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The program for the 1966 joint annual convention of the Indiana Society of Architects and the Kentucky Society of Architects, and the concurrent triennial convention of the East-Central Region, AIA, has been established by the program committee. The unique three-way convention will be held in Louisville October 6-9, 1966.

Starting one full day earlier, the convention will open informally Thursday morning, October 6th, with a 9 a.m. Golf Tournament, followed by the East Central Regional membership meeting (and election of a New Regional Director) Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Brown Hotel, convention headquarters.

One of the major social events, a river cruise with dinner and dancing aboard the Belle of Louisville,

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The landscape architect's interests are broad, embracing not only the practical side of laying out land for use but also the social and aesthetic aspects of civic beautification. This thesis may seem revolutionary to many, and certainly contrary to current practice. Can it be justified?

Usually, when a project to build something is started, an architect is first engaged, then a builder and, finally, if at all, a landscape architect to plant a few bushes and trees around it. Unfortunately, this often results in the building's being poorly-sited, incorrectly-oriented, and poorly-related to neighboring structures. The floor elevations may be incorrectly established, resulting in either a drainage or terracing problem and great difficulty in properly integrating the landscape development with the living portion of the building. Often, too, approaches such as driveways and walks may have been thoughtlessly located.

When a project to lay out a street, subdivision, or even a park or playground is discussed, an engineer is brought in to see that the area is properly graded, drained and paved. Only then is the landscape architect brought in for the purpose of "decorating" it with suitable planting. By that time, it is often discovered that it is too late to save valuable trees and other natural features of the site, that the area has been so cut up with permanent improvements that it is impossible properly to locate the various features the project is supposed to provide, be they homes, playfields or areas of quiet, natural beauty.

That people generally think of the landscape architect as someone who comes in at the tail end of a project is largely the fault of the profession itself which has not presented to the public a true and proper image. It has permitted the public to think of it as a group of dilettantes whose principal interest is either in large, private estates or in incidental planting to embellish the work of other professions. This is a tragic mistake that will probably take a long time to correct. Meanwhile, the particular skills the profession is prepared to contribute to our contemporary civilization are largely being wasted.

Any space—whether it be a parking lot, a private estate of whatever size, a town, city, or regional area, the surroundings of a public, commercial, or industrial building or building complex, a college or university campus or other school grounds—presents problems within the field of competence of landscape architecture. The range is almost infinite. It extends into the fields of architecture, engineering and planning and to draw lines definitely separating these professions is, for practical purposes, impossible, nor is there any need to. If he is trained and competent an architect may, quite properly, lay out the grounds around his building. If he has a feeling for it an engineer can design the lines and grades for a highway. A planner may indicate where in the community he would encourage various land uses, including parks and playgrounds, and how they might be brought into being.

Though planning is nowadays recognized as a separate profession it is, in essence, a synthesis of the skills of the landscape architect, the architect, the engineer (all members of the design professions), and such others as sociologists, lawyers, public administrators, traffic experts, housing specialists, and many others. The field is large and any one individual is unlikely to possess all the necessary skills to carry through a successful project. On any project of considerable extent teamwork is therefore desirable. The ideal situation comes into being when the landscape architect, the architect, the engineer, and the planner are brought together at the very inception of the project so that each can contribute his skills and technical knowledge at the appropriate time and place.

Theme of this issue is "Landscape Architecture," a field of technical and artistic endeavor that has only recently come into its own—and not completely at that, with its contributions and broad interests often misinterpreted and underestimated.

Perhaps the best authority on the subject and the one best qualified to define the concept of "landscape architecture" is the landscape architect himself.

Regard, then, these words by Henry B. Raymore, AIA, ASLA, and H. Stuart Ortloff, LA, who have long been concerned with civic development and beautification—even before they established their now famous landscape architecture firm 42 years ago.

(The following excerpts are from Raymore's and Ortloff's book, It's Your Community, published by M. Barrows & Co.)

CROSS SECTION OF PLANT STEM — INSPIRATION FOR FORM OF GARDENS
Webster's Dictionary defines an arboretum as "a place where many kinds of trees and shrubs are grown for exhibition or study." Most of the arborets of the country are designed for this purpose alone and they appeal only to the botanist, horticulturist, or other technicans interested in the study of plant material.

One of the main purposes of Bernheim Forest as expressed by Frank Bunce, the forest manager, is "to show plants in natural environments and groupings in order that the average person can see and understand more about the plant material that is available to us."

The Arboretum Center is the first stage in an ultimate development that will present to the people of Kentucky an area of approximately 8 to 10 acres where plants will be shown not simply as a scientific exhibit, but also in relation to their use in our landscape.

The weathered redwood center building, designed by architects Nevin and Morgan of Louisville, (continued on page 13)
An extremely steep site necessitated special studies in order that roads, parking areas and buildings might be adapted to it. Before designing the buildings, the site was analysed in terms of both its advantages and difficulties, and careful studies by plan and section were made to determine what sort of structure could best be fitted to the site. This was carried further into circulation, service, drainage and utilities, by which the landscape architect produced a building-site concept.
Major highway frontage for this property is available for only a short distance, after which the 400 acres open up into a broad agricultural countryside typical of Bluegrass country, part of which fronts on a county road.

The lake and the golf course provide a location of beautiful views and large, open space. Roads and lots are arranged as fingers penetrating into the golf course so that as many lots as possible have views onto the fairways and the open space, which is threaded throughout the property. Houses are sited on ridges to give a maximum distance to the views, and the acre lots are clustered in such a way as to make the open spaces even more significant and to create a feeling of estate ownership.

Throughout the property there is an emphasis on open space and recreation.
This is a large house built of traditional design built on a seven acre site in the southeastern section of the city. The owners bought the property, razed an existing house, and placed the new house in the location of the former house so as to take advantage of the many handsome trees.

Site development included the entrance driveway, service court, terrace, swimming pool, retaining walls, lawns and planting. Walls are of the same brick used in the house, a warm pink brick manufactured in Virginia; terrace paving is Pennsylvania Bluestone as provided by the Rummings Stone Co.
Downtown Salutes The Arts Sept. 11-17

The Architectural Committee of Downtown Salutes the Arts is again accepting work from Louisville architects to be exhibited in the downtown area during "Downtown Salutes the Arts" week September 11-17, 1966.

1. Material — including models, renderings and actual building material samples related to a project — will be accepted on Friday, September 9 only from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

2. The architect is responsible for delivery and pick-up of all material.

3. No projects exhibited last year will be accepted.

4. The final decision as to whether a project will be exhibited rests with the Architectural Committee.

5. Only Louisville area architects may exhibit, but they may select any project regardless of location.

6. The architect may exhibit more than one project if accepted by the committee.

7. All material must be removed on Monday, September 19.

8. The committee will provide display tables with cloths but all other material necessary for proper exhibit of the work must be provided by the architect.

9. Selection of placement of projects for exhibition will be made by the committee on Friday, September 9.

Please notify Committee Chairman Lawrence Melillo, 310 W. Liberty St., Louisville, in writing if possible by August 26 of the type of projects you wish to display and a description of the display.
Governor's Mansion Plans Disappear

Has anyone seen the original architectural plans for the present Governor's Mansion in Frankfort, Ky.? Professors in the University of Kentucky Department of Architecture were surprised to learn recently that, unlike the case in other states, the plans of Kentucky's Governor's Mansion are not registered with the Library of Congress.

Residence of Kentucky Chiefs-of-State since 1914, the structure of native Bowling Green limestone is poised on the east lawn of the Capitol grounds in a garden setting overlooking the Kentucky River. The mansion's grounds were purchased by the state for $9,500 in 1912.

The Governor's Mansion is highly reminiscent of the Petit Trianon, Marie Antionette's villa near the Palace of Versailles. Its paired column facade is evidence of the strong French Renaissance inspiration under which the architects, C. C. and K. A. Weber of Fort Thomas, Ky., labored on their design.

Architecturally, the mansion is typical of other public buildings dating from the early 20th Century. There's a timeless element in its adaptation of Greek and Roman design that harmonizes with the present Kentucky Capitol, completed in 1909 and styled somewhat after the Capitol in Washington, D. C.

Historians give much credit for its ultimate design to the mansion's first resident, Governor James B. McCreary. The preliminary plans, for example, did not call for a ballroom. A renowned host, he maintained such facilities were necessary for a chief-of-state. His advice was heeded.

Governor McCreary had echoed, in more specific terms, Lieutenant Governor Edward J. McDermott's opening message, January 2, 1912, to the Kentucky Senate. Feeling the existing residence was then beyond repair, too remote from the new Capitol and in an unfit neighborhood, McDermott called upon the legislators to "provide a respectable residence for the governor, not merely for his comfort, but for the honor of the state."

(That other old mansion "beyond repair" in 1912 was successfully renovated and restored into what is now a fine residence for Kentucky's Lieutenant Governors.)

Frankfort officials are asking all citizens to volunteer any information they have of the mansion's furnishings, past and present. They are asked to contact the Kentucky Heritage Commission, State Capitol, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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CONVENTION
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will be Thursday evening, with
boarding time set for 7 p.m.

The business sessions of the con-
vention will start in earnest Friday
morning, with membership meetings
of the various chapters (including the
Central-Southern Indiana Chapter
and the Indianapolis Chapter) at 9:30
a.m., and membership meetings of
the Indiana and Kentucky Societies
at 11 a.m.

Fun reigns again at 1:00 p.m.
Friday afternoon with the bus outing
to Churchill Downs Racetrack for an
afternoon of the Fall meets.

Friday evening, the convention
will return to the Brown for the
first dinner program, with cocktails
at 7 and dinner at 8 p.m. And the
make-believe gambling, which
proved so popular at last year's ISA
convention, has been scheduled to
follow dinner and finish off the Fri-
day program.

On Saturday morning at 10 a.m.,
attention will focus on the theme se-
lected for this year's professional
seminars, "The Future of Architec-
ture." All day Saturday will be de-
voted to the two seminars, broken
by the informal lunch in the educa-
tional exhibit area of the convention.
Speakers for the two seminars are
Ambrose Richardson, FAIA, Cham-
paign, Ill., the AIA regional direc-
tor from Illinois, and Herb Swin-
burne, FAIA, Philadelphia, former-
ly chairman of the AIA Committee
on Research.

A banquet and dance Saturday
evening will conclude the scheduled
events, with committee and organi-
zational meetings to be held on Sun-
day.

Programming for the convention
is under the general direction of
Co-Chairmen Lloyd Schleicher, AIA,
and Donald Schnell, AIA, both of
Louisville. Other members of the
program committee are Jean Far-
ley, AIA, Larry Mellilo, AIA, Clyde
Warner, AIA, J. Marvin Gray, KSA
Executive Secretary, and Don Gib-
son, ISA Executive Director.

Virtually all educational exhibits
available at the convention have al-
ready been leased to sponsoring
firms, although some exhibit space
(but not booths) is still available.

The Kentucky Architect
ARBORETUM
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provides a central meeting place
that already is showing its appeal
to garden clubs and similar organi-
sations as a place where they can
meet and learn more about plant ma-
terial of both native and cultivated
varieties.

It is located so as to provide
varied vistas in several directions.
The pattern of walks, pool and build-
ing was inspired by the cross section
of a plant stem as seen in the ac-
companying illustration. This ar-
rangement of beds and walks pro-
vides areas large enough so that
several compatible varieties of
plants could be composed in good
landscape arrangements and yet not
so large that the beds become a pot-
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various colors and hues. The col-
umn of water arises from a natural
stone which was found on the site a
few hundred feet from the center,
and the thousands of fossils imbed-
ded in it add still more interest.

Detailed studies are presently
underway by the landscape archi-
tects to develop a master plan for
the balance of the area. It is ex-
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