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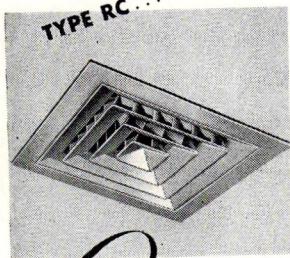
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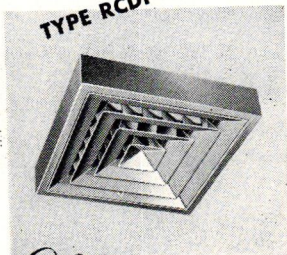
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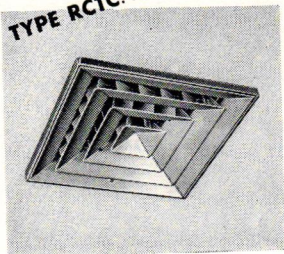
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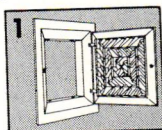
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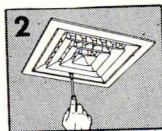
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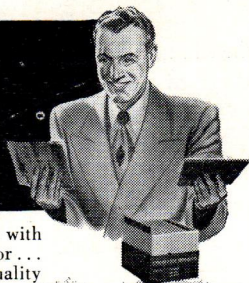
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 15-18**—54th Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

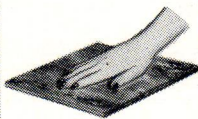
**October 29-31**—13th Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects, El Paso.

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Trends in building and design, new methods of saving construction dollars, the latest developments for the prospective home builder, valuable commentary on the outlook for the nation—all of these fields were discussed at New York by men who are recognized experts.

The editors of the TEXAS ARCHITECT have reviewed carefully most of the convention proceedings, and have abstracted these proceedings in the current issue for two reasons:

First, we believe that many TSA members may have missed valuable information from the New York meeting, or may not find it in convenient, abbreviated form elsewhere.

Second, in conforming to one of the principal objectives of this magazine, we want to tell our non-professional readers what the architects of Texas and the nation are doing to improve building and the public welfare in general. The New York convention contributed many examples of how architecture is helping substantially to maintain and improve U. S. standards of living.

The authoritative Brookings Institute, incidentally, reported through a speaker at the New York convention that the U. S. standard of living can be eight times better, for twice as many Americans, in the future. And the Brookings Institute is known for its conservative, well-documented research.

We hope that you will call the attention of your non-architectural friends to this condensation of convention happenings. We must remember always that the TEXAS ARCHITECT circulates not only to our 600-plus TSA membership, but to an additional 7900 selected readers.

We want to carry material, therefore, which appeals to the TSA members, and which strengthens our statewide organization. But we also want to secure and maintain the interest of this specialized extra 7900 readers, who represent segments of the general public.

The abstracted proceedings of the annual AIA convention, the highlight of the architectural year, is an excellent example of material which appeals both to our TSA members and to this larger audience we want to tell about architecture.

# Board Of Directors In Session At Austin

## Organization Of Architectural Foundation Completed; Professional Practice Committee Activated; New Insurance Program Well Underway

The Board of Directors completed the organization of the Texas Architectural Foundation, activated the new Professional Practice Committee, and declared the new TSA Insurance Program well underway at a summer session at the Driskill Hotel in Austin July 19. Good progress was reported on plans for the TSA convention at El Paso October 29-31.

Charles Granger of Austin, TSA-AIA and chairman of the Seminar Committee, said that the choice for principal seminar speaker at the El Paso convention will be announced before August 15.

### Summary of President's Report

In the president's report, President Herbert M. Tatum said that the highlights of the year to date were the setting up of the Architectural Foundation, activation of the Professional Practice group under the chairmanship of Stayton Nunn, TSA-FAIA, and progress made in widening coverage under the TSA insurance program. President Tatum reported on a number of trips over the state in the interest of the Society, including visits to Houston for honor awards, to El Paso for convention planning, to College Station for a meeting of the Publication Board, and to Fort Worth for presentation of the Craftsmanship Award, in addition to meetings of the Executive Committee and the Architectural Foundation held at Dallas. He termed the affairs of TSA "in good shape."

### Tax-Exempt Foundation

Carl C. Hardin, Jr., legal counsel to TSA, reported approval of the charter for the Texas Architectural Foundation, a tax-exempt corporation created for the purpose of "the support of an educational undertaking by aiding and furthering the study of architecture and by

providing financial aid, grants or scholarships to selected individuals to do so." The Foundation will "receive, manage, expend, and sell property or funds" for the purposes above stated.

First year directors of the Foundation are President Tatum, and Arthur E. Thomas and Donald S. Nelson, Dallas; Edward L. Wilson, Fort Worth; and Raymond S. Phelps, San Antonio, all TSA-AIA.

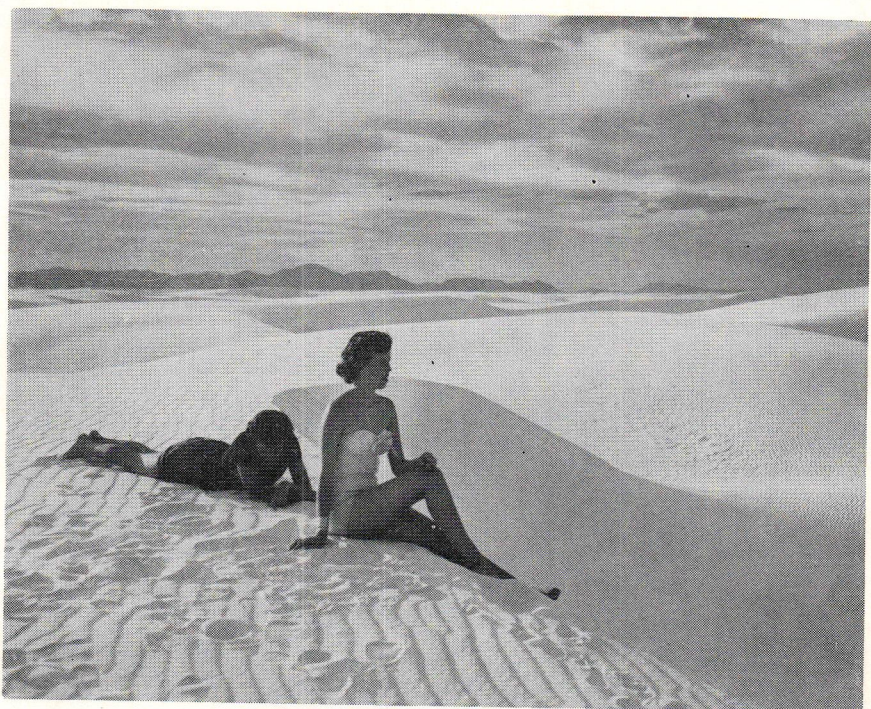
### Help School for the Deaf

Board members heard a report from the special subcommittee named to meet with the state Department of Education on a survey of architectural rehabilitation of the State School for the Deaf. The subcommittee has named Bartlett Cocke as chairman and Arthur Fehr, vice-chairman to serve with Thomas Broad and R. P. DeWitt. In a meeting with members of the Department of Education, the sub-committee looked over the property and recommended that a topographical survey be made. After completion of this survey the subcommittee will meet with a School for the Deaf draftsman and direct him in the development of a master plan for rehabilitation.

### TEXAS ARCHITECT Praised

Mr. Nunn reported that the Professional Practice Committee was activated and had begun work on recommendations to be submitted later to the board.

David C. Baer reported that the usual summer drop in advertising had caused a temporary reduction in the size of the July and August issues of the TEXAS ARCHITECT, but predicted a resumption of steady growth in September. He said that other state groups had praised the TA at the New York AIA convention and asked for information on its publication.



Just 100 miles north of El Paso is the White Sands National Monument, one of the most unique tourist attractions in the U. S. White Sands can be reached easily from El Paso, site of the TSA convention October 29-31.

## Contracts Being Let On Fort Brown Memorial Center

Contracts are to be let in August on the Fort Brown Memorial Center at Brownsville, according to Wiltshire & Fisher of Dallas, architects, and Mayor H. L. Stokely of Brownsville.

The architects for the Memorial Center were selected by means of a competition in which 25 Texas architects participated.

### Officials "Very Well Pleased"

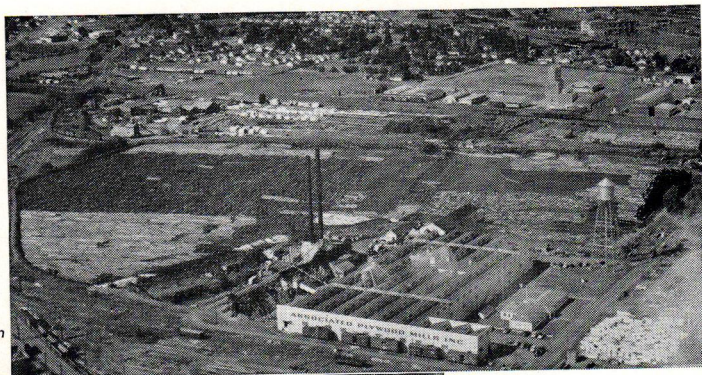
Ernest Langford, AIA-TSA, head of

the Department of Architecture at Texas A. and M., was professional advisor for the competition, one of the first of its type ever held in the Southwest. Mayor Stokely and other Brownsville city officials said in the border city that they are "very well pleased" with competition results and with continuing progress toward construction of the \$800,000 Memorial Center.

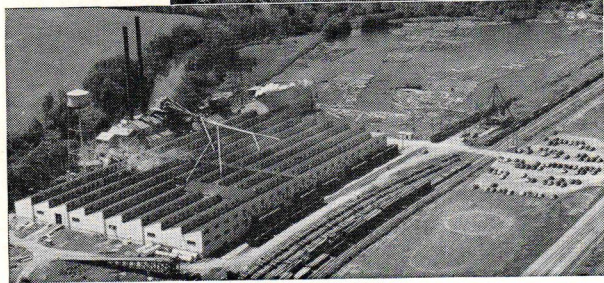
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