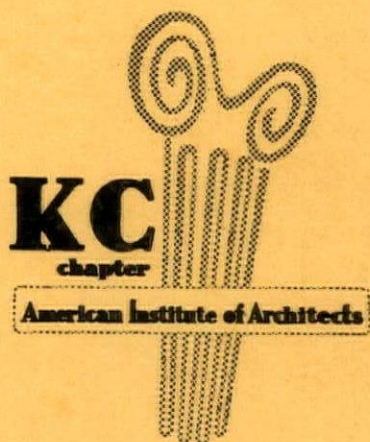


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program: COMMENT ON A TOUR OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC by Angus McCallum, AIA, who represented the Central States District at the invitation of the German Government to study "local planning and reconstruction" in that country, in August, 1953.

business session at 5:30.

cocktails at 6:15.

dinner at 7:00.

program at 8:00.

Senior architectural students from K.U. and K-State will be guests of the Chapter.

APRIL

TUESDAY THE 20TH—Chapter meeting at 913 Baltimore (see preceding page).

WEDNESDAY THE 28TH—Clinic on Metal Products at 200 Southwest Boulevard (see page 15).

FRIDAY THE 30TH—Due date for medal awards submissions (see facing page).

Most significant for this month of April, 1954, in the history of the KC Chapter is the opening of a central chapter office at 1016 Baltimore under the direction of our new executive secretary, Miss Betty Martin (see pages 4-5).

TUESDAY THE 18TH—Chapter meeting (presentation of medal awards for outstanding buildings completed in 1953.)

calendar AIA

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SATURDAY, MAY THE EIGHTH, is Missouri Architects Day, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects at Jefferson City.

9:00 A. M., registration, top floor of Jefferson Building.

10:00 A. M., business session, Jefferson Building.

The remainder of the program will be at the Missouri Hotel.

12:15 P. M., luncheon, Lieut. Governor James T. Blair, Jr., speaker.

2:00 P. M., address by Mr. Rex M. Whitton of the State Highway Dept.

3:00 P. M., seminar and information on Registration, Hari Van Hoefen, Chairman of the Architectural Division of the Board, presiding.

6:00 P. M., cocktail hour.

7:00 P. M., dinner, Philip C. Johnson, New York, speaker.

The ladies are invited to the luncheon, cocktail hour and dinner.

KANSAS CITY
CHAPTER



MEDAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Nominations for medal awards for buildings substantially completed in 1953 shall be submitted to the Medal Awards Committee, c/o Mackie & Roark, A.I.A., 7133 West 80th Street, Overland Park, Kansas, by not later than April 30th.

In the past, submissions have sometimes been classified in several groups for consideration. However, this year we have decided to follow last year's procedure and eliminate all categories and judge each nomination strictly on its own merits without regard to similar structures or classifications.

Medals only will be awarded as past experience would indicate that the "Honorable Mention" award was not well received particularly by owners who seemed to feel it indicated that their architect had done a "second best" job for them.

The committee has decided to maintain the "Special Award" for a detail or portion of a building that deserves recognition. This makes it possible to submit remodeled interiors, etc., for consideration.

The Committee plans to obtain a panel of architects all of whom reside outside our chapter boundaries to act as the jury for selection of work to receive awards.

PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY AND CHECK THE FOLLOWING:

1. Nominations must be made by letter mentioning the name of the building, the address, the name of the owner and the architect.
2. The building must have been substantially finished during 1953.
3. It is desirable to submit photographs, although not mandatory. However be advised it is possible that due to a large number of entries the out of town judges may have to do some eliminating of entries based on photographs or other descriptive material due to the press of time.
4. Deliver all submissions with accompanying photographs or other descriptive material before April 30th to the Medal Awards Committee c/o Mackie & Roark as stated in paragraph one.

Awards will be made at the regular chapter meeting in May.

The Medal Awards Committee
David Mackie, Chairman
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For many years the Kansas City Chapter has had a great need for the services of an executive secretary. This desire is about to become a reality. About April 15th, our Chapter will have a permanent headquarters with telephone of its own, and staffed with an executive secretary.

This undertaking will be a joint venture with the Kansas City Chapter of the Producers Council and our own Chapter. The Producers Council will utilize one-fourth of the secretary's time and our chapter will have a like amount. The remaining one-half of the secretary's time will be devoted to public stenographer services or employer's overload type of work. The Producers Council and the American Institute of Architects will each pay one-half the overhead and one-fourth the salary of the secretary. The balance of the salary will be derived from the overload work.

It is hoped that the new secretary will be able to relieve the President, Chapter Secretary, and Treasurer of a great deal of their ever increasing chores. Obviously though, they will not be able to delegate all of their work. The secretary will also be able to help committees with their minutes and reports. "The Skylines" Editor will likewise utilize the service to assist with the production of "Skylines," and, of course, the Secretary will take over the work now done by the direct mail service and telephone answering service we now use.

The Executive Committee feels they are very fortunate in obtaining

MISS BETTY MARTIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



a very capable and personable young lady, Miss Betty Martin, for the position of our new Executive Secretary. She has been a top flight secretary for the past ten years, which included positions as a legal secretary and a court reporter, and, most recently, the last eight years, she has been the private secretary for a Vice-President and Chief Engineer of a large pipe line company.

The Committee working on these arrangements has rented space in the 1016 Baltimore Building. Our equipment to begin with will include, besides a typewriter, an Addressograph and a Mimeograph. After April 15th, you are invited to drop in to meet Miss Martin and become acquainted with our new "home."

The success of this venture depends entirely upon the volume of overload work that the individual members of the American Institute of Architects and Producers Council are able to give Miss Martin. Of course, she will be able to do overload work for anyone else, too, so be sure and let your friends know that the service is available. It is obvious that the architects will find it advantageous to take specifications and other technical work to a person who is familiar with the language and organization of architectural work. So please remember to channel the secretarial work that your own staff cannot handle to the desk of Miss Betty Martin, Room 515, 1016 Baltimore Avenue, telephone Victor 9737.

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RALPH E. MYERS of the architectural firm of Kivett & Myers has won the annual Arnold W. Brunner scholarship of \$2,400 for an architectural research project.

The award is given by the New York chapter of the American Institute of Architects in memory of one of its members.

L. Bancel LaFarge, chairman of the contest committee, notified Myers that his project of a color slide show on contemporary architecture won over twenty other entries.

Myers has been collecting color slides of all types of contemporary design - residential, commercial, religious, even a stadium on vacation trips, and now is seeking offerings from other architects throughout the nation on the best contemporary work in their area.

"Architecture U. S. A." will consist of two 30-minute color slide shows with a transcribed commentary for architectural students and A. I. A. members. A second commentary of a less technical nature will be prepared for showing to civic clubs and similar groups, Myers said. Myers lives at 6700 Granada lane.

KANSAS CITY STAR

Sunday, March 14, 1954

The Kansas City Chapter AIA is privileged to have this fascinating public information and public relations endeavor centered here.

"Terrific interest" and much progress is reported by Myers in this project. He hopes to have these shows ready by early Fall.

Architects who have slides of significant contemporary American architecture are asked to contact Myers as soon as possible.

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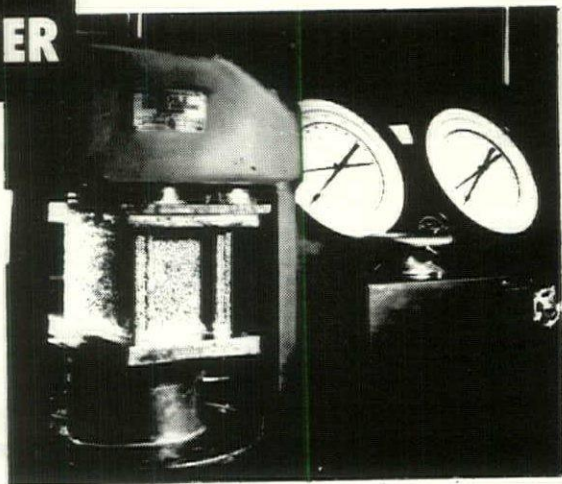
REPORT	ARCHITECTS CONFERENCE	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
By George M. Beal Head, Department of Architecture, University of Kansas	A JOINT ENDEAVOR Lawrence Kansas March 2-3, 1954	

This conference brought together the practicing architects of this area, a leading structural consultant, H. K. Shideler of Kansas City, and two superintendents of schools, V. A. Klotz of Coffeyville, Kansas, and G. Dewey Smith of Kansas City, Missouri. Joining these area representatives was John L. Reid, architect of San Francisco, and Douglas Haskell, of New York City. By having active participants from both coasts together with educational administrators who joined in the discussion, the thinking and experience of all the architects was enriched. Problems of school design and building in California were brought into focus and formed a good foil to stimulate an exchange on local problems. The beautiful color slides of schools by Reid helped materially to visualize design in relation to state laws, sun control and numerous other points. Douglas Haskell with his very special knowledge gained from the recent Architectural Forum conference on schools and his natural alertness sparked many a point for discussion.

One of the highlights occurred after the showing of the technicolor film "The Architecture of Mexico" which included the building of the University of Mexico, when Douglas Haskell, Joe Shaughnessy and others who had been there gave of their experience and ideas on a unique

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Don Walters had some pertinent points on color which he presented, along with some twenty or thirty panels of free compositions of color, illustrating in a beautiful way the relationship of hue, value and intensity. Each panel was a stimulating color experience. Unfortunately there was insufficient time allotted and the discussion had to be curtailed. It was the only session limited to sixty minutes.

Structurally, Shideler laid a firm foundation of basic considerations in this introductory talk. The fact that long dry periods can cause more trouble than frost action was one point among many discussed. The question and answers exchange was to many the most valuable part of the session on structure, for here thin slab, cantilevers, lift slab, deflection and other methods and problems formed the basis for the exchange.

A realistic presentation of programming for schools was made by Superintendent Klotz. How the administration viewed the very valuable professional work of the architect was comforting. A very lively exchange of variations and methods came out of the luncheon session. It was brought out in the discussion that word analysis of functional needs rather than detailed drawings or fixed dimensions was more to be desired by the architect in the school administrations' presentation of the over all or single room program needs.

This joint undertaking of the Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A., the Kansas Chapter, A.I.A., the Department of Architecture at K. U. and the University Extension paid expenses with a little left over. Many favorable comments concerning the way the conference was handled, the high content value of the discussions and the intimacy of the group and its workable size (63 persons) all were mentioned. The writer didn't even hear any complaints about the coffee so, on the whole, it appears to have been a creditable achievement. Thanks to each and everyone who attended, joined in the discussion or acted as chairman of a session. It was a truly joint action with the responsibility shared by many.

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CHAPTER MEETING

Mr. Roark read a report from Kansas University in regard to the recent seminar on school design. There was a total of 63 in attendance at this seminar, 43 of which were paid admissions. There was a net profit of \$73.00 of which the Kansas City Chapter will receive one-fourth. This report ended with the recommendation that the Kansas City Chapter appoint a committee to start making plans for next year's seminar.

President Simon led a discussion in regard to whether the Kansas City Chapter should enter into this year's Home Show. It was the general opinion that it is too late to enter the show this year, but that consideration should be made for entering it next year.

President Simon announced that Mr. James Baker was the new Chairman of the Associate, Jr. Associate Committee.

President Simon announced that the medal awards meeting would be put off until May so that a better program could be worked up.

President Simon gave a brief review on the television program and led a discussion on whether we should try to continue such a program. It was moved by Mr. Slezak and seconded by Mr. Shaughnessy that this matter be referred to the Public Relations Committee and that they present definite recommendations to the Board of Directors. Motion carried.

The program for the evening was a talk by Dr. N. E. Viles of the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., who spoke on school building needs and costs.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

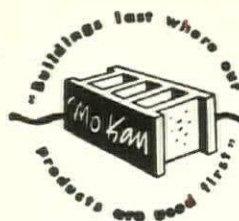
Mr. Slezak reported on the investigation which was made in regard to a new meeting place for the chapter meetings. It was moved by Mr. Everitt and seconded by Mr. Hollis that, starting with the April meeting, the chapter should meet in the Advertising and Sales Club on the same meeting night.

The Secretary presented the application for Associate membership of Mr. Donald Fairhurst, which was approved.

Mr. Slezak reported on the progress that was being made in regard to setting up a joint office with the Producers Council. It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Everitt that this Committee be empowered to enter into contracts for the employing of a secretary and the leasing of office space. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Slezak and seconded by Mr. Murphy that Ralph Myers be appointed Program Chairman for the coming year and that he appoint his own committee members. Motion carried.

Donald R. Hollis, Secretary



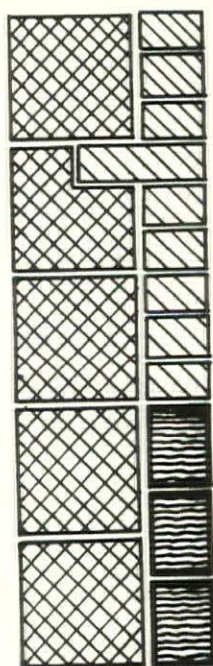
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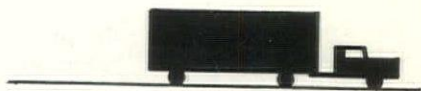
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in the news

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION has been busy with a speaking program. On March 9, John T. Murphy held two fifty-minute sessions at Ward High School, Kansas City, Kansas, in a vocation day program. About 25 students attended each session and were very alert and interested in the descriptions of the various aspects of the architectural profession. Chairman Angus McCallum addressed the boys' graduating class at Hogan High School on March 15, and participated in a vocational guidance program at the Kansas City Junior College on March 23. The JC program was arranged by the Professional Engineers Vocational Guidance Committee of Kansas City which plans to repeat this program at the request of any of the schools in the area.

NEWLY REGISTERED ARCHITECTS in Missouri by virtue of passing the written examination given in October, 1953, include fifteen men from Greater Kansas City: Norman C. Atkins, Earl D. Clark, Jr., Kenneth E. Coombs, Robert Edward Ervin, Harvey Allen Fink, Dwight C. Horner, Benjamin R. Hunter, Gene E. Lefebvre, Kenneth A. McCall, Earl C. McCamis, Arthur Duncan McIntyre, James E. Mantel, Leon Maslan, Eugene F. Pryor, Leroy A. Wilkinson.

CLARENCE KIVETT IN NEW YORK CITY, February 24, participated in a forum on planned industrial districts conducted by the magazine Architectural Forum. Kivett joined another architect, Roland Wank of New York, a builder, the president of the Urban Land Institute, representatives of both trucking and rapid transit and the manager of the industrial loan department of an insurance company in a discussion prompted by the current trend of industry moving to out-lying areas, suburban or otherwise. The complete meeting and detailed results of this round table discussion will be published in a future issue of the Forum. Opinion was unanimous that today's industrial plant can be an asset even to choice suburban or semi-rural communities. Generally the discussion provoked much good thought, developing vital premises and considerations in the planning, control and layout of industrial parks and districts.

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