SOME THOUGHTS ON PREFABRICATION

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Wherein “Goldy” unburdens himself on a moot question

They have sent your post cards over from the office. I’ve been having a bout with a bug and it bested me but I’m coming through without another attack of pneumonia (for which Detroit is still fresh in my memory).

I don’t see how you manage to run a weekly. I ran a quarterly for my fraternity for seven years. My trouble was not with the “must go” articles but with the “didn’t come” ones. Too often I had to hurriedly write those that didn’t come. It was during that period that I took to writing doggerel to fill in “short papers.”

Thanks for the compliment. I’ll admit that I am a bit rabid on the subject of prefabrication and the fear that some architects have for what they think it will do to architecture. But I fear me I couldn’t write it. Anyway, Morgan Yost about said it all in the January 4 issue of the Weekly Bulletin. His history of the start of prefabrication in house building was very interesting.

I like his pointing out that change in house building will be evolutionary, not revolutionary. Our modernists seem to think that the change must be immediate — “presto! change!” — and we will have a completely new domicile, entirely different from anything ever before imagined. If that were to happen, what a lot of homesick people there would be!

This evening I heard Buckminster Fuller (of Dymaxion house fame) say, “I know that after the war houses will be mass produced.” Maybe, but I am more ready to believe Morgan Yost when he says, “Your home of the future will be designed for you alone.”

Of course, we have mass produced automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines (why not launderators?) and even ships, but does that prove that houses will be mass produced? Some

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DETROIT CHAPTER, A.I.A.

Wednesday, March 22, 1944
Dinner at 6:30 P. M., Promptly
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Accompanying the speaker will be Mr. John Howard Raftery, A. I. A., of Chicago, director of Chicago’s Master Plan Division.

“A master plan for a city is simply an agreement on the part of its citizens, first as to what should be done, and, second, as to how to do it,” Mr. Kincaid says.

“It expresses the philosophy of a city’s people and is a framework on which to develop post war plans.”

He emphasizes that so-called blighted areas in cities cost taxpayers more in the way of city services than such areas return in taxes. This type of area, he says, is a prime consideration in any future planning.

“In Chicago the blighted area problem is being solved by combined efforts of property owners and city administration officials,” Mr. Raftery says.

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Tennessee Chapter, A. I. A., Annual Meeting
April 1, In Knoxville

The Tennessee Architect, News Letter of The Tennessee Chapter A. I. A., announces the Chapter's annual meeting, to be held in Knoxville, on April 1, 1944. Among the interesting items in Vol. 2, No. 2, The News Letter's issue of Feb. 15, 1944, is the following:

Last month we had the honor of receive from Mr. Russell E. Hart, quotations from his recent manuscript "Art Values" and we feel that it should be included in this issue for a twofold reason for its contribution to the subject on architects and engineers and also its literary value. Mr. Hart writes as follows:

"An outstanding example of collaborative work in the field of Architecture is the Tennessee Valley Authority. It is conspicuous because it is a successful experiment in heretofore unachieved collaboration between the two professions, architecture and engineering. There is here a fulfillment of human needs on a vast regional scale comprising parts of seven states. It illustrates the successful use of concrete masonry serving at the same time as both architecture and structure. And finally, the multiple purpose to which the project is dedicated concentrates thereby, at each of the eleven or more plants, fulfillment of multiple needs . . . .

Here is structure and architecture achieved at one stroke by joint effort—I had almost said merging—of two distinguished professions. The observer sees and feels both, simultaneously on and under the 'skin.' 'Firmness and Commodity' have been incorporated not because required by law and the owner but, together with 'Delight' they contribute unconsciously as honored signatories towards a distinctive American Architecture.

Gone are separating lines and traditional nakedness to be 'covered,' for beauty is integral. Consistency and honesty in treatment of mass and surface are conspicuously beautiful both for intrinsic value and absence of mere pose for some other masonry material. Characteristics and limitations of concrete have been intelligently recognized and the finished result bears such evidence of effective collaborative ministration as to presage more extended adoption of the union."

Iowa Chapter Annual

IOWA CHAPTER, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, is a handsomely bound mimeographed book, reporting the proceedings of the Chapter's Forty-First Annual Meeting, held in Des Moines, November 30, 1943. Besides by-laws, a list of members, list of committees, personnel and duties; officers, directors and executive committee, the volume contains committee reports and a most interesting and comprehensive report on the Cincinnati Convention of the A. I. A.

OFFICERS ELECTED ARE: Leonard Wolf, president; William L. Perkins, vice-president; O. G. Woody, treasurer; Burdette Higgins and J. Woolson Brooks, directors.

Reprints from Pencil Points' report on two architectural competitions sponsored by the Kawnree Co., of Niles, Michigan, were found with the volume. An exhibition of the original drawings of the competition was held at the annual meeting.

Now that winter has set in with a determined effort to make up for lost time our Aesthetic Director and Inspector, Mr. Amedeo Leone, packed his bags and headed southward. The southernmost point of these United States didn't hold enough sunshine, so crossing the border, he will spend two weeks in Mexico City where intensive study of Ancient Spanish, Aztec and Modern Mexican Architecture will be pursued. Acapulco will be visited to accumulate rest and suntan with occasional dips in the tepid Pacific Ocean. I know everybody wishes AI a wonderful trip which he deserves.


University of Penn., Jan. 13, 1944—Word has been received that the American Group of the Societ des Architectes Diplomes par le Gouvernement (Francois) has again awarded the University Medal to the Department of Architecture for the best record of high awards for the year 1942-43. At the same time James Beswick Francis, who graduated last June, received the Prix d'Emulation for the highest record of any student submitting work in the Beaux Arts judgments during that period. We have been advised that the University Medal will be presented by representatives of the "American Group" to President Gates at the graduation exercises on March 4th; while that to Mr. Francis will be at a special luncheon of the American Group in New York City.

GOLDSMITH

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of them, yes—there were some before the war and there will be more after it—but not in a way to displace the architect or make him an employee of the "Eureka Prefab Home Co."

Prefabricated houses may take the place of the "free plans" of the lumber yard, but very few architects have competed with the lumber yards for the low priced houses. They couldn't afford to give proper service for the miserable fee received.

What about transportation? At first autos were moved from factory to agency on their own wheels, then stacked on freight cars and finally on specially built trucks, but eventually assembly plants were scattered about the country because it was cheaper to ship "knocked down." Of course, prefabricated houses must be shipped "knocked down" also, and crated. The rates will be higher than for lumber by the car load. I cannot see any great economy to create a rush of buying, the economy would come through large orders—several thousand houses turned over to one buyer. It will take time to develop that sort of market, if it ever eventuates. Meanwhile, with people naturally conservative and most of them wanting a return to "normalcy," which they will not get, the building of architect-planned houses will continue where it left off, while awaiting the manufacture of new prefabricated parts, which will be incorporated as they come—but architects will do the incorporating.

The Architects' Small House Service Bureau tried to solve the problem of architects' services for the small house of low cost, as did the F. H. A. and the H. O. L. C., with a selective plan service, providing limited architectural service. Perhaps prefabrication will succeed in filling this need.

Architecture is not dead. I cannot see prefabricated fireproof schools, churches, university buildings, or even factories. These will not be shipped in panels from a central prefabricating plant. They will continue to be designed individually by architects, using such prefabricated sections as are available and fitting, and as to homes, I question if a large enough percentage of these can be sold through mass production to make mass production worth while.

Now, call me an old fogy. Well, I've unburdened myself on prefabrication without writing the article you seemed to want—or did you? I see you said, "Would like to hear from you on prefabrication." Well, you've heard, but not in publication form. It's merely the sputtering of a man who has been housed up too long and who hates to hear the lamentations of a lot of mourners over a coffin that doesn't contain a corpse. Where is our imagination?

"Imagination is the window through which the soul looks at reality."
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

A Communication from Walter T. Rolfe, Chairman, A.I.A. Committee on Education

Your A.I.A. Committee on Education extends its encouragement and best wishes and asks your help in strengthening our profession. These are a few of the real contributions each chapter can make to a nationally unified program of education in the broadest sense.

As Chapters and architects without interference with current assignments

1. We can use the word “architect” wherever and whenever possible. Our contributions as overall planners and coordinators in peacetime or war also need to be made known.

2. We can make clear to young architects and to the public that competent contemporary architects are business men and technicians as well as creative designers. Modern practice requires a fully rounded service—esthetic, structural, mechanical—and we must be competent in all of them.

3. The coming expenditure of vast funds in public and private construction affords our profession the most unusual opportunity it may ever have. We need to inculcate in American youth, in our young professional people, and in ourselves as practitioners that educated sense of citizenship, so necessary to the whole broad planning idea. We can take a much more active and personal interest in civic and local affairs.

4. We can urge stimulating speakers to direct an informal public opinion on
   a. Architectural education and practice.
   b. The place of the architect in contemporary life.
   c. The Architect at war.
   d. The modern architect and post-war living.
   e. Replanning and rebuilding our cities and communities
   (Any others that may apply to your own local situation.)

This program should be co-ordinated with the programs of local and national public relations and publicity committees.

5. We can take, if we are located where an architectural school is nearby, an active, friendly interest in its welfare, helping to define the needs of the future architect and lending wholesome encouragement to the school.

6. We can write encouraging letters with constructive suggestions to our national officers and committees of the Institute.

7. We can take a sincere interest in the young men coming up in the profession. They are our hope of tomorrow and much of their attitude toward our profession and the Institute is a direct result of our treatment of them.

8. We can remember, as in other well established professions, to keep the constructive professional point of view. Compliment architects in the presence of others. Let us be sure that negative criticism cannot be misinterpreted by the general public, by other architects, or by the other professions.

9. We can get better acquainted and cooperate with fellow professional practitioners—engineers, lawyers, specialists. We can become more active partners in everyday living and in the conduct of professional and other business.

10. We can establish contact with our state registration or licensing boards and support their efforts to maintain proper standards of qualification for registration.

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David Knickerbacker Boyd

David Knickerbacker Boyd, member Emeritus and Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, collapsed in his Philadelphia office on February 21, and died shortly afterwards in Hahneman Hospital. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Boyd was a graduate of Friends' Central School in Philadelphia and attended the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and the Spring Garden Institute.

As executive secretary of the Independence Hall Association, Inc., he was most recently interested in safeguarding historic shrines in Philadelphia and in improving the area around them. He designed the Philadelphia Carnegie Library building and a number of public and private schools and industrial buildings as well as many housing developments.

Mr. Boyd was a lecturer and writer on construction economics, a consultant on building codes and during the last war he was chief of the Materials Information Section of the U. S. Housing Corp., Washington.

Following World War 1, he originated "No airy visions, no party doctrines, no party prejudices, no political appe­

ations. These plans must be prepared now.

Illustrations are of reconstruction plans for European cities and cover controversial approaches. It deals with democracy, science and philosophy in city planning, as well as many other phases.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Monday, March 6, 8:15 p. m. An illustrated lecture on "Etching and the Master Etcher, Rembrandt" by Isabel Weadock, Curator of Prints at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the third in a series of talks on The Democratic Arts: Engraving, Etching and Lithography. Miss Weadock will discuss the technique of etching as perfected by Rembrandt and that artist's prowess in depicting Scriptural scenes and landscapes.

Tuesday, March 7, 8:15 p. m. The fourth in the Film Forum series: World War II and After. The pictures shown will be Crisis—The Nazi Way, a camera report on Czechoslovakia under the terror of both Hitler and the appeasers, and The Czechs March On, a unique film of the Czech soldiers now in exile in Britain. Informal discussion will follow the pictures with Dr. Kathryn Robb of the English Department of Marygrove College serving as chairman.

March 6-March 25. An exhibit of photographs showing various types of architecture under construction and completed in the Willow Run Federal Public Housing areas. Many human interest shots of life at Willow Run are included. First Detroit showing.

Admission to these events is free.

Annual Report, Detroit Department of Buildings

In the Thirty-Third Annual Report of the City of Detroit, Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering, Commissioner Joseph P. Wolff points out that December 31, 1943 marked the Department's Silver Anniversary, adding that, "With it's combined kindred activities organized to function as one of the city's governmental units, the department during the past quarter century has more than vindicated the perspicacity of the authors of our present charter. It is well to mention by way of comparison, that there are relatively few cities in the country that have their governmental units so established and equipped as to render all allied safety inspectional services in one department."

And it goes without saying that we are voicing the opinion of the entire architectural profession hereabouts when we add that no building department in the country has been better administered. We have been singularly fortunate in having a progressive department that has a record of competency, fairness and the ability to keep a building code in step with the times.

Scholarships, College of Architecture and Design University of Michigan

The College of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan announces the establishment of a scholarship fund of $25,000 in this college from the Arthur C. Tagge bequest. For the present it is expected that two scholarships, of $325 each, will be awarded annually.

Candidates may be students in architecture, landscape architecture, painting, or design, and shall have been in residence in this college for at least one semester. Preference will ordinarily be given to advanced students.

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UNIONISM IN THE PROFESSIONAL RANKS

By Dalton R. Wells, A.I.A.

The subject of unionism in the professional ranks, both Architecture and Engineering, presents today a matter which must be given serious thought, if architectural and engineering employees are at all concerned as to their future as professional men. It is not a matter which can be allowed to run its course in the hope that all will turn out well in the end. Those who think that way will sooner or later realize that during their period of indifference to this vital issue those furthering the union movement have enlisted a vast number of professional workers into a Union, with promises of betterment in their positions through collective bargaining by Union representatives.

This matter was exploded into the open last summer at the Sunflower Ordnance Works at Eudora, Kansas, where a group of more than 100 professional engineers and architects appealed for the right to be represented by their own bargaining group and protested inclusion in a bargaining group represented by the International Federation of Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen's Union, A. F. of L. Local No. 30. The entire sub-professional group working on this project, numbering around 350, voted in the main to be represented by Local No. 30. The answer to that is easy, and that is not the only such case on record. This entire matter is reported in considerable detail in the July 1943 issue of "Civil Engineering," published monthly by the American Society of Civil Engineers. I quote the two final paragraphs from the article in the July 1943 issue:

"The situation may be summarized somewhat as follows:

"This case very clearly shows that a group dominated by sub-professionals was attempting to establish itself as the bargaining agent for the professional engineer and architect employees; that the professional engineer and architect employees did not wish to be represented and outnumbered by a group of sub-professionals and that to protect themselves it was necessary for them to form a bargaining group of their own. It may be said, too, that there is need for recognition of a situation with which the professionally minded employee has not previously had to deal. As this article goes to press, the WLB panel in Kansas City has not handed down its decision."

In subsequent issues of "Civil Engineering" there have appeared articles from various sources pertaining to this subject matter. The article in the February 1944 issue is undoubtedly not the last, for this matter is of vital importance to every architect and engineer employee, to say nothing of its ultimate possible importance to every employing Architect and Engineer. Not even the gist of these various articles can be given here. Every professional employee should digest such articles to apprise himself of the serious thought being given to this matter and to inform himself of the constructive work under way to protect the professions of Architecture and Engineering.

In the February 1944 issue of the Journal of the American Institute of Architects, there appears an article "The A. S. C. E. and Collective Bargaining" by Ezra B. Whitman, President, American Society of Civil Engineers. Also, "Union or Profession?" by Clement J. Freund, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Detroit. Most certainly the A.I.A., in its official publication, would not have published these two articles by non-members if the subject matter was not of the utmost importance to the future of both professions.

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The speaker of the evening will be Mr. James Livermore, Mechanical Engineer, The Detroit Edison Company. He will review a paper which he presented at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the A.S.H. & V.E. in Pittsburgh in June 1943. The subject of his paper is "Study of Actual Versus Predicted Cooling Load on an Air Conditioned System." Some interesting observations made during the test period not included in the formal paper will be discussed.

DEAR TAL:

I am writing you relative to Mr. Chas. B. McGrew's able article on "Housing After the War" appearing in this week's issue of the Mich. Soc. Archts. Bulletin; The article in question was greatly appreciated by the Architectural section of the F. H. A. and myself.

We think it would be a fine public service if you in your official capacity would forward the article to the Readers Digest, or a similar publication having a wide circulation, for the benefit of the general public, who have been greatly misled as to just what to expect in Post-War Housing.

Mr. McGrew, a leading architect, is recognized as an authority on Housing, both here in Detroit, and in Washington, and has had years of experience on the subject of which he has so ably written, and we feel that his analysis on Post-War Housing would be very enlightening and much appreciated by the lay public.—Frank H. Rile, A.I.A.

In conformity with the plan for unification of the Architectural Societies in Michigan, at a meeting held by the West Michigan Division of the Michigan Society of Architects, it being found that more than 80% of the active members of the M.S.A. were also members of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, a resolution was adopted terminating the organization of this division, in accordance with the By-laws passed at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Society of Architects on April 16, 1943.—Harry L. Mead, Acting Secretary, West Michigan Division, M.S.A.

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A MASTER PLAN
By F. Gordon Pickell, A.I.A.

A City has as many complex problems, as the mind of man can visualize and analyze, but it is, in its primary aspect, one unit functioning in various degrees of good and bad to the welfare of the cooperating whole. There are four minor aspects which are primary in man's needs (a fifth might be listed as the commercial side, but distinct as the thumb is from the four fingers of the hand). These must have a fair balance to support the city's ability to supply a life worthy of what its citizens should have.

First there is the home (housing). 2. Parks (life). 3. Transportation (Time and nerve saving). 4. Parking (public car storage). These in total should mean safe foot movement, all simple needs and the common desires of every one. But where are the blueprints for a workable sample of this much desired composition of a modern city life?

To date all efforts to replan or improve our cities have been done on the old pattern, of tinkering with the horse and buggy product, as though our present 40-mile cars could be mixed and used in any quantity with the 4-mile pattern of our ancestors.

There is much talk at present of Master Plans, but for such we must have Master Minds. Where are they to be found? "Curse of our age, that the ideas are so great, and the men so small."

Through a chain of events that could easily have been seen by our "leaders," we are now pouring out millions of lives and leisure to eliminate the devils in the Huns and Japs. Who will say that we cannot afford the cost of putting safeguards on the machines we use, so that our children and the rest of us can be safe? If we have to put separate levels for our wheels and our feet, for the 4-mile and the 40-mile which kills like a war, because they cannot be made to mix, we must do just that.

We submit that the solution to our problem will not come from the traffic engineer, nor from experts in any one line, nor from a scheme to make profits, but from a view of the whole picture where the child shall give the lead. A strangely simple idea for a technical man to advance, but vision is given to the poet and withheld from the practical man. It just works out that way. To care for the least is to care for all.

This, in brief, is the formula, but we must never forget that a minor remedy to a major evil is worse than no remedy at all. Our plan must be organic, no spot treatments, if you please. First the wheels must run free in channels above the foot path and above parking places. Second, the clearance space for these channels and our housing must be as much park space as we can afford. This is what is nowhere to be found and what we must have. This plan will give us ribbon neighborhoods with housing insulated from the noise, danger and congestion of our motors and our playgrounds forming a screen and silvian frame to our traffic ways.

For a sample of the typical disjointed approach to the heart of this complex problem I can do no better than quote an editorial from my Manchester Guardian just received (Feb. 11, 1944). The title, "CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS."

"When Wesley was drawing up rules for his school at Kingswood he said that he allowed no time for play because he who plays as a boy will play when he is a man. No school of moralists would take that stern view to-day, but the slow progress we have made in providing playgrounds for children shows that we have treated what everybody now agrees to be an essential need of childhood with deplorable negligence. The coming of the motor age would not have been such a disaster to child life if children had not been driven to find their playgrounds in the streets. This was pointed out in 1936 by an interdepartmental committee on road safety. What is wanted is a large supply of small playgrounds. The Five Million Association, was started to bring home this special need to the public mind. There is a great opportunity for action on these lines now. The funds are preparing their reconstruction plans, and the Leeds City Council has set an excellent example in arranging to provide half acre playgrounds at intervals not exceeding half a mile. The secretary of the Five Million Club states that there are at least 5,000,000 children in England and Wales who have no playgrounds within reasonable walking distance of their homes, and he pointed out that most large towns are much better off for bowling greens than for playgrounds. (Manchester, for example, has seventy-nine bowling greens for thirty childrens playground). For two of the pressing problems of child slaughter and of child delinquency, this inexpensive programme is a most obvious remedy."

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BOSTON SOCIETY

In Harvard Hall of Harvard University, on March 8, the Boston Society of Architects had as its guest of honor and speaker His Excellency, Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He spoke on the subject of "Post War Problems."

Reporting the meeting of Feb. 1, 1944 the B.S.A. 'Duration Bulletin' states:

"An interesting discussion was precipitated when the President called for informal discussion pertaining to the advisability of changing the name of the Boston Society of Architects to denote the embrace of a wider geographic area. A show of hands seemed to indicate a desire to include the word 'Massachusetts' somewhere in our title. In view of the fact that such a change must follow a prescribed procedure according to the By-Laws, it is thought wise at this time to call to the attention of the members that this subject, after due notice, will formally be brought before them for consideration. Prepare your arguments, and when the time comes, let's hear them."

"The most prominent question of an Institute insignia to pin on our waistcoats has again reared its head. At the request of the President for a show of hands it was indicated that the majority of the members present were favorably inclined to wear such a device. Inquiries are being made to determine the existence of such insignias and if and where they may be obtained. The members will be informed as to the results, if any."

F. L. VENNING

Frank Lotan Venning, 56, an architect who desired many famous churches and university buildings around Chicago, died Feb. 18. Mr. Venning designed the Kent College of Law, the Chicago Medical and Dental Laboratory, the Cloister Apartments, Palmer Square Evangelical Church and the Lutheran Building, as well as many others in the Middle West. Surviving are his widow, Margaret, two daughters, Frances and Lois, and a son, Lt. Jack, now overseas.

William Muirhead, president of the Muirhead Construction Company, Durham, N. C., was elected president of the Associated General Contractors of America at its 25th annual meeting held in Chicago February 19. He succeeds Oscar B. Coblenz, Baltimore, Md. H. A. Dick, Portland, Ore., is the newly elected vice-president, while E. M. Rust was chosen secretary-treasurer.

At the meeting of the Dearborn Historical Society, held the evening of March third, the members listened to a discussion of the design of our state capitol by Professor Emil Lorch. Typical capital buildings, their evolution, the conditions under which they were designed and erected, and their setting were discussed.
"Chicago Plans" will be the subject of Mr. Kincaid's address. He will speak of the progress which has been achieved to date by the Chicago Plan Commission toward the evolution of a Master Plan for Chicago. Important among the details of the planning program will be the plans on the development of an expressway system; improvement of subdivision standards; design suggestions for development of areas now vacant; proposals for rebuilding blighted areas; sketches on airport facilities; and a complete outline on the use of land within the City of Chicago. All of this material will be illustrated with the aid of kodachrome slides to graphically display the maps, charts, and photographs bearing on the subject.

Mr. J. Howard Raftery, A.I.A., Director of the Master Plan Division on the staff of the Chicago Plan Commission, will accompany and assist Mr. Kincaid.

The Chicago planners are bringing with them an exhibit illustrating the various parts of the Master Plan. The Chicago planning program appears to be parallel in many respects to the very significant work being done by the Detroit Plan Commission, and it will be interesting to compare notes on two large industrial centers which are blueprinting their futures.

H. Evert Kincaid became Executive Director of the Chicago Plan Commission on July 1, 1943. He had been serving as Acting Executive Director since early last January when the former Director, T. T. McCrosky, was granted leave of absence to accept a commission with the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Mr. Kincaid was graduated from the University of Illinois in city planning and landscape engineering. Shortly thereafter he became associated with the Illinois State Board of Health. In 1936 he was appointed Building Inspector of Springfield, Illinois, and in 1939 he became City Engineer and Director of Public Works in the City of San Antonio, Texas, continuing in this capacity for several years.

Mr. Kincaid was Chief Land Planning Consultant for the Federal Housing Administration for a period of five years, supervising and directing the FHA land planning activities in the eleven mid-western states with Chicago as his headquarters. This work included consultation with subdividers and builders in the planning and development of new subdivisions and housing projects and with municipalities regarding zoning and subdivision control regulations.

In November 1941 he resigned his position with FHA to become director of the Master Plan Division of the Chicago Plan Commission. It was under his leadership of this division that most of the major physical phases of the emerging Master Plan were initiated and developed.

Mr. J. Howard Raftery, A.I.A., Director of the Master Plan Division of the Chicago Plan Commission, is a graduate of Princeton University. He completed post - graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and spent some years of study in France and at the American Academy at Rome. His training has been in architecture, town planning, engineering, economics, and political procedure. For 15 years prior to 1942, he was associated with the architectural firm of Frazier and Raftery, Chicago.

Mr. Raftery is a member of the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and is well known in the architectural and construction fields. He has distinguished himself as well in the field of graphic arts. His lithographs of historical Chicago structures and scenes are now included in many important collections, among them the Chicago Historical Society, the Rosenwald Collection, and the Chicago Art Institute. His work has been exhibited in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and in Carnegie International Exhibition.

The Director of the Master Plan: Plan is a World War veteran, having seen extensive service with the A.E.F. Air Force. After completing his training with the Royal Air Force, he served on active duty over the front lines with the 8th Aero Squadron, U. S. Army, under the command of Captain John Gilbert Winant, now Ambassador to Great Britain.

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ASHTON ASKS BROAD OUTLOOK

A.I.A. President Says Architects Should Lead Planning

Raymond J. Ashton of Salt Lake City, speaking at Providence, R. I., March 8, urged architects to work for the interests of their community as a whole in postwar planning "and not to sit tight and consider only architectural problems."

He was a speaker at a New England regional conference of The American Institute of Architects, held under the auspices of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Institute.

Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.
Dinner Meeting

Wed., March 22, 6:30 p.m.

See two preceding issues of The Bulletin for complete announcement.
Reservations necessary for dinner.
All Architects and guests welcome at program, 8:00 p.m., without reservations.

THEY MINISTER TO THE PEOPLE

By Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.

The Texas Issue of the Weekly Bulletin just received! 'Me und Walter' nearly fill it. Since you published what I said was not an article, I am glad you included the part that said so. I did not even re-read what I had written as I had no thought that it would be published.

Also I have received three issues together, two dealing with unionism, one with certain paragraphs marked. I like his quotation from Dr. Bush: "In every one of the professional groups, however, will be found the initial central theme intact—they minister to the people." This is truest, of course, of the medical profession, and even they have members who minister solely to their own pocket books.

I think, also, that it is truer of architects than of lawyers. There is, however, a preliminary period when the architect must give serious consideration to his pocket book. In the early days of his practice it is most important that he make a living or he will never be able to let his ministry to the people be uppermost in his mind. However, even in these days of early struggle for mere existence, his professional mind will make his ministry to the people an important element in his work. Only the union type of mind will be wholly controlled by personal selfishness.

Young Mr. Mather's reply to Dean Freund illustrates this union type of mind. He speaks of "this type of Jesuit mind. Its threats of damnation, excommunication, interdict, etc." He says: "The fundamental law of this country is clear; a man shall not be discriminated against for race, creed, color or for political beliefs in conformity with the Constitution." Admitted. But is he not discriminating against Dr. Freund's political belief, if that term may be used, that unionism is antagonistic to professionalism? Apparently he would hold his own union point of view and deny Dr. Freund the right to his belief. Because of his opposite point of view, Dr. Freund has "this type of Jesuit mind!" Since when has a Jesuit type of mind believed in ministry to "the people"?

Mather considers Freund's statement that one must choose between being a See GOLDSMITH—Page 3
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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a reprint of a mimeographed sheet. We welcome back into the field a most pithy production.

Relax Hughes! The purpose of this bulletin is not to put Tal Hughes out of business (as if anyone could) or to compete with the grandest of all architectural publications, the Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects. But since the Grand Rapids Chapter is meeting only once in every two months and may be unable to publish the solutions to the problems it meets and meets oftener—some method of keeping the members in touch with what is cooking is an obvious need. This is it.

Architectonics, for the benefit of people who just came in after the performance started, was the name of a little magazine published by the old Architectonics, Inc. of Chicago, but it was skipped from September, 1927 to January, 1929. You remember 1929, don't you? It started out as a mimeographed sheet and ended up as a 28-page printed magazine. This one isn't going to do that; fun is fun but running magazines is work. The big advantage of the title ARCHITECTONICS is that nobody outside the profession knows what it means; most of them think it is some sort of patent medicine—the male equivalent of Peruna, possibly.

The Annual Election resulted in the following: President, Roger Allen; Vice-president, Louis C. Kingscott; Secretary-Treasurer, Harry L. Mead; Directors, Adrian N. Langius and Kenneth C. Welch.

Gus Langius did a swell job of heading the chapter through two difficult years and his regime ended with the chapter in the best shape in its history. In his dual capacity as Director of the State Building and Construction Division and Acting Director of the Michigan Planning Commission, Gus has gone to bat for the private practitioner year in and year out, in refreshing contrast with certain other public officials in some of our city governments. The profession in Michigan owes Gus a tremendous debt of gratitude and the state administration to be congratulated on being able to avail itself of the services of a man who is not only an able architect but a skilled administrator.

The Next Meeting will be held on Friday, March 17th, at 6:30 o'clock, in the Green Room of the Park-American Hotel in Kalamazoo. This is a very important meeting. The regional director of the A.I.A. of Ohio, Charles F. Cellarius of Cincinnati, will be present. Please mail back to Mr. Mead the enclosed return post card at once, and please make every effort to be present.

One Buck Meals will be the order of the day hereafter. Each member attending will pay $1 only; the Chapter will pay the balance, whatever it is, out of other funds. This has two great advantages: the member who attends will get a $1.75 dinner for $1; and the member who doesn't attend will pay for the dinners of his more conscientious comrades.

We Deeply Regret to announce that our fellow member Carl J. Rudine, now on duty on a destroyer escort, recently lost his mother. Member John Vanden Bogert is recuperating at his home following an operation for hernia.

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March 1, 1944. ROGER ALLEN

EDSEL FORD ESTATE FOR SALE

The Edsel B. Ford estate on Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe Shores, is being offered for sale. The price asked is $500,000. This undoubtedly represents a mere fraction of its original cost.

The property, 14.5 miles northeast of downtown Detroit, consists of more than 65 acres, beautifully landscaped, with a shoreline of more than 3,000 feet. It includes a swimming pool, tennis courts, formal gardens, lilypad pond, deer lagoon, vegetable garden and other appurtenances of a wealthy man's home.

Main buildings, erected in 1926-27, are designed in the manner of the rambling Cotswold houses of the wool-growing district of England. In planning their home, the Fords made several visits to England, and engaged the services of the late Albert Kahn, F. A. I. A., to design and build the home with an exterior of briar hill sandstone, and reinforced concrete construction.

Stones for the roof were imported from England, and expert British workmen were also brought over to split the stones and lay them on the roof in authentic Cotswold manner. A proportion of old stones from demolished buildings were mixed with the new stones to obtain the desired weathered effect.

The entire stairway, of weathered oak; huge fireplaces, panelling and other materials, some hundreds of years old, were also brought over from England and carefully reassembled in the new home.

Besides the main residence, buildings include a gate lodge, recreation house, power house, boat house, greenhouse, playhouse, kennel and tool shed. The swimming pool is 40 by 132 feet.

Mrs. Ford is still in residence at the estate. She also has a summer home at Bar Harbor, Maine.

RICK's day, such eminent Catholic authorities as my wife, Harry Mead, Claire Ditchy and Father Robert W. Bogg assure me that ‘head-pushers' (Mr. Ditchy's expressive phrase) can eat all the meat they want to. Or all they can get, that is. Let's have a real turnout.

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READERS' VIEWPOINT

State Needs New Capitol

From the Ann Arbor News, Feb. 29, 1944.

Editor, Ann Arbor News:

Recently the writer read with considerable interest a suggestion, originating in Lansing, that we ought to have a new state capitol. It was unofficial and treated rather lightly because of its being a remote possibility. Remote to be sure, but isn't that a good time to start the ball rolling? There will come a time when civilian and municipal building will replace military construction and the need in this case is obvious to anyone who visits Lansing. And, the need extends further than just the building. The location of the capitol, the city as a whole, leaves something to be desired.

Our present capitol was no doubt much admired by our forefathers, among them the writer's grandfather who served on the legislature. It was ornate and pretentious—it symbolized grandeur, but not good looking. Were it a century older, and were it a gem of colonial design like the capitol's of Vermont or Virginia, we might well have cause to be sentimental about this edifice. However, it was built at exactly the wrong time, the scarecrow period of American architecture, and its taste was at a very low ebb, along with a number of other state capitol.

Originally too, the site was a commanding one. The slender metallic dome—it is really shaped more like a spire—dominated the skyline and told the approaching visitor miles to the east that here was the seat of Michigan's government. That would still be true if the city of Lansing, and the State authorities, had followed a constructive zoning program—a recent subject of grief in Ann Arbor—but business buildings were allowed to creep in. Now, several skyscrapers ascend heavenward right opposite the capitol park and completely steal the show.

There was once a city plan formulated for Lansing which involved rebuilding the capitol at a point some distance to the west on Michigan Avenue. Perhaps this plan should be re-considered, or perhaps something entirely new city plan drawn up locating the capitol at some appropriate site along the Grand river. At any rate the writer believes thought should be given to these things now and the foundations laid so that when we are again blessed with PEACE, Michigan can develop a capitol and apropos of the entire project, that will be a credit and a source of pride to the state.

W. A. BLAIR

At the Main Library in Detroit, March 20-25: First Detroit showing of a photographic exhibit of various types of architecture under construction and completed in the Willow Run Federal Public Housing areas. Many human interest shots of life at Willow Run are included. Admission is free.
TIEDEMAN NEW WPB DIRECTOR FOR DETROIT REGION

Appointment of Carsten Tiedeman as Regional Director of the War Production Board's Detroit region, was announced today in Washington by Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board.

Tiedeman succeeds L. W. Welch, who has served as acting director since the first of November, in conjunction with his duties as a member of the WPB staff in Washington.

Tiedeman was vice president and general credit manager of Universal Credit Co., Detroit, nationally known automobile finance company, from 1936 to Jan. 1, 1943. He was one of the first to join the company at the time of its formation in 1928, and played a major role in establishing a nationwide business which at one time operated through more than 250 branch offices. Before joining Universal Credit Co., he managed a small finance company following his attendance at Princeton University. For the past year he has been a special representative and consultant for the Gear Grinding Machine Co. of Detroit.

Tiedeman is a director of Hudson Motor Car Co., and is active civically, being a director of the American Red Cross. He headed the industrial section in the 1943 Red Cross campaign. He resides at 56 Kenwood Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tiedeman's appointment bears the endorsement of Ernest C. Kanzler and Daniel J. Hutchins, both former Detroit regional directors of the War Production Board. Kanzler said Tiedeman's appointment was "a splendid choice and both Hutchins and I will back him to the limit." Expressions of approval of the appointment were made by automotive manufacturers, the Detroit Board of Commerce, Detroit Clearing House association, high military officials, and others.

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A REPORTER AT LARGE

We were invited to write this column because the Editor likes the BULLETIN to have four pages and usually lacks stuff to fill up the space between here and the bottom of page four. He came right out and said this, with disarming frankness, at the Annual Meeting. However, this isn't the first time we have been asked to be a filler-upper. Early in our alleged career, we joined an architectural fraternity and found out after initiation that we were bid because the brothers were in desperate financial straits and needed money badly. The authorship of this column is a thank you for the time we proved deserter to the architectural cause and did that term of punishment for this awful moral lapse, we shall get along very nicely.

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As a background, a reporter must have been around. On that score at least, it looks like our selection was little less than a stroke of genius. We spent nearly half of this month playing around with the architectural phase of the Eighth Street construction. This time we have no illusions of grandeur, so none will be shattered. If you haven't any about the quality of the copy to follow, we shall get along very nicely.

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When modern progress has made it necessary to find a new pattern, a new solution to the problems that our mechanical gadgets have thrust upon us, we must grow unorthodox and use our new technics, untrammeled as far as we can afford, elbow room, the easement and right of ways to give the channels and free movement that our expanding life demands, and city life can grow urban.

To become entangled politically and restrictions to free enterprise, will only bring our downfall and chaos. The alternative is to join forces that have vision and the purpose to not only save what we have, but to save it as it only can be saved, by constantly replacing it with something better.

In the depression decade of the thirties we lost, in the United States, a total of 250 billion dollars worth of production values, below what we could have expected as normal production. The war cost, we hope, will reach no such figure, but whatever the public debt does amount to, when the war is won, it will only be liquidated by a bold policy of new wealth production, of which housing and transportation must form a major part.

We are fortunate that our building will be rebuilding, instead of replacing bombed-out areas. The planning of most of our cities is so hopelessly confused that it should be removed and, if we are to expect any joy or pride from future living in them, it is high time that we start that American push which has done so much in the past and is now showing itself in our present war effort.

There is a difference to be taken into consideration in comparing the past with the present. Up to now we have had plenty of "raw land" and in-migrants with a willingness to work and with open minds. Now the land and the minds with their piecemeal, disjoined attachments must be handled with the new force of combined social planning, which will coordinate our new technical knowledge and apply it to a progressive loosening of the city's tightly-woven tissue of streets, by the alteration of rural and urban strips, which will lead from the center of the city to the open country.

Fortunately, this new conception of city planning lends itself to easy illustration and while words and arguments may be soon forgotten, pictures of things desired have a way of remaining in one's mind. Where there is sufficient will a way can be found to make man's desires come true.

Where will the money come from? Is an interesting question, especially at this time, when idle funds go into war bonds or pile up, awaiting the time when capital wealth can again get the green production light. When peace comes and we can again turn our labor and materials into production of useful things the amount of well-studied preparation that we have done in the meantime will determine the value and security that our money will buy. We can waste our money on leaf-raking, or use it to rebuild our urban centers, see PARKWAY—Page 5

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means government services, adding
value to surrounding land, here is one
subsidy, suitable to promoting the re­
development, which will in turn add
new assessment values to repay much
of the cost.

While federal tax free bonds are
being suggested as a worthwhile stimu­
ant to housing financing, the amount
of assistance could not be compared to
the help that could be gained by reme­
dying some short-sighted restrictions
now in effect. Individuals are quite
helpless against this, but large-scale
building organizations need not put up
with such conditions as The American
Institute of Architects and others have
been calling to our attention.

Devaluation or revaluation of land in
slum areas and the problem of taxes
offers a hard set of problems that are
not safe to let slide. Reassembly of land
titles is a necessary part of replanning
and much study, and possibly experi­
ment, is needed to find the best way.

Benefits from improved transporta­
tion always add new values to sites
adjoining but can work much harm if
leading to land speculation. We have
had plenty of lessons in the past to warn
us to be on our guard against that kind
of gambling.

To venture on our ability to find a
better form for our city fabric of over
cluttered streets is no gamble. It is the
plan of good business which is neces­
sary, to save the values we now have,
and the road we must travel to find
city life worth living.

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Michigan legislators, meeting in special session, recently proposed to set up a 5 million dollar post war planning fund to be released on a matched basis to cities, villages, counties and school districts to meet immediate costs of mapping post-war projects. The measure passed the house by a 77-5 vote after failure of a move to provide for financing construction as well as planning.

County read commissioners would be allowed 1 million for survey, plans and specifications for highway projects; another million would go to cities, villages, and townships for planning public works, and the remainder to local governments for all types of projects.

Purchase of recreational lands, hardwood forests, and similar areas near populous centers was provided for in another 5 million appropriation.

Acquisition of a site in Lansing for another state office building would be sanctioned by a measure giving the administrative board authority to purchase or condemn either one of two tracts directly back of the present capital or of the present office building.

 Appropriations were made for the conservation and agriculture departments; banking, insurance, and educational boards; and bills were considered correcting oversights in 1943 legislation, veterans' affairs, juvenile delinquency, school aid and taxes.

This legislation and the appropriations made by the State of Michigan means that the State can begin immediately, along with all the governmental sub-divisions, to do a definite and specific job of preparing plans, ready for actual construction following cessation of hostilities.

Evidently Michigan legislative sessions, while special and streamlined, were not content to be limited to a single legislative problem, but were committed to reducing to practical terms all of the vague planning talk which has been so freely indulged in for the past several months.

Only through specific appropriations for specific purposes can we hope to get the business of planning moved along to that stage where it is possible to start digging within a few days after victory. That must be the goal.

Auditor General Vernon J. Brown, the governor's representative on the Capitol Planning Commission, has proposed that a competition be held among architects to obtain the best plans for a proposed new State office building.

Brown suggested that if the Legislature votes funds for the structure the competition be held under established rules of architectural organizations.

SCHOLARSHIPS, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The College of Architecture and Design at the University of Michigan announces the establishment of a scholarship fund of $25,000 in this college from the Arthur C. Tagge bequest. For the present it is expected that two scholarships, of $325 each, will be awarded annually.

Candidates may be students in architecture, landscape architecture, painting, or design, and shall have been in residence in this college for at least one semester. Preference will ordinarily be given to advanced students.

The first scholarships will be awarded for the fall term of 1944-45. Application should be made before June 1, 1944 to the Office of the Dean, 207 Architecture Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

William Edward Kapp, president of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., has mailed letters for the Red Cross Drive. This campaign ends March 31, so if you haven't made your contribution please do so at once.

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Mendelsohn Comments on Present Day Unusual Conditions

Eric Mendelsohn, A.I.A., eminent architect and author, returning from a lecture tour, spent several days in Detroit last week. His series of lectures atメンバー被, been published by the University of California.

Mr. Mendelsohn, a resident of Westchester County, N. Y., and member of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, was a speaker before the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., in April of 1942, under the joint auspices of the Metropolitan Art Association. His book, "A Contemporary Philosophy of Architecture," is now in preparation.

Mr. Frank Lloyd Wright, with whom Mr. Mendelsohn considers "the greatest of them all," is likely to have his first job built in New York, the Museum of Non-Objective Art, says Mr. Mendelsohn.

"I even like his Johnson's Wax job, in spite of the criticisms that is leaks, etc.," he said. "Such things were said about Wren's churches but, nevertheless, they were great architecture.

"Architecture in 1944 is not a matter of reconstruction but of re-creation. The architect must be much more than a designer of buildings. He must be a philosopher."

As to those claims for high standards of living, he said, "as long as a nation is tolerant of the majority living in substandard conditions, this is not democracy."

In passing through Burlington, Iowa, he was so pleased with the freshness, beauty and delightfulness of the new railway station he sent a congratulatory telegram to the railroads' executive offices.

Detroit Plan Commission

Considering Consultants

The Detroit City Plan Commission is considering the selection of an architect, landscape architect or engineer as a consultant on a contractual basis for certain planning studies relative to the general arrangements of and integration into the Master Plan of a civic center in the City of Detroit. The Commission wishes to be informed of practitioners in these fields who are interested in accepting such an assignment and who feel they are adequately equipped to handle this type of work.

The Commission proposes to select a Consultant based upon his professional attainments, experience and office and staff facilities, after which matters of fee and other details of a contract will be negotiated.

Those interested should communicate with the City Planner-Secretary at 601 Water Board Building, Detroit, specifying experience, potential jobs done, and office and staff facilities available for the services. Replies received by April 1st will be considered by the Commission.

More of That Conversation

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from the plan entitled "Architects' Convention Piece" in the Weekly Bulletin for February 8, 1943. The quotation is from a remark by the eminent Latvian architect-refugee, Ano Nymous.

"Have you heard about the new drafting table that has been invented, by my good friend Hessa, in Vienna? It operates by pedals with the feet so that instead of having the drafting board steady and moving the pencil about while drawing, you hold the pencil steady and move the drafting board back and forth and from side to side. It is still as what you call the experimental stage because on account of the war Hessa hasn't been able to get materials to work out a suitable mechanism for drawing the curves. But someday he will get it. Hessa says it will practically eliminate draftman's elbows." In connection with the above excerpt, we have received the following letter:

Bulletin:

I wish to announce that because of the unusual interest displayed by the profession in the new type of drafting table described in my "Conversation Piece" in the Bulletin recently, I am forming a company to negotiate with the inventor, Hessa Card, architect of Vienna, Austria, for the exclusive American sales rights.

Mr. Clement W. Fairweather, F. A. I. A., of Metuchen, New Jersey, has been designated as Eastern Distributor, and as a special introductory offer we plan to give a sample table free with each set of plans for an Allen-Fairweather Plystone house. Mr. Fairweather is attempting, with the assistance of the Red Cross, to communicate with Mr. Card for the purpose of suggesting the inclusion of a push button for "Thinking," which will not only completely eliminate brain fever among architects, but will, it is hoped, eliminate the architect as well.

There must be thousands of persons who have a suppressed desire to be an architect. If you count housewives who are making single line drawings of house plans without any space for stairways and with fireplaces six inches thick and two feet long, the number would run into the millions.

Imagine what a boon this table will be to such individuals! To simply sit down with pencil hopefully poised, push the "Thinking" button and then manipulate the foot pedals while the design appears on the drafting board, right on the paper before you! It is simply astounding!! Even now, Mr. Fairweather is contemplating various subdivisions of the "Thinking" button and on the improved models, we hope to offer such novelties as "Thinking — Gothic," "Thinking — Pretty Little Colonial With A White Picket Fence," "Thinking — Post-War Public Buildings," and "Thinking (But Not Very Hard) — Modern."

If any architects in Detroit are interested in negotiating for the SouthEast Michigan Sales Territory, terms can be discussed in the bar of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., May 3, 4, and 5, 1944. Either Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Allen, or the writer will be authorized to discuss terms — at the expense of anyone who may wish to submit a proposal (blondes preferred). The decision of the interview will be semi-final, since the interviewer may, if he so desires, appeal his case, again at his own expense, indefinitely.

Respectfully,

KENNETH C. BLACK.

VALLEY'S ARCHITECTS NAME GODDEYE HEAD

Joseph C. Goddeyne, Bay City architect, has been named president of the Saginaw Valley Architects association at their recent meeting in the Wenona Hotel, Bay City.

Other officers named were John McKenzie, treasurer, of Flint; and, Donald A. Kimball, secretary, of Saginaw.

Various problems were discussed following dinner.

In an interchange of discussion, topics concerning the national unification of the profession, the effects of the national emergency upon employment, construction under the registration act, and civilian construction projects were discussed.

Harry B. Earhart, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, was re-elected to the Commission for a six-year term by the Board of Supervisors of Washtenaw County in Ann Arbor yesterday.

A past president of the sponsoring association, Mr. Earhart has been actively interested in the program of the Parkway Authority since his retirement from the White Star Division of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company in 1932. A resident of "The Meadows" near Ann Arbor, Earhart was one of the five commissioners elected by the boards of supervisors in the five-county district. Two additional commissioners are appointed by the Governor. All of them serve without pay.

Our good friend, Clarence Gudman, formerly of Murray, Gudman & Co., has joined with "Stu" Kelly as proprietor of a new cocktail bar, The Chalais, at 14904 Livernois Ave., 1½ blocks south of Fenkell Ave. His many friends will wish him every success.
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