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ERNEST WILBY SPEAKER

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The purpose of the meeting was to consider a proposal for advancing the cause of unification of the profession in Michigan by making certain changes in the by-laws of the MSA to give the Institute Chapters direct representation on the Board of the Society and to provide that anyone who is a member of either a Division of the Society or a Chapter of the Institute automatically be a member of the Society.

The proposed changes to Society by-laws were offered as a basis for discussion and for presentation in a finally approved form for consideration by the MSA annual convention in April.

The present MSA by-laws were printed in full in the Weekly Bulletin, issue for September 9, 1941.

With his report, Chairman Black suggested certain procedures, following the adoption of changes to Society by-laws, as follows:

1. The Society withdraw from its present status as a State Association Member of the Institute.
2. Appropriate changes be made in the by-laws of the Detroit and Grand Rapids Chapters to provide for the election of a director to represent the Chapter on the Board of the Society, and to provide for the collection of dues in the manner prescribed by the Society by-laws.
3. The dues of the Grand Rapids and Detroit Chapters be both established at $10.00 per year with $6.00 of this amount to be retained by the Chapter and $4.00 paid to the treasurer of the Society.
4. The dues of all Divisions of the Society be established at $2.00 per year for Institute members and of the dues paid by non-Institute members being $6.00 per year for non-Institute members, with $4.00 forwarded to the treasurer of the Society.
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Action taken at the joint Unification Committee meeting was to approve Mr. Black's proposed changes to Society by-laws and his recommended procedure, except for item 1. It was felt that the Society should retain its affiliation with the Institute. The details of dues and other matters pertaining to by-laws changes are subject to discussion and change at the annual meeting on April 16.

At a meeting of the Board of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., immediately following the Unification meeting, action was taken to the effect that if the Society adopts the plan the Chapter would change its by-laws and elect a director on the Board of the M.S.A. The Chapter Board further decided that Chapter dues should remain at $10 per year, which amount would include membership dues in the State Society.

The Board of the Michigan Society of Architects also approved the action.

Proposed Revisions to M.S.A. By-Laws

ARTICLE I. Organization

Section 1. The name of this Michigan non-profit corporation shall be the Michigan Society of Architects, hereinafter called the Society.

Sec. 2. The purposes of this Society shall be to promote the art and science of architecture; to educate the members of its constituent organizations and others in the art and science of architecture; and to encourage the development of the allied arts, particularly insofar as they may relate to the art and science of architecture.

Sec. 3. The domain of the Society shall be the State of Michigan. It shall function as the state-wide representative of local non-profit membership organizations, the purposes of which shall be substantially the same as those of the Society. Those local non-profit membership organizations may be either Chapters of the American Institute of Architects established under the provisions of the by-laws of that organization, or they may be local groups of registered architects who may or may not be members of the American Institute of Architects, but who have organized themselves locally under the provisions of Article XII of the by-laws of the Society.

Sec. 4. Wherever the term "Institute" is used in these by-laws it shall refer to the American Institute of Architects as incorporated under the laws of the state of New York. The term "Chapter" shall refer to local units of the Institute already established, or as may be established in the future, within the state of Michigan. The term "Division" shall refer to local organizations of registered architects within the state of Michigan in which all members are not members of the Institute, or which have not been officially designated by the Institute as Chapters. The term "Board" shall refer to the Board of Directors of the Society.

Sec. 5. Neither a Chapter nor a Division shall have any title or interest in any property of the Society or be liable for any debt of the Society. The Society shall not have any title or interest in any Chapter or Division nor shall the Society be liable for any debt of any Chapter or Division.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Every architect registered in the State of Michigan who has paid his dues for the current year under a Chapter or a Division shall be regarded as an active member of the Society for that year.

Sec. 2. Every active member of the Society shall have equal rights with all other active members in attending and addressing the meetings of the Society; in voting on all matters affecting the Society; and in eligibility for the holding of office in the Society.

Sec. 3. The Board may elect honorary members from among the active members, except that not more than one such honorary member may be elected in any one calendar year. Honorary members shall be chosen only for outstanding service to the Society and the profession over a period of at least ten years. Honorary members shall be elected for life and shall have the same rights and privileges in the Society as active members, but the local Chapter or Division to which such honorary member belongs shall not assess or collect from them the proportion of the local dues which are to be levied for the use of the Society.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Section 1. The Board shall call at least one meeting of all active and honorary members of the Society each year, which shall be known as the annual meeting.

Sections 2 to 9 inclusive. No change.

ARTICLE IV. Subscriptions, Assessments, Dues, and Fees

Section 1. No change.

Sec. 2. The Board shall set the amount of the annual dues to be paid to the Society by each Chapter and Division. Such dues shall be levied uniformly on a per-capita basis. Such dues shall be included in the dues levied on individual members by Chapters and Divisions; shall be collected by the treasurers of the Chapters and Divisions at the same time that their local dues are collected; and shall be transmitted by the treasurers of the Chapters and Divisions to the treasurer of the Society within 20 days after receipt thereof. The treasurers of the Chapters and Divisions shall accompany their remittances to the Society with the names and addresses of the individuals whose dues are included therein. Within 10 days following receipt of the remittances from a local treasurer, the treasurer of the Society shall mail a suitable membership card to all individuals for whose accounts the dues were received.
Sec. 3. Except for the annual dues the Board may not levy any special assessments without the previous consent of at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular or properly called special meeting of the Society at which such special assessment has been included in the call of the meeting.

Sec. 4. Non-resident architects registered in Michigan may belong to the Society by paying dues directly to the Society, the amount of such dues to be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE V. Officers and Directors

Section 1. No change.

Sec. 2. Each Chapter and Division shall elect from its membership a director to serve as its representative on the Board of the Society. Three additional directors and all officers shall be elected at large from the membership of the Society. The directors representing the Chapters and Divisions shall be elected by the Chapters and Divisions at least ten days prior to the date of the annual meeting of the Society. The officers, and the three directors at large shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society. The immediate past-president of the Society shall automatically become a member of the Board and shall serve until succeeded by the following president. All officers and directors shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

Sections 3 to 9 inclusive, no change.

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Insert words "and Chapters" after the word "Divisions."

Sections 2 to 5, inclusive, no change.

ARTICLE VII. Duties of Directors

Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, no change.

Section 4, add the following sentence at the end: "Any member who is expelled from the Society shall be immediately expelled from membership in his Chapter or Division. Any member of a Chapter or Division who is expelled from membership therein shall immediately be expelled from membership in the Society. Any members who are thus expelled shall have the dues paid by him for the year in which he is expelled returned to him in full.

Sections 5 to 7, no change.

ARTICLE VIII. Elections

Sections 1 and 2, insert the words "at large" after the word "Directors."

Sections 3 to 6, inclusive, no change.

ARTICLE IX. Committees

Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, no change.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, no change.

ARTICLE XI. Publications

Section 1. No change.

Section 2. Change words "by active members" to "by Chapters and Divisions."

Section 3. Eliminate entire present section and substitute the following: "The Board may create special funds from the treasury of the Society for the financing of additional publications."

Section 4. Same, but add this sentence, "The name of the periodical to be partially financed from the annual dues shall be 'Weekly Bulletin, Michigan Society of Architects.' The names of other publications shall be determined by the Board at the time they are published."

Section 5. No change.

Section 6. Eliminate the words "the Handbook and any other publication" and substitute the words, "any publication."

Sections 7 to 10, inclusive. No change.

ARTICLE XII. Divisions

Section 1. Eliminate the words "Members of the Society" and substitute the words "architects registered in Michigan."

then add the following sentences: "Such local organizations shall be known as Divisions and membership in Divisions shall be open to all architects registered in Michigan. Members of Chapters may also become members of Divisions by paying the annual dues levied by the Division, minus the portion that is levied for the use of the Society."

Section 2. No change.

Section 3. Same as before, then add the following: "Whenever the membership of the Institute in any territory assigned to a Division shall become greater than 80% of the combined membership of the Division and the Institute in that area, the Division shall be automatically abolished provided a Chapter exists or is established in the area. If a Chapter does not exist, or is not established in the area, then the Division shall continue in existence until its members or the Board of the Society shall elect otherwise."

ARTICLE XIII. Division Uniform By-Laws

Section 1. No change.

Section 2. Change to conform with Sec. 2, Art. 1, of the Society by-laws.

Section 3. Eliminate entire present section and substitute: "Membership shall be composed of architects registered in the state of Michigan who reside, practice, or are employed in the area and who have paid to the Division the annual dues for the current year."

Section 4. Eliminate entire sub-heat (a) and substitute: "Annual dues shall be $...... payable annually in advance. These annual dues shall include the sum of $...... which shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the MSA as the member's annual contribution to the work of the Society. The portion of the annual dues to be forwarded to the Society will not be levied upon members of Chapters in the area provided the Chapter has already included this item in its annual Chapter dues. Any member who shall fail to pay his annual dues within 60 days after a bill is rendered shall be automatically suspended and if the dues are not paid in full within 6 months after the beginning of the period of suspension he shall no longer be considered as a member of the Division. Members who are in suspension for non-payment of dues shall be notified of that fact by the treasurer of the Division." Items (b) and (c) of Sec. 4 remain unchanged.

Sections 5 to 9, inclusive. No change.

Section 10. (a) Same as before, plus the following: "The portion of the annual dues collected from any member for the use of the Society shall be forwarded by the treasurer of the Division to the treasurer of the Society within 20 days after receipt thereof. This remittance to the Society shall be accompanied by the names and addresses of the individuals from whom the dues have been collected." No change in items (b) and (c).

Section 11. No change.

Section 12. No change.
George Ironside

George W. Ironside, an architectural draftsman, long employed by Smith, Hinchman and Grylls and other Detroit firms, died in Grace Hospital on March 10, at the age of 66. He was a member of St. Andrews Society and the Central Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his son, Robert B. Ironside, and two brothers, James and William Ironside.

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9:00 A.M. — Arrival of delegates. Registration at Junior Room. Informal reception. No registration fee.

10:00 A.M. — Official opening, business session in Junior Room.
  Greetings to the convention—L. Robert Blakeslee, President of Detroit Division, M.S.A.
  Minutes of last annual meeting as published in The Weekly Bulletin, April 21, 1942.
  Report of the Secretary, Earl W. Pellerin.
  Report of the Treasurer, Lawrence E. Caldwell.
  Appointment of Tellers for election of officers.
  Report of Secretary of Michigan Registration Board, Watts A. Shelley.

12:00 Noon — Luncheon in the building — $1.25.

1:15 P.M. — Business Session, Kenneth C. Black, Presiding.
  Report of Unification Committee and general discussion on this subject.
  Report of Tellers on election of officers.
  Report of Liaison Officer, Producers Council Chapter.
  Unfinished business.
  New business and installation of officers.
  Closing of business session.

5 to 7 P.M. — Reviewing of Fenestra architectural competition at the Wardell-Sheraton. Cocktails.

7:00 P.M. — Annual Dinner — $1.50 (remainder of cost to be paid by the Society.)
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On this occasion of the Michigan Society of Architects Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention, for the first time activities will be crowded into one day and one evening. In fact, it will not be a convention in the usual sense of the word, but an Annual Meeting and election of officers.

The most important item on the agenda is Unification of the Architectural Profession in Michigan. Mr. Kenneth C. Black, of Lansing, Chairman of the Joint Unification Committee has called a meeting of the Committee for Thursday evening, April 15, at 8:30 o'clock, at the office of President Palmer, 409 Griswold Street, Detroit.

Says Mr. Black, "There has been considerable off-the-record discussion about the proposed plan, which should be brought out into the open, preparatory to presenting the matter on the floor of the annual meeting."

The Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold a meeting to discuss Unification before the Annual Meeting. The Society Board will hold a breakfast meeting at the Wardell-Sheraton at 8:30 A.M. on the morning of the opening of the Annual Meeting, Friday, April 16. The meeting should thus be able to deal with the subject rather definitely.

Concurrently there will be at the Rackham Building a photographic exhibition of modern buildings. In addition the Detroit Steel Products Co. will display at the Wardell-Sheraton, the competition drawings entered in their recent Fenestra Window contest, with cocktails from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday. Mr. Edgar P. Richardson, assistant director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, has arranged to leave in place, through Sunday, April 18, the Exhibition of Representative Buildings in Detroit from 1823 to 1943. This outstanding exhibition was assembled by Mr. Hawkins Ferry.

A pleasant and profitable day and evening is assured. There will be no reading of lengthy reports or other dry matters. Proposed changes to by-laws have been published and will be voted upon, but not haggled over. Meetings must move fast, owing to shortness of time and it is more important than ever that attendance be good.

You owe it to yourself, to your organization, and, most of all, to your president, Bill Palmer, who is retiring from office after two of the most constructive years the Society has ever had. Too much cannot be said of the splendid job he has done. Let's all give him a big hand by attending this meeting.

As our president has said, officers, directors and committees have cooperated to the fullest extent. There is one man who has done such an outstanding job for the architectural profession in Detroit that, for fear you won't believe it's possible, we state to assure you that, in all seriousness, it is absolutely true. I refer to Charles N. Agree, a swell guy, who this year was chairman of the Architects' Division of the Detroit War Chest Campaign. Here are the figures:

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This showing, in comparison with a dozen other professions and agencies, by far out-did them all. And speaking of public information, or the lack of it, all the profession of architecture needs is a few more go-getters like this and its problems all will be solved.

The annual dinner concluding event of the Annual Meeting bids fair to be a most interesting and instructive program. As stated in the last issue of the Weekly Bulletin, Mr. Ernest Wilby, F.A.I.A., and beloved member of the Detroit Chapter, will speak and demonstrate a new and novel lantern slide projector he has devised, the like of which has never been seen before, and the many friends of "Pop," who have enjoyed hearing him on previous occasions, know that a treat is in store for his audience, Friday evening, April 16.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Earl W. Pellerin, Secretary

The last annual convention of the M. S. A. was held at the Olds Hotel, Lansing, Michigan, on April 3 and 4, 1942. The election results for new Officers and Directors for the coming year were announced on April 3 and the first session of the new Board was a breakfast meeting at 8:30 on April 4. While it has been customary to meet at some interval during the year in the locality of each Division of the M. S. A., the schedule this year had to be adjusted because of gas rationing, etc. Under these revised arrangements the Board has had the following meetings:

- Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan, during annual convention, April 4, 1942.
- Hotel Pantlind, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 12, 1942.
- Directors' meeting was held at Statler Hotel, Detroit, June 22, 1942, at the time of the 74th A. I. A. Convention.
- President C. W. Palmer's Office, Detroit, July 17, 1942.
- Knife and Fork Club, Stony Lake, Battle Creek, Michigan, October 6, 1942.
- Rackham Engineering Building, Detroit, November 18, 1942.
- Webster Hall Hotel, Detroit, January 21, 1943.
- Rackham Engineering Building, Detroit, March 26, 1943.

The attendance at the Board Meetings during the past year was gratifying indeed, with each and every one offering considerable serious discussion on not only today's problems but especially those of to-morrow.

Through the cooperative efforts of both the M. S. A. and the A. I. A. Boards and the excellent work of the Committee on Unification, much has been accomplished on perhaps the most vital problem the Architects have to contend with today.

While unification was of number one importance, State Registration came in for its usual amount of attention. The Registration Board, the competent work of Watts Shelley, the past splendid ground work of Leo Bauer's Practice Committee and the notable cooperation of the Engineering Societies were among the chief contributions in strengthening the effectiveness of our Registration laws.

Consideration was given to the continued effective working of the M. S. A. Bulletin during the War Period, with proper support to continue its splendid undertakings without interruption.

Post War Planning of the City of Detroit, New Government Buildings in this area, Architects' representatives in Washington, Air Raid Protection for School Children and The Architect and the Small House Problems were among a score of other subjects commanding the attention of the Board.

The accomplishments of the Board have been many, and we pass on orchids especially to President C. William Palmer for his refreshing, inspiring and constantly progressive leadership, and to Treasurer Lawrence E. Caldwell for his ever-conscientious and successful efforts throughout the year.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
C. William Palmer, President

In spite of handicaps, such as men leaving for the service, gas rationing, the small office suffering from lack of work, the larger offices having night work, etc., the Michigan Society of Architects can report progress. This progress is due to the constant vigilance of your Board of Directors, the Committee Chairmen and many active members in the Society throughout the State.

To warrant good attendance and still be patriotic concerning gas rationing, the Board has met officially only five times during this year, instead of eight to twelve times as in previous years. Matters of importance that needed attention were taken care of by mail between Board meetings.

With so many absent (some of them officers), either doing defense work in other localities or wearing the uniform, the individual divisions found it difficult to have regular monthly meetings. They solved this problem by joining with the chapters in their localities and carrying on with joint monthly meetings—a benefit to both organizations and another step towards that great unity.

Too much cannot be said in praise to our Committee Chairman on Unification, Kenneth C. Black. While not many meetings were held by this committee during the year, the Chairman had “his ear to the ground,” gaining knowledge how each division was working towards this goal and finally prepared a report which was acted upon favorably at a committee meeting held in March. Details of this report will be discussed in the afternoon session of our one-day convention. Let us hope that a final solution for this great step will be arrived at during this session. Apparently we all are for one great state organization but many details will have to be discussed before all are satisfied. It is not Unification unless all of us are working in unison for one society. Our membership is small and we must all work together.

Our membership has held up remarkably well, in spite of obstacles. Men in the services are exempt from dues, many offices are not busy and many demands are made on our pocket books these days. Many of our members have joined either the Grand Rapids or Detroit Chapters during the past year. They, thinking Unification is in sight, have neglected to support the Michigan Society of Architects. In spite of all this, your hardworking House Committee has “stayed the course” and finally prepared a report which was acted upon favorably.

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To say your president has enjoyed working with you these past two years would be putting it mildly. Never before has he enjoyed anything better than working with and visiting each and every division in this splendid organization. He is turning his office over to a man well qualified to direct.

In closing this term of office, your president wishes to sincerely thank each and every member of your Board for their loyalty to the Society and their superior judgment in solving all problems.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MICHIGAN ARCHITECTURE
Emil Lorch, Chairman

The Society will this year hold its annual meeting in Detroit's fine Rackham Building which is the last monumental structure erected in Michigan. Across the street from this building those attending the meeting will be able to see an architectural exhibition illustrating typical examples of Detroit architectural work erected during the 120 years preceding the meeting. The Detroit Institute of Arts once more shows its interest in architecture and recognizes the contribution of architects in the ecclesiastical, residential, industrial, commercial and other fields; and it is a substantial contribution as demonstrated by many photographs of their original drawings and some models of housing projects. The material was assembled by Mr. Hawkins Ferry, who has also written an interesting essay entitled “Representative Detroit Buildings, A Cross-Section of Architecture, 1823-1943,” in the March number of the Bulletin of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Institute is continuing the exhibition through April 18th and until after the State Society's annual meeting to accommodate architects coming from other cities.
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The collection of photographs, of which there are many fine ones, is available for showing in other cities and might well stimulate the Society's divisional representatives to undertake an analogous study in their cities where many of the same architectural types will be found. Being unframed, the photographs can be transported at slight cost.

The original drawings which are hung are from the Archives of the Art Institute for architectural drawings, the forming of such a collection having been suggested by your Committee. For many years the Burton Historical Collection has had a number of photographs of Detroit buildings and these, along with those now on exhibition at the Art Institute, along with drawings that are now available, form the basis for a comprehensive collection illustrating the architecture of Detroit. That every Michigan city should have a similar collection has during the past few years been urged by your chairman. In many cities the library will be the best depository for such material, and architects will find librarians most cooperative with any manifestation of cultural interest and particularly with anything bearing on local history as the architecture so directly does.

Ever since the Fort on Mackinac Island was restored many have been anxious to see other worthy Island structures rehabilitated, particularly the buildings of the former American Fur Company which underwent many changes when transformed into the John Jacob Astor House. In the process incongruous building units were added and some very unfortunate changes made to the rather competent architectural design and supervision. The Astor family whose wealth stems from the fur trade could not be interested in a restoration, for which there is now a promise. Under the Historic American Buildings Survey a thorough study was made of the buildings under the supervision of Warren L. Rindge, assisted by Charles L. Norton and others, whose drawings should form the basis for an authentic restoration. May the charming Presbyterian Chapel and other buildings which have been surveyed also soon receive much needed attention and thus round out the most interesting group of early buildings of the old Northwest.

An attractive feature of the American Institute of Architects' national meeting in Detroit last June was the visit to Greenfield Village. There Mr. Henry Ford has among other things brought together many interesting early structures; recently there was re-erected in the Village the house of Noah Webster, the house in which he wrote the famous dictionary and which formerly stood on a site now occupied by one of the new Yale University buildings. It is a large almost square house with a delicately moulded pedimental gable which was pierced by a many-paned window of unobtrusive height. Of central hall type and good proportions and detail the house had acquired some curiously elaborate additions, among them bays which destroyed the original simple mass. Many of these accretions have been eliminated and the interior adapted to serve some of the practical social purposes of the Village; some of its buildings stimulate interest in distinguished Americans and American history as only buildings can and their preservation sets a notable example for many communities where beautiful and worthwhile buildings, some with fine associations, are neglected.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Earl W. Pellerin, Chairman

The realm of discussion and effort of this Committee has mostly to do with the promotion of higher aesthetic, scientific and practical qualifications of the younger men in the profession, students and draftsmen, the architects of "Tomorrow." On several occasions during the past year members of this committee, as well as other interested architects, have discussed our problems, with the result that many suggestions have come to light and several have been carried out. Many of these ideas will have to wait until after the war.

Student groups were invited to many of our lectures on Architecture or City Planning and a number of dinner meetings and evening student discussions brought forth much enthusiasm. Several lectures and illustrated talks were provided by members of our Society to clubs, student groups and faculties.

Your chairman, with Mr. J. W. Leinweber, represented the architects at the annual vocational meetings conducted by the Engineering Society for all interested high school seniors. About twenty potential architects came to have questions answered which took the entire evening, and like last year was considered well worth the effort.

A recent survey by this Committee showed that a smaller number of students were studying architecture in the State this year than last and under present war regulations the number will be greatly reduced by next fall. To substantially curtail architectural education for the duration would be a severe blow to the profession as well as to reconstruction after the war. It is hoped "Our Architectural Front" will do something to allow study in architecture to continue in a rightful proportion to that in other professions.

Accuracy is very essential at present when preparing lists of material requirements for construction work, the General Builders Association of Detroit points out to architects.

With the Controlled Materials Plan, allocation methods, the Priority system and various other restrictions or limitations in operation under the present conditions, the lack of a small amount of material may produce far reaching and serious consequences. Several cases have come to the attention of the Association where an inaccurate estimate in the application upon which the allocation was based, made it necessary later to obtain further approval requiring contact with local, regional and national officers, and then locating, purchasing and expediting the additional material.

It adds a heavy and unnecessary expense in overhead, innumerable long distance telephone calls, traveling, time of executives in clearing the situation, and causes considerable delay to the work.

Examples might be cited, such as requirements for concrete form work, where in certain cases there has been no allowance for nails, form ties, and an entirely inadequate amount of reinforcing steel or omission of reinforcing steel ties, wire and chairs.

In cases the amounts of two specific materials have been transposed or reversed.

Electrical fixtures were lacking in one case and in another there was no provision for finish hardware.

Confusion on waterproofing, including the asphalt content or the iron content, delayed certain work.

Several cases have come to the attention of the Association of many necessary items, which were not allowed for pumps but there was no allowance for motors to connect to the pumps in another.

Architects and contractors are equally desirous of good results and the situation described above can be quickly corrected now that experience has brought it to light.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
Bransen V. Gamber, Chairman

The Committee on Public Works of the Michigan Society of Architects has addressed itself to the important consideration of post-war planning for the city of Detroit. At the same time it is cognizant of the fact that the state of Michigan is also awake to the need for such planning, and that some steps have been taken in that direction.

A very considerable amount of work has been done by the City Planning Commission of Detroit to prepare plans for the building of much needed facilities and improvements for the city when it is possible to do so. Following the example of other cities the plans are to be made ready during the period of the war, so that there may be no delay in the necessary work after the cessation of hostilities.

The architects are finding their place and taking it in this joint effort to do the best possible job of making plans for the future, and arranging to set up definitely as much of this material as possible in usable form. Meetings have been held with the representatives of the other architectural and engineering professions to insure concerted and effective endeavor.
DETROIT DIVISION REPORT
L. Robert Blakeslee, President

This year the Detroit Division celebrated its Fifth Anniversary. The membership has grown to 229, which is particularly gratifying in view of the times.

In September, when President Cornelius L. T. Gabler left to join the Marines, a new president, vice-president, treasurer, and director-to-state were appointed to fill vacancies.

This year the Division was asked to hold joint meetings with the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The meetings were varied and interesting. In October we heard Dr. Sigfried Giedion, author and lecturer on architecture, speak on "The Changing Aspects of Com- architecture." At the November meeting Mr. F. Hamlin, Librarian of Columbia University, and author, gave a most interesting talk on "The Architecture, Planning and The Citizen." In January we joined with the Producer's Council and the Chapter at Webster Hall to enjoy a buffet dinner, an educational film, and entertainment.

The Annual Meeting was held in February, at which time the following officers were elected for the coming year:

L. Robert Blakeslee, President
Eberle M. Smith, Vice President
Buford L. Pickens, Secretary
Paul R. Sewell, Treasurer
Talmage C. Hughes, Executive Secretary
Lyle S. Cole, Director to State

A very enthusiastic response was given to Mr. Watts Shely, Executive Secretary of the Registration Board, for his preview of the talk which he will give before the State Convention.

After dinner the members adjourned to the Scarc Club to meet with the Metropolitan Art Association. Mr. Talmage C. Hughes, chairman, conducted an architectural forum on the Master Plan for Detroit. Speakers who participated in the forum were Mr. George F. Emery, of the City Plan Commission, Mr. C. William Palmer and Mr. William Kapp.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
ARCHITECTS-BUILDERS' AND TRADERS' GOLF COMMITTEE—Season of 1942
William F. Seely, Chairman

Twelve months have whizzed by since we had the pleasure of meeting in this room. So many things of great importance have happened since then that it now seems so very important to consider such a minor incident as a golf report. But for the record of the record we set down the facts and figures and are pleased to give out as follows:

The first outing was held TUESDAY, MAY 19, TAM O'SHANTER COUNTRY CLUB—WEATHER, FAIR AND WARM, a perfect day. 64 played golf, 79 had dinner.

Second: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, ORCHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB—WEATHER, PARTLY CLOUDY, a little on the cool side. Tem. 65 degrees. Light shower at 12:30 before game. 80 played golf and 75 had dinner.

Third: TUESDAY, JULY 21, BIRMINGHAM GOLF CLUB—WEATHER, PARTLY CLOUDY AND WARM. Heavy shower at 6:00 p.m. 96 played golf. 109 had dinner. This was our biggest party and everyone reported a good time.

Fourth: TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, PLUM HOLLOW GOLF CLUB—WEATHER, FAIR AND WARM, gentle breeze, a most perfect day. 90 played golf and 96 had dinner. This was our first visit to Plum Hollow and many raved about its fine condition and picturesque layout. The dinner was served from shrimp cocktail through filet mignon on to the ice cream. And then an open book to which our hosts have felt good about this ever since. The old cup has had a lot of stuff put in it during all these years, but nothing compared to the comfort and good cheer that this filling produced. On departing as our recorder Miss MacFarland gave us Miss Wilma Page as her successor and Wilma responded with an appropriate speech, and to back it up she has met all the requirements of the job.

Fifth: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, LOCHMOOR CLUB—WEATHER, FAIR AND WARM, light shower at 6:00 p.m. 72 played golf. 95 had dinner. This also was our first time at Lochmoo and the boys had a tough time without caddies. School was in and only the early birds were fortunate in getting caddie carts.

Sixth: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, PLUM HOLLOW—WEATHER, FAIR AND WARM, another perfect day. Temperature 68. 74 played golf and 106 had dinner. Everyone had such a good time in August at this Club that they all voted to come back to Plum Hollow, and took the occasion to again honor our only twice past President—the one and only Jess Stoddard. This being the 71st anniversary of his birth, Jess, as was his custom, had the big punch bowl well filled with a very satisfying beverage and all libated to his health and happiness. The Rayl Company gave out some unsolicited merchandise as special prizes, which were gratefully received.

This Season differed somewhat from some of the others insofar as only one special guest was present, this one being C. Wm. Palmer, President of the Michigan Society of Architect whom we elected the festive board at the first outing.

CUP WINNERS—Three years of the cup were John Howell, Earl Sheeley, Charles Kemp, Floyd Heineman, Ralph McMullen and Bill Squire in the order named.

VITAL STATISTICS—456 played golf (average of 76); 560 had dinner (average of 93).

These figures tell us that our attendance was under that of 1943, when 505 played golf and 578 had dinner. Thus we lost 49 golfers and only 18 diners. This is easily explained. Many were so situated in this war year that they could not get away during the day and some, of course, were in the Armed Service.

Total cash received was $2,007.50. Paid for green fees, dinners, fêtes to pros and locker room boys, service charge for caddies, gas, oil, machinery, and miscellaneous expenses comprising sales tax on goods, service charge for caddies, gasoline, oil, mechanics, and repairs and miscellaneous expenses. This sum was paid out for prize certificates still outstanding.

As recorded 109 was the tops for this year's attendance, yet over the season 260 different men made their appearance.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE—The following were present at all of the outings: Ben Capp, Floyd Heineman, Wm. F. Seeley and Jess Stoddard.

HONOR ROLL—Those who have played golf with us and are now in the Armed Services are:


Contractors—Maurice Quinn and Fred Sibley, Jr., Builders and Traders—Darwin Gothro.

General Builders' Association—George W. Combs.

In closing we wish to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Brederich, our President, for his fine support, to Ed. Brunner, our Secretary, for his excellent job of publicizing the outings; to all the directors who were present at one or more of the outings, to Miss MacFarland (now it can be told was unique as far as golf outings were concerned. Those of you who were there will long remember the cash shower we had for Miss MacFarland's coming event. (Mrs. Darwin Gothro) $104.00 was received to "pay for the baby," as she put it. The money was put in the big cup and Miss MacFarland then was called in to take a look. Her deep-felt thanks was finely expressed and we know you fellows have felt good about this ever since. The old cup has had a lot of stuff put in it during all these years, but nothing compared to the comfort and good cheer that this filling produced. On departing as our recorder Miss MacFarland gave us Miss Wilma Page as her successor and Wilma responded with an appropriate speech, and to back it up she has met all the requirements of the job.

What of 1943? Not being a prophet for anything but the weather, it is impossible to predict whether or not we will
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be able to carry on. Our big job, of course, is to help Win the War. While doing this if we can manage to get in an outing or two, you can rest assured that we will do our utmost to provide a way.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

John C. Thornton, Chairman

In closing the 29th year of activity, your Membership Committee reports an active membership of 390. We feel, under the present conditions, that this is a very satisfactory showing. During the past year the Government borrowed the following 22 members for military service:

- Emil Becsky (N)
- Stanley Bragg (A)
- Capt. Cornelius L. T. Gabler (M)
- Lt. Don R. Hunter (A)
- Major Hugh T. Keyes (A)
- Capt. Edgar R. Kimball (A)
- Robert Knox (USN)
- Major Norman Kreeke (A)
- Capt. Leslie G. Larkin (A)
- Miller E. McConnell
- Lt (jg) A. E. Messing (N)
- Leo N. Perry

Do not ask that we say a word about B. H. Freeman. He has retired, and it is not our function to take up this subject here.

They are as follows:

- Clair Allen
- Albert M. Bielawski
- John S. Claus
- Capt. Cyril E. Schley (A)
- Capt. Ralph Adams Cram (A)
- John S. Claus
- Capt. H. Jerome Darling

This past year a membership has been built up by contacting delinquent members by statements from the Secretary, personal contact by the membership committees in the various Divisions, and a continuous run of notices in the Bulletin.

At this point it might be mentioned that if the members would pay their dues immediately, rather than wait for a statement, it would financially benefit the Society and greatly reduce the work of the Treasurer and the Membership Committee.

At the close of each year, it is rather interesting to look at the relative rating of each Division with respect to its paid-up membership (100% = Registered Architects in Division Area). At the present time they are as follows:

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In looking into the future, your Chairman would recommend Mr. Donald A. Kimball of Saginaw for the Chairman of this committee for the coming year, because of his excellent work during the past year.

Mr. Joseph C. Godfrey, President of the Saginaw Valley Division, has written a letter to this committee suggesting a change in the boundary of the Saginaw Valley Division. This suggestion was made because of the inactivity of certain members because of their present location. We are attaching the letter and making it a part of this report for such action as the State Society deems advisable.

The Membership Committee respectfully suggests that the State Society investigate the advisability of having its Treasurer collect a larger dues and refunding a portion thereof to each Division. This would eliminate the discrepancy which now exists between the State Society Membership List and the Divisions Membership List. The State Society lists an architect in his respective division when he has paid his state dues. The Division, on the other hand, does not recognize him until his local dues are paid.

In closing, the Chairman wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of his Committee, the Presidents of each Division, and the Treasurer of the Society for their aid in building up this Society's membership during the past year.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Leon M. Beaver, Chairman

It can be expected during war time that the activities of societies and professional organizations must be curtailed. It is not to be expected that the activities of an organization will lessen as readily as the activities of the professions. The situation is applicable to the Michigan Society of Architects. The Committee on Professional Practice has had the following to report.

- No cases on professional conduct have been presented to the Committee during the past year.

The Committee long ago pointed out the deficiencies in the law. Committees have been employed for the purpose of preparation of amendments which would strengthen the Act. Architects generally were unwilling to accept the recommendations of the Committee because of not having the fullest cooperation on the part of the engineering profession. Information has come to Committee about expressing a feeling that the necessity of the law as a means of securing a uniform registration with the Architects in strengthening the Act at a future special or regular session of the State Legislature.

It can be said that the central feature of the fact that at least one case of malpractice has been brought against architects by the State Board of Registration which would compel the registration of one or more individuals. In instances the Michigan Supreme Court have ruled that the State Board is without authority to substitute its opinions for qualifications fixed by the Legislature. No blame can be attached to the Michigan State Board of Registration for the weaknesses in the Act by preparing professional practices. The Board cannot function in the absence of strong governing body without fortification through a proper law. With the strong governing body, the Act appears to be in order.

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BY FRANK BARCUS, CITY PLAN COMMISSION
Author of "All Around Detroit"

On a cold, winter's night, just 50 years ago, a raging fire destroyed the Capitol School, Detroit's only high school, located at Griswold and State streets; a fire which also marked the end of the first capitol building of the State of Michigan.

It was only the day before the fire that Mayor Hazen Pingree and the members of the boards of health and education inspected the Capitol School. Mayor Pingree, after going over the building, prophetically exclaimed: "It's singular this thing has never burned down. It seems to be a regular fire trap."

"It's that kind that never does burn," one of the board members replied.

"I guess that's so," the mayor replied.

A few hours later flames roared through the structure leaving only part of the outside walls standing and looking exactly like London after a Nazi bombing raid.

"The firemen appeared promptly on the scene," reported the morning paper, "and on gaining entrance at the front door were saluted by a dense cloud of smoke, which drove them back.

"Simultaneously, a bright flame shot up and seemed almost instantly to possess the building. Streams were turned on and concentrated to the best advantage, but the fire made steady headway, crash succeeding crash, as one part of the building and then another gave way.

"The scene presented was grand in the extreme."

The cornerstone of the structure was laid in 1823. Five years later Michigan's legislature met in the new building for the first time.

In 1837 Michigan became the 26th star on our flag and immediately agitation was started for a new capitol building to be located near the center of the state. Ten years later the state capitol was removed to Lansing.

At this time Detroit did not have a single high school. The first high school class was inaugurated on August 30, 1858 with 25 pupils, all boys. The class was held in the top floor of the Miami avenue (Broadway) school building, today the administration building of the Board of Education.

Five years later the high school found it necessary to expand and it was then transferred to the second floor of the old capitol building which had been deserted for 16 years.

For 12 years the high school remained in the capitol building without a single alteration to the original structure. In 1875 an addition was made to the front part of the building, an ugly and discordant bit of architecture, a fire trap and a constant source of the mayor's and council's headaches. In fact, the general feeling was that the fire was a good thing.

An editorial in the newspaper the day after the fire had the following to say about Detroit's only high school:

"The burning of the High School has removed a fear that has long haunted every parent in the city, the fear that it might take fire while occupied. The result shows how well founded this fear was. Had such a fire as consumed the building caught while the school was in session, the chances are that we should have had a horror the like of which the country has never witnessed. The structure was probably the worst ever built so far as fire protection is concerned. And there has never been any systematic fire drill to prepare either teachers or pupils to act in an emergency.

"It did not even have the fire escapes which are regarded as so essential in all buildings of more than two stories in height, occupied by a large number of persons.

"Thousands of fathers and mothers will breathe more freely now that the dangerous structure has disappeared and is to be used no more."

"The loss will occasion some inconvenience and expense, but it is a blessing which more than compensates for all that."

Mayor Pingree visited the ruins the morning after the fire and told the reporters, "The ruins of the high school will be cleared away at once. It is a strange coincidence that the old building, old fire trap, should burn when we were in the midst of a seemingly endless discussion about its sanitary and dilapidated conditions, ventilation, fire hazards, Griswold street widening, etc. etc. Why it's the strangest thing I ever heard of. I can't say that I am sorry. It is certainly well ventilated now and the Chamber of Commerce need worry no more about its removal."

The lack of a fire escape on the building caused a great deal of belated discussion. At the investigation one inspector said he didn't believe it was a feasible scheme to put fire escapes on school buildings. I know of a parochial school that has a fire escape and I do not believe that six children would escape by this means if a fire should break out.

The school supervisor said, "There was not a decent fire escape in Detroit and if children attempted to escape by way of a fire escape, such as are in general use in Detroit, they would fall and break their necks."

After the fire temporary quarters for the 11th and 12th grades were found at Temple Beth El, and the rest of the school found quarters at the Biddle House, while plans were made for the new Central High School on Cass Avenue.

In the meantime suggestions were made for erecting various buildings on the capitol site and for cutting a part of the site in order to straighten Griswold Street.

J. L. Hudson, Detroit's leading merchant, fought against decreasing the size of the site for the Griswold Street straightening plan. "We have none too many of these little breathing spots," he said, "and I don't believe it is right to give up any of them for any purpose whatever. I would rather give $50,000 than have the Library Park site covered with buildings and I believe that every man who lives or does business adjacent to one of our little parks feels as I do about it."

Charles M. Burton (Abstracts and Titles) suggested a $25,000 fireproof building located on the site and utilized as an office for the Wayne County register of deeds would relieve the City Hall to the extent that the proposed $450,000 enlargement would be unnecessary for the next 25 years.

A week later the council decided that the site should be left vacant and not occupied by any building of any character.

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That is a good idea and I have favored the same thing. A statute of anybody, that was proper, would be all right. There’s room enough for half a dozen."

Three years later a park fountain carved out of Tufa Rock was erected on the site and in 1905 a statue of Michigan’s boy governor, Stevens T. Mason, was erected back of the fountain.

The cornerstone of Central High School was laid in 1894 at Cass and Warren Avenues. This antique structure is still used today as the main unit of Wayne University. What a world of difference between the schools built at the turn of the century, especially high schools, and those built within the last generation.

In those days there was practically no scientific study of the school problem. Hideousness was part of the schools’ architecture. The youth of Detroit as well as the rest of the country spent most of their hours in their most impressionable years amid surroundings that were far from congenial.

It would be interesting to have Warren Dow, superintendent of schools, or Tal Hughes of the Michigan Society of Architects to discover how much of the hatred which a man cherishes for Algebra or History came from the subjects themselves and how much from the grisly buildings and the musty interiors in which these subjects were taught.

The fire hazard has been nearly eliminated by means of wide corridors and safe and adequate exits. Modern heating and ventilating plants now provide a constant temperature and pure air in part of the old conditions of dusty, germ-laden atmosphere. Lighting has been scientifically studied. Furniture has been made more attractive, as well as practical, and interiors are treated in simple materials, but with warm friendly textures and colors. Auditoriums, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sound-proof doors, are now considered standard equipment in all high schools. The buildings themselves reveal their purpose in an honest way and yet are pleasant to look upon. Progress in school design is thus keeping pace with all other modern progressive movements.

Since the Capitol High School fire Detroit has had two disastrous high school fires. On November 17, 1909, Cass High burned down and on February 25, 1935, Western High was destroyed.

On Post-War Planning
C. W. Palmer Quotes Walter MacCormack

Last week I phoned the editor that we should have an article in the Bulletin on post-war planning, with a view that all parties in the building industry should select their committees, who in turn should select one man to report to the head committee in each territory. This head committee should be headed by an architect, who in turn would report progress to a national committee in Washington headed by the A.I.A.

It has been called to my attention that at present in this locality there are several organizations now working on a post-war program with no direct contact with other similar committees with allied interests. I cite a few for example: Associated General Contractors, Builders and Traders Exchange, Producers Council, etc. The architects in Michigan are working strongly for unification in their profession. Now is the psychological time to go one step further and establish unification of the Building Industry for this particular period.

This plan would eliminate misunderstandings, avoid duplication of effort and in the end would accomplish more than various groups working separately.

The architect is primarily a planner and it is his duty to plan such an organization in his locality.

I had in mind writing such an article and sending it to the Board of Directors of the A. I. A. and if they approved, have such preliminary work done so that the Producers Council, Associated General Contractors of America, Building Trades Council could be invited to attend the Annual Convention in Cincinnati to put such a plan into action.

Walter R. MacCormack has taken "all the wind out of my sails," for on March 10 I received the following letter, which tells the whole story in a nutshell, and the plan is well under way.

To the Presidents of the Chapters and State Societies of the American Institute of Architects.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Post War Reconstruction has been working for two years to build up a national organization including all elements of the building industry related to post war reconstruction problems. Through the efforts of this Committee, such a national organization was formed on December 16, 1942, including: architects, planners, engineers; producers, manufacturers, labor; banks, insurance companies, building and loan associations; medical, health, and recreation groups; chambers of commerce, real estate boards, educational groups, agricultural groups, women’s clubs, and others.

The function of the national organization is to discuss and formulate major national policies. Your Committee on Post War Reconstruction proposes that action committees be organized locally to carry out the program developed by the national committee and that the leadership in this work be assumed by the local Chapters and State Societies.

Now is the time for action. The architects of America have the greatest opportunity in the history of the profession to assume leadership in the field of replanning and reconstruction. There is no possibility of failure in this effort, if we unite. The result will be to place the architects in a positive, and not a negative, position before the public. We shall not be asking alms from government agencies; we shall be representing the public in such a war as to earn for ourselves public confidence and esteem.

In order to prepare for the program which the Post War Reconstruction Committee is planning each Chapter and each State Society is requested to appoint a strong Post War Reconstruction Committee. Please send a list of the members of your Committees to the Chairman. The Chapter and State Society Committees will be given a program on which to work.

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By Walter R. MacCornack, Dean, School of Architecture, Massachusetts's Institute of Technology, and Vice-President of the American Institute of Architects

Because of many requests for extra copies, Dean MacCornack's article is herewith reprinted from the February 9, 1943 issue of the Weekly Bulletin.

Within the past few years the question of post-war reconstruction has become a problem of national interest. Many national organizations formed post-war reconstruction committees. To further post-war reconstruction constructively, it was proposed to create the nucleus for a national organization at a meeting held in Detroit, June 24, 1942. This national organization has for its chief objective, national legislation relating to the rebuilding of cities, and as a second objective, the creation of organizations in each community whose responsibility will be to secure action.

The question of full employment is regarded by an ever increasing number of thinking people as the No. 1 problem facing all nations, and they also believe it is international as well as national and local in scope. Many industrialists in the United States are making considerable progress in laying the groundwork for transforming from a war production basis to a peace time production basis within a minimum of job losses. This problem should be given local consideration before the war ends in order to prevent a return to the wide-spread unemployment of pre-war times, with the resultant building up of large government bureaus to operate various types of artificially stimulated make-work programs paid for out of taxation. Neither government nor industry nor labor believes our country can survive as a free democracy on an artificially stimulated economy.

Many economists believe that the relationship between production and credit should be more elastic, that the two should be made to synchronize, and that this should be accomplished by a closer supervision by the Congress for the purpose of lessening the severity of depression periods. Several national administrations have advocated this idea, and it has the support of several prominent bankers. A plank was included in the platform of the Republican party last year covering this national point. This is a subject which might be considered immediately by the national group. Though it is a national matter, the local organizations should collaborate.

On all sides, suggestions are made that the entire tax structure of the country should be studied with a view to creating a more scientific and equitable taxation method. For instance, in many communities the tax on real property is creating thousands of cases of tax delinquency, depriving home and farm owners of their property, and threatening our large urban centers with bankruptcy. A wholesale foreclosure on tax delinquent property would lead to government ownership of large sections of our cities and rural communities. There is evidence that there is too close a relationship between the taxing authorities and the spending groups, and that the method of assessment and the amount of tax levied are too often based on expediency and not on sound economic principles. Some method of relieving this situation must be found. This matter should be taken out of the talk stage and action secure. It is a national as well as a local problem, and it is recommended that it be studied now.

In one mill city of New England a city administration, in order to meet its rapidly growing annual budgets, consistently raised the assessed valuation on the mills of the city with the result that a majority of them moved away. The city was declared bankrupt, and its management placed in the hands of a finance commission appointed by the State. Rigid economy was put into effect, and the city, after ten years in bankruptcy, is now solvent. The assessment against the mills was beyond a real value.

The right to raise taxes on property, even though a limitation may be fixed by the law, is often abused. The tendency is to tax as high as political expediency will allow, with the resultant building up of large government bureaus to operate various types of artificially stimulated make-work programs paid for out of taxation. Neither government nor industry nor labor believes our country can survive as a free democracy on an artificially stimulated economy.

It is suggested that consideration be given to the creation of a taxing authority entirely divorced from political control, whose duty it shall be to assess on a sound economic basis. Since any wholesale reappraisal of real property on a true economic basis would often result in a materially reduced operating fund for cities, some well worthwhile economics would result, and more business-like political
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Housing projects on land at a dollar per square foot, which is not at all unusual in our national housing experience, means building low cost housing on land costing $43,560 per acre. This is absurd, and leads to overcrowding in order to overcome high land cost per dwelling.

In New York City, a low cost housing project is proposed on land costing $5.00 per square foot, or $217,800 per acre. At 20 families per acre, which should be a maximum, the land cost per dwelling unit would be $10,800. Add to this a minimum cost of $5,000 for a dwelling unit, and total cost is over $15,000 per family, on government subsidy. Providing decent homes for the lowest third of our people is impossible under present land and building costs.

This situation should be faced, and the present policy of building for the middle third under various subterfuges to reduce rents should be reviewed with some care by all of the honest advocates of decent housing for the underprivileged. One fact is certain. As yet no dent has been made in the vital problem of overcrowding on any other than the physical approach of tearing down some outmoded buildings and replacing them with costly structures to be occupied by tenants who are not the ones for whom the original slum elimination program was intended.

Land costs must be deflated, and while several methods have been advanced, no opinion has been developed. This is a problem for immediate attention.

Legislation is a problem of national, state, county, and municipal significance.

(a) CONDEMNATION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS BY PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. State legislation will be necessary to permit private corporations to condemn such residue of land and buildings as cannot be acquired at a fair price by negotiation.

(b) BUILDING CODES. The building codes, according to a recent statement by Albert Kahn of Detroit, are a millstone around the neck of the building public, and add very materially to the cost of building. This is a problem of immediate need and is one that can be started at once.

(c) ZONING OR LAND USE ORDINANCES. It is well known that cities are over-zoned for some types of buildings, and that is not a good situation for either property owners or cities. There is a large excess of property zoned for business, and since this property is generally assessed at a higher rate, the owners of such property not needed for business purposes are penalized by higher taxes. In many cities, there is abuse in the enforcement of the zoning laws. Since the zoning laws and the building codes are to a large degree dealing with the close relationship between buildings and their sites, one ordinance should cover both matters, and should be under the same enforcement authority. This enforcement agency should be composed of qualified technical people and should be protected from political influence.

(d) POLICE POWER TO RAZE OBSOLETE BUILDINGS AND CONTROL THE USE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES. One of the reasons for the continued use of buildings already in existence for purposes for which they were not intended, and which are unsafe for certain types of occupancy, is the failure to enforce properly and justly the police power which exists through the power of the states to guarantee safe and sanitary conditions for the occupants of the buildings. Public opinion should insist upon the proper exercise of this power against property owners seeking to use buildings in a manner unsafe for the health of the people. Action should be started at once to correct this situation.

Decentralization of cities is a broad question and its answer depends somewhat on the movement and development of industry after the war. There are two types of decentralization.

(1) LOCAL. This is a more even distribution of population over the metropolitan area, which would relieve the crowding in the centers of our large urban communities.

(2) EXTENDED. This is a wider decentralization by the removal of sections of the population to areas some distance from the centers. The movement should be voluntary, and be brought about by creating opportunities for employment, and the relationship between places of employment and habitation should be a prime consideration.

The consensus of opinion among planners today is that the planning authority should be regional and not restricted to one political unit. This means coordinating political boundaries and the establishment of regional governments, or at least as a beginning, regional control over the many common necessities of the area, such as streets, sewers, lighting, water, transportation, and other elements of common use.

The creation of strong planning boards should be encouraged, and they should be given competent technical personnel and should be removed from the local influence.

A case in point is the creation in New York of the Public Health Research Institute. This Institute is granted $100,000 a year for ten years by the City of New York. Public Health authorities describe it as "one of the most significant milestones in the history of man's struggle against disease, promising to usher in a new era of cooperation between scientists and municipalities for the benefit of all mankind." New York has signed a contract which guarantees the Institute the right to operate with entire freedom, without any possibility of interference from political groups. Here is the basis for the operation of any planning or code-writing bodies having to do with broad questions of public welfare. The planning work should be permitted to proceed on the basis of securing the best results for the city, without any political interference, which should be given immediate attention.

Development of neighborhood units is the basic principle long advocated in rebuilding sections of cities, and was indicated on drawings submitted to the various interested groups when a report was first made in 1930 on the program under consideration. This program, when put into action, should be started at once to correct this situation.

The time is not too far distant when heat, light, power, refrigeration and garbage disposal will be supplied by new methods and processes not yet released for manufacture. These will render unnecessary the delivery of coal, oil and ice and removal of ashes and garbage. The necessary advances in this field, which are being held back by the war effort, are very considerable, and point to much lower first costs and lower maintenance and operating costs for the utilities in buildings.

(b) RELATION OF AIRPLANES AND AUTOMOBILES TO PLANNING. This question has been raised by the manufacturers and will have some effect on the broader aspects of planning. The necessity for consideration is not immediate, since it must await the results of the development of types of planes and
automobiles after the war. The necessity for in-town landing fields for planes, especially, must await until developments indicate the possibility of small planes which can be landed in small areas.

(c) OFF-STREET PARKING. Surveys made in several cities indicate that the majority opinion among business interests favors the elimination of parking on street and the creation of parking areas. This is a matter of importance to business interests. A survey shows that the amount of area in our cities required to carry on normal business activities is much less than the area zoned for this purpose, or even of the area actually used. The problem is to locate adequate parking facilities. Outstanding examples of successful business building in cities are those having the foresight to acquire enough land to provide adequate parking space for the patrons of the buildings. There is no need to delay the attack on this problem. Parking areas on the edge of the business district, with bus service on a zone fare basis to the town business district, is one solution.

The recreation problem is one of major importance. The experience of New York in reducing its juvenile delinquency very materially because of its large recreational program points to the importance of an early study of the problem. Small playgrounds located frequently for the use of the younger children would not be an expensive first cost, and the program might be begun in one or two of the worst areas and be made part of a long range recreation program. Certain properties not fit for dwellings, might be foreclosed and used for the purpose of recreation. The problem is to locate adequate parking facilities. Outstanding examples of successful business building in cities are those having the foresight to acquire enough land to provide adequate parking space for the patrons of the buildings. There is no need to delay the attack on this problem. Parking areas on the edge of the business district, with bus service on a zone fare basis to the town business district, is one solution.

The Government housing policy for the past ten years may be criticized on the grounds of types and costs of dwellings. Why do we build multiple unit housing on expensive land in congested areas when we have so much land available in America? This type of housing built in the centers of our cities on costly land and under excessive building code requirements adding unnecessarily to the cost, has resulted in our failure to make even a start on the task of supplying decent housing to the lowest third of our population. The basic argument for our housing program was to provide housing for this lowest third.

We are housing many families in these urban housing projects who would be better off in the outlying districts on cheaper land, and in much less costly units than those required by the city codes. Land for gardens could be provided and those people would be partially self-sustaining. In working out such a plan, consideration for employment should be given. At the moment, there is no reason to house them in the hearts of the cities. The location of the home and the place of employment is an important element in housing

Our housing policy has resulted in dwelling units costing from five to six thousand dollars, which is a higher cost than the average tax payer can afford for his own family. The cost per family unit under our present policy, and the average income per family under our pre-war economy are too far apart to bring any lasting solution to our housing problem. Something needs to be done at once; first, to reduce the cost of homes, and second, to increase the earning power of millions of our people.

In our American democracy, our people grew up to believe in the right to own a piece of land and a house. Lately we have copied the housing policies of European countries, whose economy and shortage of land seemed to lead them toward socialized housing. We have turned away from our own conception of home. The socialized theories of Europe have proven to be a failure, and the governments of Europe, which have regimented their peoples not only in a military way but even to the extent of telling them where and how they shall live, will ultimately disappear from the earth. Perhaps our own conception of home is not so far from the truth.

Private versus government construction is a problem, the solution of which will ultimately depend upon the lowering of building costs and on an increase in family incomes. The lines of demarkation between private building and government subsidy must be determined.

Prefabrication, simplified standards, new materials, revised distribution methods and revised codes are basic matters in the reduction of building costs, and should receive the immediate attention of the building industry. Reduction of costs is essential for a continued satisfactory volume of home building.

Unfair practices are matters which vary with localities, and are a burden to the consumer. Undue restrictions in contract, finance, labor, manufacturer and code practices, when determined to exist, should be stopped, and the best way is by a concert public opinion in opposition to all unfair practices. Much has already been done in the matter, and the work should continue.

A question which must have consideration before any progress can be made is how to finance the project or projects. The failure of private capital to enter the reconstruction field will result in a government-financed public works program, probably without the planning study required. The costs of this program would come out of the pockets of the tax payers. This question should be examined at once, since no program can be undertaken until various problems connected with financing can be settled.

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ELECTED AT 29TH ANNUAL MEETING; UNIFICATION BROUGHT NEARER; WILBY HONORED

John C. Thornton, of Detroit, was elected president of the Michigan Society of Architects at its 29th annual meeting at the Rackham Memorial Building April 16. Others elected include Roger Allen, of Grand Rapids, first vice-president; Robert B. Frantz, of Saginaw, second vice-president; Adrian N. Langius, of Lansing, third vice-president; Earl W. Pellerin, Lawrence E. Caldwell and Talmage C. Hughes, all of Detroit, were reelected secretary, treasurer and executive secretary, respectively. Three directors, elected at large, are Kenneth C. Black, of Lansing, Frederick C. O’Dell of Ann Arbor, and Lyle S. Cole of Detroit.

Directors elected by Division include David E. Anderson, Upper Peninsula; A. B. Chanel, South West Michigan; R. V. Gay, Central Michigan; Ralph W. Hammett, Ann Arbor; Donald A. Kimball, Saginaw Valley, and Emil G. Zillmer West Michigan. Since Lyle S. Cole was elected a director from the Detroit Division, and also at large, his successor will be George F. Diethl.

Thornton, head of the architectural department of The Detroit Edison Co. since 1916, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1913. For the past year he has served as first vice-president of the Society, having been advanced to that office after serving six years as treasurer. During that time he was instrumental in increasing the Society’s membership from 150 to over 500. A native of Sturgis, Michigan, he now resides in Royal Oak. He is a member of The American Institute of Architects and for several years has been a member of the Institute’s Committee on Structural Service. He is also a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Michigan Mineralogists Society.

At a pre-convention meeting Thursday evening Kenneth C. Black and his Committee on Unification prepared the way for action on that subject and necessary changes to the by-laws, which were dealt with at the final business session.

Mr. Black’s Report on This Action Follows:

Prior to the adoption of these amendments the Society was a State Association Member of the American Institute of Architects but had no official connection with the Chapters of the Institute in Michigan except thru a 50% overlapping of individual memberships. The active membership of the Society for 1942 was approximately 450 of whom about 200 were also members of the institute.

It was the sense of the Convention that the architects of Michigan are opposed to any plan of unification which is based upon the setting up of different classes of membership. They believe that “unification” simply means the establishment of a single organization in which all members have equal rights and privileges. They believe that every registered architect should have the right to join such an organization and to remain a member as long as he subscribes to the principles and standards set up by the organization. They believe that all dues should be collected in such a way that by a single payment to the local unit the

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Committee on Education and for Mr. MacMullan, report and we regret the error both for the sake of the added item sent by Ralph A. MacMullan, of the General Builders’ Association. This had nothing to do with Earl’s changes in the By-Laws are intended to provide a working basis for an official relationship between all existing organizations during the change-over period.

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2. That the Detroit and Grand Rapids Chapters of the Institute be requested to immediately invite all active members of the Society who are not now members of the Institute to join the Institute on a corporate membership basis.

3. That the Society recommend to it’s non-Institute members that they accept the invitation to corporate membership in the Institute as soon as it is received.

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5. That all the related organizations jointly work toward the establishment of a single Michigan Chapter of the AIA with Branches or Divisions similar to the present organizational pattern of the Society.

It is hoped that these actions will result in such an immediate and rapid increase in corporate memberships in the Institute that the form of organization proposed in the fifth motion, as listed above, can be quickly established. The motion, as listed above, can be quickly established. The motion, as listed above, can be quickly established.

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THORNTON (Continued from Page 1)

individual automatically becomes a member of all architectural organizations operating within the State and Nation. They further believe that such a form of organization can be accomplished under the corporate membership provisions of the American Institute of Architects provided the Chapters of the Institute will abandon their time-honored policy of selective membership and will open their membership to all architects who are registered to practice their profession within the State.

In order to establish this democratic principle of organization the Convention unanimously adopted the following related motions:

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He was born in Ossett, Yorkshire England in 1868. Coming to Canada in 1872, where he attended school, he returned to England to complete his education at Wesley College, Harrowgate. He gained his early experience in offices of leading architects in Canada and London, England. In 1903 he was engaged by Albert Kahn of Detroit and soon thereafter became an associate of the firm and designed many important buildings, originating the concrete pier and steel sash type of industrial building, first exemplified in the Ford plant at Highland Park, built about 1910.

Of the many buildings he designed in association with the Kahn office, Mr. Wilby lists as his favorites the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor and the Detroit News Building.

The associatehip with Albert Kahn was dissolved in 1918 and in 1923 he joined the faculty of Architecture at the University of Michigan as an instructor in architecture, receiving his professorship in 1926. In 1929 his declining health made it necessary for him to give up active teaching, but he was retained as visiting lecturer on architectural subjects.

Mr. Wilby is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences, London, England; an honorary member of Tau Sigma Delta, and Alpha Rho Chi architectural fraternity at the University of Michigan. He was vice-president of the Windsor Society of Arts in 1939. He has been vice-president of the Architectural League of America, Detroit patron Beaux Arts Society of New York, acting judge of art in Detroit Public Schools, and judge for the Society of Arts and Crafts, in Detroit.

His interests are diversified and include besides architecture, fine and applied arts, travel, the design and fabrication of objects in the home, handicrafts of all kinds, science, philosophy, literature, music, landscape architecture and gardening.

Two years ago, when Mr. Wilby was made a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, Albert Kahn said, “One of the best investments I made early in my professional career was the engagement of Ernest Wilby. I flatter myself at having had the courage to engage him at a salary considerably higher than what I expected to earn myself, but it proved a wise move. For some fifteen years we remained associated—Mr. Wilby’s influence playing an important part in the work of the firm. Possessed of the highest ideals, excellent judgement and a rare sense of the practical, such acclaim as our work subsequently received was in large measure due to Mr. Wilby.

“We were doing residential work mainly at the time, though his first work with us was in connection with the old engineering building at Ann Arbor. Presently we entered the industrial field which gradually brought us the Evening News Building—perhaps our most successful structure of the kind, in the design of which Mr. Wilby played an important part.

“The University’s connection with our office during the many years evoked the highest regard of every member of the organization, warmest admiration for his rare talent and real affection for his kindly and helpful personality. What was our loss proved to be a real gain for the architectural department of the University of Michigan, where his fine work among the students has been such an inspiration.

“I am happy at the Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects about to be conferred upon Mr. Wilby. The Institute is honoring itself in so doing”.

Mr. Wilby was the feature of the evening giving a demonstration of a new projector which he had developed.

Peter Hulsken, our “Foreign Delegate”, came in for special recognition from the toastmaster, Branson V. Gamber. The Resolutions Committee thanked the retiring president, C. William Palmer, the officers and Board, for their splendid work, Kenneth Black for his work on Unification, Bob

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Blakeslee and the Detroit Division for convention arrangements, The Engineering Society of Detroit for the use of their beautiful building, The Detroit Steel Products Co., for the exhibition and cocktail hour.

A resolution stated the belief that the Society should assume a major roll in post war planning, and another expressed the conviction that there is misunderstanding of the profession of architecture on the part of the public, and that the committee on Public Information review the possibilities of remedy, that the Practice Committee review improper practices and that the APELSCOR Committee promote the adoption of principles of practice with the object of having them included in the Act.

As an item of entertainment, Bill Cory gave some recitations of his latest poems. The banquet hall was filled, every one of the 125 places set being taken.

Delegates elected to the A.I.A. Convention in Cincinnati, May 25-28 are Messrs. Palmer, Pellerin, Thornton, Harley, McConkey, Eisen, R. V. Gay and Donald Kimball. The Detroit Chapter had previously elected Messrs. Wells Bennett, Kenneth Black, Blakeslee, Ditchy, Frantz, Gamber, Hughes, Lorch, Diehl and Leone.

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FENESTRA COMPETITION

Conferring on window designs entered in a nationwide $2,000 prize competition arranged by Detroit Steel Products Company are six Midwestern architects, pictured, who served as judges in the competition, and a representative of the manufacturer. Judging took place in Detroit April 10th. In the photograph, left to right, are Edward C. Conrad, of Cleveland; R. W. Weed, Eastern sales manager for Detroit Steel Products Co.; Alfred Shaw of Shaw, Naess & Murphy, Chicago; C. William Palmer, of the American Institute of Architects, and president of the Michigan Society of Architects, who served as professional advisor; Amedeo Leone, of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit, who served as chairman of judges; Robert B. Frantz, of Frantz & Spence, Saginaw; and John N. Richards, of Mills, Rhines, Bellman & Nordhoff, Toledo.

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RASEMAN—BURGETT

Miss Elizabeth Burgett of Evanston, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Alexander Burgett of Albion, Michigan, became the bride of Richard Perren Raseman of Bloomfield Hills, on the afternoon of April 9. The ceremony took place at the home of Miss Florence Davies, society editor of the Detroit News, with Rev. Merrill O. Bates, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian church, officiating.

The reception, following the ceremony, was held in the home of Miss Davies, which was beautifully decorated with bows of white tulips, roses, freesias and snapdragons for the occasion.

The bride is a graduate of Albion college and took graduate work at Wayne university and also attended Cranbrook Academy of Art. She is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and at the present time is assistant professor in the art department at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill.

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TOR EWALT

Tor EWALT, an architectural draftsman, who came to this country from Stockholm, Sweden, died in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, on April 19. He had been employed in Detroit architectural offices for several years. He was well and favorably known and his many friends will regret to hear of his passing.
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