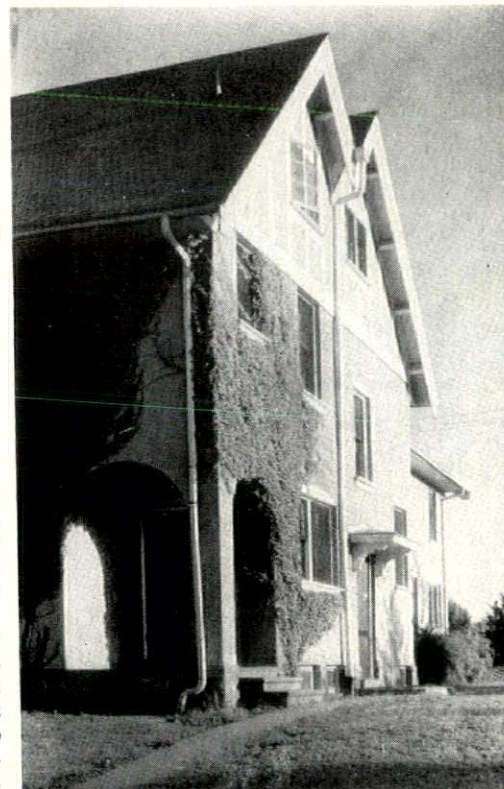
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Shown above is a view of the Greek Theatre at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, of which Architect Burrows "is particularly proud".

At right is Newton Hall at Starr Commonwealth, at Albion, Michigan, one of the early buildings of the group.



## BURROWS (from Page 1)

He is past president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Also past president of the Michigan Society of Architects. In 1940 he was honored by being elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the national body for achievement in design and service to the Institute. All of these things are tangible but there is in the lives of Starr boys who have lived in the buildings of his genius a better sense of security and a greater appreciation of that which is good because of that experience. In such gifted and sincere work in any line there is an element of immortality.

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# OLD AND NEW MSA BOARDS MEET JOINTLY

On the afternoon and evening of December 9, a new era was begun by the Michigan Society of Architects, when its old and new boards of directors met together at the Detroit Athletic Club. The three Michigan Chapters of The American Institute of Architects had previously elected thirteen directors to serve on the MSA board—seven from Detroit, four from Western Michigan and two from Saginaw Valley. This was in accordance with new by-laws of the Society and the three chapters, under the new Michigan unification plan.

Those elected by the Detroit Chapter are Leo M. Bauer Wells, I. Bennett, Ralph W. Hammett, Joseph W. Leinweber, Charles B. McGrew, John C. Thornton and David H. Williams, Jr.

From Western Michigan: Roger Allen, Carl C. F. Kressbach, ADRIAN N. LANGIUS and ARTHUR J. ZIMMERMANN.

From Saginaw Valley: ALDEN B. DOW and ROBERT B. FRANTZ.

The retiring board consisted of Langius, Pellerin, Cowin, Frantz, Zimmermann, Cole, Allen, Brysselbout, Dow, Haughey, Hughes, Hyde, Morison and Stone.

Members of the old and new boards total 27 but, eliminating five duplications (indicated by caps), the total is 22. Twenty were present at this meeting. Hughes is no longer elected but appointed.

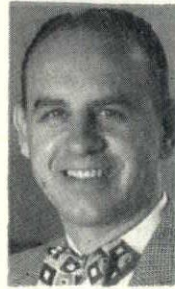
A significant fact is that, in the case of the Detroit Chapter representatives, none was on the Society Board before, while of the Western Michigan Chapter's four, three were carry-overs, and Saginaw Valley's two were both old members.

Upon completion of the retiring board's business—special hearings and ceremonies, final reports of officers and committees, communications, etc., the affairs of the Society were turned over to the new board, which then elected officers from among its members as follows:

Alden B. Dow, President; Robert B. Frantz, 1st Vice-President; Carl C. F. Kressbach, 2nd Vice-President; Ralph W. Hammett, 3rd Vice-President; Joseph W. Leinweber, Secretary, and Ar-

thur J. Zimmermann, Treasurer.

The others, serving as director, are Allen, Bauer, Bennett, Langius, McGrew, Thornton Williams.



THE OLD—THE NEW

Also attending the Board meeting was Kenneth Black whose firm, Lee Black and Kenneth C. Black, of Lansing, had been engaged by the Society to make a survey and report on the proposal to remodel the old Barnes house in Lansing for a governor's residence.

Some months ago the Board accepted an invitation from Governor Sigler to meet with him, inspect the property and cooperation in the investigations.

Mr. Black submitted to the Board a complete report, including sketch plans and estimates of costs. Because of the condition of the house, the report states, a minimum of some \$200,000 would be required to make it habitable, and even then results would be far from satisfactory. Even in view of this, the consensus was that the Society should refrain from making definite recommendations, but rather confine its communication to the governor to a factual report.

Professor Emil Lorch, as architectural consultant, had stated that to restore this house would be to perpetuate one of the worst examples of Michigan architecture.

The Board received the report that the Hotel Statler in Detroit had confirmed the dates of March 3 and 4, 1949 for the Society's Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention. The Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. will hold a dinner meeting the night before, Wednesday, March 2, in the Rackham Building, Detroit, devoted to discussion of matters to come up at the Institute Convention in Houston March 15-18, 1949. It is expected that members of the other two Michigan Chapters will be invited to attend and hear Walter J. Taylor, Director of Education and Research, on the Institute's Washington staff, speak on Convention matters. Also taking part in the pro-

gram will be our own three Michigan members of the Institute Board, Messrs. Black, Ditchy and Gamber. Mr. Gamber has secured a recording of Mr. Charles D. Maginnis' acceptance speech when he received the Institute's Gold Medal at Salt Lake City, last June. Attendants will be privileged to hear it.

Mr. Taylor has been in charge of seminars that have featured Institute conventions in recent years. He will, no doubt, remain in Detroit for the MSA Convention.

The Board approved a proposal from the Builders' and Traders' Exchange of Detroit that the Exchange hold a complimentary luncheon for those registered at the convention on Thursday, March 3. Facilities have been engaged for about 900. It is also probable that the Michigan Building Industry Banquet will be repeated as the closing event of the Convention. This has come to be a most important function of the entire building industry in Michigan and it taxes the hotel's facilities.

Earl W. Pellerin, of the Society's Committee on Education and Research, has arranged for an exhibition on city planning, and an architectural show at the Detroit Institute of Arts in late February and early March. The feature of this show will be a model of a community, measuring some 26 feet in diameter. It was secured from the New York Chapter, A.I.A. after it had been shown at the Museum of Science and Industry in New York. The city planning exhibit, entitled "Tomorrow's World", will be supplemented by work from Michigan architects' offices.



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## OFF WITH THE OLD— ON WITH THE NEW

By Adrian N. Langius,  
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Much effort has been expended during the past 10 years on behalf of unification of our profession in Michigan. It has been left, however, to those of us who are present here today to put into operation the machinery which was designed and built as a result of the work of those who conceived, germinated and fostered the idea of a Michigan Society of Architects of The American Institute of Architects.

On July 1, 1948, the Board of Directors of the Institute authorized the issuance of a charter for the new organization and the following August 6th, the Society adopted the by-laws under which it should function.

The inauguration of a new Board of Directors and the election of officers, which has now been accomplished, officially starts another era in the life of our 35-year old State Society. We must now assume the role as the state-wide representative of and a unifying body for the various chapters of The American Institute of Architects chartered within the State of Michigan, on matters of state-wide interest affecting the members of such chapters. Our purpose is the same as the purpose of the original Society, in that we are organized to promote the art and science of architecture; to educate our mem-

bers and others in the art and science of architecture; to encourage the development of the allied arts, particularly insofar as they relate to the art and science of architecture; and to represent and act for the profession within the State of Michigan in all matters affecting the practice of architecture. I am sure that the new Board, when it approaches some of the new problems that are bound to confront the new organization, could well afford to study the history of the old State Society because through a study of it, they will find warnings and advice which might enable them to avert many pit-falls which almost overcame their predecessors.

In March of 1947, and again in March of 1948, I was greatly honored when the members of the Michigan Society of Architects elected me as their President. I have sincerely tried to fulfill the duties imposed upon me by that office. I spent many, many hours in the work of the Society. As I review the past, however, I regret that certain work remains undone and, therefore, in accordance with a long established custom indulged in by all of my predecessors, I hereby will and bequeath any unfinished work to my successor. This testament is made on the condition that my successor may do the same in another year or two, if he works as continuously and diligently as his predecessors.

I leave the office of President of the Michigan Society of Architects with a

feeling of satisfaction that certain progress has been made in the affairs of the Society during the past two years. Much of this progress, I must admit, has been due to the splendid cooperation and assistance of a faithful and industrious Board of Directors and I want to thank all those who have served the Society with me.

I believe it is proper for me to enumerate at this time, and thereby place in the record, some of the salient activities engaged in during 1947 and 1948. I believe it is also proper for me to recommend certain matters which I feel should be given serious consideration by the new Board.

In 1947, after the Grand Rapids convention and soon after the Board elected at that convention was organized, it was decided to streamline the work of the Board; to abolish the long-standing Society committees with their ambiguous duties and in place thereof create three Board committees; namely, (1) Administration, (2) Public and Professional Relations and (3) Education and Research; thus dividing the work of the Board into three parts similar to the way the Institute has divided its work into three departments, each having jurisdiction over certain committees. In addition to the work of the Board, each Board committee would be required to coordinate the work of their appropriate committees of the state chapters on all matters of state-wide interest. This type of organization

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which, while not correct in itself to permit a natural grade exit at the lower rear, was solved by dropping the grade at the house below the roadway and terracing up at the lake side.

The garage and service rooms form the north wing, serving as a shield for the more important rooms. A covered porch provides access to the kitchen from the garage and with its arches and recess adds interest to the appearance of the road front.

Two bedrooms and bath form the south wing.

The architectural treatment, conforming to the client's request, has been handled in New England Colonial. The

floor of the living room and front hall are of wide pine boards having pegged ends. The living room fireplace has a painted brick breast and on one side are wide, open bookshelves, with lights concealed behind a wood valance at the top.

The studio fireplace is rustic in design, with its field-stone and heavy timbers. A Dutch oven and an excellent selection of accessories afford additional interest.

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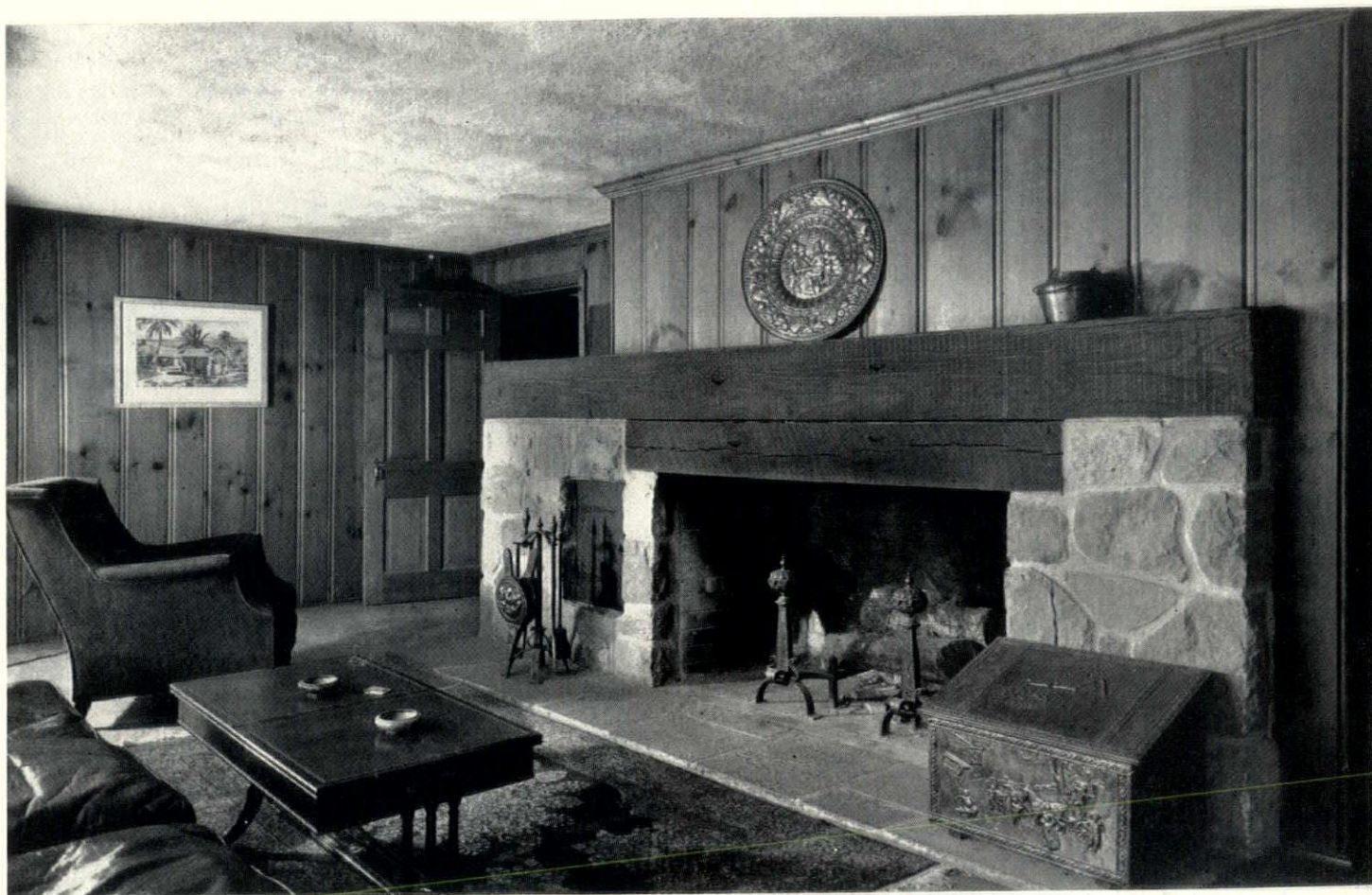
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## LANGIUS (from Page 6)

makes it necessary for each member of the Board to be assigned to one of the three committees thereby making it mandatory for every member to take an active part in the affairs of the Society and work of the Board.

There was also established an Executive committee composed of the president and secretary and the chairmen of the three Board committees. The committee, when so authorized, acted for the Board and the Society between meetings. It also coordinated the work of the three other committees.

Ten Board meetings were held alternately in Detroit, and out-state during both 1947 and 1948. All meetings were exceptionally well attended and many subjects concerning public and professional relations, schedule of charges, education and other business of the Board and profession were studied and discussed. Reports have been made from time to time during the past two years to the Board and the Society on these subjects. In addition, your President represented the Society on many occasions at the meetings of other architectural organizations and allied organizations of the building industry.

One of the major jobs that was accomplished in 1948 was the rewriting of the by-laws of the old Society so that the new state organization could come into being. The by-laws were so successfully compiled that they are now being used as a guide in the preparation of by-laws for other state organizations.

In addition to the regular annual conventions that were held in 1947 and 1948, two highly successful mid-summer conferences were held on Mackinac Island. These conferences seem to have established themselves as traditional and they did much to weld the spirit of fellowship that maintains

within the profession at the present time. In 1948, the building industry banquet was re-established as a feature of our annual convention. It was one of the most successful banquets ever held by the Society and brought many favorable comments from every element of the building industry.

The Special Committee which was created in 1947 for the sole purpose of organizing and presenting an architect's show, has been working diligently for the past year. This committee, consisting of representatives of the several state chapters, will be in a position to present a show during the 1948 convention.

I sincerely believe that the operation of the Board as it is presently organized and the activities which are now underway, should be continued, and if possible magnified. I also believe and strongly recommend that the new Board give immediate consideration to the following:

1. The establishment of a budget for the year 1949, the budget to include the expenditure of revenues obtained from dues and other Society activities, as well as expenditures from funds now in the Society's treasury. The time has come when we should seriously consider publicity, scholarships and other programs designed to promote the art and science of architecture. These programs are essential and will require more funds than are available from current revenues.

2. The hiring of either a full time or part time paid executive secretary. The present arrangement is neither fair to the individual who now occupies the position, nor proper for the Society.

3. A revision of the present contract for the publication of the "Weekly Bulletin". Recent litigation on this subject has brought to light the inadequacy of the present contract to properly protect the Society and also the present editor. Now that the litigation has been settled, this matter should be the first order of business for the new administration committee.

4. It has been several years since the Society has elected an honorary member. At the present time there are several members who have given many years of outstanding service to the Society deserving of this distinction.

5. I have always been of the opinion that as a Society, we have never given proper recognition to new architects registered in Michigan. I believe that registration certificates should be presented to new registrants at a special meeting of the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects at which time there could be a special ceremony similar to the ceremony admitting a new attorney to the bar. At the same time, certain members of the Board could discuss ethics, practice and other subjects which would be of great interest and help to the new architect. This would do much towards establishing

the new architect in his profession.

6. There will have to be revisions in the by-laws concerning the election of officers. The present system does not give the new Board time to investigate potential candidates for office or prepare states. I think it also would be advisable if ultimately the Board of Directors would consist of only past officers or directors of the Chapters. If this could be accomplished it would be one way of drawing the Society closer to the work of the Chapters. I am of the opinion that provision should be made in the by-laws so that it would not be possible for an entirely new Board of Directors to take office at one time. The terms of the members should be staggered so that this could not occur.

These are my recommendations. I trust the new Board will give them consideration.

Now I join the great circle of "has-beens". I never realized that one could look forward to the title of Past President with so much longing and anticipation. The past two years have been tough but they were also enjoyable. Thanks—so—"OFF WITH THE OLD—ON WITH THE NEW".

Best wishes to President Alden B. Dow.

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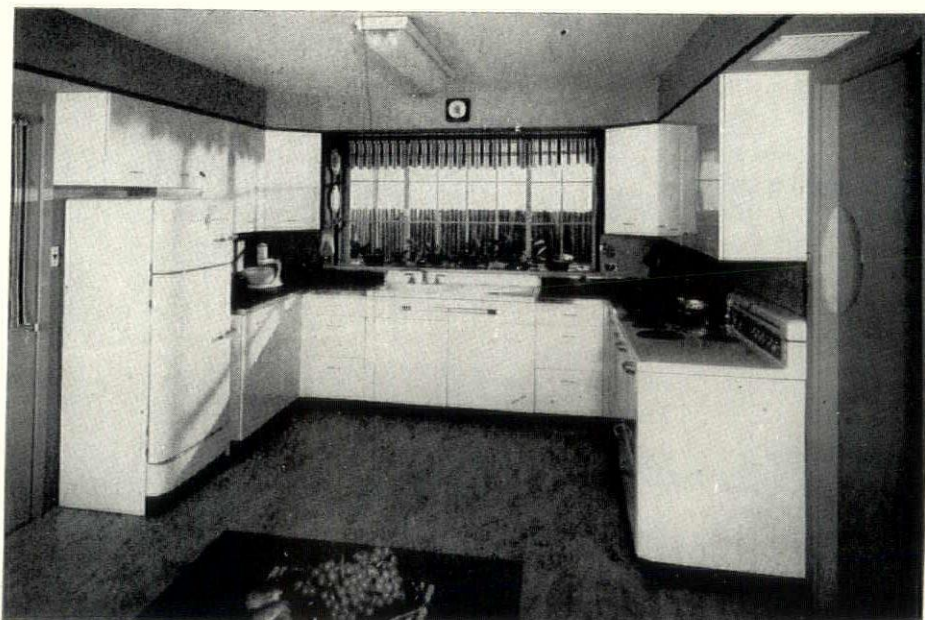
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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Report of Roger Allen, Chairman

Reviewing the long and distinguished career of the Michigan Society of Architects, one thought is uppermost in my mind: there seem to be few years indeed when it did not break new ground.

Certainly, the past year has not been an exception.

First of all was the changeover from State association member of the A.I.A. to State organization. The name is now Michigan Society of Architects, The American Institute of Architects. This required a change of by-laws, full credit for which must go to Julian R. Cowin. In fact, he did his job so well that the Mid-Summer Conference at Mackinac approved it unanimously, resulting in a telegram from Ed Kemper in Washington, asking for "additional copies for distribution to others throughout the country as an excellent guide.

Subsequently, the Institute issued a charter to the Society, and the process of unification was complete.

One of the duties of this Committee was to supervise the Weekly Bulletin. At the beginning of the year it was suggested that a new agreement between the Society and the Editor be drawn. Inasmuch as there was a suit pending against the Editor, Talmage C. Hughes, it was thought best to await the outcome.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that the suit has been disposed of, with only a token payment by the Editor. However, the proposed new agreement will have to be passed on to the new administration.

One of the changes in the new by-laws was the elimination of non-resident memberships. This resulted in a considerable number of objections from architects in other states who are registered in Michigan. They had been members in past years and desired to continue, so the new by-laws were amended to admit them.

Another step forward has been the Society's furnishing uniform membership cards for the three Michigan Chapters of The A.I.A. which state that the recipient is also a member of The Michigan Society of Architects.

During the year your Committee accepted an invitation from Governor

Sigler to meet with him regarding the proposal to remodel the Barnes residence in Lansing for a governor's home. While your Committee recommended against it, when it became apparent that the governor intended to go ahead anyway, full cooperation of your committee was offered and given. It now appears that this project will not be consummated.

The last convention of the Society was under the able direction of Andrew R. Morison, who arranged a most constructive program and came out with a profit to the Society.

The Mid-Summer Conference at the Grand Hotel, on Mackinac Island, has come to be a most important and enjoyable affair. Alden Dow has some wonderful movies which we recommend as a must for each Michigan Chapter to show at its meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Report of Arthur K. Hyde, Chairman

Your Committee on Public and Professional Relations is pleased to report that all routine and normal matters which have been referred to it during the past year have been duly considered and appropriate action taken. Earlier reports have adequately dealt with these subjects for the record.

The major effort which we have put forth during the year has been the attempt to develop for the Society's approval a revised edition of the current "M.S.A. Schedule of Recommended Charges," ratified and adopted in 1928. Thus far two rough drafts have been prepared under the title "A Circular of Information on Architects' Services and Fees"; a short form and a long form. The long form has been submitted to the various Michigan Chapters A.I.A. and to our Institute Directors Branson V. Gamber and Kenneth C. Black for comments. Some replies have been received with suggested changes and your Committee has also made additional revisions. Meanwhile, the study of this draft continues. When all replies are in hand a revised draft will be developed for submission to the Board for whatever action it may choose to take.

The opinion seems to be general that a short form of the Circular is desirable and serves a useful purpose. It is, therefore, the intention of your Com-

mittee to prepare a new short form document comparable in length to the one in current use. This, we believe, should not be attempted until the comprehensive Circular has reached its final form, since one will be merely a condensation of the other.

We have no special recommendations to pass on to the new Committee. Predictions for the future vary widely and procedures for the future activities will necessarily be tempered to conditions and events as they transpire.

TRIBUTE TO GUS

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects, at which members of the old Board wound up their business and turned over the reins to their successors, the latter passed a resolution of thanks and appreciation for the splendid work and untiring efforts of retiring officers and directors.

This should be multiplied many times in the case of Adrian N. Langius, who served two terms as President.

When this Zeeland boy who made good in the city first became connected with the State Administrative Department there was apprehension on the part of members of the architectural profession that he was establishing another bureau to compete with private practitioners. This fear was soon dispelled when it became apparent that his "bureau" was a coordinating agency to prepare surveys and programs and to represent the owners in employing architects in the approved manner of private enterprise.

The Building Division of the State Administrative Department has become a model for the proper conduct of such business—is attracting the attention of other states and The American Institute of Architects. We might wish that the practice could be followed more generally, especially in the City Engineer's Office in Detroit.

It is refreshing to know that there are still men in public life who give their all to the job and apply the same devotion they would were it their own business in private life.

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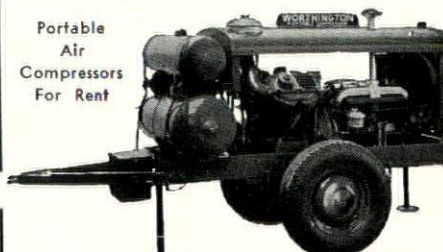
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and other factors deserving consideration.

As a recognition, Langius went on to become President of his A.I.A. chapter, in Grand Rapids, now the Western Michigan Chapter, in which office he served two terms. His tenure of office as President of the Michigan Society of Architects covers a period of marked progress in the Society's history. Under his administration the architectural profession in Michigan became completely unified, a new era began, and he leaves heritage to be cherished by all his fellows.

**DICK FERNBACH, A.I.A.**, new City Planner for Highland Park, has just sent in an S.O.S. It appears that he has been so busy, in the short period that he has been up there that his office is becoming swamped with plans. The only thing that can save him will be a 2-section flat-map file, inside drawer dimensions, 36" x 48". It seems that he has been to every furniture store in town without success.

If you have, or know of the location of such a file, would you let him know, at the Highland Park City Hall, thereby contributing immeasurably to City Planning in Highland Park?

Dick, who, for the past six years, has been working with Detroit City

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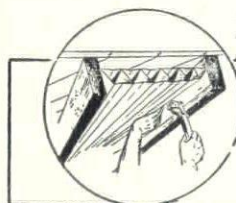
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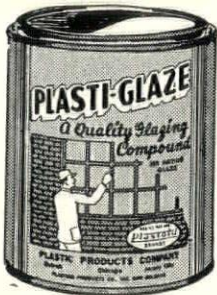
Professor Roger Bailey is leaving the University of Michigan's College of Architecture and Design to become head of the Department of Architecture at the University of Utah. After graduating at Cornell Bailey won the 1922 Paris Prize, going to Europe for three years study, part of which was spent in France's famous national Ecole des Beaux Arts. After several years with architects' offices in New York, where he became a Registered Architect, he in association with Eric Gugler, a New York architect, won the 1st prize of \$20,000 for the design of Chicago's proposed First World War Memorial, in a nation-wide competition participated in by many leading American architects.

For two years Professor Bailey taught senior designer with a prominent Design at Yale University, while on leave from the University of Michigan, and both as a consultant in design and as a renderer of architectural projects he has done considerable work with architects of Detroit and elsewhere. During a recent year of leave, he was senior designer with a prominent Detroit firm of architects and engineers. He is a member of The American Institute of Architects and a director of its Detroit Chapter.

In addition to being an architect, Bailey is an able water color painter and in 1945 won the Detroit Scarab

Club 1st Prize in that field. He is a member of the Michigan Water Color Society.

At the University of Michigan he has been an inspiring teacher of architectural design and now is to lead the evolving architectural department of one of our country's strong and rapidly developing state universities. He will begin his work at the University of Utah at the beginning of the coming year; his leaving has been contemplated for some time and has been made possible through the cooperation of the authorities of the University of Michigan.

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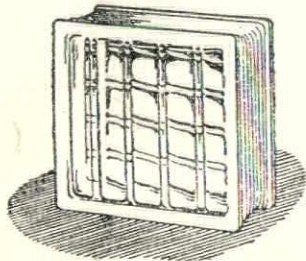
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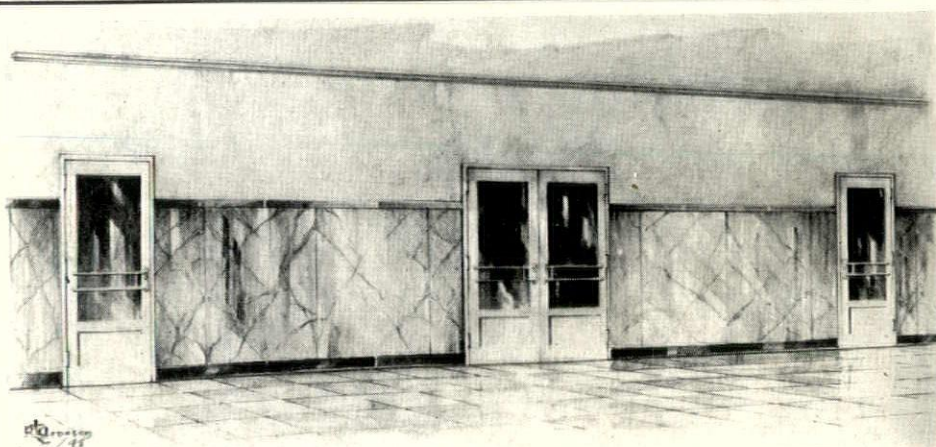
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## Detroit Chapter Hears Taylor on Landscaping

*John J. White, Field Secretary of The Institute also speaks at December Meeting*

The Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects concluded its fiscal year with a busy day on December 17. The Executive Committee (Board of Directors) met at 3:00 p.m., the new administration was entertained by the Producers' Council from six to seven, from which time the dinner-meeting of members began in the Rackham Building and lasted until closing time.

It is regrettable that President Williams was at home with a cold, but Vice-President Leinweber conducted like a veteran.

At the Board meeting, it was reported that sufficient ballots had been received to approve the new by-laws of the Chapter. This had been a rather difficult matter, as the old by-laws required a two-thirds concurring vote of all corporate and associate members, a total favorable vote of 324. After mailing post-card ballots four different times, more than the required number was obtained.

At this meeting Talmage C. Hughes was appointed Executive Secretary of the Chapter.

Opening the program following dinner, Mr. Leinweber welcomed members and guests, including Mr. A. E. Munson, President of the Detroit Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects and Mr. George Hubbell, President of the Detroit Section, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Before the feature of the evening was a talk by Jack White, of The Institute Staff in Washington, who gave a brief but interesting account of what is being done in the interest of the profession by our organization at the national level. Mr. White was introduced by Clair W. Ditchy, Institute Secretary.

Suren Pilafian, Chairman of the Chapter's Program Committee was asked to introduce the speaker of the evening, Mr. Albert Davis Taylor, landscape architect, of Cleveland, Ohio. Pilafian stated that in casting about for one in the landscape field who would

be an outstanding speaker, everyone consulted agreed upon Mr. Taylor. Not only has he made distinct contributions as a practitioner but also as a lecturer at Cornell, Ohio State and the University of Michigan, Pilafian said.

Mr. Taylor spoke for about one hour, and as evidence of the architects' interest in the subject, discussion continued until it was time for "lights-out" in the building.

### GOLD MEDAL TO FLW

Frank Lloyd Wright, one of America's most famous architects, has been selected to receive the Gold Medal of The American Institute of Architects, highest honor of the organization.

This announcement has just been made by Douglas W. Orr, of New Haven, Connecticut, President of The A.I.A., who said that Mr. Wright was selected to receive the Gold Medal by the Board of Directors at a recent meeting. The Gold Medal will be presented to Mr. Wright at the 81st annual convention of The Institute in Houston.

"The award was made in recognition of Mr. Wright's distinguished contribution to the profession of architecture," said Mr. Orr.

The presentation will be made at the annual dinner of a four-day convention to be held in the Rice Hotel at Houston.

Mr. Wright will be the guest of honor and speaker at the Michigan Building Industry Banquet, closing event of the Michigan Society of Architects' Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention at Hotel Statler, Detroit, March 4, 1949.

### SUIT AGAINST MSA AND HUGHES DISPOSED OF

The law suit instituted by E. B. Fauquier against the Michigan Society of Architects and Talmage C. Hughes almost two years ago has been disposed of for a token payment of practically the amount due Fauquier at the time of cancellation of his contract.

Fauquier had, through his attorney Raymond P. Baubie, claimed commissions on advertising renewals for a period of eight years in the future, amounting to \$50,000. The court ruled that where commissions on renewals are to be paid after cancellation of contract this condition must be expressly stated in the contract, which was not the case in this instance.

When the suit was begun the plaintiff, through attorney Baubie, placed garnishment on the funds of the Michigan Society of Architects, Hughes and his wife. A second round of garnishments early this year resulted in comparatively little.

Some very interesting and pertinent facts were uncovered concerning plaintiff Fauquier's operations.

Lucking, VanAuken, Schumann and Greiner were counsel for Hughes; John P. O'Hara for the Michigan Society of Architects.

**JOSEPH W. LEINWEBER**, Vice-President of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, left on December 18 with his family for a vacation at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He expects to return in about two weeks but his family will remain longer.

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### MR. BUTTS' COMMUNICATION

Enclosed is the closing paragraph of the Michigan arbitration law, a list of the requirements of the law, some comments and a suggested copy of an arbitration agreement to be included in the General Conditions.—Stephen D. Butts.

### ARTICLE 182 of 1941 PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN

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3. The method of selecting the arbitrator (s) must be designated.

4. It must be agreed that a judgment of any circuit court or other court of competent jurisdiction, designated in such contract may be rendered upon the award.

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1. That any controversy hereinafter arising between parties concerning or relating to or arising out of said contract shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to and under Section 15394 of the compiled laws of 1929 of the State of Michigan as amended at the sixty-first legislation session of 1941, providing written notice of intent is filed by the aggrieved within five (5) days after such controversial ruling or request is made and the aggrieved shall not stop the work but shall diligently pursue the work in accordance with the rulings and documents of the engineer or architect pending the arbitration award, unless the engineer or architect order the work stopped pending the award.

2. That said arbitration shall be conducted under and in accordance with the rules of The American Institute of Architects, Document No. 305.

3. That the arbitrators shall be selected (method of selecting arbitrators must be specified or agreed upon).

4. Any award signed by at least two of the arbitrators made pursuant to this agreement, which is not subject to the charge of fraud or gross negligence, shall be final and binding upon the parties. Each arbitrator shall receive a fee as set forth in A.I.A. Document 305 and the entire cost of the arbitration shall be determined by the Board of Arbitration and assessed in the signed decision.

5. That judgement may be rendered upon any such award made pursuant to this agreement in the \_\_\_\_\_ Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County of the State of Michigan in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid statutes of the State of Michigan or any other Court having competent jurisdiction.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ month of 19\_\_\_\_.

## CREATIVE SCULPTURE

On January 12, 1949 Alexander Archipenko, internationally famous contemporary sculptor, will speak at the Art Institute at 8:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Metropolitan Art Association. His topic will be "Creativeness in Sculpture".

Archipenko was born in Kiev, Russia in 1887 and studied at the Kiev Art School. In 1906 he went to Moscow, where he worked and participated in many exhibitions. In 1912 he held his first one-man show at Hagen, Berlin and in other cities in Germany. The same year he opened his own school in Paris.

At a time when Picasso was creating a sensation in Paris by introducing cubism in painting, Archipenko was revolutionizing sculpture with new concepts and new esthetic elements: modeling of space, concavity, transparency, and sculpto-painting. Defying traditional materials, he employed polychrome glass, wood, and metal.

In 1919 the sculptor made an extensive tour, exhibiting in many European cities. From 1921 to 1923 he lived in Berlin where he opened a school. In 1923 he crossed the Atlantic and opened a school in New York. Here he invented movable painting known as "Archipentura". By 1928 he had become an American citizen.

From 1910 to 1948 he held a series of seventy-eight exhibitions, eighteen large individual shows in European capitals, and fifty-nine in various cities in the United States. Since 1933, he has given lectures on "Creativeness" from coast to coast.

During 1935 and 1936 he taught at Washington State University and took residence in California in 1935. In 1937 he established a School of Creative Fine Arts in Chicago and was associate instructor at the New Bauhaus School of Industrial Arts. By 1939 he returned to New York to reopen his school there. At present he divides his time between his school in New York and his Summer School in Woodstock, New York.

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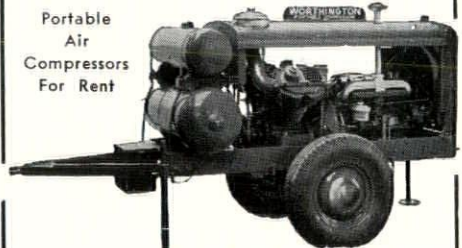
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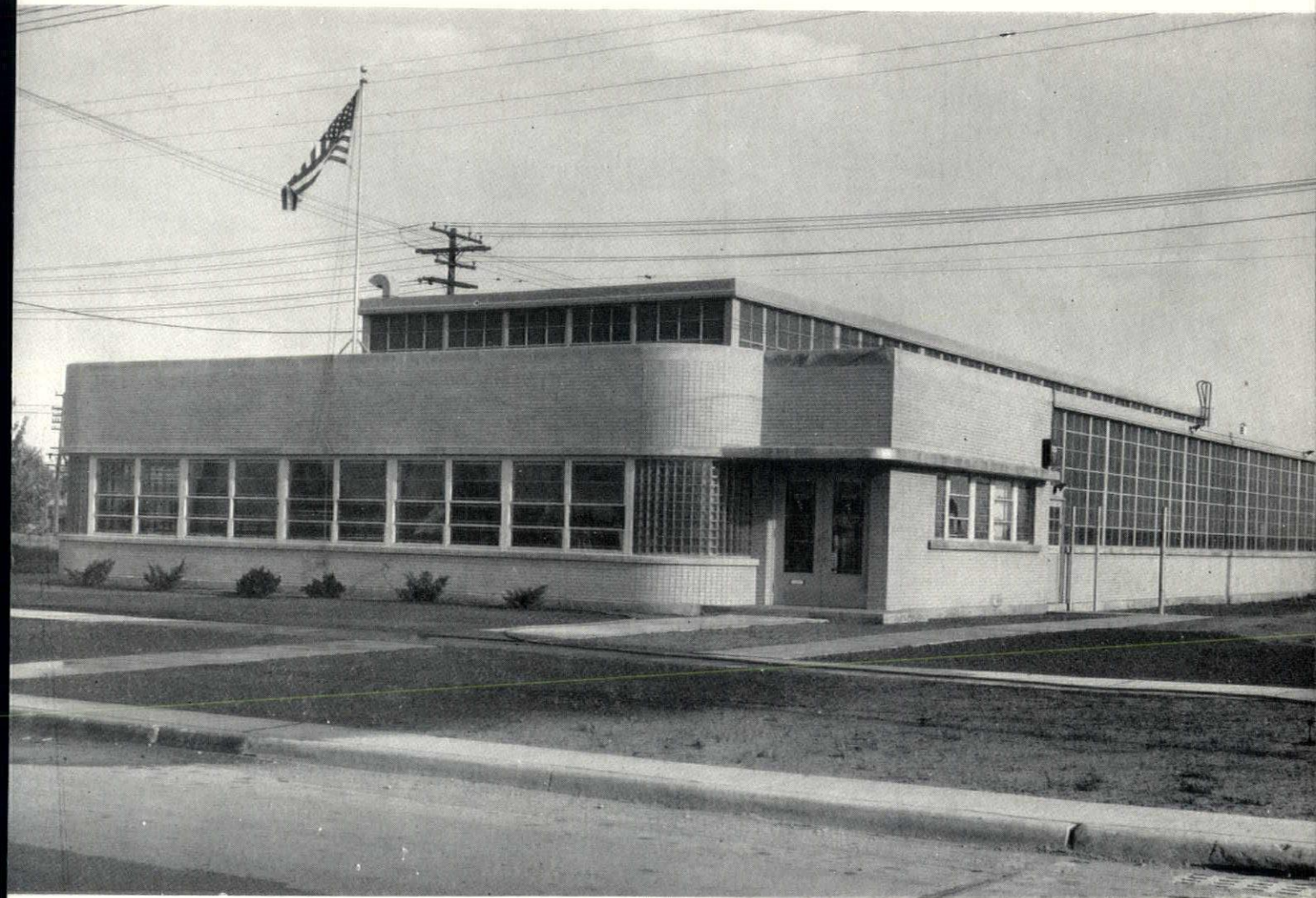


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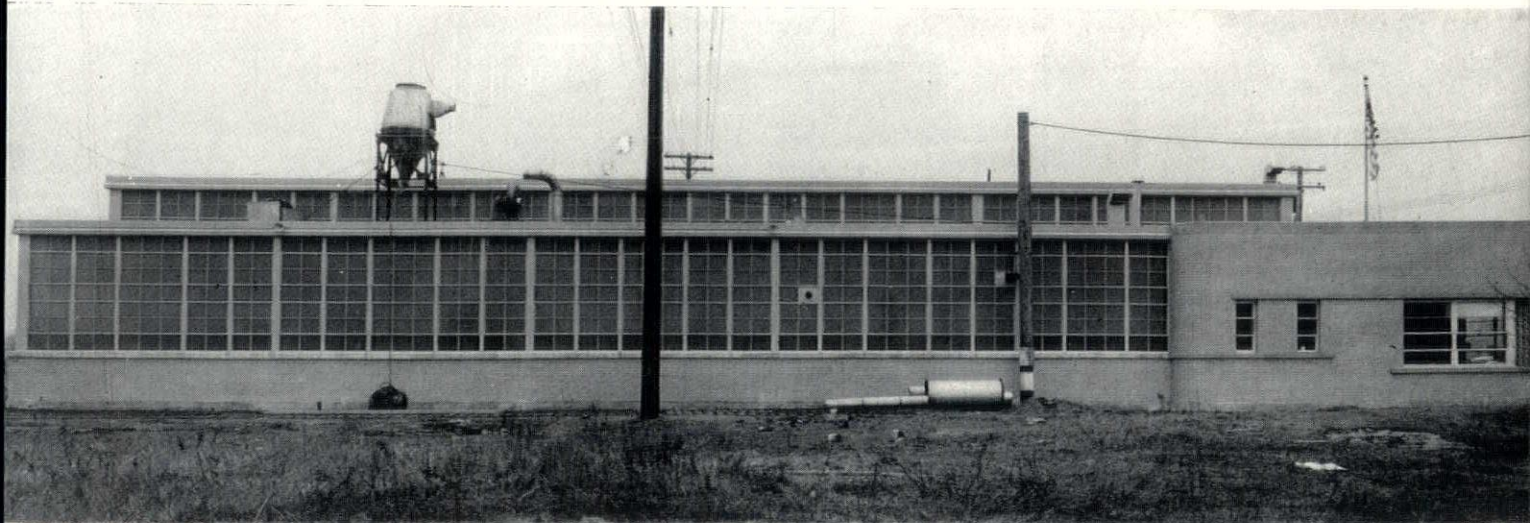
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The roofs are level, bonded for twenty years, which includes the flashing.

The entire front is occupied by the company's offices. The engineering department is on the reinforced concrete balcony which is located in the front part of the monitor.

The testing laboratory is on the main floor. The glass block at the rounded corners and the almost-total window area of the exterior walls lend much cheerfulness to the executive offices. All interior surfaces of the office walls are of knotty pine in natural finish.

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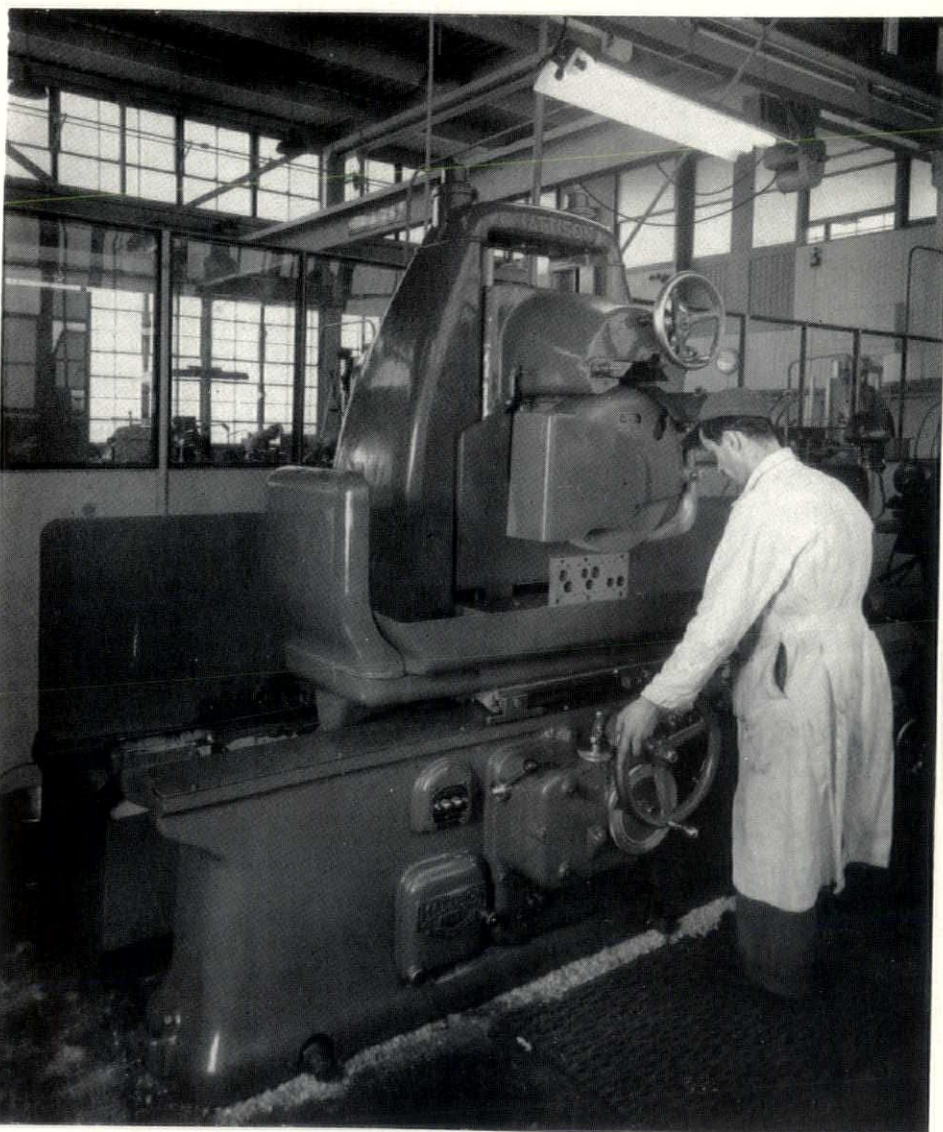


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The architect herewith expresses sincere thanks to the general contractor for the excellent workmanship, cooperation, and skillful execution of the construction, and joins that firm in expressing the well-deserved thanks to the subcontractors and material suppliers.

Many favorable comments about the building, for its simple but dignified exterior design and the perfect lighting, heating, ventilation, and other arrangements within the building, have come to the architect and the owners.



## CITY PLANNERS WANTED

The Detroit Civil Service Commission announces open-competitive examinations for Assistant Director of City Planning at \$8406.00 to \$9126.00.

The written examination is scheduled for January 21, 1949 and will be given in Detroit and in other cities as requested where satisfactory arrangements can be made. Those applicants who pass the written examination are subject to a scheduled interview which will be held only in Detroit.

The position of Assistant Director of City Planning is a highly responsible administrative one with the Detroit City Plan Commission, involving, in addition to assisting in the direction, planning and coordination of a staff of about forty, the major responsibility for accomplishing the aims, goals and purposes encompassed in Master Plan.

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Staff which is both sufficient in size and specialized in many fields of research, design, public information and effectuation will give ample opportunity to the Assistant Director of City Planning to exercise his administrative and managerial talents.

Further information, forms, etc., may be obtained from the Civil Service Commission, City of Detroit, 15th Floor, Water Board Building.

**MAYNARD LYNDON**, former member of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, has been elected Secretary of the Southern California Chapter for the year 1949. Others elected include Albert C. Martin, Jr., President; John Rex, Vice-President; Jack Lipman, Treasurer; Paul O. Davis, Walter R. Hagedohm and Adrian Wilson, Directors.

Says the Chapter Bulletin:

"Maynard Lyndon, our new Secretary, is proof that Michigan can turn out something besides football teams. He practiced in Detroit from 1935 until 1942, when he moved to California and joined our Chapter. His uncompromisingly contemporary work is notably clean and precise, and is well exemplified by his prize winning entry in the Kawneer Store Front Competition of 1943, and by his recently completed Santa Fe ticket office. This is Maynard's first big Chapter office, although he has been prominent as Chairman of the Education Committee and of the Fee Standards Committee. His extra-curricular fancy is for British cars."

## 400 APPRENTICES GRADUATE

The Detroit Building Construction Industry's Third Annual Apprentice Graduation and Testimonial Banquet was held in the Detroit Federation of Labor Building, 82 West Montcalm Street, in Detroit, on the evening of December 11.

Finlay C. Allan, Chairman of the Detroit Building Trades Apprentice Council, presided and J. W. Armstrong, Vice-President of Darin and Armstrong, Inc., was toastmaster. Talks were made by leaders in labor and government, representing local, state and national groups. More than 600 attended this fine recognition and welcome into the building industry of 410 apprentice graduates in 14 different

trades.

W. R. Bryant, Vice-President of Bryant and Detwiler, responded on behalf of the contractors; Donald Sturtevant, for the apprentice graduates. Representing the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. was its President, David H. Williams, Jr., and for the Michigan Society of Architects was Adrian N. Langius, retiring President.

Arthur Dondineau, Superintendent, Detroit Public Schools, assisted by Ralph A. MacMullan, Manager of A.G. C., Detroit Chapter, presented the diplomas.

## UD PROFESSOR NAMED COMMANDER OF ARMY RESEARCH GROUP

Professor Elihu Geer, acting director of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Detroit, has been appointed Commander of the Army-established Organized Research and Development Group.

According to the Army report much of the failure of the armed forces to utilize scientifically trained manpower to the maximum during World War II is due to the failure of peacetime Reserve training to keep pace with the professional interests of engineers and scientists in civilian life. To establish a Reserve officers' training program that will pose an intellectual challenge to men of scientific training, the Army is forming Organized Reserve Research and Development Groups.

Professor Geer, who is to head the Detroit research group, came to the University of Detroit as an instructor in structural design and mathematics in 1946. He had been employed for over eleven years as an engineering draftsman and resident engineer for the Pere Marquette Railroad. He also served five years in the U. S. Army with the Field Artillery Division and until his recent appointment held the rank of Colonel.

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Every year on its election and annual meeting day, the Builders' and Traders' Exchange elects three directors for a three year term. The day is fixed by the by-laws. It is the third Tuesday after the first Monday in January. The total board is composed of nine men.

The nominating committee appointed by President Everett Bush has nominated and secured the acceptance to run, the following six men, three to be elected;

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Joseph Wallich of the Wallich Lumber Company

These men will be voted on at the January 18 meeting. On the official ballots sent to members of the Exchange, names of others may be written in.

The Nominating Committee members are George Odien, Horace Dickinson, and Henry Mason. These three men, with three more active members appointed by the president, will serve as the Election Committee.

The following directors leave the board after three years service: President Everett Bush; Vice-Presidents Walter Torbet and Ray T. Lyons.

Remaining on the board are Treasurer Douglas Shaw; Directors Munro Aird, Mark Atkin, Henry Manley and W. Wilbur White.

The annual meeting of the Exchange will convene at 3:30 p.m. on January 18 in the Skyroom of the Fort Shelby Hotel. It will be preceded by open house beginning at 12:30. The polls will be open in the offices of the Exchange at 439 Penobscot Building from 9 a.m. until 12:30 at which time they will be open in the Skyroom of the Fort Shelby Hotel until 3:00 p.m.

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