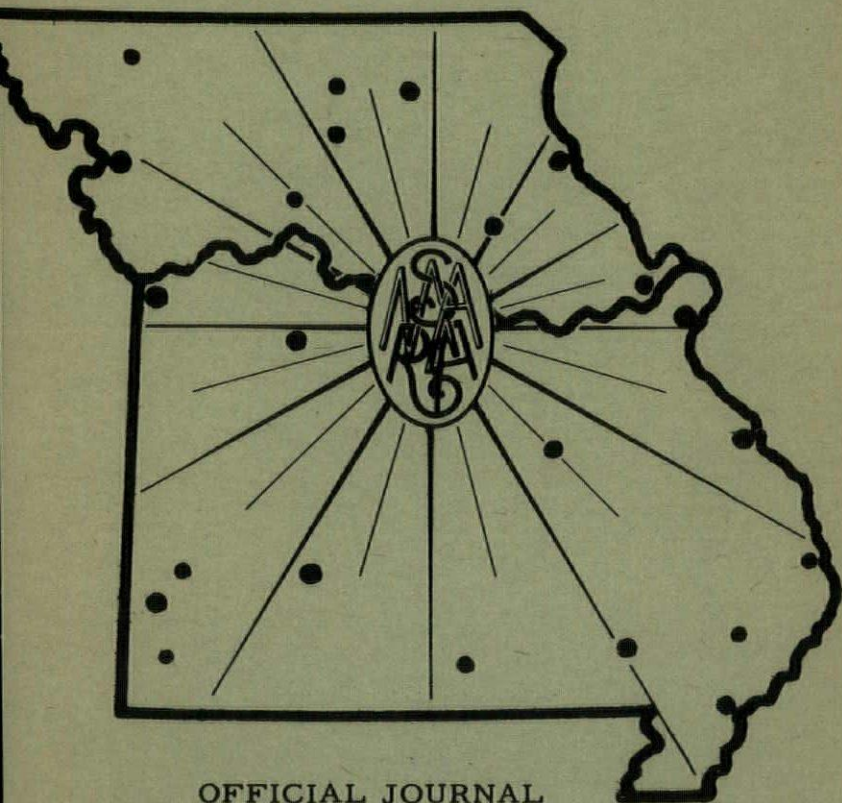


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The second issue of "The Missouri Architect" has been somewhat delayed for several reasons. Ye Ed wishes to apologize for the delay which, while not unavoidable, has been complicated by difficulty of selling sufficient advertising, and the difficulty of being able to devote enough time to the actual task of writing "copy" for this issue. A timely word here may be desirable regarding the format of "The Missouri Architect" and the reasons for size, shape and advertising make up. The first few issues will have to remain "as is" until the supply of envelopes is used up. Also changing page size and format necessitates notification of our advertisers at time of changeover, so their copy make up may be changed to fit the new size bulletin. The prime reason for present sizes and format was in order to use existing copy already "made up" for SKY-LINES which, as most of our readers know is the official monthly of the K. C. Chapter, A. I. A. It is hoped to make a change about the first of the year at which time we may hope to carry the publication at regular dates of publication.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Jefferson City on July 25th last, attended by the following Officers and Directors;

Harold A. Casey, President, Joseph B. Shaughnessy,
Vice President, William R. Bovard, Treasurer, Rex I. Becker,
Secretary; Counsel Senator A. L. McCawley, Committee
Chairman, Robert Elkington and the following Directors;
Bennett J. Applegate, St. Louis; Dave Clark, Columbia;
G. M. Drew, Poplar Bluff; Paul Klingensmith, St. Louis;
and L. O. Willis, Kansas City.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M. and the minutes of this meeting as supplied by our Secretary Rex Becker follow:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. The following were present:

President Casey
Vice President Shaughnessy
Treasurer Bovard
Secretary Becker

Directors: Clark, Willis, Applegate, Drew, Klingensmith

Counsel: Senator McCawley

Committee Chairman: Robert Elkington

Absent:

Directors: Everitt and Martinie

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in the Active Account of \$762.39



L. to R. - Frank Grimaldi, John Monroe, Martin Moffitt, Vice Pres. Shaughnessy, Lloyd Roark, Pres. C. C. Chapter A. I. A.; L. O. Willis, Wm. R. Bovard, Treasurer, Dave Clark. Front Row: Max Sanford, Robert S. Everitt and President Harold A. Casey.

and a balance in the Trust Fund of \$495.42. The Annual Meeting cost \$506.36. \$331.00 was received from registrations, dinner and luncheon tickets, leaving a net cost to the Treasury of \$175.36. There is one outstanding bill for \$25.00 for ads in "The Missouri Architect" first issue which, if paid, will leave a net cost for the first issue of \$142.54. It was resolved to close out the Trust Fund and put all of the money in the Active Account. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Mr. Willis reported on his efforts to publish the second issue of "The Missouri Architect" but he is having trouble in getting sufficient ads to pay for it. A letter was read from Mr. Slezak of Kansas City objecting to the fact that the format, make up, etc., was too similar to that of "Skylines" the Kansas City Chapter Publication. A long discussion about the type of publication, frequency of publication, etc., followed.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:08 and started again at 1:45.

After some more discussion of "The Missouri Architect" it was resolved that the next issue be published on August 31, another issue on November 15 and that for next year the magazine is to become a quarterly to be published on January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15.

The regular publication dates will make possible the obtaining of a permit for second class mailing privileges which will cut the mailing cost in half. It is essential that the magazine be mailed on the day specified. Every effort was to be made to get ads to cover the costs but the magazine is to be published whether the ads are ready or not. The November 1953 issue is to contain the complete roster of membership.

It was resolved to have our next Board Meeting on Saturday, September 19, 1953 in Jefferson City.

The matter of the vacant Directorship in the northwest district was presented by Mr. Willis. He reported that he had talked to Mr. Valk at Maryville who requested that he not be made a director at this time. Mr. Willis was appointed to investigate Mr. Glaze and Mr. Brunner of St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Robert Elkington and Ray Voskamp as Co-Chairmen of the Grievance Committee. These men are to choose their own members to help with the committee work.

The Chairman also announced the appointment of Paul Buchmueller as Chairman of the Publicity Committee. It was agreed that the Chairmen of these committees should attend the meetings of the Officers and Directors.

Dave Clark, Chairman of the committee which had been appointed to report on the recommendations to be made to the Governor for an Appointment of the Registration Board, reported that the committee recommended John Schaper (the incumbent whose term expires this fall), Paul Buchmueller, and Harold Casey for this office.

Robert Elkington and Luther Willis, the other members of the committee, recommended that Dave Clark's name be added to the list.

The Secretary was ordered to write a letter to the Governor submitting the names of John Schaper, Paul Buchmueller, Harold Casey and Dave Clark for his consideration.

Senator McCawley announced that he had been in contact with Dr. Engle-

hart with the State Department of Public Schools and read some correspondence which he had sent Dr. Englehart encouraging him to make a policy of not approving any school plans unless they had been prepared by a Registered Architect. The Senator feels that Dr. Englehart is prepared to take this action.

The Senator also read some correspondence which he had had with a Superintendent of Schools who had taken upon himself the task of making plans for a school addition. The Superintendent in his last letter stated that he would discontinue the practice and asked for a list of Registered Architects who could do the work. A roster was mailed to him.

A discussion followed as to several cases in which walls had collapsed and buildings fallen in and in what manner the Grievance Committee of the Association could function to the best advantage. It was felt that a lot could be done in informal investigation and screening (not investigating) complaints from individuals which could be forwarded to the Registration Board. The Senator pointed out that a great deal could be accomplished and was being accomplished informally without becoming involved in trials, etc.

Adjournment followed at 4:08 p. m.

Respectfully submitted

Rex L. Becker, Secretary

Our first annual "Architect's Day" was successfully held on May 9, 1953, and we believe it may grow through the years into a fine event which will be looked forward to as a get-together for Architects, their wives and friends and, as a splendid means of getting ideas for help to all members of the profession. Splendid work is being done at the regional meetings of the A. I. A. throughout the country. In fact many believe that the regional meeting is generally more successful than the larger and more unwieldy National A. I. A. meetings. We hope to make the "Architect's Day" meetings just as successful as others with a much longer background of experience and precedent; so members of the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects are urged to send in any material of interest to the profession to the address on the mailing envelope.

Of special interest was the seminar on School Plan and Design with Mr. Hubert Wheeler, Commissioner of the Department of Education of Missouri and Mr. George D. Englehardt, Director of School Building Service of Missouri.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the luncheon speech of Judge Laurance M. Hyde, former Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, and a distinguished Jurist of renown far beyond the borders of his native state. His subject was "Our Government of Laws" and his able comment on the rights of individuals and the protection of the people, at times, from the Government itself, are so worthwhile that we publish intact a short resume of this speech which Judge Hyde was kind enough to furnish this office through our own esteemed Senator McCawley. The speech follows:

"OUR GOVERNMENT OF LAWS"

Our forefathers took their stand for a government of laws, made by the consent of the people, when that was an idea new to the world. They stated the fundamental principle of that kind of government in the Declaration of Independence when they said that all men are endowed by their Creator with



Officers, Directors and Members of the M. S. A. R. A. attending the Annual Architect's Day Meeting at Jefferson City, May 9, 1953.

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certain unalienable rights and that the very purpose of government is to secure those rights. Mark you! They did not say men were granted these rights by government or by any king or dictator. They said that men had those rights without asking anyone for them and that not even the state could lawfully take them away. They established our Constitution to protect these rights and they set up the courts as an independent branch of the government to safeguard the Constitution.

The United States is the only nation ever begun by establishing its government upon the principle that people have rights that even the government cannot take from them. It was established as a government of laws, made by the consent of the people, applying equally to all. The founders intended to prevent an arbitrary government of men, bound by no laws, ruling others by force. They knew a government of laws would mean liberty and freedom for all the people. A government of men means that the men in power make their own laws and thus operate a police state. In a government of men, those in control may act arbitrarily for any whim or favoritism. In our government of laws, citizens have protection against arbitrary action because our Constitution is law binding on all officers of the government to the same extent that it is binding upon all the people. Thus the people may call on the courts to pass upon the authority of those in control of government to act in any matter which affects their rights. Thus our courts have a function unique in government. In other lands, courts sit only to decide controversies between individuals or to try offenses against the state; but our courts have the higher duty to protect the rights of citizens from even the government itself. That is the great safeguard of our government of laws.

The founders of our government stated in the Federalist papers that a strong, well-qualified and independent judiciary was "equally requisite to guard the Constitution and the rights of individuals." This is essential to preserve our heritage of a government of laws and to prevent a government of men. We have twice in our generation fought in world wide conflicts to preserve the way of life our fathers established on this continent. But this cannot be done by war alone. It is less dramatic than war, but just as essential to make all of the institutions of our democracy function efficiently and fairly. None are more important than those responsible for the administration of justice. The challenge to all of us today is to strengthen public confidence in our institutions by improving the administration of justice in both state and nation.

Throughout our history, our professional men have been leaders. Never in our history has our country been in greater need of the benefit of their trained minds. This is especially important at this time when our way of life, based on liberty and equal justice under the law, is challenged by communistic dictatorship, threatening us both by force from without and by subversive influence from within. We have seen the lamps of justice grow dim and become entirely extinguished in many formerly enlightened nations. It is our task to keep them shining brightly here. We must not - we dare not fail.

Laurance M. Hyde, Judge
Missouri Supreme Court

We are indebted to Vice President Shaughnessy for two very fine photographs of members in attendance at the meeting. Aside from being a skillful photographer, Mr. Shaughnessy is also a good subject and was ably assisted by Ben Applegate who also is an avid camera fan. Ben took the photo of the Members from Kansas City only, while Joe got all the bunch. We wish to thank the Sunday News and Tribune of Jefferson City for a nice article describing our

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first annual, Architects Day, and with a mention of the Officers and Directors in attendance.

Publicity is a "must" for Architects because of the Profession's outlook on advertising of any form for practitioners. It may come about, through the years that follow, that this view may change to allow a very dignified "card" or some form of announcement such as has been designed for use on jobs. It would seem that advertising similar to that which is used in describing the services rendered, together with what a client might be entitled to receive from a competent Architect, might be adopted which would not name any specific Architect, but advance the cause of the profession as a unit and would certainly not be frowned on. A great many Architects have adopted signs of uniform good design for posting on work under construction, and we believe also that this is a very fine way of securing publicity. We shall appreciate any comment from Members on this subject.

We believe too that the wives had a good time at the meeting and hope that more Members and wives will attend next year's meeting. The number of people attending such meetings have a great deal to do with the success of such affairs from several points of view.

Our esteemed Governor Phil Donnelly attended the cocktail hour and evening banquet. Other state officials attending were Hubert Wheeler, Dr. George D. Englehardt, and Judge Laurence Hyde. After the banquet, Edward W. Tanner showed a fine collection of slides taken on a recent trip to Europe and showing many famous buildings, bridges and works of art, not to mention all the fine scenic views which were very fine. Due to some confusion regarding timing and a misunderstanding about the program, Ye Ed takes the blame for Guest Speaker Larry Jones having to cut short the time of his talk. He started out so good that many are looking forward to a return appearance of this able speaker, who is Secretary to the State Association of Osteopaths.

Senator McCawley made one of his usual fine talks regarding some of the problems encountered in registration laws and in establishing the autonomy of Architects and Engineers under a Board of Seven Members, who represent both professions in the matter of laws and registrations, and in the perfecting and amending the present laws, together with other matters - such as notices to offenders and the policing of the profession with respect to State Laws governing both professions.

Of interest to the entire profession is news that Bonding capacity has been increased to 10% for school districts, which should result in a more favorable attitude and better results with more school facilities for the State. The rapid increase in population figures produces many headaches for School Boards and the need for school facilities is only one of the things that concern us all, but a very important one. WE MUST HAVE SCHOOLS!

President Casey brought up the subject of Architects in Training, and most of the Members present are heartily in accord with his views as to providing them with some sort of membership card, and a definite part in the activities of the Association. In other words make them feel they are a part of the Association with the right to attend meetings, and to offer suggestions, ideas and to let the Officers and Directors know that they want a part in all the affairs of the Association to the extent it is possible for them to take part.

The next issue of the Missouri Architect will have the roster of all members names to the date of November 15th, 1953. This will be a fine thing for the members of the Association. Many members are scattered far and wide



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and we hope that now that we are going on a regular schedule that all members will receive their "Missouri Architect" on a somewhat definite date. It is hoped that one day soon our advertisers will be more numerous and that the official date of a quarterly published on a certain date will be possible. As most of you know the publishing of this type journal must rely on sufficient advertising matter to insure the cost of publication, since the funds of the Association cannot possibly meet the cost of the magazine. Unless paid from advertising, it will be hard to keep up the good work. We hope that some of the other members will at least talk to some of our out of state friends, as to reaching all the Architects in Missouri. We know of no other journal with this one complete coverage of the Architectural Profession, which also reaches all State Officials, and all the County and School Officials.

Concern over the recent collapse of old buildings in many locations is one in which all Architects should be interested. Many buildings which have reached a ripe old age, may not show too many visible signs of old age and possible failure at any time. Can not some sort of law be enacted which would require an inspection of all old wall bearing buildings after they have reached the age of thirty or forty years? It does not necessarily follow that at that age a building is unsafe, but it would seem that any building owner with his investment and the public safety involved, would not mind paying some sort of a reasonable inspection fee by a competent Architect or Structural Engineer to insure that he would be protected both in his investment and against possible damage suits. Many buildings have reached an age of hundreds of years, but you may be assured that the design of such structures was completed with a sound knowledge of the strength of materials and methods by which such a venerable old age has been attained. Other buildings may show signs of failure within a few years if shoddy construction is permitted. More rigid inspection of construction work under progress with competent and careful design at the start will insure this result. Lets have some ideas and comment on this worthwhile subject. A STATE BUILDING CODE? YES!

Additional new members names have been received from the State Board of Registrations as we go to press. We are happy to include these new members in this mailing.

AROUND AND ABOUT

We note that The F. W. Dodge Corp. (Sweet's to you) has been asked by the A.I.A. to help determine whether or not there is a need for a new and authoritative architectural specification service! They expect to work in close harmony (apologies to Casey who really enjoys close harmony) with the Construction Specification Institute. The A.I.A. is then prepared to compile, edit, produce and distribute an organized specification file covering all major building materials. About time some one comes up with a method to simplify spec. writing say I, "()%\$?"#**. Seriously, this may be the answer to our prayers for a task that I'm sure nobody loves.

Some consideration should now be given to establishing a Committee for contacting and meeting with State Officials for the preservation and the restoration of some of the famous old Missouri River Homes and the old Taverns and other land mark structures whatever their original use. Many have reached an age where more delay may preclude the proper work of rehabilitation

and to delay beyond the point of possible restoration of many historical buildings in many sections of the state would seem to show a lack of appreciation of many of the homes and public buildings which deserve their place in the history of Missouri. Comment and locations will be cataloged for discussion on this subject. Send in your nominations for this subject for future discussion. Brief conversations with President Casey and others have assured me that we shall have a good approach and follow through on this very important phase of extra curricular activities.

Good news regarding the Hill-Burton funds for Federal Aid to Hospital construction. The final figure of \$65 million is a compromise between the House Bill (\$50 million) and the Senate Bill (\$75 million) was sent to the White House. It is the lowest sum appropriated since the program was started in 1946. It is a victory for a program which should interest most of the Architects, and is regarded as a very well handled program at both national and local levels. It is undoubtedly beneficial to many communities and to some extent to private industry. Since 1948 over 2,000 hospitals have been built in the 48 states and four territories.

Our thanks to Miss Clemmie Wall for able assistance in compiling a list of all Association Members for use in mailing "The Missouri Architect" and a well marked list of all State, County and School Officials.

Ye Ed would certainly appreciate news items of interest from any of our Members who have ideas which will improve our publication, it's reader interest or worthwhile topics for future discussion. Have you noticed that B. O. Plenty wanted "A Archytech" for the bathroom Uncle Canhead is doing for the little girls? B. O. didn't want his home "ruint", sez he!

People say that money can't get you friends, and Roger Allen of Grand Rapids is also willing to admit it, but adds that he thinks it gets you a better class of enemies! Those of you who receive the National Architect (?) and/or monthly bulletin of the Michigan Society will enjoy reading Roger Allen's article "Beauty versus Bookkeeping"; it's good! 'Tis a pity we don't have more Archytechs" who can write (and speak) as well as Roger.

It somehow seems to be growing late. I'm behind with my fishing too, and when I work late I get to thinking about fishing. I recommend that you don't let me get started on this subject. Anyway it's too expensive, and might add another page to what may be too long now. So long until the next big super issue in November. Best of news to all, Ye Ed.



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