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One man's dream castle is another man's shack, and thus it will always be as long as individuals remain that way. The architect, seeking to inject into his creation his own aesthetic beliefs and techniques, rarely pleases his entire audience. At times, gratification with the architect's work extends not far beyond the client himself (and, as any architect will hasten to add, there are more than a few disgruntled clients as well).

Thus honesty is perhaps the architect's greatest virtue, surpassing even his technical ability. If the architect believes in what he has created, then it has merit because it reflects a forthright attitude, regardless of the popular reaction.

is the architect who designs merely what he is told to design, or who repeats a popular plan only because of its popularity and not for its integrity, who is responsible for much of the contemporary mediocrity.

Fred Fitzsimmons, Real Estate Editor
KANSAS CITY STAR

One of the architectural highlights of the year for members of the Kansas City Chapter is the annual Medal Awards competition, to recognize buildings completed during the past twelve months by Kansas City architects. This year 18 outstanding entries were submitted for consideration of the jury. After several days of deliberation, viewing photographs and plans and, where practical, making on the site inspections, the jury chose four entries for the Medal Award and one design for the Special Award.

Most of this issue of SKYLINES is devoted to a presentation of the Award winning designs. The other entries will be featured in future issues of SKYLINES.

A special vote of thanks from the Chapter goes to the hard working Medal Awards jury. James M. Hunter, FAIA, of Boulder, Colorado, was chairman and Glenn E. Henenick, Wichita, and Eugene Mackey, St. Louis, completed the judging panel. The text of Mr. Hunter's talk at the Medal Awards banquet was carried in the April SKYLINES.
MEDAL AWARD

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
2003 East Englewood Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Architects: Monroe and Lefebvre

• JURY COMMENT

The very strong statement of function and structure placed this building in the eyes of the jury on a high plateau for ecclesiastical architecture... The jury was impressed with the sure courage demonstrated in the expression of the wood frame and the care with which the details of membering were handled. With the installation of the sanctuary and celerestory stained glass, the light quality within the structure will be vastly improved and add immeasurably to the atmosphere of worship. The architect is to be commended on his thoughtfulness in exercising economies which can be added when funds become available. The workmanship was of very high order and the adapting of the building to the site added to its very strong statement.
PARKE-DAVIS & COMPANY
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6633 Troost Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Architects: Kivett and Myers and McCallum
The jury felt the quality of professional competence permeated the building. The clarity of expression and the use of materials was of a very high order as was the simple and direct approach to the problem. While the waiting area at the entrance seemed a bit confining as to space, the soft light and exquisite color concept seem to compensate and visually expand this space restriction. The refinement of detail and the sense of rightness in the furniture and appointments added to the cohesiveness of the entire concept. Obviously, the building was done with tender, loving care.
MEADOWBROOK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
8500 Mission Road
Johnson County, Kansas

Architects: Donald R. Hollis
J. David Miller, Associate
Perkins and Will, Associates
JURY COMMENT

The intimate small scale of the entrance element was consistently carried out through the entire complex. We were delighted with the organization of the plan and the interrelationship of the various elements which gave privacy both visually and activity-wise without creating complications or confusion... The general atmosphere was youthful, spritely and in good taste. The craftsmanship and skill of the contractors deserve commendation; particularly the orderliness and ease with which the mechanical installation was achieved. The gymnasiums and dining facilities were particularly well handled as were the indoor-outdoor relationships between building and its charming internal court, which can be anticipated even on entering the building.
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Architects: Kivett and Myers and McCallum
JURY COMMENT

There is a thoroughly professional competence demonstrated in all aspects and details of the job. We felt the result was architecture of a high order and an excellent solution to a very difficult problem—the molding of a human occupancy element for administrative personnel with the great mass and rigidity of the construction required by a manufacturing process. The architectural amenities were in excellent scale and the use and play of material exciting and in good taste. These qualities permeated the building over and above the excellent planning solution involved with the manufacturing and housing problem... the indoor-outdoor space created by the interplay of the small court with the interior occupancy areas was done with dignity and appropriateness... as well as being well disciplined to the total concept and to the manufacturer's product.
SPECIAL AWARD

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
Swope Park Zoological Gardens
Kansas City, Missouri

Architect: Elpidio Rocha
JURY COMMENT

Because of the nature of the structure its mobility, flexibility and multi-use, it could not be considered as a building in the same sense as architecture of a more permanent nature. However, because of the gay, spritely concept and the good solution for the use to which the building elements will be put, it was deserving of a special award for its very creditable solution to the problem of housing animals in a zoo. To quote from (the architect's) own statement of his problem, in conclusion, it was fun. We add, for the jury, too.
On the subjects of awards, the Chapter has submitted two entries to the Executive Committee of the American Institute of Architects for consideration. A presentation on the KC/80 plans was compiled by the KC/80 and Community Development Committee with exhibits of articles, reprints, letters and news clippings from Chapter files. The king-sized presentation, 18 inches wide and 24 inches long, will be considered for a special award.
To supplement Regional Director I. Lloyd Roark's nomination of home-town artist Thomas Hart Benton for the Fine Arts Medal, a presentation was prepared under the direction of John Morley for the A.I.A. Executive Committee. Trying to squeeze Mr. Benton's accomplishments into a reasonably brief book type of entry was no small task. Highlight of the presentation is an autobiographical sketch of the internationally known painter, written by Mr. Benton for the Chapter.
Congratulations are in order for Guy Mabry, former Kansas City Branch Manager for Owens-Corning Fiberglas and President of the Producers' Council. Guy was recently appointed Southeast Regional Sales Manager for Owens-Corning. In his new position he will make his home in Atlanta. His new office address is the Rhodes-Hoverty Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia. Moving up to Kansas City Branch Manager of Owens-Corning is R. E. Trumbell, formerly assistant to Mr. Mabry. Robert N. Ecton of the Crane Company takes over as local Producers' Council head.

Lou Geiss, Vice President of the Chapter, moderated a Technical Clinic of the Producers' Council on Interiors on Wednesday, May 27, at the Wishbone. Panel members, their subjects and firm affiliations were: Lee Dalgleish, plywood wall covering (U. S. Plywood); George Beisler, Weldwood wall covering (U. S. Plywood); Glenn Jones, interior glass (Pittsburgh Plate Glass); Ted Peifer, decorative and fireproof interiors (Zonolite Company) and C. J. McCormick and A. R. Hoedl, modern interior walls. McCormick is with the E. F. Hauserman Company and Hoedl represents the Mills Company.

A session on ceilings was also included. Kansas City Chapter members in attendance agreed that Lou and the Council came up with another outstanding seminar for architects.

Members Dave Mackie and I. Lloyd Roark, associated as Mackie and Roark, announce their new office address in the Ward Parkway Building at 4725 Wyandotte Street on the Country Club Plaza. The firm was formerly at 7133 West Eightieth Street in Overland Park, Kansas.

We also have a change of business address for Luther O. Willis, from 2811 East Linwood to offices in the V. F. W. Building, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City. Both of these changes were effective May 1, 1959.

President Angus McCallum represented the Chapter at the annual dinner of the K. U. Department of Architecture in Lawrence on May 15. On behalf of the Chapter, he presented the annual Scholarship Award to student Robert R. Seacot. The Kivett and Myers and McCallum annual award for excellence in site planning went to Thomas E. Davis.

Nothing but compliments heard on the Missouri Association of Registered Architects meeting in Kansas City on May 1 and 2. Frank Grimaldi's program arrangements were tops in everyone's book—the only dark spot in the whole picture was the comparatively small turnout of Kansas Citians for this important event. Congratulations to the new officers of M. A. R. A.

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