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One of the basic requirements here was to achieve unobstructed floor space with economy. Architects Weed, Russell, Johnson & Associates found the answer by using a concrete shell in the form of a folded plate. This construction made it possible to span the entire floor area with only one interior row of columns... and suspend the second floor from the roof. The result: 163,715 square feet of *fully flexible* floor space, so important to any retail selling operation.

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THE COVER
This was a major problem in Architecture 203 at Iowa State College: a 6000-square-foot public library, on a 3/4-acre site in a rapidly expanding residential area, serving children from preschool to adolescence. Solution: Roger D. Roslansky, Fairmont, Minn.
A Day of Decision

Members of the Iowa Chapter, A.I.A., will be asked at the 1959 convention, to determine the amount of drive they wish to place behind a proposed program of activities for the Chapter.

Chapter Affairs Committee Chairman Oswald Thorson, who also has headed an action committee appointed by President R. Wayne Lyon, will present a consolidated report on proposed action. His report will come at the first business meeting, Thursday evening.

The fundamental question to be placed before the chapter is:

"Shall the Iowa Chapter, A.I.A., become an active force on the behalf of the profession of architecture?"

That Iowa Chapter members recognize the desirability of an active, planned and specifically aimed program, has long been known. Those attending the 1958 Spring Meeting at Ames gave strong assurance of their interest in such a program, and, acting on this basis, President Lyon named his action committee.

That committee has received recommendations from many sources and will present its evaluations of the suggestions at the convention.

Among suggestions received have been these:

- Establish an Honor Awards program to recognize outstanding architecture in Iowa.
- Promote special seminars for architects to assist the members in learning about new methods, substances, procedures.
- Increase circulation of the Iowa Architect.
- Promote distribution of architectural literature.
- Create color motion pictures on Iowa's architecture.
- Create a special fund for securing exceptional speakers for the annual conventions.
- Create a fund for special projects in education in connection with Iowa State College.
- Promote the Speakers Bureau.
- Secure an administrative secretary.
- Establish funds for:
  - Scholarships
  - A European travel-study program for students.
  - Assisting in sending Student Chapter representatives to the national A.I.A. convention.
  - Expand Chapter contacts with other organizations within the industry.
- From recommendations such as these the Committee is selecting those which it believes the Iowa Chapter should immediately begin to support.
- The decision to act will lie with the membership.

.... and Many Happy Returns!

The Iowa Architect is beginning its sixth year, and we observe the occasion by entertaining some happy thoughts about its advertisers.

Of the companies which early saw the merits of this publication, even in its first and smaller form, as a means of reaching Iowa architects, nearly all still are represented. As their present contracts expire, several of these advertisers are increasing their commitment to a full page, taking advantage of the larger space now available.

New advertisers are quickly recognizing the appeal of our new format and expanded editorial content. Thanks to their participation, we have been able, in our first four issues of this size, to illustrate the work of more than a dozen firms and half a dozen students; give wide distribution to a special schools edition, and publish the directory contained in this issue. More ideas are bubbling in the pot.

Happy birthday, indeed!
What's New?

A concentrated course of instruction in new materials, processes and concepts of design will be presented to the Iowa Chapter A.I.A. at its convention January 29, 30 and 31. (Program, page 6.)

There will be five technical sessions, a new look at professional liability insurance, and a survey of the thinking behind current and advanced design.

Banquet speaker will be Ralph Rapson, head of the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota since 1954. His topic will be "Design Concepts."

Prof. Rapson's experience and recognition make him a stimulating speaker. His first major work was three Willow Run schools, in association with Eero Saarinen; since then he has won ten national architectural competitions, a First Honor Award and two Merit Awards from the American Institute of Architects.

A considerable amount of his work has been done abroad. His design for U. S. Embassy office building in Stockholm won the A.I.A. First Honor Award in 1954, and designs for embassy staff apartments in Boulogne and Neuilly, France, won First Merit Awards in 1955.

A graduate of the University of Michigan College of Architecture, Prof. Rapson did graduate study in city and regional planning at Cranbrook Academy of Art. He is a member of the Minneapolis City Planning Commission. His general architectural practice has included churches, schools, commercial and factory work and numerous residential projects.

Speaking on curtain wall construction will be Roy Russell Annis, 32, a graduate of Colorado University in architectural engineering who worked as a designer before joining the Kawneer Co. six years ago. He recently was named wall systems manager.

Feminine Facades
Ladies To See What's New

While their husbands ponder current developments in new construction, ladies of the Iowa Chapter will consider the feminine facade.

Presentations of up-to-the-minute trends in exteriors, with particular attention to restrained embellishment of existing structures, have been arranged by Mrs. William Woodburn, chairman of the ladies' program.

Thursday evening, a representative of Irene's Studio of Beauty will give an informal demonstration of new styles in make-up and coiffures. A coffee will precede the presentation.

Friday afternoon, Verla Trissler, Younkers French Room millinery, will show a collection of new styles. A tea will follow. These events are all in the Iowa room.

At noon Friday, ladies are invited to the general convention luncheon.

“Come join us,” urges Mrs. Woodburn. “You'll have plenty of time for shopping after you've seen ‘what's new’.”
What's New?...

Spray-on coatings will be discussed by John S. Brooks, 36, vice-president of a firm which operates five chemical manufacturing plants, does business in the U. S. and Canada, and exports to Australia and Africa. Its Iowa representative is Sioux City Mosaic Co.

Two years ago Loren Hickerson wrote a challenging series of articles expressing his view of the problems and future of the state. He has been widely sought as a public speaker on this subject. He is secretary of the Governor's Commission on Economic and Social Trends in Iowa.

Spokesman for the manufacturing chemists, on the subject of plastics, will be William Demarest, director of plastics in building for the national association.

Stuart L. Forsyth, a mechanical engineer, joined Westinghouse's new products division in 1941 and subsequently was instrumental in that firm's successful entry into the electric heating field. His headquarters now are in Staunton, Va.

O. W. Fenn, Jr., is assistant manager of the Chicago district for Armstrong Cork Co.

Carl Anderson, general manager of the Schinnerer organization, has worked closely with Mr. Schinnerer and the insurance committee of the A.I.A. in developing the new professional liability insurance for members of the A.I.A. His talk has been scheduled alone on the Saturday program, to provide ample opportunity for questions.

New Corporate Members

Elected to corporate membership in the A.I.A. during the year 1958 were:

Robert C. DeVoe, Cedar Falls
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Thomas Waggoner, Mason City
Carl M. Wise, Iowa State College, Ames
John H. Wiegman, Fort Dodge
Richard H. Feinbach, Des Moines, transferred his membership to Iowa from the Michigan chapter.
Christian Peterson

"I don't think an architect can qualify completely unless he has some study of sculpture."

A Sculptor whose work enriches many Iowa buildings and their settings is Christian Petersen, 73, Ames.

Both the personality and the performance of the Danish-born artist are familiar to those who studied at Iowa State College. Petersen was sculptor-in-residence and a faculty member there for 18 years, retiring three years ago.

First establishing his career in art on the east coast, where a number of figures, groups and plaques maintain his reputation, Petersen came to Iowa in 1934 to complete the figures in the Dairy Industry Building court at the college. Other work on that campus includes figures in the library, the Home Economics fountain, and bas-relief in the gymnasium, Veterinary quadrangle and women's dormitory courtyard. A group of four figures, designed for the college entrance, has not yet been placed.

Major works elsewhere in Iowa include a large figure of St. Bernard at Mount St. Bernard seminary in Dubuque, and an impressive St. Francis in Dyersville. He has done a great many privately commissioned plaques and bas-reliefs. He characteristically works in wood, clay, terra cotta and several stones, notably Indiana limestone; his early training was in steel engraving, in which he rose to eminence as a young man.

Petersen teaches one class a week at the Fisher Center in Marshalltown, and goes to his studio in Ames daily, though he teaches no college classes now. The one apparent flaw in his fruitful 'retirement' is concern over the fact that ISC now has no classes in sculpture. "I don't think an architect can qualify completely unless he has some study of sculpture," he says. "It bothers me."

Among Petersen's current projects is a bust of Amos Emery, Des Moines architect and a long-time friend of the sculptor.
Home Builders’ Course

Architects Invited, Too

Architects and other interested persons are invited to a Home Builders Short Course January 27-28 at Iowa State College.

The program is under direction of Prof. Leonard Wolf, director of the ISC department of architecture. The short course is sponsored by that department and the Engineering Extension Service, in cooperation with the Home Builders Association of Des Moines. Sessions are in Memorial Union.

Dinner speaker Tuesday is A. Quincy Jones, architect, Jones & Emmons, Los Angeles, who will discuss residential design and the total community.

Richard J. Canavan, director of construction, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, D.C., will report on what’s new in general construction, and will analyze management for builders. Theodore Osmundson, Jr., landscape architect, San Francisco, will talk on residential landscaping, and Gail C. Corley, Valparaiso, Ind., contractor will describe construction of grade beams for residences.

New ‘Provincial’ by Goodwin

A new ceramic glazed brick, “Glazed Provincial,” is announced by the Goodwin Companies, and is illustrated in color in this issue of the Iowa Architect.

Recently put into production at Des Moines Clay Company, the colorful new brick is being used in the Animal Research Center, Ames, and the Y.M.C.A. building, Des Moines. The World Chamberlain Airport Terminal building, Minneapolis, will use 150,000 in four colors, primarily for interior panels, reports C. T. Bridgman, director of research and promotion for the Goodwin Companies. The new line was developed under direction of Bridgman and Bruce Paterson, manager of the Des Moines plant.

The Goodwin Companies have, available to architects, specifications, tests and kits containing slabs cut from glazed burnt brick. At Bridgman’s office and at Des Moines Clay Company there are blending panels which may be used by architects to work out color combinations, or combinations of Provincials and other face brick and tile.

Further information is available from the Goodwin Companies, 614 Central National Building; Des Moines Clay Co., Box 37, Highland Park Station; or Des Moines Brick & Supply, 2722 Ingersoll, all in Des Moines. Other sales outlets are the Mason City Brick and Tile Co., Ottumwa Brick and Tile Co. and Redfield Brick and Tile Co.

The Goodwin Companies recently announced a new Buff Velour facing tile, manufactured at Ottumwa. It is made in five units, including 4x8x8, 8x8x8 and 4x8x4 inches. All are ambidextrous.
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CHURCH ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE PLANNED

Rules for exhibits at the 1959 Annual Conference on Church Architecture have been announced with the conference site set at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, February 17, 18, 19 & 20.

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Reporting that some national groups are considering a recommendation that each state set up an architect-engineer office to perform design phases of the national highway program, the A.I.A. has issued a strong statement supporting the use of private firms for design functions.

The A.I.A. points out that establishing a governmental office for such services is contrary to the policy of the Bureau of Roads of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Despite a delayed announcement of display plans, participation by Iowa Chapter members in the Convention of the Iowa Association of School Boards reached a new high in November as 15 firms provided 25 panels for exhibition in the room in which school board members heard a panel discussion of school architecture.

In addition to this display of architectural work in a balcony room, the A.I.A. Chapter sponsored a booth in the Exhibition Hall, and distributed hundreds of copies of a special Schools Edition of the \textit{Iowa Architect}. Copies of that publication also were mailed to the more than 700 high school superintendents in Iowa.

Featured in the exhibition hall booth were “Design” pages of the \textit{Iowa Architect}, panels displaying the A.I.A. Honor Award Schools of 1957, and a map locating the A.I.A. member architectural firms in the state. Placards called attention to the existence of the A.I.A. speakers bureau.

Mrs. Mary Treimer, a charming matron who formerly worked for a Des Moines architectural office, was hostess for the chapter at its booth. Harold Bullington handled display arrangements.

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Brom has been with Thorson, Thorson & Madison since he was graduated from Iowa State College in 1952. Henry has been with the firm since 1954, when he was graduated from the same school of architecture. The office remains at 219 Waterloo Building.

The Forest City firm of Thorson, Thorson & Madison was dissolved January 1, when Norman Madson joined Edward Sovik and Sewell Mathre in practice at Northfield, Minn. New partners of the founder, Thorwald Thorson, are Gordon O. Gjelten and Willis Schellberg.

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AN ARCHITECT'S DUTY REGARDING PUBLICITY

In an article being distributed by the A.I.A., John Normile hits hard at the importance of legitimate publicity in enhancing the architectural profession.

Writing as the building editor of "Better Homes and Gardens," the Des Moines architect comments "It is only rarely that individual architects bestir themselves to employ the most effective publicity tool of all—the consumer magazines—whose vast circulation and prestige is unquestionably the most powerful of all media for gaining widespread, favorable attention."

"What is needed," Normile says, "is a flow of sound architectural accomplishments to those periodicals which reach the public effectively. My feeling is that any contribution to this building up of the profession that can be made by an individual should be assumed as a duty to his fellow architects."

'POST' USES PHOTOS OF SPENCER CHURCH

The Congregational Church in Spencer is one of nine edifices used to illustrate an article by Pietro Belluschi, "The Churches Go Modern," in the Saturday Evening Post for October 4, 1958. The author defends the spirituality of new design in houses of worship.

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FEBRUARY 2 DEADLINE FOR REYNOLDS AWARD

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CALENDAR

Convention, Iowa Chapter A.I.A., Jan. 29-31
National Convention, American Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, Feb. 14-18
(Deadline, Architectural Exhibits, Feb. 10)
Regional Conference, Des Moines, Oct. 7-9

A.I.A. REVISES HANDBOOK

A completely revised edition of the "Handbook of Architectural Practice" has been published by the American Institute of Architects. Its contents include all pertinent A.I.A. documents. The 420-page volume is priced at $8.

O'NEIL ON PROGRAM

Gene O'Neil was among speakers at the JayCee kickoff dinner for Des Moines' Christmas decorating contest. Others were Leonard Good, art director of Drake University, and representatives of Westinghouse Electric Supply and General Electric companies.

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A. S. Paterson of Redfield, a registered Architectural Engineer employed by the Redfield Brick and Tile Co., died January 2 after a long illness. Paterson, 64, was the father of Bruce Paterson. His survivors include Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paterson and their three children.

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