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A magazine such as THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT should be an integral part of the library of all civic leaders.

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Sirs:

Just a short note to let you know how much I am looking forward to your new publication.

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Yours very truly,
Benjamin R. Kiefner, Architect
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THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT

Congratulations on your forthcoming issue of THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT, which we understand is to feature the 1961 Architectural Honor Awards.

We are much pleased with the composition of our advertisement which is to appear in your future issues, and think that the format of your entire magazine is exceptional.

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Some projects, from the drawing board to the finished product, take more time than initially set aside. It is evident that THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT has been no exception.

Since the announcement in January of this year, that this magazine would be published, much work has been done towards making this a reality. At the moment you are reading it... and it is an accomplishment, so from this point forward, let's look ahead.

We encourage your comments. It is the plan of the magazine to steadily progress. Of course we must experience the usual growing pains — and crawl before we walk.

The objective is to develop a professional publication, which is of interest to those in the architectural field. It is to be provided, free, to all architects registered in Kentucky, registered professional engineers, members of the construction industry, to clients of the architectural profession and the construction industry, and to any others

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CHAPTER REPORTS

STUDENT CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Student Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, which is affiliated with the National Student Chapters of the Institute had a very successful year. The student chapter, along with the Department of Architecture, co-sponsored several field trips for the students. They sent representatives to the regional council meeting of the East-Central region in Gary, Indiana last March, and two students to the national meeting of the A.I.A. and the students chapters meeting in Dallas, Texas in May.

The regular Architectural assembly for all students in the Department of Architecture is held on Wednesday of each week, with the program presented by outstanding architects, engineers, representatives of materials firms and visiting lecturers. In addition many other informative programs, using slides, films and other means of demonstration, are presented by the faculty and some of the students.

EAST KENTUCKY CHAPTER

The East Kentucky Chapter, A.I.A., which does not hold regular meetings during the summer months, has made plans for meetings and programs for the coming months. Many of the meetings are scheduled as luncheon meetings with the hope that more of the out-of-town members will be able to attend more sessions.

The officers of the East Kentucky Chapter continue to be housed in the Department of Architecture at the University of Kentucky and Mrs. Emrath serves as its executive secretary.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR U.K. UNDERGRADS

Lee Potter Smith, architect of Paducah, Kentucky, and a member of the State Board of Architects, has presented the Department of Architecture and the University of Kentucky with two $250 annual scholarships to be awarded to second year students proficient in design, and with records of high standing in grades, leadership and character. The recipients for 1962-63 are: Nelson A. Blankenship of Bowling Green, Kentucky and Charles A. Wiechers, Jr. of Lexington, Kentucky.

Two students, John David Myers and Bradley Yount, were awarded the Annual Travel Award presented by the Portland Cement Association. It consists of a three day trip to Chicago to inspect the laboratories of the association and also other items of architectural interest in Chicago—the entire trip hosted by the association.

Baker Steel and Engineering Corporation instituted a competition for students in the Department of Architecture during the 1961-62 academic year, offering cash prizes of $100, $75, and $50 to first, second and third place winners of a design problem for a metal canopy for twenty automobiles. The winners were: first, Paul M. Pinney, Jr.; second, Donald A. Hill; third, Carlos E. Pennington.

The design faculty of the department have initiated two awards. One is to be given to the first year student with the highest academic standing at the end of the school year, and the second to any advanced student with the highest academic standing. These awards will be in the form of silver plaques and will be presented each year in November at the annual joint meeting of the East and West Kentucky Chapters of the American Institute of Architects.

A book award has been initiated by Charles P. Graves, head of the Department of Architecture, for the student in second year design, chosen by the design faculty, as having achieved the highest degree of excellence in design.

TWENTY-TWO REGISTERED

The State Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects has reported the following names registred (Continued on Page 14)
OR THE third year, the East and West Kentucky Chapters of the American Institute of Architects have singled out for honors recently completed buildings, with the architects and owners of each, in their annual statewide Honor Awards Program. This year, two Lexington architects were presented First Honor Award while a Louisville architect and his associate received Second Honor Award. Two Awards of Merit also went to other Lexington architects. Photographs of the honored buildings, with jury's comments, are shown on the following pages.

Chairman of the 1961 all-architect jury was Richard Wheeler of the architectural firm Garber, Twedell and Wheeler, Cincinnati. Serving with him were Woodward Garber, of the same firm, and Prof. Charles P. Graves, head of the School of Architecture at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

The design for Southland Bowling Lanes at Lexington won First Honor Award for architects Ernst V. Johnson and Byron F. Romanowitz of Brock & Johnson, Architects, Lexington. The bowling lanes are owned by Chakeres Theatres, Inc., Springfield, Ohio. The building is the architects' solution to the requirements which were, as they put it, "Providing a distinctive, appropriate center for family bowling in the Southland commercial district, an unorganized collection of unrelated shops which are presently expanding into vacant areas adjacent to the building. This chaotic situation, and a strict budget limitation suggested a restrained, orderly solution, yet the program required a building with sufficient visual impact, both day and night, to compete with its surroundings, and to be easily identified at a distance."

The Valley Medical Clinic on Valley Station Road won Second Honor Award for Louisville architect Kenneth B. Koehler and his associate Richard C. Scott; and for its owners, Doctors Zimmerman and Word. The architect remarked, "Set-back of building was set by codes. Location and width of driveway was established by prior agreement with adjacent property owner. Roof overhang of waiting room was necessary to eliminate drapes or shades on the glass areas. Original drawings indicated bar joists in clinic area to be clear span (exterior to exterior wall). However, owner requested change in construction for cost involved."

Awards of Merit went to Lexington architects John T. Gillig, Norman Chrisman, Jr. and Kenneth V. L. Miller of Gillig-Chrisman & Miller for the first unit of Southern Hills Methodist Church, Lexington; and to Lexington architect Donald Q. Wallace for the State Liquor Dispensary, 1412 Leestown Road, Lexington, owned by Mike Margarities.

Of the latter building, the architect commented, "The owner's requirements were distinction, economy and function for a small drive-in package liquor dispensary. In his opinion, at least two of these qualities had not been achieved in existing facilities in this area. The owner was very cooperative, even to the point of having the large outdoor sign designed by the architect. The building functions very well and the cost was $12.80 per square foot, thus we feel that we have satisfied at least two of the requirements."

The architects for the Church Education Building had this to say of its requirements: "A small congregation with big plans for the future, respect for Contemporary Architecture, a sound plan for church expansion, a leftover lot and no money—The problem is as always, 'Use economical materials, methods and ideas; when you arrive at your solution—simplify it.' This type of problem is sometimes easier—there's no room for cute stuff."

Established to encourage the appreciation of excellence in architecture and to afford recognition of exceptional merit in recently completed buildings, the annual Honor Awards Program is open to any registered architect practicing professionally in Kentucky. Buildings entered, which may be anywhere in the United States or abroad, must have been completed within the past four years. The four-year requisite is stipulated so that buildings receiving awards may be eligible, the following year, for consideration in the Regional and National A.I.A. Honor Awards Program, which limits submission of entries to buildings completed within the previous five years.

In the program, there is no classification as to building type, use or size. Each is judged on its own merits, not in competition with any other. Qualities considered are plan, design and solution of program requirements. Certificates for distinguished accomplishment in architecture are presented to the architects and to the owners of the cited buildings.
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Ernst V. Johnson, A.I.A. and Byron F. Romanowitz of Brock & Johnson, Architects


FIRST HONOR AWARD

JURY COMMENTS: The bowling lanes is an orderly, highly refined architectural statement. The jury is impressed with the designers' ability to impart quality to this type of commercial structure. It is well detailed, controlled, with excellent use of natural and artificial light. It has good color and scale; particular attention was given by the architect to the freestanding sign and entry. This is a pleasant contribution to the visual landscape.
SECOND HONOR AWARD

EAST AND WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTERS, A.I.A.
1961 HONOR AWARDS PROGRAM
VALLEY MEDICAL CLINIC, LOUISVILLE, KY.
FOR DRS. ZIMMERMAN AND WORD

Kenneth B. Koehler, A.I.A. (Associate: Richard C. Scott)
Louisville, Kentucky
Architects


JURY COMMENTS: The jury was particularly pleased with the light, cheerful public spaces and extremely well-organized plan arrangement. The structure has had thoughtful detailing. Careful attention was paid to related outdoor spaces. It has good scale for a small commercial structure, and well related materials.
AWARD OF MERIT

EAST AND WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTERS, A.I.A.
1961 HONOR AWARDS PROGRAM
STATE LIQUOR DISPENSARY, LEXINGTON, KY.
FOR MIKE MARGARITIES

Donald Q. Wallace
Lexington, Kentucky
Architect


JURY COMMENTS: The liquor dispensary is compact, well-organized, shows a good use of materials and textures in an obvious low-budget building. It is an attempt to integrate all details for their total visual effect: the sign, planting, and structure. The owners and architect are to be commended for their desire to raise the quality of structures in this type of business building.
EAST AND WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTERS, A.I.
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The next scheduled meeting of the board is set for the latter part of October. The date of next written examination is tentatively scheduled for late in January, 1963 at the Department of Architecture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

EFFORTS TOWARD STATE-WIDE GROUP

THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT is pleased to note the efforts being made by the East and West Kentucky Chapters, American Institute of Architects towards establishing a single organization representing architects here in Kentucky.

Since the Kentucky Chapter, American Institute of Architects, was split into the East and West Kentucky Chapters in the early 1950's, Kentucky has been without a single body with authority to speak for all architects. Particularly in matters concerning the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the American Institute of Architects, the lack of this body has greatly hampered transactions and negotiations call-

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ing for unanimity of purpose and/or speed in execution.

Care should be exercised in setting up this organization to strive for a streamlined structure—one unencumbered by an unwieldy board, or complicated by an elaborate system of doing business. Also the organization should be so set up as to insure a high initial and continual membership for effective representation of the profession.

Without these features, this organization would be ineffectual, a burden to the profession, and have few reasons for existence. With these features, it would be a significant step towards increasing the prestige and stature of the architectural profession.

DEPT. OF ARCHITECTURE FACULTY ADDITIONS

The Department of Architecture at the University of Kentucky has announced the addition of three full-time and three part-time instructors to its staff this year. George Gunther, Milton D. Thompson and Dr. Bunji Kobayashi have joined the full-time staff of: Charles P. Graves, head of the department; James P. Noffsinger, Associate professor and John William Hill, associate professor.

Dr. Kobayashi is the first foreign lecturer brought to the campus in this department for an entire year. Plans are to continue this practice in the years to come. Dr. Kobayashi will assist in the advanced design studios in the department, offering a course in Japanese Architecture—open to all students on the campus—and will also visit other schools of architecture around the United States as a visiting lecturer, sponsored by this department.


Mr. John Hill, who joined the full-time staff during the 1961-62 school year, is teaching Design and Materials and Methods of Construction.

EDITORIAL

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to whom the state-wide circulation committee might consider it to be of interest.

It is planned that the magazine be devoted to publishing timely articles on topics of current interest to the magazine's readership. THE KENTUCKY ARCHITECT will definitely provide a medium for the graphic presentation of the work of Kentucky architects before this entire group.

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WEST KENTUCKY CHAPTER  

The West Kentucky Chapter, A.I.A., held a joint meeting on September 27, with the Louisville members of The American Society of Landscape Architects at The Arts Club. Campbell Miller, senior partner in the firm of Miller, Wihry and Lantz, Landscape Architects, spoke on the role of the landscape architect in the design team. His talk was beautifully illustrated by color slides. Camp has done a great deal of work in association with Louisville architects, and his most excellent talk was well received by all.

The October meeting will be another joint meeting—this time with the Louisville Chapter of The Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers. It will be held at The Arts Club, Sherwyn Hotel on Thursday, October 18. The architects chapter meeting will be from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m., followed by cocktails and dinner with the engineers. The program will immediately follow the dinner.

Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. A. J. Steiner, fire protection engineer with the Underwriter's Laboratories in Chicago, and he will talk on "Testing for Safety", featuring particularly, pre-cast concrete construction. Mr. Steiner will illustrate his points with slides and movies of test examples. This program should be of vital interest to all architects and engineers as it relates both to human safety and to insurance rates of buildings we design. Members are urged to send in any questions on this subject to Berg Letzler, chairman of the program committee, for referral to Mr. Steiner who will answer all such questions during his talk.

On Saturday, November 10, there will be a joint meeting with the East and West Kentucky Chapters at Lexington, Ky. As there will be a meeting on the East Central District, A.I.A. Regional Council on Friday, November 9, it is expected the delegates will stay over for the Saturday meeting, thereby making this, in effect, the first Regional Conference of the East Central District. Plans are in the works for top-flight speakers for this meeting. There will be a more detailed report in the next issue.
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