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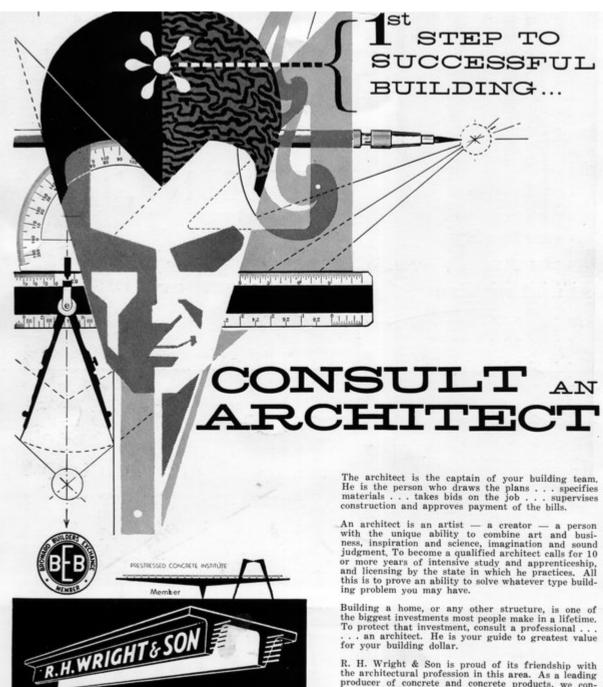
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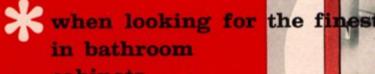


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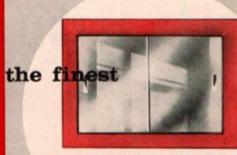
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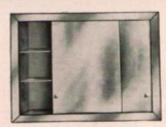


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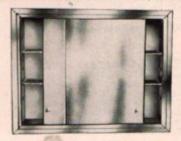


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## QUERY ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Mr. Roger W. Sherman, Executive Director. The Florida Asociation of Architects, Inc. Suite 302, DuPont Plaza Center

Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Thank you for yours of August 28 relative to the article in the September issue of *The Florida Architect*.

While I am in complete accord with your thinking relative to this particular matter, I am nonetheless quite concerned about the present cost of constructing school facilities and the need toward which we must all strive to reduce this cost. When one is familiar with construction costs of similar facilities of a private nature, it is appalling indeed that public funds are literally squandered where public facilities are involved.

Any suggestions you might have in this regard would be deeply appreciated.

Thanking you for your attention and with warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Tom Adams Florida State Senate 29th District

#### ... AND A COMMENTARY

The Honorable Tom Adams Florida State Senate 29th District Orange Park, Florida

My Dear Senator Adams:

Thanks for your cordial letter of September 2. I am most happy that you found the article in the September issue of The Florida Architect interesting and that you are in accord with the thoughts which it expressed.

Your sincere concern with the problem of reducing costs of the construction of public facilities does you credit. I can assure you that this concern is shared by the architectural profession in Florida. The vast majority of architects are intensely interested in designing for economy as well as efficiency. An architect's sense of

professional accomplishment is strengthened when he can produce a building which meets the technical and esthetic requirements of his problem substantially below the budget set up for it. To any conscientious architect, this is a justifiable source of pride.

The point is that we must look beyond the designers of buildings for a solution to the construction cost problem. Part of this problem is made up of elements over which we, as individuals, the public bodies charged with providing facilities and even the technicians employed to produce them have virtually no control. Cost of materials and labor have skyrocketed in our State as others. In addition, the quality of both labor and many categories of material has lessened to effect an increase in both first cost as concerns labor, and in the cost of maintaining public facilities relative to poor performance of materials.

There are, of course, instances of public funds being squandered with very little conscience where public facilities are involved. I know of a few cases wherein this could refer to a few school buildings. But the great majority of schools throughout our State have been planned, designed and built to provide unit costs of construction which compare very favorably, not only with private construction, but with costs of schools in other parts of the country. For example, Florida schools average between \$8.00 and \$10.00 per square foot; a figure which is substantially under the national average and one which provides instructional and community facilities which are, in general, above the average. For example, some schools on Florida's West Coast have been built for under \$8.00 per square foot; and the new Elementary School illustrated on the cover of the September issue of The Florida Architect cost approximately \$8.50 per square foot.

The inescapable truth seems to be that so far as design and construction are concerned, building professionals are doing a commendable job of meeting the construction budgets set up for individual projects.

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the fact that the initial construction cost itself is only a comparatively small portion of the total educational budget. Construction figures are large because the whole educational program is large; and it is true that certain costs for prime construction have, in certain instances, been higher than would have otherwise been necessary if the factor of continuing maintenance expenses had not been taken importantly into consideration. This part of the overall school cost problem is often forgotten in an effort by well-meaning school boards to reduce cost of original construction. Yet it has a very important continuing effect on the total school budget.

If I were to offer any suggestions relative to methods of achieving practical reductions in school construction costs, they would refer first to the budget developed as a result of an original educational survey; and second to the values which lie in continuing research on new materials and construction techniques.

As to the first point, this is largely an educational consideration. We can all be in symbathetic agreement with efforts of educators to improve the standards of instruction and can understand their desire to provide all school districts with facilities for maintaining these standards at top levels. But you and I both probably know of areas in which elaborate schools have been built to serve sparsely populated or even backward areas. It may not be fair to question the judgment of the educators who recommend such facilities for such areas; but it would be certainly in error to blame an architect or a contractor for constructing the educational facilities programmed for them by the developers of the educational survey and the county school board. Does it not seem probable that a more intensive analysis of individual area needs might prove one practical step toward reducing - or at least controlling - the extent of our overall school budget?

The second point — technical research — is a much more complicated matter. In the building field new materials and methods of construction are being constantly proposed by manufacturers alert to the need of reducing costs in every category of construction. Many of these proposals are increasingly taking the form of combining elements of construction and equipment into a series of prefabricated units, the object of which is to speed construction and reduce field labor. Time and time again such technical advances have proved virtually impossible to consider by either architect or contractor, first because the new method ran counter to established building codes and second. because they were unacceptable to labor for one reason or another. In spite of these very real handicaps, construction techniques are improving and architects and contractors are utilizing them whenever conditions on indivdual projects will per-

This is an area in which the State School Architect's office might well interest itself to a greater degree than heretofore. As new construction methods are developed, this office might well work with school architects and county school boards throughout the State in proving their practicability, safety and efficiency to local building officials charged with code administration. I am certain that such activity would be welcomed by architects throughout the State, and I am sure that they would offer their active cooperation toward it.

I have no immediate formula for estimating the reductions in expenditures for school plants which might result from application of these two suggestions. However, they might prove to be substantial over a period of time, not only as a means of controlling budgets for initial construction but as one means for reducing the continuing cost of maintenance, financing and probably insurance.

Thanks much for your interest in our thoughts on this matter. Let me assure you of the architectural profession's interest in your own efforts in behalf of the public which both you and this profession serve. With all good wishes and best personal regards.

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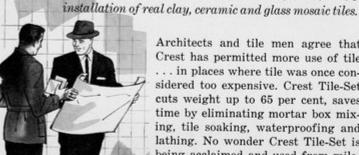
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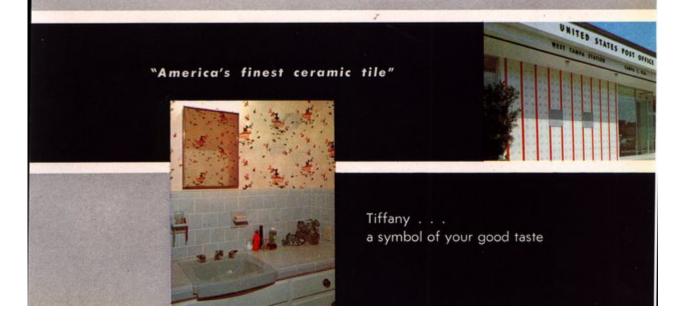
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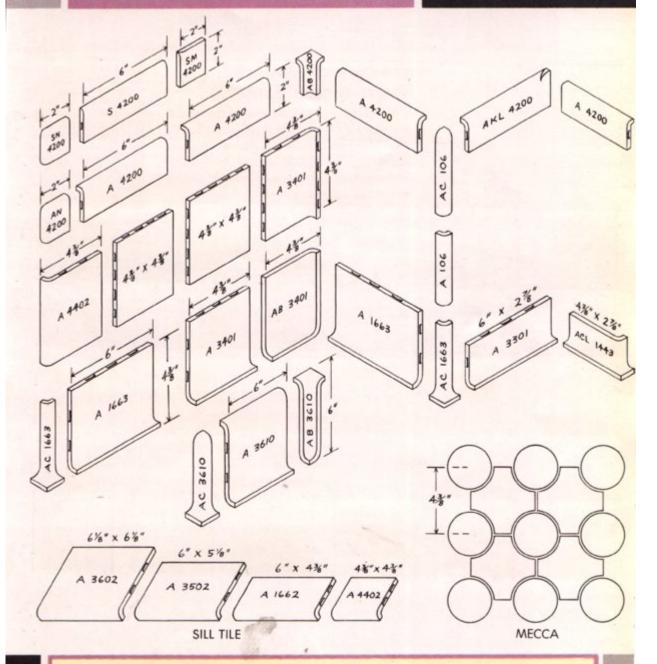


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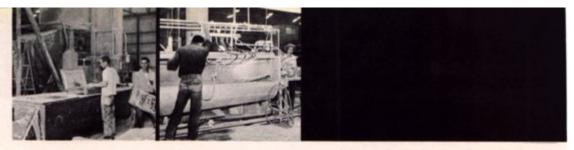
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## THE EXPO' in BRUSSELS

By EMILY V. OBST, AIA

"Hang it from sky hooks!" How many times have we said this in jest when faced with the problem of how to support a roof. Yet, this summer, when I visited the World Expositions in Brussels, I saw not only the roofs, but also the walls of many of the Expo' structures actually supported from cables stretching from the tops of many of the pavilions, upwards, as if veritably hung from sky hooks.

This architecture of suspension, used for almost a century in bridge construction, is employed profusely this time in architecture. While these buildings are of temporary nature, designed for limited occupancy and mainly for visual effect, still the principles employed could also be utilized for permanent structures as well.

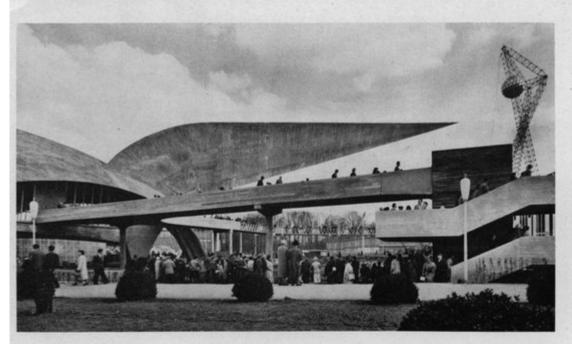
Cables have become a part of this architecture, structurally and aesthetically. They are not a necessary evil as tie rods, restraining the thrust of a vault, to be denied, subdued, or minimized. Instead, they are integral parts of a dynamic whole, vital elements to be displayed instead of concealed.

In my opinion, one of the finest structures at Expo' 58 is the European Coal and Community Pavilion. Its roof is suspended from gigantic tripod-type frames, silhouetted against the sky. In turn, the walls are suspended from the roof. Both parts therefore are in tension, with the gravitational thrust taken by the dominant frames, towering above the building itself.

Telexpo', the Belgian postal and communications building, is a circular structure, suspended by cables from a large central mast, like a maypole. This antenna rises high above the roof, with many cables stretching down from it to support the ceiling. Again, like the European Coal and Steel Community Pavilion, the walls are non-structural and merely curtains of glass.

The French Pavilion, designed by M. Guillaume Gillet, architect, and M. J. Prouve and M. R. Sarger, engineers, is, in my opinion, the most ambitious and pretentious structure of Expo'. One critic has called it "roller coaster architecture." This epithet is rather harsh. Actually, it is

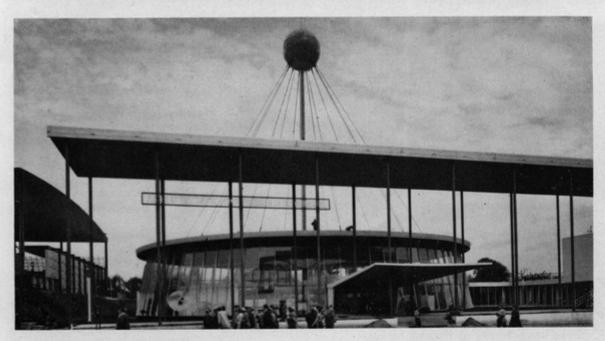
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The Civil Engineering Pavilion



The French Pavilion



Telexpo' Pavilion

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a direct descendant of the 1851 Crystal Palace of London, with walls of plastic on a steel framework. Because of a street car tunnel beneath the site, and a somewhat marshy soil, the points of support are limited to one immense concrete foundation and two lesser ones, from which spring a multiplicity of steel columns supporting a double hyperbolic paraboloid, original in concept and daring in design, performing admirably its function of housing one of the most factual, comprehensive, dignified and impersonal exhibits of the Expo'.

Native pride does not prompt the next statement: namely that I thought the United States Pavilion one of the most beautiful of Expo'. The good and bad points of its contents itself have been discussed widely. My only thought is that the exhibit itself is sparse. Much more could have been shown without crowding the allotted space. My interest is more in the achitecture than in its displays, and the pavilion itself is wanting in no respect. Designed by EDWARD STONE, it is impressive without evidence of bulky stolidity, graceful with-

out a loss of scale. It is the only foreign pavilion of its size with entourage and a foreground, which enhances its beauty as well as enables a viewer to comprehend it as a complete unit. The roof has been described as a bicycle wheel. The enveloping plastic skin wall is 340 feet in diameter, approximately the size of the Colosseum in Rome. The diameter of the roof is 381 feet, consequently there is an overhang, shading a baleony around the circumference of the building. The roof is supported from exterior vertical ties around the circumference, from which horizontal cables stretch to a central circular steel ring. The wall covering, of a meshed transparent plastic, admits natural light in the daytime, while at night, illuminated from within, the whole structure shines in nocturnal glory.

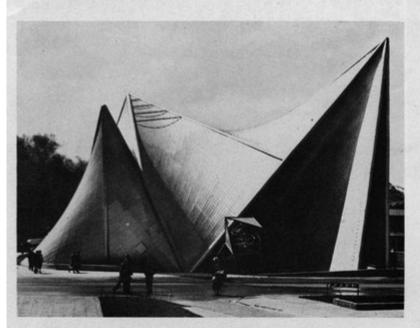
The walls of the Soviet Pavilion are also suspended from its roof, which in turn is supported by short cantilever trusses on either side of the center of the hall, which is roofed by a plastic vault. An excellent exhibition hall, the Russian Pavilion lacks the aesthetics, originality, and ingenuity of either the French or the United States buildings.

The German group, designed by architect Egon Eierman, Sep Ruf, associate, consists of eight individual buildings with glass walls, alternating with black horizontal fasciae, with interior columns supporting roofs and floors, which in turn support the walls. Suspended walkways connect the different buildings, with a bold and prominent cantilever stairway as a dominant element. Crispness, simple elegance, elimination of the superfluous, and scale make this group one of the most pleasing of the Expo'.

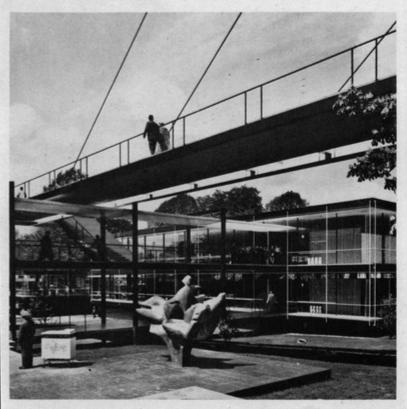
The pavilion of Solvay and Company, housed in a building using many of Solvay's own plastics, is one of the best of the Belgian sector. Architect VICTOR PULPAS has made extensive use of interior landscaping, contrasts of textures, and subdued lighting, creating a unique Oriental quality, human, yet dramatic.

Near the Solvay Pavilion is that of International Business Machines, an impressive building, with dominant clarity of form. It contains one of the outstanding exhibits of the Fair. This building, with its glass facade, roof of thin concrete slab folded planes, and its clean, crisp interiors, is an appropriate shell for an exhibit which

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Philips Lamp Society of Holland Pavilion



German Pavilion

#### Expo' in Brussels . . .

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challenges the intellect of the visitor. Like most of the pavilions, there is a cinema inside, and a part of the I.B.M. exhibit is an eight minute documentary produced by Charles Eames on data processing.

Two other structures of interest are the Civil Engineering Pavilion, an inclined cantilevered "arrow," over 100 feet long, restrained by a large concrete mass at the base. To its right is the Belgian Urbanism Pavilion, with displays of housing and community planning, and a large outdoor model garden city. Miniature scenes of the unfortunate and catastrophic results of a lack of town planning are on exhibit within.

The Pavilion of Arts of Fire, housing the Belgian glass and ceramic industrial displays, is another of the finer Expo' buildings. Designed by architects V. Cols, J. De Roeck and Associates, the building itself demonstrates the uses of glass, terra cotta, and ceramics. There is a flight of stairs with open risers and plate glass treads. The front facade is a curved mural, behind which are stairs, then a plate glass facade. Among the industrial displays, there is one consisting of clay drainage pipe, vertically erect, with elbows and tees resembling a forest of stripped tree trunks with stumps of branches . . . very sur-realistic, and very effective.

An exhibit to avoid is that one loftily titled "Edifices and Habitations." The casual visitor is duly impressed with memorial plaques in the entry, to architects VICTOR HORTA, HENRI VAN DER VELDE, and P. HARKER. The first exhibition hall inside contains a show of drawings of sepia washes, Beaux Arts technique of 1900, followed by displays of building materials. After a plastics exhibit, followed by that of heating equipment, there is a display of mediocre lighting fixtures, an omen of things to come. From here on, it goes from bad to worse. The unfortunate visitor finds himself in Macy's basement, á la Vlamand. Belgian kitchen appliances are on display, each demonstrator trying to outshout the adjacent hawker of a competing product. To make matters worse (if pos-

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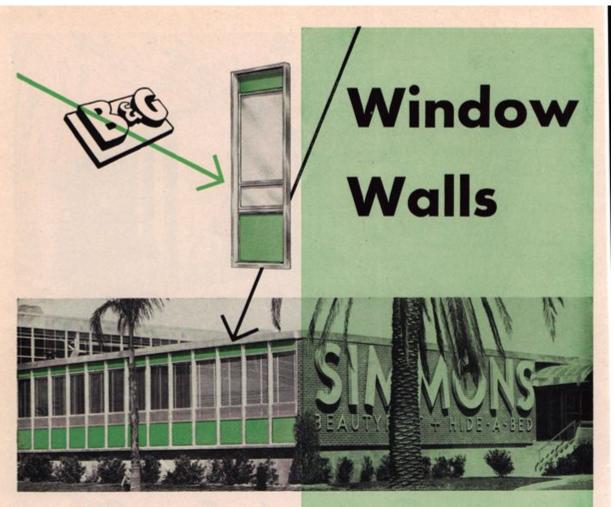
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#### Needed Aid for Slum Clearance

## The Urban Renewal Amendment

Last year a House Bill was presented to the State Legislature by Representative Samuel A. Gibbons proposing a constitutional amendment permitting public bodies to acquire land under powers of eminent domain for the purpose of slum clearance and redevelopment by private agencies. The Bill was killed in Committee. But interest in its objectives has deepened this year; and it is probable that some similar measure will be introduced to the Legislature next session. Here are some comments in support of the measure.

#### By J. E. BARIL

Manager, Community Planning Division, Florida Development Commission

The proposed amendment may be confused with other types of legislation relating to slum clearance or to public housing, therefore it is well to set forth the facts, as clearly as possible.

The amendment, standing alone, would not result in the acquisition or clearance of a single square foot of slum area. Its purpose is to clear an existing barrier to effective action regarding slums, but it would have to be followed up by statutory authorizations adopted by the Legislature. The Legislature will at all times be master of the situation and can determine at will where the slum clearance powers shall be exercised, by whom, and in what manner.

Florida is apparently the only state where the powers that are sought in the amendment cannot be exercised because they have been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Georgia was in the same position two years ago, but Georgia has amended her Constitution and has enacted follow-up legislation. About thirty states are now participating in the Federal urban renewal program.

Slums and blighted areas do exist in Florida and they are by no means confined to the three major metropolitan communities of Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa.

There is abundant evidence that private enterprise alone and unaided has not cradicated the slums and apparently it cannot do the job without some measure of public assistance.

In many, if not most cases, a practicable approach to slum elimination must be a broad, many-sided approach. It is not enough to enforce a housing code, or to undertake a public housing program, or to build public works, or to provide playgrounds and schools, or to condemn nuisances. The slum area must be replanned, as a unit, and many or all of these measures must be applied. Such a program must involve a working partnership between private interests and public agencies, with a heavy reliance on private investment.

The national urban renewal program is such a program. It is the declared policy of the Congress that in carrying out the program there shall be a maximum reliance on private enterprise. No local urban renewal project can be started until and unless there has been a finding by the elected local governing body that the area in question is a blighted or slum area, that the public powers and funds are necessary, that the plan for renewal conforms to an approved general community plan, and that the project is one that affords a maximum obbortunity for private investment.

In this manner are the public interest and private enterprise mutually protected. Furthermore, to insure a broad attack on the causes of slums and blight, there must be a local "workable program" that includes building and housing code enforcement, community planning and zoning, neighborhood studies and improvement programs, and the like. Everything possible is being done to insure that urban renewal shall not be confined to tearing down slum areas in order to build public housing projects.

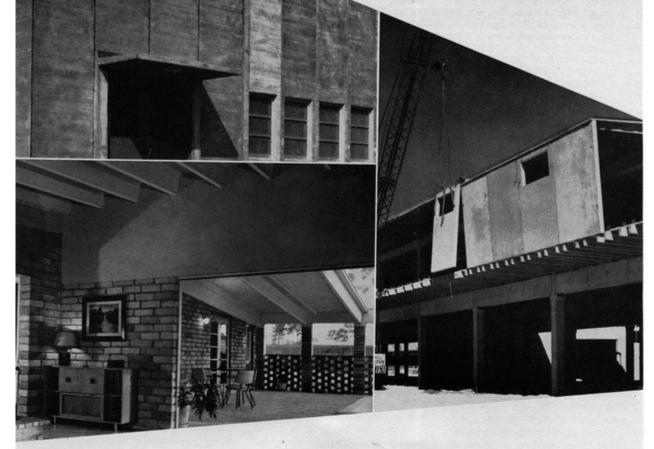
Urban renewal provides a degree of flexibility that is required if broad aspects of the public welfare are to be served. Thus, a residential slum area may be replanned and converted to another kind of use if the area is not suitable for residence. In this connection should be mentioned the opportunity that will arise to coordinate slum clearance with the highway program, easing the problems of acquiring adequate right-of-way in heavily built city areas, with a saving to the taxpayers of this State and a chance to cash in on the land-use potentials arising from improved access.

Similarly, there are blighted areas that are mainly non-residential, but which could be replanned and converted into desirable residential locations. Such benefits can rarely be attained without public action involving the power to acquire real property and to sell or lease it for the purposes of the new plan. This is the power that the proposed amendment would give to the Florida Legislature, to be delegated and exercised as the Legislature may deem to be in the public interest.

Such powers are necessary and desirable, whether or not Federal urban renewal assistance is ever obtained for Florida. The National Association of Real Estate Boards, best known and probably the largest representative of private property interests in this country, has endorsed this principle in supporting the move to establish urban renewal and conservation authorities throughout the United States and in drafting a model statute with appropriate powers.



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# Background for The Future ...

By ROGER W. SHERMAN

Executive Director, FAA

The FAA's Executive Director outlines six broad objectives for the Association and suggests four fields of organized professional activity in which cooperative interest and joint effort can speed progress of the FAA toward the goals it wishes to reach . . .

Whoever it was that first voiced such sayings as "The past is prologue" and "Today is the yesterday of tomorrow" provided as apt a basis for a commentary on the state of current affairs as any reporter could wish. Certainly it's true that the beginnings of what is now taking place were made some time ago. It's just as true that what we are doing now will have a direct effect on what we will be doing in years to come.

There's not too much reason for dwelling on what we are now doing. Those who wish to measure present accomplishment against the vardstick of recent FAA history can easily do so. All they need do is to contrast present FAA activities - in terms of organization, size or extent of coverage, and depth of influence - with those of a few - say five or six years ago. As he notes the progressive increase in membership, the widening scope of contacts and the strengthening of that intangible professional value called "prestige", each can tot up his own estimate of comparative growth and progress.

But where do we stand right now in terms of what lies ahead — or, to put it the other way round, what's the outlook for FAA's future on the basis of its current situation? I, for one, believe it is so bright as to be almost dazzling.

Here, for example, are some specific goals, which in all humility we might expect to reach in years ahead:

1...The FAA can become truly the authoritative voice of the architectural profession in Florida — heard, listened to and respected as a proponent of sound public policy in every section of our State.

2...The FAA can become a vital force for leadership in movements to develop communities of our State along sound lines of growth and use.

 The FAA can develop in the public mind a better understanding of what constitutes such sound growth — and with that a clearer realization of the penetrating values which competent architectural services can create.

4...The FAA can become a headquarters source of information for the building public — as an advisory agency to assist development of policies and procedures of governmental bodies; as a help in determining improvement patterns in our communities, and as a reliable guide to better construction practices on the part of individual building owners.

5...The FAA can become a motivating center for coordinating and rallying the interests and activities of various elements of Florida's construction industry toward improving professional and trade practices—thus meeting one of the architectural profession's highest public obligations.

6...The FAA can thus become an important force in the public affairs of Florida. As such it will have a constant hand in creating and controlling the conditions under which the architectural profession works—and in shaping the public's attitude toward the services which architects offer and the contributions they can make toward the progressive improvement of the whole state community.

As it's now organized and operating, the FAA is a comparative infant. But substantial progress has already been made along some of the lines just noted — progress which can be better reported by FAA officers and the chairmen of its various committees. So, on the basis of experience to date, I believe each one of these goals can be reached.

But how soon and with what specific individual returns to the FAA membership are matters over which any FAA administrative staff has only a small measure of control. For the FAA is not a "staff" or an "office" or an "executive committee" or even a "board of directors". The FAA is you—the 10 AIA Chapters in Florida and the entire membership of those Chapters.

If You wish to reach the goals set forth, they can be attained.

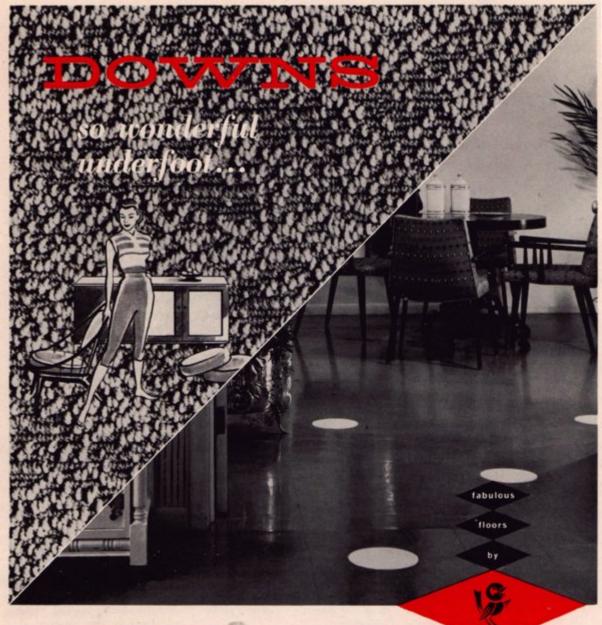
If You will staff the FAA organization with the best brains and experience and judgment your Chapter provides, you will provide the collective leadership needed to reach those goals.

If You will cooperate with your selected leaders by meeting promptly and cheerfully your pro-rated share of the inevitable operating expenses, you will provide the means your leaders need for making the progress you want.

If You will recognize that FAA Committee assignments are part of the mechanics necessary for the FAA to travel toward the goals you have set for it—and will dedicate yourself to producing the results for which

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There is very little point, it seems to me, for any man or any organization setting up any sort of a goal unless that man or that organization is willing to spend the time and the money and the effort to reach it. If these FAA goals are worth the reaching—and I certainly believe they are—a little progress toward them is not enough. Here, for example, are some fields of organized professional activity which are still virtually uncultivated:

1...Professional education and competence: The FAA—like State Associations in other regions—could well work more closely with our schools and colleges; could establish an Educational Foundation (like North Carolina); could promote refresher courses (like Texas); could establish regular visiting lecture programs for students; could stimulate recruitment interests at pre-college levels; could sponsor educational field tours for student and practitioner alike.

2...Community development: A start here has been made - in lacksonville notably and in the activity of the Mid-Florida Chapter toward stimulating a multi-county development survey and planning program. But in Kansas City architects developed "KC-80" - a civic replanning and a guide to urban redevelopment with a 1980 goal which won tremendous public acclaim and placed the architectural profession in the forefront of public recognition and respect. Much can be done along these lines throughout our State and at governmental levels with the Development Commission, the Cabinet and the State Road Board, as well as in individual communities.

3...Research: This is a term for a broad series of FAA activities. It could embrace continuing activity in greater depth toward building code simplification and improvement. It would cover cooperative programs with the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Instruction, the Hotel and Restaurant

Commission, the Development Commission. It could embody initiation of technical investigations on various types of new structural systems (such as prestressed concrete and curtain walls;) and could also include programs to test performance, under local Florida conditions, of various space enclosures as well as the components of their construction and equipment.

4...Collaborative public relations: That's a broad field also. It means working more closely with other elements of the construction industry realtors, bankers, management, as well as engineers and builders. In Texas, for example, the Governor declares a yearly "Architects' Week" highlighted by huge all-industry dinners in various Texas cities at which city, county and state officials are glad to visit with leaders of various civic, trade business and professional leaders - with architects as hosts. It means a more specific interest and activity in political policies and actions - at state as well as local community levels. And, furthermore, it means a continuous expression of public-spirited comment and opinion on the manifold matters involved in the growth and developing improvements of our State-state-wide as well as locally.

These are only a few of the things which can help the FAA progress toward whatever goals it sets for itself. Thus far the FAA has hardly scratched the surface of the interests and activities they represent. And the real depths of value that lie below that surface can, of course, never be reached at all unless the member Chapters and individuals of the FAA will make the concerted necessary effort to reach them.

Realization of the values that are inherent in FAA activities can never come fully from even a succession of administrative officers—however dedicated and however clothed with the authority for accomplishment. It requires joint interest, joint activity, joint support. Given these, a farreaching FAA program can be organized. Given these continuously, the FAA's most ambitious goals will be easy to reach.

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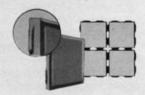
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## Chapter Affairs

By JOHN L. R. GRAND

Chairman

DUTIES:

To unify the efforts and objectives of all Chapters; to encourage an interchange of information on Chapter affairs and problems. In 1958 to continue the study and promote the recommendation of the 1957 Committee on Chapter Coordination and Committee on Committees.

#### DIRECTIVE:

Submit to The Florida Architect for publication a description of the Chapter - Affair - of - the - Quarter selected by the Committee after a study of the activities of the various Chapters.

At the F.A.A.'s Clearwater Convention Chapter Affairs breakfast, BERYL PRICE emphasized chapter P/R programs, professional performance, and continuous personal contact in community affairs as being of top importance. Any review of the last year's issues of The Florida Architect will show that achievement has been high in all of these areas. The record of F.A.A., Chapter, and individual accomplishment fills the predominant number of the more than four hundred pages contained in the twelve issues, November 1957 to October 1958 inclusive. Obviously so rich a record cannot\_be condensed in so brief a report as this.

Recognition should be given to the great strides made in chapter and committee coordination and organization during the year. While this activity was delegated to the Chapter Affairs Committee, credit for progress belongs rightfully to the President, the officers, and the Board of Directors. Prompt committee appointments, clear administrative directives, and systematic follow-up and reporting have been the foundations upon which this progress was built.

National recognition was given at the A.I.A. Convention in Cleveland when the Institute recognized that Florida was organized and ready to become a District, and the Committee on Chapter Affairs read its citation "To the Florida Association of Architects who through their annual conventions, their magazine *The Florida Architect* and their many activities are furthering the work of the Committee on Chapter Affairs, and who have initiated in their state an award for the Chapter-Affair-of-the-Year."

That The Florida Architect has received such recognition is important, but more important has been the function it performs as a forum for exchanging ideas and reporting accomplishment. Most informative is the new practice of publishing the Presidents' programs for the year in the January issue — a veritable guidebook to effective action in Chapter Affairs

Following its meeting at the Reg-

ional Conference in Sarasota, the committee recommended a Chapter-Affair-of-the-Year be instituted in place of the Chapter-Affair-of-the-Quarter, after concluding that a quarter is too small a segment of the year to contain representative activities from a substantial number of chapters. During the weeks prior to the convention the committee will be engaged in selecting the first Chapter-Affair-of-the-Year. The procedure consists of the cross circulation of reports among the committee members in the several chapters, taking the poll, and the report of the award.

The F.A.A. and its members can take credit for a year of real achievement.

# Home Building--Construction Industry

By JOHN STETSON

Chairman

This committee as a whole did not function this year, its first in the Association. Failure to produce any instructive program was partly brought about by the application of the Florida Home Builders Association for membership in the Joint Cooperative Committee, of which the chairman of this committee also heads. Faced with the probability that the structure of the new Joint Cooperative Committee will include a sub-committee for cooperation between the architects and the home builders, your chairman withheld any active program for this committee this year.

The recommended structure of the Joint Cooperative Committee is such that the sub-committees will become the liaison groups between the architects and the various component parts of the Cooperative Committee. Your chairman therefore recommends that the President of the FAA appoint a much smaller Home-Building and Construction Industry Committee next year, to serve as a sub-committee to the Joint Cooperative Committee.

A closer cooperation of effort with the home builders is very necessary since their membership includes firms now producing a great percentage of the building being done each year in Florida. The architects have failed to participate in this large program in too many cases. Part of this is our lack of interest in designing small houses, part in our failure to produce a better house than the average draftsman could accomplish, and failure on the part of the home builders to seek out a better service and to include in their budget a fee sufficient for the architect to become interested therein.



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## Joint Cooperative Committee, FAA-AGC-FES

By JOHN STETSON

Chairman

The Joint Cooperative Committee adopted one major segment of its 1958 program which has consumed much of the time and effort of the committee for the year. This is the expansion of the committee to include the Florida Home Builders Association and the Florida Building Industry Council. In addition to this, certain "beefs" that annually occupy the agenda continued to make themselves manifest. This report will serve as an explanation of the reasoning behind the expanded committee recommendations and a brief look at the complaints of the present membership

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While we were occupied with this worthy endeavor, a new and very well organized group arrived on the building scene, the Home Builders Association. This group, actually composed of a larger membership statewide than any of the three members of the Joint Cooperative Committee at the present, has become so powerful nationally that this year for the first time the Florida Association of Architects has had a committee to work exclusively with this group, as was recommended by the National. The writer some years ago served on the A.I.A. Committee on the Building Industry. During this time I gained firsthand knowledge of this group and learned to respect their fine organization.

This year the Joint Cooperative Committee was approached by the Florida Home Builders Association to ascertain what was required of them to enable their participation in our already organized committee. In the discussions that followed it seemed evident that in order to have a satisfactory committee encompasing the Florida Building Industry, we needed their assistance and cooperation in our continued efforts to provide "watch dog legislation" in Tallahassee and to improve building codes, etc., at the local level. The experience of the Palm Beach County Joint Cooperative Committee in which the Home Builders were members provided a tabloid of the results to be gained from a thoroughly cooperative effort by all segments of the Industry.

About the time the Home Builders were being considered for membership in our Joint Cooperative Committee, the Florida Building Industry Council, composed of electricians, roofers, plumbers, etc., also asked to join our committee structure. The first reaction of many of us was that our committee would be top-heavy if we took in too large a group. In discussions regarding this it was suggested that rather we were being provided with a wonderful opportunity to achieve a long-sought goal of a unified building industry aimed at producing the best solutions to the problems of the individual groups. Rather than the continued fights of one side of the industry against another such as has occurred in the past, architects, contractors, engineers and home builders would have an opportunity to solve their problems amicably for the benefit of all.

In order to keep this unwieldy group down to a workable size, it is recommended that no more than three members of each of the five groups serve on the top committee, but that sub-committees of this organization be instituted to work out the differences of the individual components; that is, an architect-engineer sub - committee, an architect - home builders sub-committee, etc. These committees should also be kept small and flexible, and rather than a meeting held as we have in the past with some thirty committee members present, with the ensuing long-winded discussions over trivial matters, we could look forward to a well-organized subcommittee structure feeding the more important items to the master committee, who, in turn, armed with the ammunition needed, could put over almost any action desired by the committee. To this writer, this is the most important step that the Florida Association of Architects can make not only to better its own position statewide, but also to improve the standards of the entire building industry in Florida.

With the aforementioned momentous report, the trivialities of some of our "beefs" became almost humorous. The engineer complains that the architect either does not use an engineer or pays too low a fee. This is generally quite true, but is produced by the vicious circle in which we find ourselves enmeshed. The engineer wants higher fees while working with the architect. On the other hand, we find engineers practicing architecture at fees so low that we are forced into a competitive fee schedule, making it impossible to hire any outside technical help. The net result is that many architects have added engineers to their organization, others have attempted to do their own engineering or have left the engineering up to product manufacturers. We thought we had an agreement specifically listing the work which each profession would consider its justifiable right to accomplish. We had a letter from the

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In order to keep this unwieldy group down to a workable size, it is recommended that no more than three members of each of the five

groups serve on the top committee, but that sub-committees of this organization be instituted to work out the differences of the individual components; that is, an architect-engineer sub - committee, an architect - home builders sub-committee, etc. These committees should also be kept small and flexible, and rather than a meeting held as we have in the past with some thirty committee members present, with the ensuing long-winded discussions over trivial matters, we could look forward to a well-organized subcommittee structure feeding the more important items to the master committee, who, in turn, armed with the ammunition needed, could put over almost any action desired by the committee. To this writer, this is the most important step that the Florida Association of Architects can make not only to better its own position statewide, but also to improve the standards of the entire building industry in Florida.

With the aforementioned momentous report, the trivialities of some of our "beefs" became almost humorous. The engineer complains that the architect either does not use an engineer or pays too low a fee. This is generally quite true, but is produced by the vicious circle in which we find ourselves enmeshed. The engineer wants higher fees while working with the architect. On the other hand, we find engineers practicing architecture at fees so low that we are forced into a competitive fee schedule, making it impossible to hire any outside technical help. The net result is that many architects have added engineers to their organization, others have attempted to do their own engineering or have left the engineering up to product manufacturers. We thought we had an agreement specifically listing the work which each profession would consider its justifiable right to accomplish. We had a letter from the

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Architecture in Gainesville with arrangements for having copies made of them for each Chapter that wished to make use of them. These slides would form a nucleus for use in presentation to High School Student groups and could be supplemented by any additional slides of local architectural work.

- 2. The assembling of information from the National A.I.A. Headquarters concerning any available published literature of particular interest to prospective students of Architecture with costs of same.
- 3. Information from National A.I.A. Headquarters as to rental/or purchase of sound film "Architecture U.S.A." for use by Chapters. Also suggested method of scheduling its use by Chapters expressly for High School Student presentations.

4. Assembling of complete information concerning tuition costs, living costs, available scholarship aid, available Student Loan funds, and any other necessary cost information from all of our nearby Schools of Architecture.

All of these assignments are being pursued at the date of this writing. The final organization of this material and its presentation in useable form to each of the Chapters will, it is hoped be accomplished by the time of our Annual Convention in November.

A meeting of all of the Members of the Committee is being called at the Convention at which time we expect to be able to present the final stage of this report together with additional supplementary recommendations to the Board of Directors.

## Legislative

By JAMES K. POWNALL

Chairman

Planned Program — 1957-58. Due to off-season legislature this year, a "grass roots" campaign was proposed to develop better relationship between the Arch. profession and members of State Legislature and State Boards & Committees by following:

- Chapter information program to better advise all members of FAA on legislative processes and to stimulate maximum individual efforts at local level towards above goal.
- (2) Direct Board, Committee and Legislator contact program, headed by Executive Director.

Under (1) above, each chapter was requested to designate one meeting as a "Legislative" meeting to be attended by the Executive Director as moderator, and local State Legislature members as guests. To date three chapters — Florida South, Daytona Beach & Florida North have complied and such meetings were accomplished. The effectiveness can only be gauged by quantity and quality of future "individual" activity. Other

such meetings have been scheduled by some chapters — the requested program ignored by others.

A series of articles in The Florida Architect have provided rather thorough coverage of activities under (2) above. This includes principally, a series of meetings with the State Legislature's Interim Committee on Education wherein the committee was, effectively we believe, informed as to the fallacies of Stock School Plans, which was a major item of consideration for policy recommendation on the agenda of said committee. Supplementary to the meeting discussion a thorough written analysis of the subject was forwarded to each member of said committee by the Executive Director. In addition other Board, Committee and Legislator contacts have been accomplished.

Although well publicized to date, this report must include mention of "Construction Industries Committee," known as the Florida Mechanic's Lien Law Revision Committee

#### BY-LAW CHANGES

A number of important changes to the FAA By-Laws have been prepared for discussion and ratification at the 44th FAA Convention. Since the By-Laws Committee, of which Walter B. Schultz, of Jacksonville, is chairman, had not completed work on the changes in time for publication last month, copies of all revisions proposed were mailed to all FAA members during the week of October 13 to provide the 30-day notice prior to the Convention's opening which the FAA By-Laws currently require.

FAA members entitled to vote on matters for Convention consideration should study the By-Law changes proposed and be prepared to approve them or to offer amendments to them during the Convention.

formed to study, prepare and subsequently submit to the State Legislature a thorough revision to the Mechanic's Lien Law. The FAA is represented on this committee by the Executive Director. Specific chapter recommendations on such revisions have been solicited, but have not been forthcoming. When a draft of the new proposal has been completed, it is planned to submit it to each chapter for review and recommendations which will establish the FAA policy as regards the final draft of the proposed new law.

The size and wide geographic distribution of the FAA Legislative Committee is such that meetings are not feasible other than at times of convention. However, each member has been kept well informed as to committee activities in process or contemplated and each has been solicited for opinions on such through the office of the Executive Director.

There remain several matters to be included in this report including a 1958-59 budget request which, in the opinion of this chairman of the Legislative Committee, should be referred to the Committee in its called meeting during the forthcoming convention. Should circumstances warrant it, a supplementary report will be presented prior to adjournment of the convention.



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#### CONVENTION MESSAGE FROM THE FAA PRESIDENT

Recent events have shown us again that we of the 20th Century live in an era of potential disaster—or unlimited possibilities for human growth in a better environment. The theme of this 44th FAA Convention—Opportunity in an Expanding Era—illustrates the optimism with which architects of Florida view the future. We, the architects of Florida, want to understand fully the dimensions of both the challenge and the possibilities. With our optimism tempered by an understanding of the new dimension, we will prepare, collectively as well as individually, our profession and ourselves to shape exploding change into human happiness and dignity in a materially and spiritually happy environment.

How well we meet the challenge of new dimensions is a reflection of our ability to foresee the need for expanding the breadth and depth of our professional service for meeting the challenge, and to solve the number

of problems our expanding era presents.

In the January issue of *The Florida Architect*, I noted in the forecast for 1958 the apparent feeling that men of good will, dedicated to service to society, organized for a high degree of integrated effort, will shape an exciting and beautiful future for the Florida Community. I further noted that FAA has the strength, the organization and the prestige to shape the future and that *now* is the time to solidify ideas into programs, translate programs into real benefits for our community, our profession and our individual interests.

The program for 1958 was tri-parte: (1) to direct the activities of our new vertical and standing committee organization toward productive results; (2) to broaden the scope of our professional activity and public influence through regional status in the AIA; and (3) to organize our new operational arrangement into an effective and efficient representation of the FAA.

All parts of the 1958 program are going. Committees are working on assigned programs; only the orderly change-over details remain for Florida's regional status; and the Executive Director's administrative and operational organization is accomplished. However, these accomplishments can be considered only as a preliminary phase to the high degree of integrated effort required for real effectiveness.

At this 44th FAA Convention we shall translate the recommended committee programs into action; we shall discharge the remaining details required to make Florida a functioning District of the Institute; and we shall give direction for the continuing program to meet the ever increasing number of professional problems confronting our profession.

I appeal to you to attack our problems with imagination and vigor, so that our solutions are timely, sound, effective approaches to our high goals. These goals are your goals. The FAA is each of you in collective action; FAA's success in achieving its goals is in direct proportion to coordinated individual effort. Let us meet the challenge fully; let us get to work.



H. Samuel Kruse, AIA President, FAA

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#### SYMPOSIUM ON SPACE ...

Events and inventions have led us to the very threshold of the new age of Space. What lies behind the door — what new ways of working and living, what new materials and structures, what new opportunities for accomplishment? These three men have, through training and experience, more authority than most to probe possibilities for answers.



DR. J. FAUL WALSH

Trained as an Engineer, Dr. Walsh has been connected with the Naval Research Laboratory since 1943; and since 1955 has been a top member of the "Project Vanguard" team. As one who has researched some of the problems of Space, he recognizes the possibilities which its conquest will bring.



RALPH DELAHAYE PAINE, JR.

As Publisher of Fortune and Architectural Forum, as a vice president of Time, Inc. and as a writer and editor he is one of the best-informed men in the country on how current developments are shaping the pattern of our future. He will discuss the emerging trend of architectural



CHARLES A. BLANEY, JR.

An Engineer whose background is the aircraft industry, the present Director of Procurement for the Martin Orlando Co. is concerned with the down-to-earth job of helping to build the various guided missiles that are forerunners of space-age carrirers. He will discuss trends in materials and construction.

### **NEW PROFESSIONAL HORIZONS...**

As the basic ingredient of living is change, so the architectural profession must adapt its outlook, its philosophy, perhaps even its pattern of activity, to the demands of a new and expanding era. The Institute must point the way to that goal. Who are better qualified to discuss the signs along the road than leaders of the profession which will follow it?



JOHN N. RICHARDS, FAIA

The President of the AIA has been active in professional affairs since 1935, serving at local, regional and national levels on many important committees. Equally active as a civic leader, he is especially qualified to clarify trends of professional growth in terms of current organizational needs.



PHILIP WILL, JR., FAIA

A top designer whose work has had a major influence in the public school field, the Institute's first Vice President is also known for his ability in the field of professional organization. His talents have shown not only in his own firm, but in direction of many civic activities and on important AIA committees.

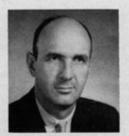


WALTER A. TAYLOR, FAIA

As architect, educator, editor, researcher and administrator, the Director of the AIA's Department of Education and Research is uniquely able to highlight the increasing need for professional research and to relate this need to practical methods for satisfying it. He will sketch a perspective of trends in this area.

# TWO IMPORTANT "WORKSHOPS"

Public Relations -- Greater understanding and acceptance of professional activity is now generally regarded as essential. But the techniques of generating it are not so widely understood. Here, then, is specialized knowledge to clarify ways in which our public relations can be strengthened and improved.



#### ROBERT E. DENNY

As Public Relations Director of Henry J. Kaufman & Associates, he works closely as P/R counsel with the Octagon and with AIA Committees. He will discuss P/R policies and programs particularly applicable to the local needs of Florida AIA Chapters and members.



#### FREDERIC SHERMAN

As a working newspaperman with varied experience in both reporting and feature assignments, he will discuss what makes news in architecture and how to report it. As Editor of the Miami Herald's Real Estate section, he will outline mechanics of meeting editorial needs.



#### RALPH RENICK

Nationally recognized for his outstanding development of TV news reporting, this Vice President of WTVJ-TV will discuss TV's role in a P/R program, some of its technical requirements and the manner in which it can best be used in a P/R program for architects.



#### EDWARD G. GRAFTON

Moderator of this P/R workshop panel is active in the Florida South Chapter and is now serving as a member of the national AIA P/R Committee. As a former Chapter secretary and FAA Director, he is a vigorous advocate of a coordinated P/R program.

# The Widening Scope of Service--

Is the challenge of the building-package operator a sign that the architectural profession must re-evaluate its traditional field of service — and, perhaps, widen its range of professional concern? Thoughtful leaders are seeking an answer to that question. These three, in particular, have studied the matter and will discuss their findings in practical terms.



VINCENT G. KLING, AIA

Heading his own office since 1946, this perennial award-winner has coupled an outstanding ability in design with penetrating understanding of the social and economic forces that are shaping new and broader areas for professional service. He is an able advocate of adjusting professional service to economic demands.



GRAYSON GILL, AIA

As both an architect and an engineer with a background which emphasizes the technical phases of architectural practice, he has evolved a pattern of professional operation which is proving to be a successful answer to the challenge of the package-building operator. He will relate his experience to this problem.



HERBERT C. MILLKEY, AIA

Through various AIA activities, particularly as chairman of the Package Deal Committee, he brings an experienced approach to his assignment as moderator of this workshop panel. His detailed knowledge of current conditions is both a background and a guide to considering means for extending professional service.



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Mid-Florida Chapter, AlA, Joseph M. Shifalo, President; Robert B. Murphy, Secretary; John T. Hart, Treasurer.

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# Program -

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#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:00 A.M. Installation of Products Exhib and Architectural Exhibit.
- 9:00 A. M. Registration for Chapter Mem to bers, Students, Guests and Exhibito
- 12:30 P. M. personnel, Upper Exhibit Lobby Identifying badges will be required for a mission to all FAA business sessions an other scheduled Convention affairs.
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon Meeting, Joint Coopera tive Committee, FAA-AGC-FES, Charle magne Room, John Stetson, W. W. Arnolo co-chairmen.
- 7:00 P. M. FAA Board of Directors Dinne Meeting, Casanova Room, President In Samuel Kruse presiding.
- 8:00 P. M. Open Board Meeting, FAA, Casa nova Room. FAA members are invited to attend and participate.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:00 A. M. Registration Continues, Uppe to Exhibit Lobby.
- 12:30 P. M.
- 9:00 A. M. Opening Ceremony, Building Products and Materials Exhibit, Napoleor Room. H. Samuel Kruse, President FAA Joseph M. Shifalo, President, Mid-Floridi Chapter, Robert B. Murphy, Co-Chairmar FAA Convention and Judge Kenneth Oka Mayor of Miami Beach, officiating.
  Architects' and Students' Exhibit opens Peacock Alley.
- 10:00 A. M. First Business Session, 44th FAA Convention, Casanova Room, FAA President H. Samuel Kruse, presiding.
  Report of Nominating Committee.
  Nominations from the floor.
  Reports of FAA officers.
  Reports of FAA Committees.
- 11:30 P. M. Visit Products Exhibit.
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon Meeting, Napoleor Room, Third Section, President H. Samue Kruse, presiding. Address, "You and the AIA" by John Noble Richards, FAIA, President, AIA.
- 2:00 P. M. Election Polls open, Registration to Desk, Upper Exhibit Lobby. Only AIA Cor-
- 5:00 P. M. porate Members duly registered at the Convention are eligible to ballot.

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#### ARCHITECTS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS NOVEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1958 MIAMI BEACH

- 2:30 P. M. Convention Workshop Session, FAA Vice President Verner Johnson, pre-Address, "Professional Opportunity", by Philip Will Jr., FAIA, First Vice President, AIA. Panel, "The Widening Scope of Architectural Service", Moderator, Herbert C. Millkey, AIA, Panelists, Grayson Gill, AIA; Vincent G. Kling, AIA.
- 5:00 P. M. Visit Products Exhibit.
- 7:00 P. M. Cocktail Party for Product Exhibitor Personnel, Napoleon Room, Third Section.
- 8:00 P. M. Party and Awards Dinner, Casa-nova Room, Host Chapter President. Joseph M. Shifalo, presiding. Presentation of Product Exhibit Awards. Entertainment and Dancing.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:00 A. M. Public Relations Workshop Breakfast, Richelieu Room, Edward G. Grafton, AIA, Presiding Moderator. Panelists: Rob-ert E. Denny, Ralph Renick, Frederic Sher-
  - All FAA members and guests are welcome to attend, but tickets must be purchased prior to the close of the Registration Desk, Upper Exhibit Lobby, Thursday, November 20, at 5:00 P. M.
- 9:00 A. M. Registration and Balloting continue, Registration Desk. to
- 12:30 P. M.
- 9:00 A. M. Visit Products Exhibit.
- 10:00 A. M. Second Business Session, 44th Convention, Casanova Room, President H. Samuel Kruse, presiding. Convention consideration and action on FAA Board of Directors' recommendations.
- 11:30 A. M. Visit Products Exhibit.
- 12:30 P. M. Awards Luncheon, Napoleon Room, Third Section, First Vice President Arthur Lee Campbell, presiding. Address, by Walter A. Taylor, FAIA. Architects' Exhibit Awards; Students' Exhibit Awards.
- 2:00 P. M. Registration and Balloting Continue. to 5:00 P. M.

- 2:30 P. M. Opportunity Session, Casanova Room, Second Vice President William B. Harvard, presiding. Address, "How Science Sees Our Future", by Dr. J. Paul Walsh. Address, "Expanding Horizons at Home", by Charles A. Blaney, Jr.
- 4:30 P. M. Visit Products Exhibit.
- 5:00 P. M. Registration for the 44th Convention closes. Election Polls close.
- 7:00 P. M. Cocktail Party, Poolside Patio. 8:00 P. M. Annual Banquet, Napoleon Room, Third Section, President H. Samuel Kruse, presiding (dress optional). Address, by Ralph Delahaye Paine, Jr. Announcement of 1959 FAA Officers.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 8:00 A. M. Students' Breakfast Panel, Student AIA Chapter, President Lowell Lotspeich, presiding.
  - Address by Walter A. Taylor, FAIA.
- 9:00 A. M. Visit Products Exhibit. 11:00 A. M. - Final Convention Business Session, President H. Samuel Kruse, presiding. New Business. Report of Resolutions Committee. Announcement of Exhibit Attendance Awards.
- 12:00 P. M. Exhibits close.
- 12:30 P. M. 44th Annual FAA Convention ad-
- 2:00 P. M. Orientation of FAA Board of Directors All newly elected officers, FAA directors and all hold-over directors are urged to

#### CONVENTION NOTES:

attend.

All AIA Corporate members must be registered for the Convention prior to voting on all Convention business requiring formal action as covered in the current FAA By-Laws.

Ladies of the Convention are cordially invited to attend all business and panel sessions of the Convention if they so desire. Full information on the Ladies' Program planned for the Convention period may be obtained at the Registration Desk, Upper Exhibit Lobby.

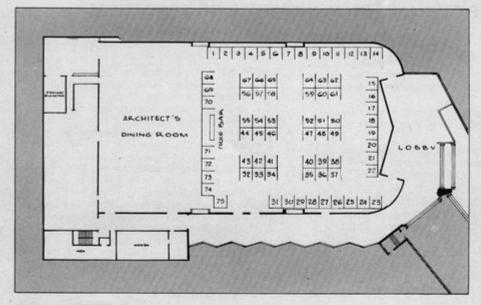
Eligibility for Products Exhibit attendance awards must be established by obtaining, in person, stamps on the Products Exhibit Card covering all exhibit booths. Awards will be made in three classifications: Corporate, Associate and Student. At least two top-quality prizes will be made at the close of the Final Business Session Saturday morning.

All those attending the Convention are urged to consult the hotel bulletin board for information relative to location and times of committee meetings, for possible changes in Convention schedule, for messages, etc.

Check-out time for all Conventioneers will be 5:00 P.M. during the three-day Convention period.

The Florida State Board of Architecture will hold its 1958 fall meeting beginning Monday, November 17, through Wednesday. November 19. Location of the meetings will be posted on the hotel bulletin board.

# The 1958 Building Products Exhibit



To become eligible for any of the top-quality exhibit attendance prizes, visit every both yourself and be sure that your Product Exhibit Card, available at the registration desk, is properly stamped... But prize or not, this fine exhibit can be rewarding in itself. Here you will find data and samples of an amazing variety of building products—all displayed by firms who know their business and a goodly bit of yours. They're eager to help you — so let them!

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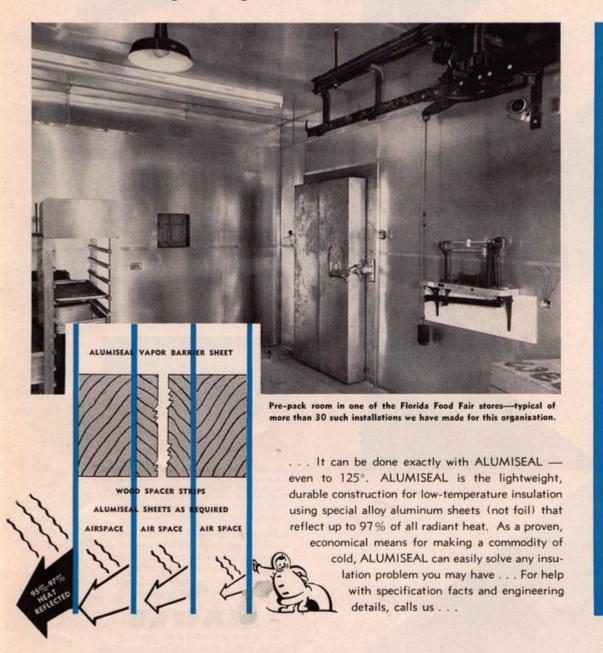
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# Planning and Zoning

By WILLIAM T. ARNETT

Chairman

What is the status of planning and community development programs in Florida today? What part are architects and AIA chapters taking in such programs? What is being done to stimulate public interest and understanding? These questions have engaged the attention of the FAA Committee on Community Development this year.

The duties of the Committee are listed in the March, 1958, issue of The Florida Architect and, as the name indicates, the Committee is concerned with problems of urban planning, development and renewal in Florida.

Status of Planning and Development

In Florida, as elsewhere, planning is fast becoming an accepted responsibility of local government. This is neither new nor novel, for cities from time immemorial have engaged in planning as a basis for intelligent governmental action.

A recent survey indicates that 68 percent of the communities in the country in the same population bracket as Sarasota have official planning agencies. 70 percent in the same bracket as Gainesville have, 83 percent in the same bracket as Orlando have, 89 percent in the same bracket as Jacksonville have and 100 percent in the same bracket as Atlanta have. Among these same communities, 10 percent in the lowest population bracket have full-time planning directors, 24 percent in the next. 57 percent in the next, and 100 percent in the next.

Few architects claim to know all about planning and development, but no architect can afford to remain ignorant of what planning and development is all about. Here are the highlights of what is happening around Florida.

BROWARD: The Broward County League of Municipalities is pushing a County-wide planning board to provide a general approach to the planning problems of that area. Each city or community of any size has a planning or zoning commission, but the Chapter chairman reports the need for competent professional guidance in many planning departments. Pompano Beach has an approved "workable program" designed to eliminate slums and blight, prevent their recurrence, and guide future growth and development.

DAYTONA BEACH: A planning consultant has been secured and a slum analysis program is under way, according to a report from the Chapter chairman.

FLORIDA CENTRAL: St. Petersburg, with a substantial planning staff and consultant assistance, has completed a new text for its zoning ordinance, is in the final stages of preparing a new schedule of district regulations, and is well underway on preparations of a new zoning map. An off-street parking ordinance requires owners of new buildings to provide a specified amount of off-street parking. Clearwater is organizing a planning program and a consultant has been secured. Lakeland has a new planning director and is pushing forward with a small staff and consultant assistance to prepare elements of a comprehensive plan. Lake Placid has completed preparation of its first zoning ordinance and is about to adopt it. Bradenton, Plant City, Sarasota and Tampa have approved "workable programs." Sarasota County has decided that a full-time staff is necessary and has employed a professional planning director.

FLORIDA NORTH: In Gainesville, planning has taken on new significance. An annexation study has been completed and agencies concerned with development are beginning to co-ordinate their efforts. With the assistance of a professional consultant, a comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance has been adopted. An

unsafe building ordinance has been adopted and a "workable program" has been approved. Ocala has secured the services of a planning consultant to carry on the work begun by the late Arthur MeVoy. Fernandina Beach has an approved "workable program."

FLORIDA NORTH CENTRAL: Tallahassee has employed a full-time planner and is exploring an urban renewal project. The following have approved "workable programs": Cottondale, Cross City, Greenwood, Jasper, Live Oak, Panama City, Springfield and Tallahassee.

FLORIDA NORTH WEST: The Chapter chairman reports that problems resulting from uncontrolled growth in the Pensacola area are producing increased interest on the part of community and county leaders in a long-term planning program to guide future development. Apalachicola has employed a planning consultant, has adopted a "workable program," and is moving forward with a number of planning studies.

FLORIDA SOUTH: The Chapter committee is active in the field of slum clearance which has become a major issue in the Miami metropolitan area.

JACKSONVILLE: The Chapter chairman reports that there is no comprehensive metropolitan planning in the Jacksonville area, but that architects face a wonderful opportunity to influence planning there. The nearing completion of the expressway has shown that even limited planning betters certain facets of community living. He expresses great interest in the result of a coordinated planning effort looking to the future as well as the present. Jacksonville Beach has an approved "workable program."

MID-FLORIDA: Professional planning consultants have been secured in Orlando, Winter Garden and Winter Park and planning programs

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are under way. The Chapter has been instrumental in the establishment of county-wide planning and zoning in Orange, Seminole and Brevard Counties. A Chapter committee is working with city officials in Orlando on a plan for a civic center. Cocoa has an approved "workable program."

#### Participation of Architects

Whether he likes it or not, every architect whose practice takes him into something larger than a single structure on a single lot, finds himself enmeshed in a tangle of city planning. In self-defense, if for no other reason, he must have some understanding of why the tangle exists, and what can be done to help unsnarl it. Here is a quick look at what Florida architects are doing.

Broward: Architects are members of three planning and zoning commissions: W. G. Crawford in Fort Lauderdale, Cedric Start in Hollywood and Joseph T. Romano in Pompano Beach.

FLORIDA CENTRAL: In Clearwater, ROBERT H. LEVISON is vice-chairman of the City Planning and Zoning Board and Horace Hamlin is chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In Sarasota, WILLIAM B. ZIMMER-MAN is a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, ERWIN GREMLI is a member of the Appeals to the Building Code Board, and EDGAR C. HANEвитн is a member of the Housing Board. In Tampa, Franklin O. Adams is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, and WILLIAM B. EATON is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Re-

FLORIDA NORTH: MYRL HANES is mayor-commissioner of Gainesville, LESTER N. MAY is chairman of the Citizens Committee on Annexation and a member of the Board of Adjustment, and WILLIAM T. ARNETT is chairman of the City Plan Board.

FLORIDA NORTH CENTRAL: In Tallahassee, ERNEST DAFFIN is a member of the City Planning Board, PRENTISS HUDDLESTON is a member of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on Planning and Development, and FORREST COXEN is a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Action for a Better Community Committee.

FLORIDA SOUTH: Architects are represented on the majority of the zoning and planning boards of the 27 municipalities incorporated in Dade County.

MID-FLORIDA: In Orlando, L. ALEX HATTON is a member of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, and the Board of Adjustment for the Building Code. In Winter Park, JOSEPH SHIFALO is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. An architect is a member of the long-range planning committees for Sanford and Orlando, and a member of the Planning and Zoning Board in Sanford.

PALM BEACH: In Delray Beach, KENNETH JACOBSON is a member of the County Zoning Board and president of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association. In West Palm Beach, Frederick W. Kessler is a member of the Planning Board, Harold A. Obst is a member of the Building Board of Appeals, and Robert M. Nevins is a member of the Contractors Licensing Board. In Lake Worth, Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., is a member of the Civic Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Contractors Examining Board.

#### Stimulation of Interest

From Chapter reports, it seems obvious that the need for sound planning often exceeds the ability to plan. For example, Florida is one of the three or four states without a general permissive enabling act to allow cities and counties to guide their growth and development. And Florida is one of the few states unable to participate in urban renewal programs, even though our tax money helps undergird such programs elsewhere. Here are a few of the activities aimed at stimulating interest and understanding.

Broward: The Chapter has offered aid and individual service to planning boards in Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Pompano Beach and elsewhere.

DAYTONA BEACH: A Chapter committee is set up to advise the city commission on planning matters.

FLORIDA NORTH: Chapter members will present a series of programs, "Planning Means You," when the new University of Florida educational TV network begins operation. Sponsor is the College of Architecture and Fine Arts.

FLORIDA NORTH CENTRAL: Chapter members are working toward a common goal of establishing an active planning program and of qualifying Tallahassee for an urban renewal project.

FLORIDA NORTH WEST: Pensacola has been considering the establishment of a metropolitan planning commission. The Chapter would like pertinent information.

FLORIDA SOUTH: The Chapter has started a program of public education in urban renewal. Actual organization of an urban renewal program must await State constitutional revison.

JACKSONVILLE: The Chapter has stimulated interest in planning, and through speeches and panels has achieved much in the realm of catalytic action. The goal is a county-wide metropolitan planning commission with a professional planning director.

MID-FLORIDA: The Chapter recognizes the need for a five-county area study and has met with county commissioners in Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Osceola counties to discuss the matter. The Chapter hopes that the coming session of the Florida Legislature will make it possible to secure Federal assistance.

Among other groups working to stimulate interest in the problems of growth and development, two deserve mention. They are the Florida Planning and Zoning Association, now in its ninth year, and the Florida Committee for ACTION, newest of the state-wide organizations.

Kenneth Jacobson (Palm Beach) has been serving effectively as President of the FPZA during the past two years and H. Samuel Kruse (Florida South) has been newly appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Committee for ACTION, an agency of the American Council to Improve Our Neighborhoods.

#### Individual and Chapter Activity

At the first meeting of the Committee in Sarasota last April, deep and moving interest was expressed in the problems brought about by growth and development. At the national level, that interest has been expressed in a recent action of the Board of

## Telephone Co. Errs . . .

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Classified Directory under Architects.

From the standpoint of the FAA's administrative office, this seems like an almost inexcusable error on the company's part. When the FAA offices moved into their Dupont Plaza Center quarters, two telephone lines were ordered. One — FRanklin 1-8253 — was ordered in the name of the FAA; the other — FRanklin 1-8331 — in the name of its publication. The orders specified that the phones were to be listed under these names in the new general directory. This was done.

But in the classified directory, for which a free listing is available for each business telephone, listing for the FAA was specified to be under the classification of Associations; and that for The Florida Architect under the classification of Publishers. That word "architect" must have done it! And the trouble is, nothing can be done to correct the mistake until the next directory is issued in September, 1959!



From her home studio on Miami Beach, Ceramist Kay Pancoast has pioneered the difficult art of architectural ceramics with such success that the products of her skill in design and craftsmanship now enjoy a nationwide demand. Trained as an architect and the wife of Russell T. Pancoast, FAIA, Kay Pancoast is designing an architectural tile panel to be used as an FAA Convention award.

## Kay Pancoast Designs A Prize

Besides the wonderful 10-day Carribbean Cruise announced in last month's Florida Architect, the FAA Convention Prize Award list will include a panel of hand-crafted tiles designed and executed by Kay Pancoast of Miami, one of the country's foremost ceramic designers. This panel, which will measure two by three feet, is, of course, a one-of-a-kind original; and the FAA corporate member lucky

enough to become its owner will be justified in treasuring it as an example of ceramic art that represents the very finest in design quality and craftsmanship. Mrs. Pancoast is now working on the panel,

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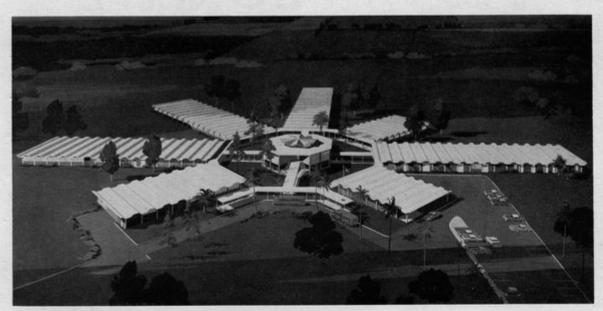
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#### Committee Reports.

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the AIA in adopting four resolutions on community development as Institute policy. In substance, they are:

- That individual architects and local chapters assume leadership in their communities in initiating dynamic programs to improve cities.
- That advance planning for public works be assured through appropriate legislation setting aside a proper percentage of funds on all

public works programs for such planning, and for advance planning for such programs as urban renewal, highways and housing.

- That legislation be enacted at state and community levels to coordinate, implement and provide continuity for nation-wide construction programs designed to improve environment.
  - 4. That, following support given

by the Board to the Federal billboard control amendment for new limited-access highways, members be alerted to the urgent need for state legislation to follow up Congressional action to control highway advertising.

A second meeting of the Committee on Community Development will be held in Lakeland early in November. At this meeting, it is hoped that a definite program of action can be worked out for presentation to the FAA Convention.

# FAA Convention Committee

By VERNER JOHNSON

Chairman

The Convention Committee of the FAA has endeavored to carry out during this first full year of operation the policies presented in report to the 1957 Convention. Namely, to select convention sites completely suited to the needs of the FAA Conventions, irrespective of location; to select host chapters willing to carry out the full responsibilities of program planning and execution, together with details of entertainment and architectural exhibits: to work with and assist the Executive Director and Secretary in the preparation of the convention budget, contracts, promotion, exhibit space, and the detailed financial arrangements of the convention.

At meetings in Miami, Sarasota and Winter Park, concurrent with FAA Board meetings, this committee selected the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach for 1958, the Robert Meyer Hotel in Jacksonville for 1959, and established dates and contracts through the Executive Director. The Mid-Florida Chapter graciously accepted the offer to be host to this, the 1958 Florida convention, and the Jacksonville Chapter has accepted the position of host to the 1959 convention. Investigation of the Diplomat Hotel in Hallandale is now underway in anticipation of the 1960 convention. Budget and policy problems

were resolved with the Executive Director and Secretary.

This committee has functioned effectively this year through the very diligent and conscientious study, research, analysis, and hard work of the Executive Director and Secretary. This excellent job insured the success of this convention and will be invaluable to the FAA in future conventions.

The Mid-Florida Chapter accepted the challenge, first introduced this year, to be host at a convention assembled outside the chapter area. This chapter has met this challenge, executed all programs and entertainment arrangements, and proved that a

# FUTURE CONVENTIONS

Because of the growth of FAA Conventions, it is desirable that each convention site and host chapter be determined at least two years in advance . . . The Jacksonville Chapter will sponsor the 1959 Convention at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Jacksonville. The Convention Committee would like expressions, during the Convention, as to the site and sponsorship of those for 1960 and 1961.

chapter, though small in numbers, can effectively give to the FAA Convention the most valuable contribution, an outstanding program.

The Jacksonville Chapter has already begun to study program themes for 1959 to assure the FAA of another fine convention.

To assure continuity of policy, experience, and successful conventions. this committee recommends that its present three man membership be retained; that a host chapter and committee member from that chapter be selected two years in advance to serve three years and as Chairman during the second year; that the host chapter begin active program studies at least 18 months before a convention to insure speaker and guest arrangements; that the host chapter assist, whenever possible, the Executive Director in his duties, especially the promotion of manufacturers' exhibit space; and that this committee shall coordinate its work with the Budget Committee of the FAA in the preparation of the convention budget.

It is the sincere hope that this committee can strengthen and insure successful FAA and, shortly, Florida Regional Conventions, and make possible active participation by any and all chapters in the most vital element of any convention, the program.

# Progress On The C.S.I. Front

By DONALD G. SMITH

President, Greater Miami Chapter, CSI



I would like to keep you informed as to what we are doing in the local Construction Specification Institute.

At the last meeting — Monday, October 6 — the Chapter adopted a set of By-Laws to govern activities of the Chapter, based upon National C.S.I. By-Laws, officially designated the local chapter as the Greater Mi-AMI CHAPTER OF THE C.S.I. and elected permanent officers.

I am enclosing herein the "Code of Ethics" of the C.S.I. This code, better than any other words, expresses the purpose of the C.S.I.

As of this date the Greater Miami Chapter has 32 members of which 22 are active and the remaining 10 are Associate members. All are charter members.

At our next scheduled regular meeting — Monday, November 3 — we hope to have present WILLARD H. BARROWS, AIA, Chairman, New Chapter and Development Committee of New York; J. STEWART STEIN, National President of V.C.I. of Washington; C. J. HUCKELBERRY, V.S.I. of Sanymetal Products, Decatur, Georgia and J. GRIFFITH EDWARDS, AIA, of Atlanta, Georgia, Past President of the Georgia Chapter and organizer and President of Atlanta C.S.I.

Mr. EVERETT EIGNUS of Edwin T. Reeder and Associates has been appointed Chairman of the Program Committee and he is arranging for a very interesting and informative program entitled "Complaints on Specifications by Contractors." He will invite two general contractors, one electrical contractor and one mechanical

contractor as guest speakers. Each will be allowed about 12 minutes to analyze their complaints and perhaps enlighten the members and their guests as to "Pitfalls" in specification writing. Following their discussion, there will be a question and answer period. All will be tape recorded — for future reference and publication. I believe this will be good.

In attendance we are also inviting (Continued on Page 50)

#### CODE OF ETHICS

#### CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION INSTITUTE

- Each member shall discharge his duties and responsibilities to his clients or employers in such a manner as to inspire respect and confidence.
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- struction methods only on merit, without consideration for, or expectation of, personal gain or favors other than from his employer or his client.
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representatives of all local architectural and engineering societies, contractors organizations, building trades and building material representatives.

This program falls in line with the present activities of the Specifications Methods Committee, of which John Grimshaw is Chairman. We are now busy studying a complete specification index and before we get too far along would like to hear from some of the interested members of the construction industry who have to read, interpret and work with our specifications.

As of date we have a tentative index formulated and are now determining a check list of what is included in each section. It is our aim to ultimately arrive at a form of specification that is not ambiguous and that mentions a trade only once. By separating out from each trade section those particular items that are quoted separately, a double set of "overhead and profit" is avoided. When our index is completely studied, it will be submitted to local trade unions for approval and then forwarded to National C.S.I. Technical Committee for review. Ultimately we hope to have an index that can be used on a National basis and one that all contractors will recognize and be able to pattern their estimate and take off sheets to this index.

This is not a one man job and our entire organization is helping. Each section of the index is given to a different committee for study. This committee makes a careful analysis of their subject and then makes a report back to the committee. This report is then studied, corrected and/or revised at one of our regular meetings.

I have contacted Huckleberry and Barrows relative to interesting Jacksonville Chapter to go along with the Miami Chapter in using The Florida Architect as the official voice of the C.S.I. They wholeheartedly approve and state that chapters are in the process of being formed in Tampa and St. Petersburg. We can make this a big item in our state construction industry and believe that The Florida Architect is the best means of selling the C.S.I.

# Public Relations

By ROY M. POOLEY, JR.

Chairman

"Assignment: Submit to the Board at its 3 May Meeting a practical plan for sampling public reaction to present Public Relations programs of the various Chapters."

Committee Budget: No funds have been appropriated for this committee.

Meetings: The Committee has held one meeting during the year. This was 12:30, April 12, 1958 at Morrissons' Imperial House, Daytona Beach and has been rather fully reported to the Board under a communication titled: "Informative Data Concerning Activities of the Committee on Public Relations and dated, April 20, 1958."

Subject: Briefly, the purpose of this meeting was to explore the Public Relations problem in an effort to propose a definite plan for sampling Public Opinion as directed by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wm. H. Wahl, Research Consultant was invited to meet with the Committee and outlined a proposed research program. The scope of Public Relations problems and possibly the newness of some of the ideas injected resulted in the meeting being adjourned at 5:30 p. m. without having resolved a definite conclusion. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Orlando, probably in July or August. This meeting was not held.

Mr. Wahl subsequently prepared an impressive Brochure on Motivation Research and supplied 35 copies which were distributed along with the Committee Interim report, to all Committee members, Executive Committee members, National Committee member and the Octagon.

Recommendations: Due to the importance of the research program being studied, it is suggested that Mr. Wm. H. Wahl be invited to discuss objectives and mechanics of Motivation Research in a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Committee of Public Relations, to be held at the convenience and invitation of the Executive Committee at the November Convention.

# Hospitals and Health

By R. DANIEL HART

Chairman

Committee Directive: To cooperate with state agencies engaged in programs affecting hospitalization and public health; to cooperate with private agencies likewise engaged for the purpose of establishing procedures and design criteria of mutual value.

This committee has not met in a body during the year. It has, however, been canvassed by the Chairman and suggestions made and herewith is an abstract of the opinions gained:

 The State Board of Health and the State School Architect have been notified in writing (copies of letters are available) of the desire of this committee to be of any help whatsoever in meeting with them to work out any differences that are occurring in the enforcing of their regulations and to help to make suggestions toward the formulation of clear and more concise rules and regulations.

2. The new\*sanitary standards which have been set up for public schools by the State Department of Education in Tallahassee have been under observation and it is thought that during the coming Florida Association of Architects' year a meeting with this department will be beneficial to the profession throughout Florida.

This report is being submitted to the Executive Director with the request that he read same on the floor of the Convention, due to the fact that the Chairman will probably be on vacation in another part of the country at the time the Florida Association of Architects Convention meets.

# School Buildings

By JAMES E. GARLAND

Chairman

Report of The Committee on School Buildings:

There has been much activity and change on the school front during the past year:

- George Megginson resigned as State School architect to accept a planning position with the Broward County School Board.
- 2. Dr. Carrol. W. McGuffey was appointed School Plant Administrator
- Forrest R. Coxen was appointed State School Architect.
- FORREST KELLEY resigned as architect to the Board of Public Instruction of Dade County to accept the appointment as architect to the State Board of Control with offices in Tallahassee.
- 5. RICHARD LEMON was appointed as architect to the Board of Public Instruction of Dade County.
- ROBERT B. MURPHY was named as coordinator for the school building program in Orange County.

There has been much concern and speculation about the policy on stock plans. Rocer Sherman effectively represented the architects as well as the public's best interest when he spoke before the Legislative Interim Committee on Education, listing the tremendous advantages accruing to the public as taxpayers as well as to the actual users which result from the serious study of the individual building problems.

The activities on the several phases of the school activity published in *The Florida Architect* were in each case sent to all the County Superintendents in the State.

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# Collaboration With Design Professions

By C. ELLIS DUNCAN

Chairman

Assigned duties: "To cooperate on problems of mutual interest to the design professions and other groups dealing with basic elements of design and site planning" and "the chairman will represent FAA on the state AGC-FES Joint Cooperative Committee."

The Committee is composed of eleven members spread from Miami to Jacksonville, across to Sarasota and out to Pensacola. With this geographic separation we have had few conferences together and have not had a specific instance of general interest to the profession sufficient to inspire a state meeting. Members along the East Coast have conferred on occasions, but with no action at state level.

In the Palm Beach area the active Joint Cooperative Committee, composed of representatives of A.I.A., NSPE, AGC, HBA, ASCE and the National Association of Real Estate Boards, has met regularly on a monthly basis at a luncheon and has accomplished a great deal. Projects and subjects covered include: taxes and tax investigation; national housing bill S 4035; freight traffic bureau; jet airport project; building codes; licensing laws; municipal auditorium; and conservation.

The Florida South Chapter, through the efforts of EDWIN T. REEDER and his committee, has arranged "for the 'Design Derby' to be held in the Architects' Institute of Building Products beginning the latter part of October. This design derby is a collaborative effort between The American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Decorators, the Designers and Decorators Guild, and other design organizations in the area.

It is a nationally advertised display of design products and attracts national attention." They also have an arrangement with the American Institute of Decorators to help with their design program for student competition during the coming year.

Contact has been made with President Harold D. Briley of the FES for a Collaboration Committee at state level, however the appointment of such a committee has been delayed due to several activities in the FES including waiting for the activities of the Joint Committee to materialize. A suggestion has come from John Crowell that the Director of the Ringling Museum would probably offer the use of the Museum for forwarding the purposes of this committee.

Your committee chairman has attended the meeting of the state Joint Cooperative Committee in Winter Park in September and also attended a special sub-committee meeting in Palm Beach, later, to consider recommendations for enlarging the scope of the Joint Cooperative Committee These items I am sure will be reported under the FAA-AGC-FES Committee.

# Student Loan Fund

By JOHN L. R. GRAND

Chairman, Board of Trustees

For several years, the F.A.A. loan fund had not been active. In an earlier report this was attributed to new opportunities made available in the form of scholarship grants by A.I.A. chapters, this association, and other friends of the College, and to the fact that the fund was somewhat less attractive due to a higher interest rate than most other funds available at the University. The latter detriment was removed by action of the 1956 Convention lowering the interest rate. At the beginning of the year, the Board of Trustees decided to conduct a campaign to advise worthy students in architecture of the availability of the fund. The success of

the campaign is attested by the fact that the fund is now almost completely depleted.\*

Because of this it is again appropriate to urge the membership to make contributions (tax deductible) to the F.A.A. loan fund. While the fund has doubled since it was instituted 32 years ago, the need has been multiplied many fold. It has been estimated that in 1926 an average student might have completed the four year profesisonal curriculum in architecture for \$1,200, while it would cost his son \$6,500 to complete the five year curriculum today.

It should be added that the University of Florida is one of a very few

State-supported institutions where a professional education in architecture could be obtained for so low a figure.

At the same time enrollment has sky-rocketed. In 1926 when there were 1,968 students at the University, 39 were enrolled in the School of Architecture. The latest statistics list the enrollment of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts at 319, and University enrollment at 12,304; an increase in architecture of about 800%. The obvious deduction from the two sets of figures is, that the fund ought to be 20 times what it is in order to be on the same forward looking plane it stood upon 32 years ago.

Renewed support of the student loan fund is again a challenge to the F.A.A.

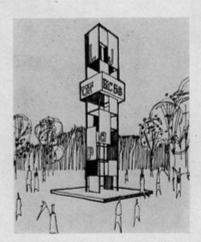
\*A detailed account of the fund has been arranged in tabular balance sheet form. Interested members are invited to consult copies which have been made available to FAA officers and members of the Board of Directors.

# The Students' Column . . .

By GEORGE CHELLAG

Homecoming alumni have annually rallied at the University of Florida in great numbers. Their activities have consisted, and will probably continue to do so, of meanderings amongst ivy halls and cheering the Fightin' Gators to victory on the home field. This year a modification has been incorporated and the student architect, with his creativity and ingenuity, has played an important role in the development of Homecoming 1958.

Under the auspices of the Student Government a movement was put forth to study this alumni affair and if possible, make necessary adjustments. It was found that the mass of people attending participated in scattered meetings and more often did nothing more than "wander" through the campus. The general problem was located and a tentative solution was proposed: "That an area should be developed where all colleges may meet with their respective alumni." At this stage the "lay" student called on the more informed students of the Department of Architecture, a group which has studied the problems of physical controls and aids to mass gatherings. Through the Student



Rendering by Charles Pattillo, III

A.I.A. a volunteer committee was formed to study and solve the problem.

Under the chairmanship of Charles Pattillo, III, graduate student in architecture, three assistants worked: Donald Peck, David Godschalk and Ronald Garman, students all. The problem was further scrutinized and a definition of the situation resulted: "To develop a unifying Rallying Ground for the massing of alumni." The most likely loca-

tion for such a "ground' was chosen: the Plaza of the Americas, an area 350' by 450' of scattered pines and oaks nestled in the heart of the campus within the shadows of the academic buildings. Finances were then studied with the net expenditure of \$10.00 resulting. Ingenuity indeed was to be called for.

The solution was proposed over cups of coffee (probably sketched on a napkin), the use of scaffolding and plywood panels (donations most definitely) to create a "theme structure" or focal point uniting the area. The theme structure upon erection October 16 towered 40' above the plaza. This tower form was arrived at, amongst other considerations, due to the many trees in the vicinity with which it would have to counter-play. Attached to the network of verticallystacked construction scaffolding will be intermittant paneling of plywood, lettered and colored symbolically to represent the various schools and colleges of the University. With footings of sunken pipe sections and braced by guy wires, it will set off the area as a rallying ground. Subsidiary plywood triangular markers will dot the area to form the independent college rallying points.

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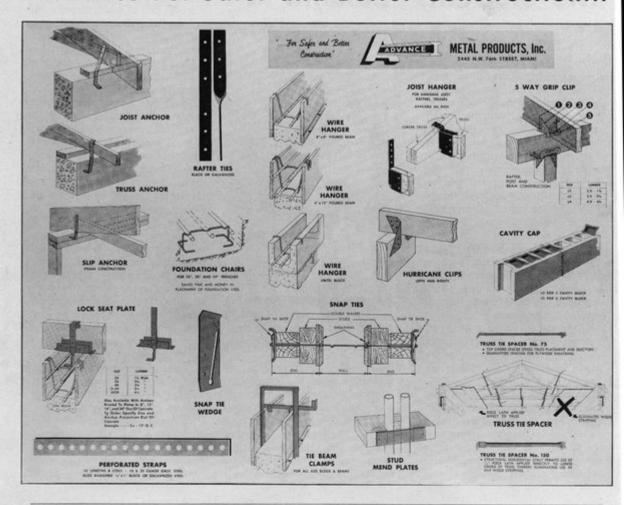


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Institute membership dates from 1953. . . . Has held Chapter positions as Secretary-Treasurer (1954) and Secretary (1955). Was an FAA Director for two years (1956-57) and is currently serving as FAA Secretary. . . . Service on FAA Committees includes: Resolutions (1957); Conven-tion, 1957, as chairman, and 1958; and currently as chairman of Committee on Dues.
... Service on AIA Committees includes: Hurricane Resistance, 1957; and Disaster Control, 1958.

ERNEST T. H. BOWEN, II

Florida Central Chapter



Institute membership dates from 1946. . . . Has held Chapter positions as Secretary, Vice President and President (for three years). Was FAA Director from his Chapter in 1947-48, 1951, 1953-54, 1957-58. . . . FAA Secretary-Treasurer, 1952. Ch., Committee on FAA Exec. Secy., 1952; FAA Convention Ch., 1949, 1955; Served on these FAA committees: Legislative, FAA committees: Legislative, 1957; Joint Cooperative, 1957; Convention, 1957; Public Relations, 1957-58; Ethical Practice, 1958.

Institute membership dates from 1953. . . . Served as Secretary of Mid-Florida Chapter, 1955-56; and as President, 1956-57 and 1957-58. . . . Has served as Chairman of FAA Uniform Codes Committee. . . . FAA Convention Chairman, 1958.

Institute membership dates from 1944.... Served Florida North Chapter as Director, 1947-48, Vice President, 1949, and President, 1951; and as Director of the Jack-

sonville Chapter in 1956-57-

sonville Chapter in 1956-57-58. . . Served as an FAA Director from Florida North Chapter in 1947-48; and from Jacksonville Chapter in 1956 and 1958. Was FAA Vice-President in 1952. . . Service on FAA committees includes: Architect-Engineer Relations, 1952-53 (as cochairman) -54-55; By-Laws in 1957 and 1958 (currently chairman) : Convention, 1958.

chairman); Convention, 1958.

FRANCIS R. WALTON

Daytona Beach Chapter

## For Treasurer



Institute membership dates from 1947. . . . Was Secre-tary-Treasurer of his Chapter tary-Treasurer of his Chapter for five years; president for two. Has also served two years as FAA Director from his Chapter. . . Since 1955 to date has served as FAA Treasurer. . . FAA Commit-tee memberships include Joint Architect-Engineer; Member-ship and Chapter Affairs. . . . Was a member of AIA Office Practice and Accounting Committee for one year (circa 1950).

MORTON T. IRONMONGER,

Broward County Chapter



JOSEPH M. SHIFALO,

# Mid-Florida Chapter

## For Third Vice President



membership dates rently is FAA vice president, elected in 1957 to fill vacancy created by resignation.

ARTHUR LEE CAMPBELL

Florida North Chapter



WALTER B. SCHULTZ

Jacksonville Chapter

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# Report of The Nominating Committee...

The FAA Nominating Committee, chairmanned by James L. Deen, Florida South, and including W. STEWART MORRISON, Florida North West, and ROBERT L. LEVISON, Florida Central have presented the following names as candidates for election of officers.

For President: H. SAMUEL KRUSE, Florida South; and JOHN STETSON, Palm Beach.

For Secretary: Ernest T. H. Bowen, II, Florida Central; and Francis R. Walton, Daytona Beach.

For Treasurer: MORTON T. IRON-MONGER, Broward County; and JOSEPH M. SHIFALO, Mid-Florida.

For Vice-President: ARTHUR LEE CAMPBELL, Florida North; and WAL-TER B. SCHULTZ, Jacksonville.

Terms of all offices are for one year except that of the Vice President. Election to this office is for a three-year term; and the successful candidate will be designated, under FAA By-Laws, as Third Vice President during his first year of office, advancing to second and first vice president during succeeding years.

Nominations will be presented by the Committee at the Convention's first business session, Thursday, November 20, to be followed by nominations from the floor. As ruled by Convention action last year, voting will be by ballot; and polls will be open at the Registration Desk during hours noted on the program schedule on pages 32 and 33. Election results will be announced at the Annual Banquet, Friday evening.

According to current FAA By-Laws, only Corporate members of Florida's 10 AIA Chapters are entitled to vote for FAA officers; and election will be by majority of those qualified to vote and registered at, and attending, the Convention.

# For President ...



H. SAMUEL KRUSE Florida South Chapter

His Institute membership dates from 1949...
He was named Vice-President of his Chapter in 1954 and served as its President during 1955. Subsequently he served as a Director of the Chapter for three years, in 1956, 1957 and 1958... He has served on two FAA Committees — the Publication Committee for two years, 1956 and 1957, serving as chairman during 1957; and on the Convention Committee during 1956... He was elected Secretary of the FAA in 1957 and has served as FAA President during 1958... He was appointed to the Advisory Panel, the AIA Committee on Building Products Registration, in 1957 and is currently a member. He has also been a Chapter Representative to the Department of Education and Research of the Octagon Staff since 1955 and its currently acting as such.



JOHN STETSON Palm Beach Chapter

His Institute membership dates from 1947 . . . He was a Director of his Chapter in 1952-53 and from 1955 to date; served as Chapter Treasurer in 1952; as Vice-President in 1953 and as President in 1955. . . . Has served on the FAA Joint Cooperative Committee since 1954 and as its chairman from 1955 to date; and on the FAA Home Building - Construction Industry Committee as chairman, 1958. Served as FAA Director from his Chapter from 1951 to 1955; and as FAA Vice-President in 1956 and 1957. . . . Was a member of the AIA Committee on Home Building Industry from 1953 to 1955; and the Hurricane Resistance Committee in 1957 and 1958. . . . Was U. S. Delegate to Pan-American Congress of Architects in 1951 and 1953 and an AIA Delegate to RIBA Convention in England, 1954.

# Resolutions Submitted...

Received from sources as noted for pre-Convention publication

#### Salary of the State School Architect

Received from the Jacksonville Chapter as proposed by A. Robert Broadfoot of the Chapter:

WHEREAS, the position and office of the State School Architect has existed over the past 15 or 20 years;

WHEREAS, over this period of time the office has proved its worth to the State of Florida by assisting all County School Boards and their architects in raising the quality of school construction and at the same time getting more for the school construction dollar; and,

WHEREAS, this position and office has existed longer than equivalent architectural positions in State Governments; and,

WHEREAS, this position and office has a more direct connection with the laws of the State of Florida as set forth in Chapter 235, Florida Statutes; and,

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED: The Jacksonville Chapter of the American Institute of Architects realizing the importance of the office and position of State School Architect feel the position should be equal to that of other Supervising Architects in the employ of the State, hereby endorse the equalizing of the salary of the State School Architect with that of other equivalent positions and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Convention of the Florida Association of Architects to be held in Miami this November urging their adoption and support.

#### Memorial to Sanford W. Goin, FAIA

Received from the Florida Central Chapter as proposed by A. Wynn Howell of that Chapter:

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from this earth SANFORD W. GOIN, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects; and,

WHEREAS, he was a past officer in the Florida Association of Architects, and at the time of his death, a Regional Director in The American Institute of Architects; and,

WHEREAS, he was a friend to scores of his fellow architects, other professional people, lay people and others; and,

WHEREAS, he affirmed again and again the responsibility of the architect to his community; and,

WHEREAS, he always affirmed his conviction that a measure of any man's success come from a Divine Source; and,

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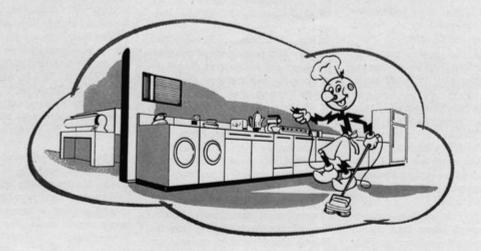
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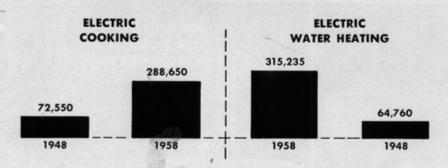
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#### Resolutions...

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WHEREAS, he was a devoted father and husband, ever faithful to family, Church, Nation and Community, holding malice toward none;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Florida Association of Architects does mourn the loss of this member and miss him from among its ranks:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be sent to the surviving members of the family and spread upon the minutes.

#### New Procedure for **Electing FAA Officers**

Received from the Florida Central Chapter as proposed by Richard E. Jessen of that Chapter:

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects has authorized the formation of a new Region for the State of Florida, comprised of the Florida Association of Architects and the 10 Chapters of the American Institute of Architects; and,

WHEREAS, this transition is a result of recognition of the size and importance of the Florida Association in the National organization; and,

WHEREAS, the existing procedure for the election of Officers to the Florida Association of Architects is similar to that of most Chapters in this State; and,

WHEREAS, this procedure does not adequately meet the needs of this widely distributed geographic area to insure equal representation of the voting membership of all Chapters;

Now, Therefore, Be It Re-SOLVED: that the By-Laws of the Florida Association of Architects be revised to be more nearly parallel those of the National Institute with regard to election of Officers by duly authorized Chapter delegates.

Be it further resolved that this Resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Florida Association of Architects with a request that it be published in The Florida Archi-

And that it be placed on the Agenda for presentation to the membership of the Florida Association of Architects during the coming Annual Convention in the year 1958.



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#### Appreciation . . .

The following note, which belongs to all members of the FAA, was received last month at the Executive Director's office from Mrs. Sanford WILLIAMS GOIN, of Gainesville:

"The family and I sincerely appreciate the loving sympathy of The Florida Association of Architects as expressed by the flowers, the wires and letters and the wonderful tribute in The Florida Architect.-Affectionately, Mama."

#### New Firm at Palm Beach

Recently announced was the formation of a new firm of Architects-Engineers-Surveyors in Palm Beach. The new organization, O'NEAL, OBST & BRADY, includes HAROLD A. and EMILY V. OBST, who will continue to operate the office at 289 Hibiscus Avenue. The new firm's other office is at 214 Royal Palm Way. Engineering partners include DAVID H. BRADY, BEN F. O'NEAL and THOMAS W. CAREY.

#### Worth Quoting - and Worth Thinking About . . .

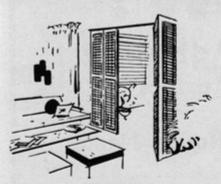
The following has been lifted, with appreciation, from the News of the Georgia Chapter, AIA, edited by WILLIAM E. WILLNER. It is especially timely, since one of the FAA's 1958 Convention "workshops" will discuss ways and means for meeting the competition of the "package dealer".

"Much has been said lately about communication - which is, after all, just another word for talking. But it will take more than talking to insure the survival of architecture as a profession in this epoch of package deals, company architects and competitive bidding for the business of those shrewd clients who price architecture as they price grain or fish.

"Since he became Chapter President, CLEM FORD has heard a good deal about unethical competition. Not wishing to run a complaint bureau, vet concerned over symptoms of professional hara-kiri, he thinks it is time we developed better ways for

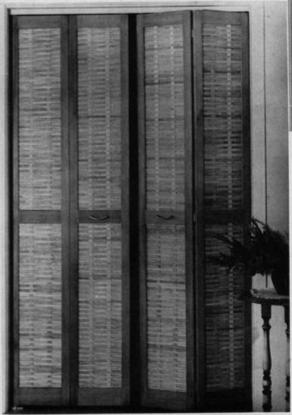
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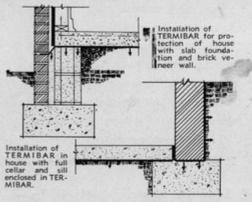
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getting business. For there are better ways than those that inspire some of the complaints — viz., offering to do the work cheaper; furnishing free sketches; or taking part in informal competitions without rules of any kind or competent juries to judge the results, so that the best man will win only by a miracle.

"The most recent competition of this sort involved parties who ought to be especially sensitive to nice ethical questions. The object of struggle, that is to say, was the commission to design a church. And 'struggle' is the word! For the four architects were asked to make two designs apiece, one in a traditional style, the other as modern as they pleased. And for all this, they were to be paid an honorarium that might possibly cover the cost of one day's real study.

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"We don't think much of the average result achieved by this method; but at least it is a method that works. The so-called "unethical" methods cited above do not work. That is the real objection to them. If we expect to survive as an independent profession, we had better study the campaigns of our successful competitors, adopting their good ideas and discarding their bad ones. That seems more likely to improve matters than just wringing our hands over the bad boys who come in at the wrong end of a job and offer cut rates."



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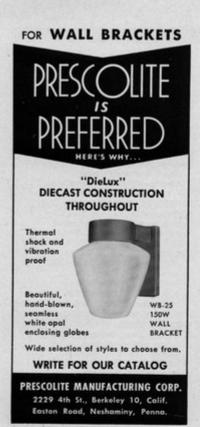
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sible), to reach the only exit, one must struggle through a labyrinth of booth-after-booth, ad nauseam. (Inadequate means of egress are noted in several of the larger pavilions, particularly in the multi-storied Holy See restaurant, Civitas Dei.)

Among the small buildings, that of the Phillips Lamp Society of Holland, designed by Le Corbusier, is most interesting. It resembles the shell of a prehistoric crustacean, or, several wigwams side by side. The strange framework is covered with precast concrete slabs, warped to the contours of the hyperbolic paraboloid exterior surface. It houses an eight minute show entitled "Light and Sound, an Electronic Poem." I thought the building ugly, static, and not representative of good Le Corbusian architecture.

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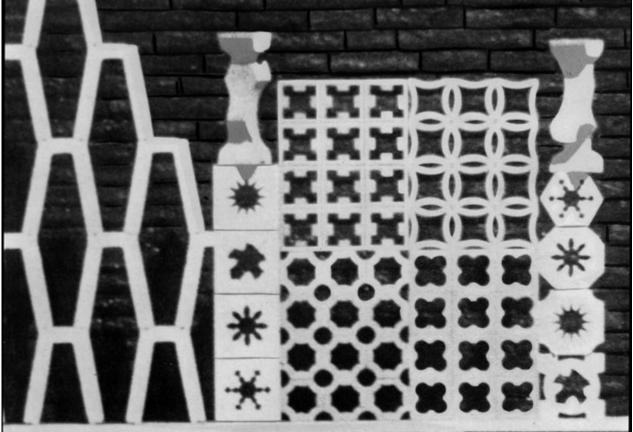
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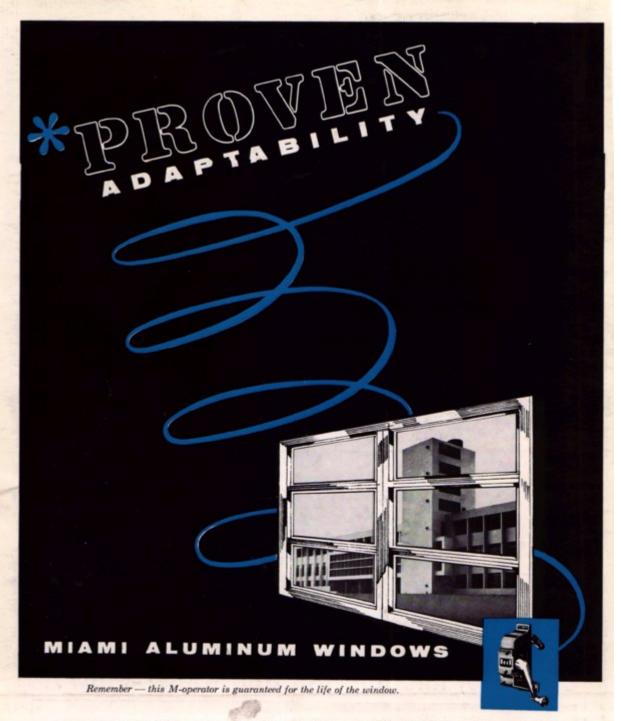
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