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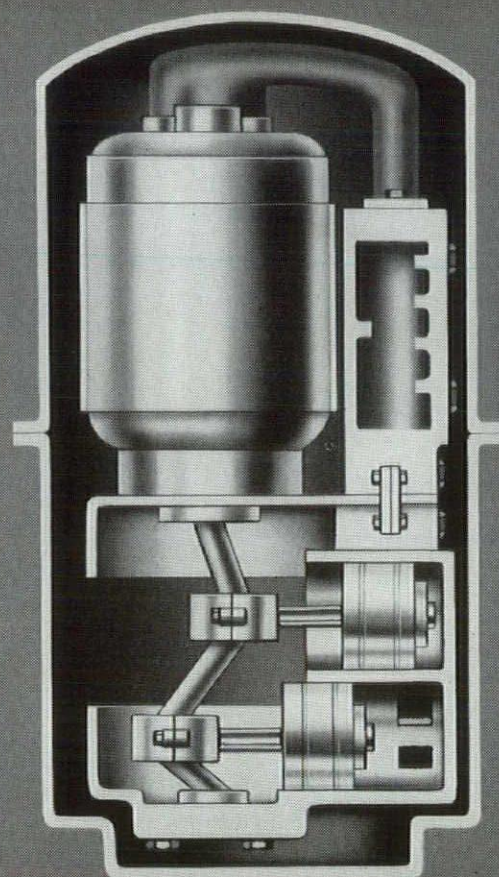
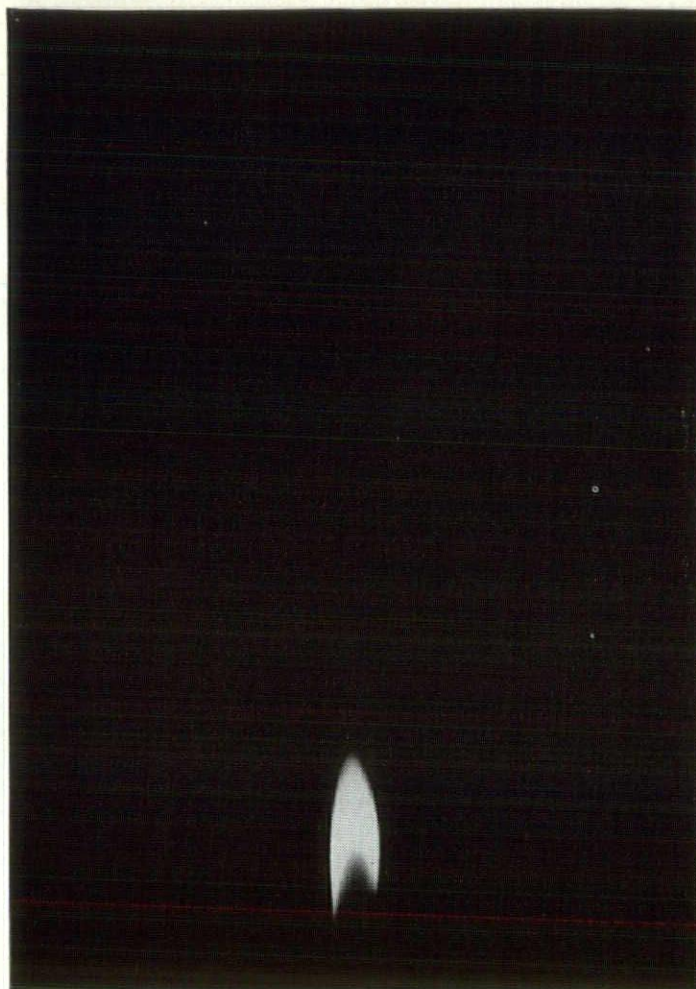


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MSA PROPOSES BY-LAWS REVISION – ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT MACKINAC

Upon the recommendation of the State and Chapter Affairs Committee, the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects approved the following proposed changes in By-Laws at its meeting held in Lansing on Saturday, June 15, 1963. Voting by the membership on these changes will take place at the Mid-Summer Conference, Mackinac Island, August 2nd. Notice of proposed change is hereby served to MSA members.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS (As capitalized and underlined)

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

SECTION 4. BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall hold not less than SIX (6) meetings during the year for the purpose of transacting the business of the Society. (No other changes under this Article.)

ARTICLE IV. DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

SECTION 2. ANNUAL DUES

Subject to the approval of THE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP, the Board shall set the amount of the annual dues to be paid to the Society. (No other changes under this Article.)

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (new)

THERE SHALL BE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD COMPRISED OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER AND TWO (2) SENIOR MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ACT FOR THE BOARD BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT ORIGINATE ANY FINANCIAL OR OTHER MAJOR POLICY OR TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD CONFLICT IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH ANY ACTION OF THE BOARD OR OF ANY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OR ANY RULE OR POLICY OF THE INSTITUTE.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

DELETE PRESENT SECTION 7. REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND ADD NEW SECTION 7. AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 7. DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN REGION

A DIRECTOR SHALL REPRESENT THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE WITHIN THE MICHIGAN REGION ON THE BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTITUTE'S BY LAWS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN REGION SHALL BE NOMINATED NOT LESS THAN NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR TO THE INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL CONVENTION. THE RETIRING DIRECTOR SHALL CALL A CONVOCATION OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING THE SOCIETY AND ALL CHAPTERS IN THE REGION TO SELECT A NOMINEE FOR THE MICHIGAN REGION. THE DELEGATES SHALL BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY AND THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL CHAPTERS WITHIN THE REGION, WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY AS CHAIRMAN. THE CONVOCATION SHALL SUBMIT THEIR NOMINEE OR NOMINEES TO THE INSTITUTE FOR ELECTION AT THE INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

DELETE SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 7.

SECTION 1. (NEW) CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATION OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE CONCURRENT WITH THOSE IN EFFECT UNDER THE NATIONAL STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE; TOGETHER WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL, SPECIALIZED CLASSIFICATIONS AS MAY BE ADOPTED BY THE SOCIETY.

REVISE SECTION 6 AND RENUMBER AS SECTION 2.

SECTION 2. APPOINTMENTS

All committee appointments shall be approved by the Board. The President shall have the power to make appointments to any unfilled or vacant office. The President may create new committees when in the best interest of the Society, or at any time discontinue a committee, alter its classification or make changes in its personnel as he may deem proper. (DELETE LAST SENTENCE.)

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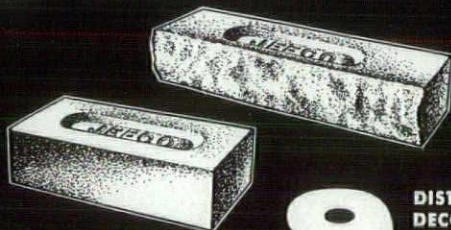
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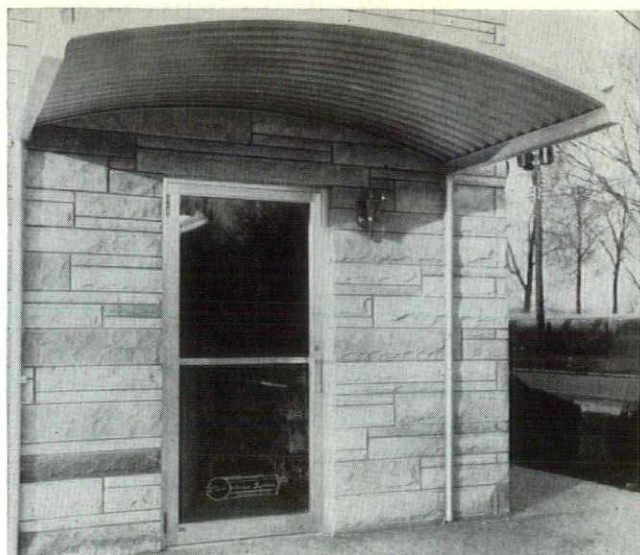


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In a resolution to Gov. George Romney, the Exchange said it is in "accord with the objectives" of Act 89, and offered support and assistance "in achieving a successful implementation of the Act."

Governor Romney signed the Act into law May 8th of this year.

The resolution was drafted by the Exchange's Safety Committee, under the chairmanship of O. H. Colbert, R. C. Mahon Co., and the Board of Directors, headed by President Edward C. Chase Jr., of The Chase Co.

The Exchange's resolution to the Governor stated:

"We feel we can be most helpful to the State Construction Safety Commission by fully informing our members as to the provisions and requirements of the Act, the rules and regulations developed by the Commission, and by encouraging complete cooperation and compliance by our members.

"In addition, there may be times when, because of the wide variety of contractors in our membership, we can be helpful to the Commission in developing administrative procedures, and rules and regulations properly keyed to the needs of a vast, complex and technical industry. We would like to take this opportunity to offer the Commission our help, counsel and facilities at any time the Commission or its staff may wish."

Firms represented by the Exchange engage in all phases of commercial, institutional and industrial construction. The Exchange is one of the oldest of Michigan's construction trade associations, and it is the largest Builders' Exchange in the nation.

Under the State's new construction safety law, a five-man Commission will develop safety rules and regulations for the inspection and use of equipment.

Contractors who employ three or more people must register with the Commission annually. There is a \$35 registration fee. Each registered contractor is required to furnish to the Commis-

sion complete information showing the total number of comprehensible time-loss injuries and total hours worked during the preceding year.

The Commission shall investigate any contractor whose safety record fails to meet the norm for his classification. It may also investigate alleged violations of its rules and regulations.

There are 27 states in the Union that have state-administered construction safety laws.

CLEARING HOUSE PROVING SUCCESSFUL

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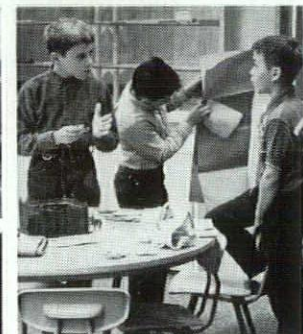
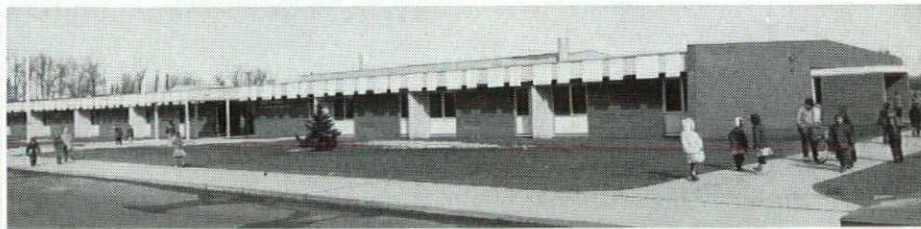
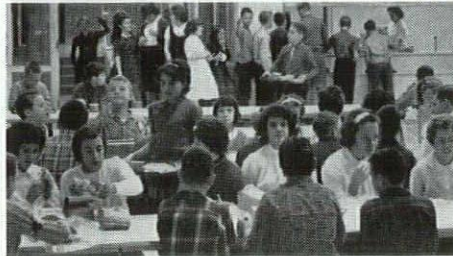
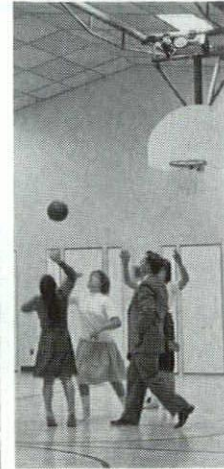
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20th MID-SUMMER CONFERENCE

GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND

August 1, 2, 3, 1963

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:00 to 5 P.M. *Registration Begins, Main Lobby*
Men \$15.00, Ladies Free
- 12:15 P.M. *Lunch, Main Dining Room*
- 2:00 P.M. *Fun in the Sun*
- 6:30 P.M. *Reception, West End Hotel Porch*
Sponsor: Modu-Wall (and their Agents)
- 7:00 P.M. *Dinner, Main Dining Room*
- 10:00 P.M. *Dancing, Terrace Room*
- 12:00 to 2 A.M. *Snack Bar, Golf Course*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

- 8:00 A.M. *Breakfast, Main Dining Room*
- 8:00 A.M. *MSA Board, Breakfast Meeting*
- 10:00 A.M. *MSA Business Meeting, Club Room*
- 10:00 A.M. *Registration Continues*
- 10:30 A.M. *Ladies' Get-Acquainted Coffee Hour*
- 12:15 P.M. *Buffet Luncheon*
Speaker: William J. Johnson
Landscape Architect
- 2:00 P.M. *Golf Tournament, Men and Women*

- 6:30 P.M. *President's Reception, Club Room*
Sponsor: Portland Cement Association
Award, "Man of the Year" Trophy
- 7:00 P.M. *Dinner, Main Dining Room*
- 10:00 P.M. *Dancing, Terrace Room*
- 12:00 to 2 A.M. *Snack Bar, Golf Course*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- 8:00 A.M. *Breakfast*
- 10:00 A.M. *Golf Tournament Continues*
- 12:15 A.M. *Lunch, Casino Room*
Speaker: Glen Michaels
Architectural Sculptor and Muralist
- 6:00 P.M. *Reception, Club Room*
Sponsor: Valley Metal Products Company
- 7:00 P.M. *20th Annual Mid-Summer Conference Banquet*
Casino Room
Toastmaster: Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.
Speaker: Montgomery Ferar, Industrial Designer
- 10:00 P.M. *Dancing, Terrace Room*
- 12:00 to 2 A.M. *Snack Bar, Golf Course*

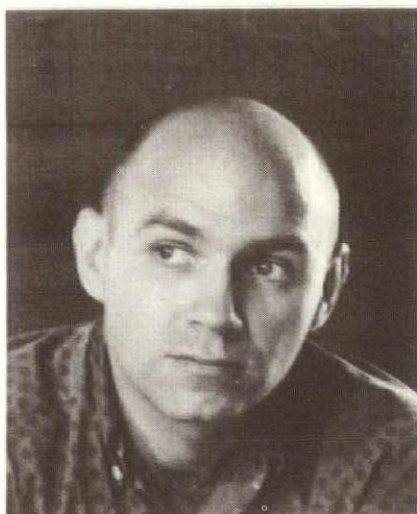
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William J. Johnson

William J. Johnson, partner in the firm of Johnson, Johnson and Roy, Ann Arbor, is also associate professor of landscape architecture at the University of Michigan. A graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science in landscape architecture, he also holds a master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard University. He has been associated with Sasaki & Associates, Watertown, Massachusetts; a member of the firm of Eichstedt-Johnson Associates, Detroit; and a principal in the firm of William J. Johnson and Associates. He also served Harvard University as a special instructor. Among academic honors, he has received the ASLA Certificate of Merit from Michigan State in 1953; the Alumni Award (MSU) in 1953 and the Charles Eliot Traveling Fellowship from Harvard in 1958.



Glen Michaels

Glen Michaels, architectural sculptor and muralist, has been supervisor of the Young Peoples Art Center at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, for the past five years. He has completed major assemblage-murals for Bulova Watch Company, Continental Canning Company, New York City, and the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis. The hotel mural, located in the new lobby, is 32 feet long, of tile, shale and wood. When viewed by Arthur Rubenstein, the great pianist commented, "Noble . . . with the rhythmic sweep and beauty of the sea." Michaels' smaller works are included in several important collections. Though praised by John Cannady, New York Times art critic, as one who uses the current plastic materials in a valid way, he is at present involved in experiments with traditional materials, such as bronze and paint.



Montgomery Ferar

Montgomery Ferar and his partner, Carl Sundberg, were recipients of the Gold Medal Award presented by the American Institute of Architects at its 1962 national convention. This recognition for "superiority in developing outstanding elegance and commodity for a large variety of designs to be executed by the machine" represented a milestone to the 26-year career of the design team from Southfield, Michigan. The Gold Medal, considered top honor in the field of industrial art and design, capped the following series of recognitions that have come in recent years to Sundberg-Ferar: The Industrial Design Institute Award in 1959 for the IBM Ramac computer; the 1960 Product Design Magazine award for Sperry-Rand marine navigational equipment; and the Industrial Design Institute Award for the Tower Capri typewriter made by Remington-Rand.



Roger at Random

an interview with Roger Allen, FAIA

Architect, newspaper columnist, lecturer, civic leader AND the banquet toastmaster at the upcoming MSA Mid-Summer Conference, Roger Allen is quite a guy. He is a delight to interview. Conversation flows, jumps and skips about over his newspaper days, meetings with Frank Lloyd Wright, the state of humor in America, where MSA might hold its annual conventions, growing status of women, the essence of beauty, what's wrong with planned cities, and that wonderful definition of a camel—"a greyhound designed by a committee."

Re: Frank Lloyd Wright, Roger Allen tells of their first meeting at an AIA convention in Grand Rapids. Both were on a banquet program, Wright as main speaker, Allen as toastmaster. The occasion was long before Roger had gained his spurs as a public speaker and his nervousness showed . . . to the point where his dinner went untouched. Mr. Wright took a paternal interest in this nutritional lack and advised, "At least eat your fish. The Japanese exist on fish and they're the most amorous of people."

"Don't speak to me of love at a time like this," Roger retorted.

Months later the two met again at a New York meeting.

"I remember you. You're the wit," said Mr. Wright.

"You're (W) right," said Mr. Allen.

Another meeting, this time in Scottsdale, Arizona, saw the two men in a conversational interchange just outside the famed Lulu Belle Saloon. "Going in to admire your favorite Victorian architecture, Roger?"

Reply: "Nope, going in to let a favorite waitress admire Victorian me!"

Wright was forever urging one and all to omit ice from their tall drinks, claiming that ices causes one to "miss the fine flavor of whiskey."

"Not for me," Roger says. "I want to miss the fine flavor of warm water."

There were no architectural compliments from Wright unless the architect had been dead at least 50 years, according to Roger. However, his own office wall with its framed note from the famed FLW does give proof of a personal compliment. "My dear Roger, You said all this very well . . . in your own way . . . good way, too. I like you. Come see. (signed) Frank." The accolade is dated June 2 '53.

Roger, who was 71 on June 23, began his architectural career right after high school as an apprentice in his father's office. This was in 1921. About ten years later when the depression hit the depths, Roger abandoned architecture for the time to join the staff of the weekly Grand Rapids Chronicle. His title was "columnist". He also wrote jokes on a free-lance basis and sold them for \$2 each, most to the old "Judge" magazine. He soon was named assistant editor, then quickly was made editor. As such he was the entire newspaper staff.

After three years at the weekly, he moved over to bureau work and was named Grand Rapids chief for International News Service. This was hard-core news coverage, with no set hours and no limits on night work or 24-hour stints. "See for yourself" was the motto in those days. He cites one example of seeing for himself and not being able to do a blasted thing about what he saw.

A son of a Grand Rapids mother was sentenced in New York to die for killing a policeman. The mother went to NY's Gov. Lehman to plead for clemency for her "mischievous boy." On her return, and because the plea was turned down, she was reported to be white-haired from grief. "Only a dye job growing out" was the young INS reporter's conclusion. "But I couldn't or wouldn't say so in print—not in those days."

From INS, Roger Allen joined the staff of an amusement park as press agent for its stage shows. One troupe playing the first summer starred one Danny Kaye. Although not Mr. Kaye's doing, Roger's job soon flipped from getting stories into the paper to trying valiantly to keep them OUT.



(W) right and Wit
(left to right)

Back to architecture in 1935, he re-opened his office with a job in hand from the Ionia school board. He's been in practice ever since. He's been the architect at Central Michigan College for 23 years, has designed all but one of the buildings at Ferris Institute, and designed the Grand Rapids Public Museum, the St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church of Grand Rapids, The Grace Episcopal Church of Holland and many others.

His honors are many. The Michigan Society of Architects awarded him its Gold Medal in 1954. The accompanying citation, in part, states "... In the conduct of your architectural practice, in your continuing interest in your professional organizations, in your use of your abilities as a speaker and as a writer and in your unstinting concern with the affairs of your community, you have given to the architectural profession prestige, respect and an example which all might follow..."

Central Michigan College honored Roger Allen in 1956 with an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. The author of this citation obviously knew his subject well.

After enumerating Roger's best known architectural works, his service to MSA as president and his election as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, the citation states, "Roger Allen's personality as well as his professional skill reflects his deep inner harmony. His social concern is tempered by a kindly wit and a gracious affability; he works heartily with the many diverse interests found in any community, civic, religious, or academic. Responsive to civic demands, he has served his home city of Grand Rapids unostentatiously but effectively. Red Cross, Community Chest and Villa Maria, a Catholic home for girls, request and receive his unflagging assistance. He is also Lay Reader in the Episcopal Church and Architectural Consultant to the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan.

"John Ruskin, in *Stones of Venice* wrote, 'We require from buildings, as from men, two kinds of goodness: first doing their practical duty well; then that they be graceful and

pleasing in doing it.' Truly, Roger Allen's buildings and his life symbolize the symmetry and harmony of utility and pleasing grace."

A brief quote from the citation presented with the honorary degree, Doctor of Science, bestowed by Ferris Institute includes these words, "... Seldom has one architect contributed so much to the physical appearance and design of a college campus as has this man. Yet more significant is the fact that his personal sensitivity and acumen has been such as to perceive the fundamental and unique character of this time-honored college and translate these spiritual qualities into tangible and attractive vessels of service in a distinctively effective manner."

(Your reporter should add that these citations were lifted quickly from RA's office wall for a fast copying job by his secretary.)

Free-wheeling and light-hearted, Roger talks of his favorite and un-favorite cities. Never again will he visit Los Angeles where friends espouse the merits of grand and glorious Forest Lawn. "I'll not audition any more cemeteries," he states. San Francisco is THE city, to his way of thinking, and more interesting and more beautiful than Paris or Rome.

On beauty in buildings, he says the owners must *want* beauty and adds a hearty amen to the statement "the best client makes the best building." He adds that taste must be elevated to heighten owner appreciation of beauty. This is done by education, and most of this must come from and be done by women, although responsibility for ugliness most certainly rests with everyone."

Roger talks of the American veneration of bigness and relates that 75% of the architectural work in the nation is done by staffs of four or less. To him, a 15-man staff is the ulcer point in office operation. He himself enjoys close contact with all job phases, talking to contractors, sub-contractors, subcontractors and all people associated with a job. His office is responsible for \$8-\$10 million worth of buildings per year.

Roger Allen's speech-making has taken him all over the country. Women make up his favorite audiences. The reverse side of the coin is the all-male luncheon meeting, with most of the members present to sell insurance or to grab a potential customer for some hot deal. Roger spots hostility pretty fast in an audience, as can any speaker, and can usually point out the four or five who are charged with automatic hatred for speakers.

One of his favorite speech gambits used to be the exploration of the theory that the world would soon be overrun by wire coat hangers. This premise was revamped to: "The world would soon be overrun by women, who are a lot more fun than wire coat hangers."

Roger Allen's concern for architecture is proved by his qualifications for the ideal architect. "He must be more concerned with people than buildings. He must know how buildings affect people. Buildings are not machines but tools that provide environment for education, healing, worship, commerce and the delightful business of living. Many architects are only stage designers. Architects must know how people function. Buildings must help people do something, if they don't, they aren't worth a dime."

The Michigan Society of Architects, Roger believes, should move its annual conventions around the state, meeting under the auspices of different chapters. "It would make for stronger chapters and better members." He also believes that the health of the American Institute of Architects and the Michigan Society of Architects is pretty good. "They both serve, with distinction, members of a highly individualistic profession . . . none is more so. It's also a tolerant profession. Architects, generally speaking, listen to opposition without getting angry."

Life in these United States is distinguished, according to Mr. Allen, by a bit of looking down the nose on humor and humorists. "Many think humor is inferior when really there is not enough of it in the world, or in architecture either. People take themselves too seriously."

In addition to his "Fired at Random" column, which has

appeared in the Grand Rapids Press since the early 1940's. Roger has also been head man on a 13-week radio series. A recording of one of the shows found its way to Variety, the bible of show business, which lauded his "dry style." Allen's crinkly reply: "Who wants to be wringing wet?"

"Fired at Random" has become a Grand Rapids classic. Roger likes staying up late to write it (six nights a week) and is pleasantly devoted to the loneliness of writing. His favorite compliment from a reader stated, "I read your column right after the obituaries."

His column has a namesake, a racehorse born at stables owned by his long-time friends Charles and Thomas Reilly. They sent out a birth announcement reporting, "It's a Boy! Weight—100 pounds." The idea for the name originated

some three years ago, but had to wait until a colt was born since the American Jockeys' Association deemed "Fired at Random" most unfitting for a filly.

Those who've known Roger Allen a long time say he hasn't changed much over the years. True, he's down to a slim 152 pounds, thanks to a strict dieting regime enforced after an emergency appendectomy. He took off 60 pounds in six months. Costliest part of the program resulted in a closet containing 6 dinner jackets, including a pink one to puzzle audience members who linger too long over cocktails and expect to see white on the speaker of the evening.

Being 71 has many assets in his eyes. Not one of the lesser ones is that people have dropped telling him hearing aid stories in favor of old man jokes. *N. H.*



Roger meets "Fired at Random," young colt named after Allen's daily column published in the Grand Rapids Press.



*Roger, B.D.
(before diet)*

Excerpts from recent "Fired at Random" columns . . . Supreme Court justices do not have the authority to officiate at wedding ceremonies. The late great Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once explained why. "Getting married," he said, "is not considered a federal offense."

I heard about a minister's new secretary who had formerly worked in the pentagon. She set about reorganizing the minister's filing system. She marked one drawer "sacred" and the other one "top sacred."

A philosopher is a fellow who figures it's better to have

hard luck than no luck at all.

That scientist has succeeded in his efforts to teach a monkey to smoke. And if the monkey has any gratitude, he'll teach the scientist how to quit.

"He had a terrible disappointment," said the voice from the next room. "He bought his boy a \$150 space suit and then the kid wouldn't go."

One of the many disadvantages of being a boss is that you have to get down early to find out who came down late.

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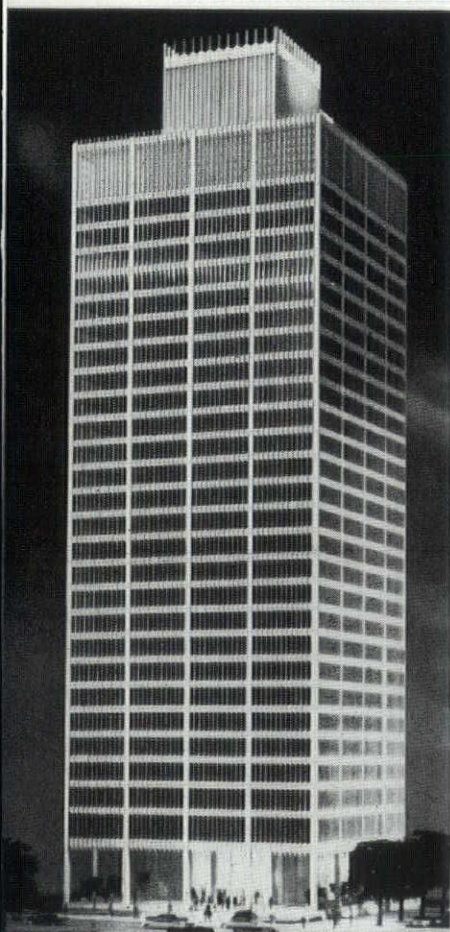
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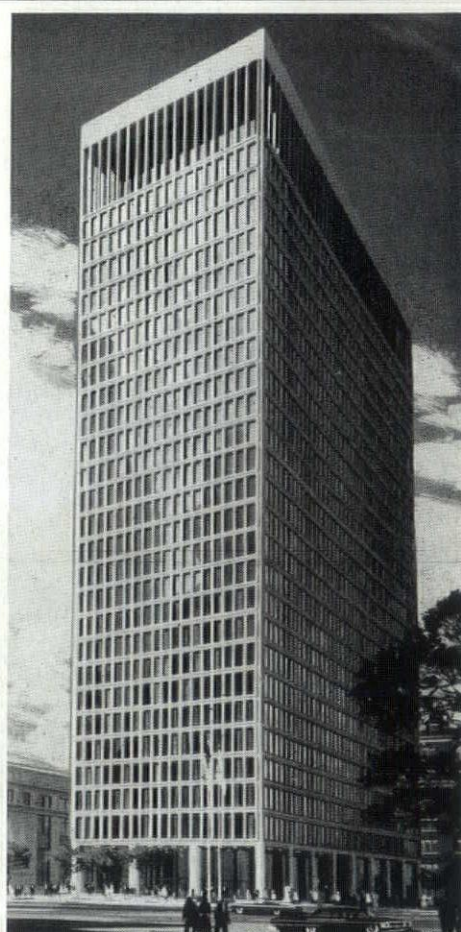
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SAMPSON HEADS WESTERN MICHIGAN

At a meeting on May 27th, the Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A. unanimously elected Claude D. Sampson, of Jackson, to the presidency of the chapter. Sampson will fill the office for the balance of the term of Robert C. Smith who resigned. George W. Sprau had been acting president pending this election.

By resolution, the chapter supported the efforts being made to correct conditions of urban decay in the City of Kalamazoo and offered recommendations for consideration by the City and its Planning Commission.

Program for the evening included a talk by Lyndon Welch of Eberle M. Smith and Associates on the architectural and engineering aspects of arriving at structural decisions.

The June meeting of the Chapter focused on "General Aspects of Planning" with representatives of the Kalamazoo City Plan Department taking part in the discussion. It was stated that the City of Kalamazoo had accepted the recommendations of the Chapter proposed at the previous meeting.

DETROIT BOARD ENDORSES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Chapter Affairs, the Board of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A. adopted the following resolution at its meeting on June 13, 1963:

Resolved: The Detroit Chapter of The American Institute of Architects endorses the principle of full and equal civil liberties and employment opportunities to all without discrimination based on national origin, race or creed.

Notice of the adoption of this resolution has been sent by Philip J. Meathe, Chapter President, to various interested organizations and agencies.

ALDEN DOW RENAMES ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Alden B. Dow, Inc., Midland architectural firm, has announced a change of company name to: Alden B. Dow Associates, Inc., Architects. The change was effected June 1. The new designation was made necessary by continuing expansion and diversification of the firm, founded by Dow in 1933. During its thirty year history, the Dow firm has carried out design projects, or now has buildings underway, in almost every region of the United States. The executive organization now lists Alden B. Dow, FAIA, as president; H. C. Allison, AIA, vice president and treasurer and Vincent T. Boyle, AIA, vice president and secretary.

AIA AWARDS TO MICHIGAN FIRMS

At the Awards luncheon held during the recent AIA Convention at the Americana in Miami Beach, two Michigan firms received honor awards for outstanding design accomplishment.

In the Institute's Honor Awards Program, a First Honor Award was presented to Ralph M. Parsons Co., Los Angeles, Calif., Architects and Engineers and Minoru Yamasaki, FAIA, Consulting Design Architect, Mich., for the Dhahran International Air Terminal, Dhahran, Saudia, Arabia. (This building was shown in our May issue and its construction was illustrated by Mr. Yamasaki in his talk to the joint Student-Chapter meeting, May 15th.)

Sponsored jointly by the Institute, the American Library Association and the National Book Committee, seventeen U.S. Libraries received awards in the first Library Buildings Awards Program. One of these, an Award of Merit, was given for the West Bloomfield Township Library, Orchard Lake, Mich. to Frederick Stickel & Associates (formerly Stickel, Jaroszewicz and Moody), Birmingham, Mich.

\$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY FLINT

The Flint Area Chapter, A.I.A. has awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to Willis E. Anderson of Owosso. Anderson is the first recipient of the Chapter's new scholarship program to encourage talented young people of the area who are interested in becoming architects. The scholarship will cover tuition costs at U. of M's College of Architecture and Design where Anderson will begin the five-year course in Architecture, this fall.

Ranking tenth in a graduating class of 272 at Owosso High School, Anderson was selected from applicants from high schools in Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer counties. His outstanding high school record, besides scholastic honors, includes membership in the Varsity "O" Club; participation in football, basketball and track; terms as president of the Latin Club and secretary of the JETS Club and chairing committees for various student activities.

GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER RECESSES TILL FALL

Members of the Grand Valley Chapter, AIA, enjoyed a purely social evening at their June 25th meeting. Convening at Spring Lake County Club, the group boarded the "River Queen" for a two and one-half hour cruise on Lake Michigan, with cocktails aboard, compliments of the Johnson Boiler Co. The cruise was followed by a buffet dinner served at the Club. This meeting was the last until the fall season.

Planned for the coming months are a Charter Banquet to be held in September and a tour through the Haven-Busch Steel Fabricating Plant in October. The Charter Banquet will celebrate the formation of the Grand Valley Chapter and a memorable evening is anticipated.

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY BILL BECOMES LAW

Now in effect in the State of Michigan is a construction safety bill—called "Substitute" H-47. The Act provides that construction firms and contractors who are subject to the Workmen's Compensation Law (who employ three or more people) must register with a Construction Safety Commission annually. There is a \$35 registration fee. Proceeds go to the general fund. Each year, as part of its general appropriation bill, the legislature is to appropriate the operating budget of the Commission. However, the appropriation cannot exceed the total income from contractor registration. A total of \$147,000 has been appropriated for the first year operation of the Commission.

The Construction Safety Commission will have five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Two members are to be appointed from management, two from the building trades, and one representing the Workmen's Compensation Insurance industry. The Commission will hire a director who must be a registered engineer. His salary has been set at \$10,000.

Under the Act, the Commission will develop safety rules and regulations for the inspection and use of equipment, which rules and regulations must be based upon generally accepted nationwide engineering standards and practices. The Commission may also cooperate with other public and private agencies for the purpose of promoting construction safety, and may conduct regional safety programs.

In addition, the Act provides that the Commission shall establish safety ratings for all registered contractors to be determined by the ratio which a contractor's injuries bear to a statewide rate of injuries of all registered contractors. A registered subcontractor's rate of injuries shall not be used in the determination of the safety rating of the contractor for whom he works. However, as the bill is presently interpreted, a subcontractor who is not registered shall have his injuries charged against the contractor for whom he works.

Each registered contractor is required to furnish the Commission complete information showing the total number of compensable time loss injuries and the total hours worked during the preceding year. The Commission shall investigate any contractor whose safety record fails to meet minimum standards for his classification. It may also investigate alleged violations of its rules and regulations upon notification by an employee or his agent after that employee or agent has reported the alleged violations to the employer and given him a reasonable length of time in which to correct the alleged violation. The only penalty spelled out in the law is a misdemeanor penalty against a contractor who fails to register with the Commission or fails to renew his registration.

There seems to be no question but what this is a bill with which management can live. With the 100 per cent compliance and cooperation of in-

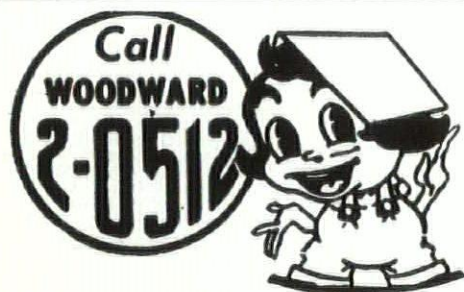
dustry, the Bill can implement the effectiveness of the programs carried on by the Construction Division, Michigan Safety Conference.

It should be emphasized that the Bill has been written with this purpose in mind, and that only through the whole-hearted cooperation of the industry, can the Bill, as it's written, be effective. This is important! Attempts were made this session to amend the Bill in ways we believe would have been detrimental to the industry. Should the Bill, as it's presently written, not prove effective, further attempts will be made to seek such amendments and only by demonstrating its success can we successfully defeat these amendments in future years.

In the meantime, it must be re-emphasized that the cooperation of every single contractor in the state subject to the act is important if we are to maintain what is generally conceded to be a Bill favorable to the aims and objectives of the industry as expressed through the Construction Division of the Michigan Safety Conference.

NESMOUR OFFICE MOVED

David W. Nesmour, AIA, Architect, has moved his office from 20109 West Eight Mile Road, Detroit, to 800 Livernois, Ferndale 20. The firm's new telephone number is 543-9229.



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NEW SAFETY PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY AGC

An intensified safety program for the construction industry has been announced by the Associated General Contractors of America, whose 7,500 member firms perform the major portion of contract construction in the United States. The AGC has maintained a continuing program to promote safety in construction for many years, but its leaders believe that a more positive approach is needed to produce the results in accident prevention which can be accomplished in the industry.

The new approach, to be known as the AGC Safety Certification Program, was announced in Washington by Charles Keller, Jr., New Orleans, president of the national organization of general contractors. The principal objectives of this program are:

To establish positive evidence of effective self-policing of safety activities by the construction industry.

To set definite goals for reducing disabling injuries on the job site.
To give proper recognition to AGC member firms achieving these goals.

"In other words," Mr. Keller says, "the AGC wants its members to be able to prove that they are safe contractors. We plan to accomplish this by conferring annual safety recognition certificates upon our contractor members who carry out an approved safety program in their operations. We intend to conduct this program with increasing intensification—that is, by progressively better goals of construction safety.

NEW OFFICE OPENED BY G. E. HOYEM

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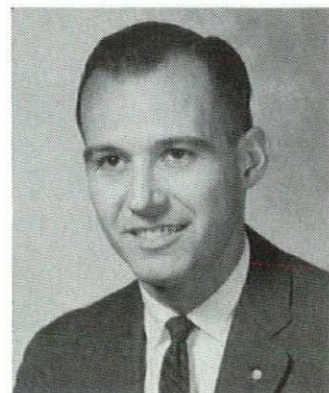
Application of F/A Roofing may be accomplished by any of three methods. These include application by air-operated, pressure-fed rollers, by hand rollers and by conventional spraying equipment. The method used depends on the pitch and shape of the roof.

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F/A 600, the Hypalon-based weather course, is available in a range of 49 colors plus black and white and allows a high degree of flexibility for architects in color-coordinating a building exterior.

Complete information and specifications on F/A Roofing are available from Armstrong's Building Products Division at the Free Press Building, 321 Lafayette Ave., West, in Detroit.



Galen D. Robbins, author of this article, is a sales representative for Armstrong Cork Company. Affiliated with the building products division, he sells acoustical ceilings and F/A Roofing. His territory is Detroit and the surrounding suburbs.

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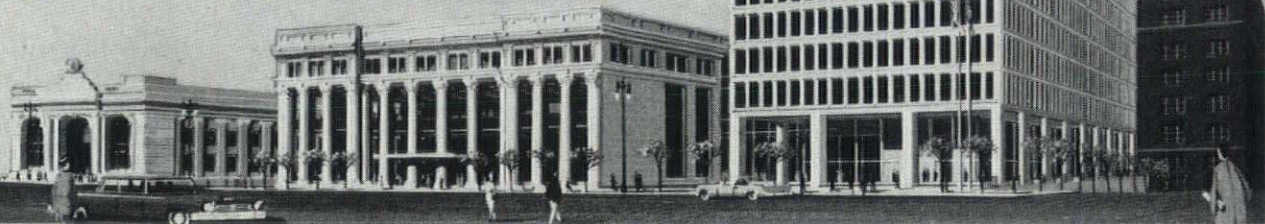
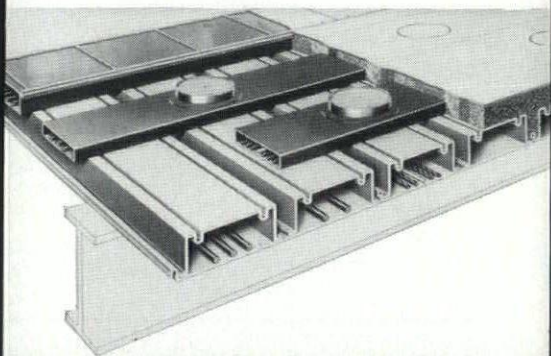
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EMIL LORCH, FAIA

Emil Lorch, Dean Emeritus of the College of Architecture and Design, University of Michigan, died June 19th in Ann Arbor. Dean Lorch was actively associated with the School of Architecture from its founding in 1906 until his retirement in 1966. He was later made Dean Emeritus and was awarded an honorary Ph.D. from the University during the School of Architecture's 50th anniversary celebration in 1956.

A long time member of A.I.A. and M.S.A., Dean Lorch served on the Registration Board, helped form the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, was active in the Society of Architectural

Historian and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Detroit Chapter in 1956 and the Michigan Society of Architects in 1957.

During an interview for the profile which was published in the April, 1963 issue of *Monthly Bulletin*, Dean Lorch stated, "My whole career in a nutshell was setting up the architecture program here at the University. It was a complex process, but I had the chance to build something from the ground up."

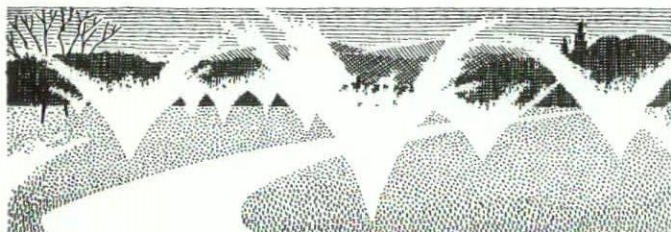
A memorial service for Dean Lorch was held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor on Tuesday, June 25th. Contributions to the Emil Lorch Architectural Scholarship Fund may be sent to the University of Michigan.

ARCHITECTS INVITED TO EXHIBIT AT CONVENTION

Invitations are out to architects to participate in the second joint convention of the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of School Administrators. Exhibition of educational designs at the September 11-12 meeting is being sought by R. George Wood, exhibit manager, 19125 Hillcrest, Birmingham, Michigan (phone: 646-4803). The convention, held this year at Cobo Hall in Detroit, draws attendance of board members, superintendents, business managers from 700 Michigan school districts. Invited guests include key personnel from private and parochial schools.

PARTNERSHIP FORMED

Bruno Leon, AIA, and John Loss, AIA, have announced the formation of a partnership for the practice of architecture. The firm will be known as Leon and Loss with offices at 7422 Chalfonte, Detroit 38. Telephone number is 861-6475. Both Leon and Loss are members of the faculty of the Department of Architecture, University of Detroit. Leon is Chairman of the Department and is currently serving as a Director of the Detroit Chapter.



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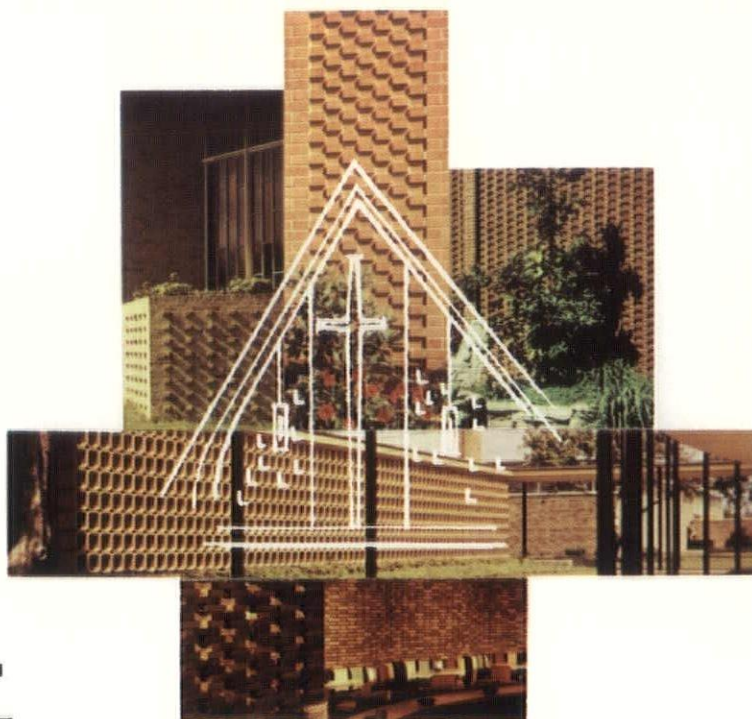


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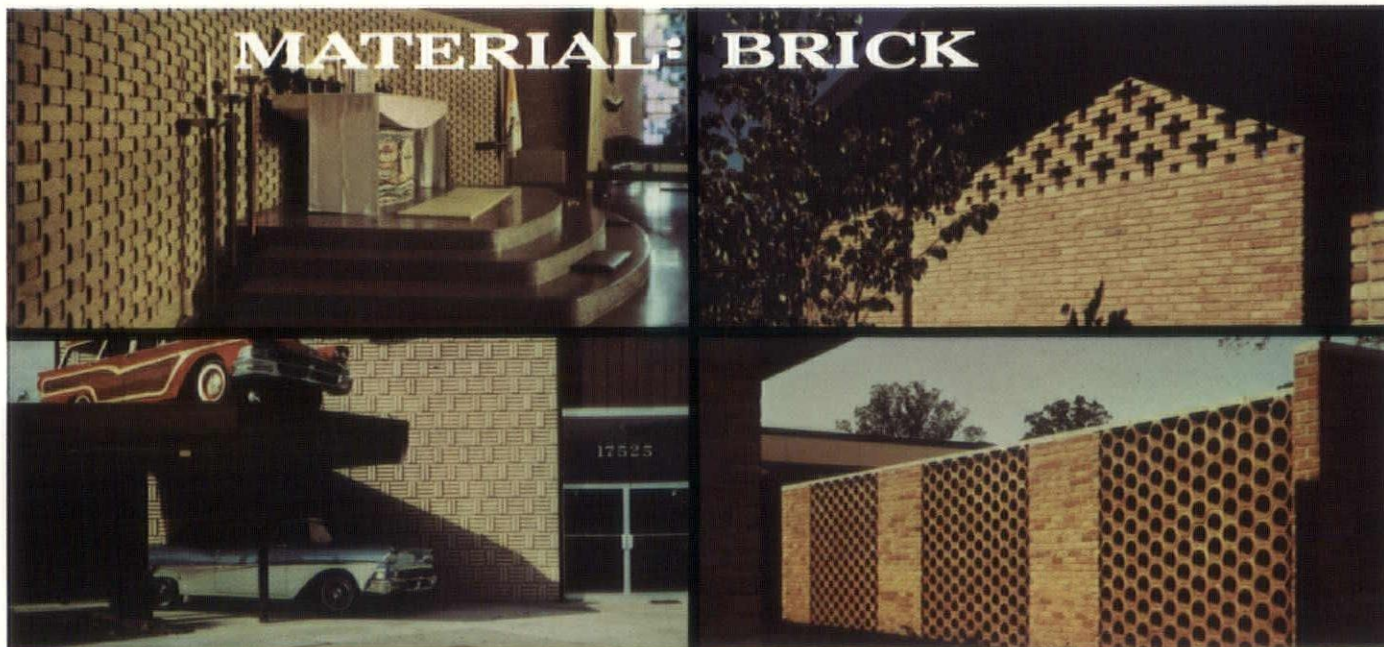
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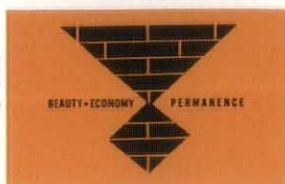
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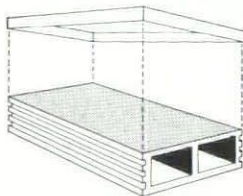


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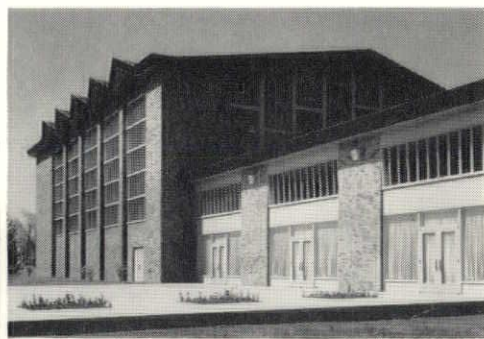
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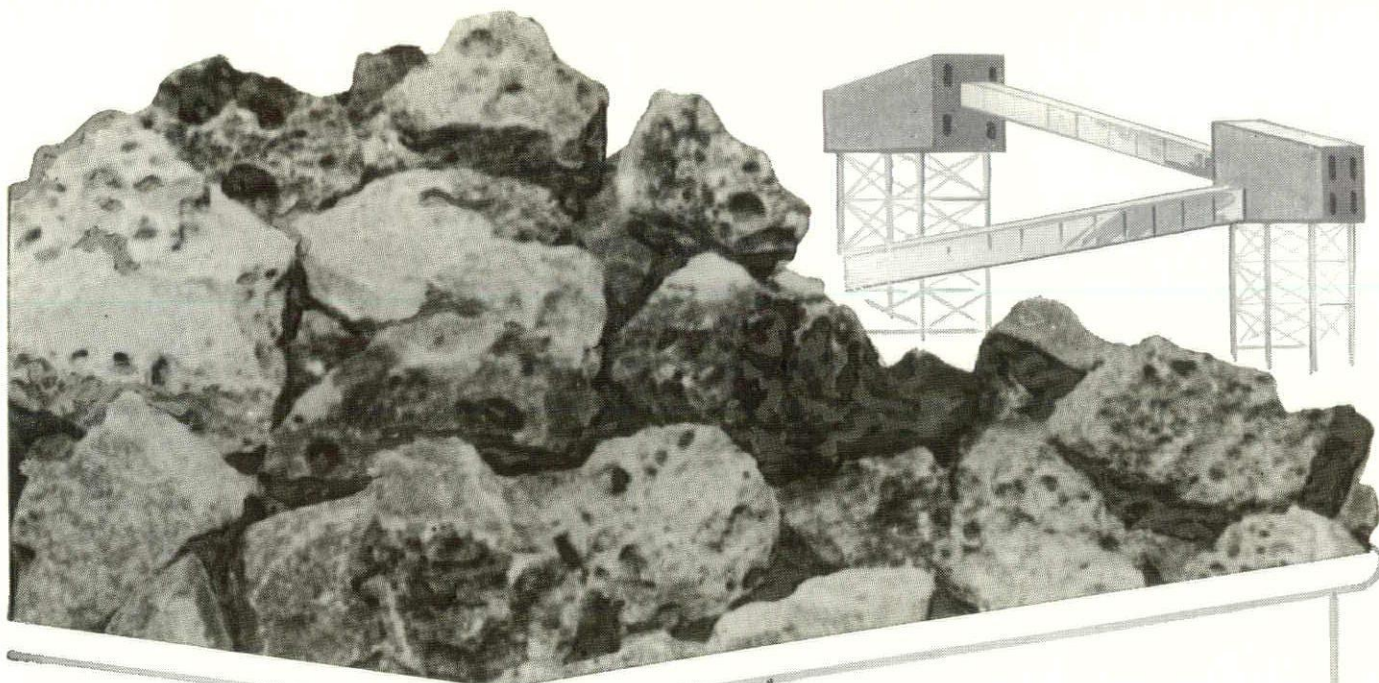
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