LANGIUS REPORTS ON MACKINAC OUTING

Principal Speaker Announced; Subject to be "What Makes a Good Building?"

Adrian N. Langius, Chairman of a Special Committee on arrangements for the Society’s Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Conference, reports that Mr. Douglas Haskell, new Architectural editor of The Architectural Forum, has accepted the Society’s invitation to be the principal speaker at Mackinac Island on August 5 and 6. The subject, "What Makes a Good Building?" will feature Mr. Haskell on "A Good Architect" while other leaders in the industry will dwell upon "A Good Contractor," "Good Materials" and "Good Craftsmen."

Serving with Langius are Robert B. Frantz, representing the Saginaw Valley Chapter, and David H. Williams, Jr., representing the Detroit Chapter.

Langius has been to The Grand Hotel recently to further arrangements and reports some very interesting developments. The main rooms of the Hotel have been redecorated and the lobby has been done over completely—the Blue Room has undergone a complete change and is now known as the Terrace Room.

Your chairman, after conferring with Manager J. O. Woodfill, confirms our previous admonition that reservations should be made as early as possible. There has been an overflow attendance at each previous conference and this one will certainly be no exception. Use the reservation blank printed herewith to make reservations direct with the Hotel.

The Committee wishes to emphasize the fact that the Conference is not limited to architects. As in the past, all those interested will be welcome. Especially this year will it be appropriate to have many others, since the subject is industry-wide in its scope.

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BOARD MEET IN ANN ARBOR

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects will hold its July meeting, as usual, on the first Wednesday—July 6—in Ann Arbor.

The Board meeting will take place in the East Conference Room of the Rackham Building at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served for Board members in the Crowfoot Room at the Michigan Union at 6:30 p.m.

Among other matters to be discussed will be the Mid-Summer Conference at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Ralph W. Hammett, chairman of a special committee to consider changing...
At the time of year for the Society's Annual Convention will report for his committee. The committee met at Mr. Hammett's home on the afternoon and evening of June 27.

At dinner Mr. Carl G. Sedan of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau will be a guest, together with Clair W. Ditchy and Kenneth C. Black as members of the Society's Committee on the Soo Locks Centennial, being planned for 1955. In this connection, there is to be an international architectural competition. Mr. Sedan is Secretary of the Centennial Committee.

ROLAND GIES

Roland C. Gies, A.I.A., pioneer architect of Detroit, died at his home at 2194 Cadillac Blvd., on June 26. He was 74 years of age.

Born in Detroit on October 17, 1874, he was educated in Detroit parochial schools, in art schools and at the old Detroit College, where he was a member of the Class of 1894.

He worked for Richard E. Raseman, George D. Mason, Donaldson & Meier, and Albert Kahn. He held a responsible position in the Kahn office almost at the beginning of Mr. Kahn's practice.

Mr. Gies opened his own office in 1903, became registered to practice in Michigan when the original registration act went into effect in 1915. He was in the partnership of Grylls & Gies, 1905-1907, later practiced as an individual.

He had long been a member of the Michigan Society of Architects, was a member of The American Institute of Architects and its Detroit Chapter since 1944.

Surviving are his wife, Winnie, two daughters, Mrs. Earle Chapman and Edwina Gies; two sons, Roland C., Jr. and Gilbert, and four grandchildren.
helping to get the work established, the support given by architects and alumni, the generous contributions and encouragement by George G. Booth, also many items of the school's history and its relation to the architectural development of the past forty years as an active participant in the progressive movement. Later in the evening an organization was formed to continue activity by the class in connection with the college.

THE MIDWEST AND INDIANA SCHOOL-BUILDING CONFERENCE will be held at Indiana University, July 15 and 16. Architects are invited to attend and to submit for display their most outstanding school-building plans. Paul W. Seagers, School Building Consultant, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., is in charge.

H. E. FOREMAN, Managing Director of The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., spoke before the recent Second National Catholic Building Convention, at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. Excerpts from his talk:

Distinctive function of the general contractor is, succinctly, to assume full centralized responsibility for the delivery of a properly completed structure in accordance with the owner's specifications. The responsible general contractor, through his experienced organization, is pre-eminent in ordering, securing, assembling and placing innumerable materials and devices required on the modern project.

Two ways to select a contractor: (1) By competition among a group of qualified general contractors equally acceptable with contract going to lowest bidder; or (2) Selection on cost-plus or percentage basis.

It is suggested that adequate price competition will be obtained from not more than six bidders, and that a greater number of bidders should not be invited without compensating each bidder for his services.

Separate contracts are viewed with disfavor among general contractors. However, if separate contracts should be used, it is important that specifications and drawings clearly determine elements of work so handled and the connection of the general contractor's work thereto.

The owner has a right to expect from the contractor: (1) A competitive bid representing careful study of job requirements; (2) Furnishing completion and performance bond if requested or provided for in specifications; (3) Initiation of work when directed by architect or owner and diligent prosecution of work in strict accordance with plans and specifications; (4) Taking out of insurance as may be specified, and offering proof of insurance to owner upon demand; (5) Following out of such instructions from architect and engineer insofar as they are consistent with plans and specifications; (6) Making of changes ordered by architect or engineer in writing; change orders to be priced and contract price modified accordingly; Furnishing materials of grade specified and expeditious performance of work; and (7) Delivery of completed building within time specified, free from liens or claims.

BASEBOARD HEATING is the title of the newest addition to the list of consumer booklets issued by the Plumbing and Heating Industry Bureau, 35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago 1, Ill.

The booklet was prepared to meet the demand for a popular explanation of baseboard heating.

The price of the new booklet is 10 cents per copy.

Copies of earlier consumer booklets are still available at the following prices:

"Choosing A Heating Plant Wisely," 5 cents each; "What You Should Know About Plumbing," 5 cents each; "Modern Bathroom Plans," 10 cents each.

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In its program of promoting sound bidding procedure in building construction, the Michigan Chapter, A.G.C. has sent copies of *A Suggested Guide to Bidding Procedure* to members of the Michigan Society of Architects and the presidents of the boards of education in 215 towns and cities in the state with 1,500 or more population.

The document, which was developed last year by a joint committee of The Associated General Contractors of America and The American Institute of Architects, was accompanied by an appropriate letter, signed by W. Weldon Allen, secretary-manager of the Michigan Chapter.

The letter to boards of education stated, in part:

"It is possible that your board is now, or soon will be, confronted with the task of planning and financing school buildings. If so, you are certain to have many problems, including the perplexing phase relating to bidding and awarding procedure. We hope that we can be of some small help to you.

"... The procedure contained in this guide is permissive, but founded on the practical and ethical thinking of experienced men in our industry — architects and general contractors. The interests of the owner (purchaser of construction) were a major consideration in the preparation of this bidding procedure.

"The guide is applicable in public construction so far as public authorities permit. We respectfully recommend the guide to you as an aid in working out your problems. The architect of your choice and your other counsellors will be able to advise you on the applicability of this bidding procedure to your own building program."

In his letter to architects, Mr. Allen stated, "We believe that contractors and architects owe to themselves and to their owners the duty of promoting practical and ethical bidding procedure ... We enclose a copy of the guide and earnestly recommend that we jointly promote the procedure suggested therein."
A NEW GRAND HOTEL WILL GREET YOU

Gus LANGIUS, Chairman of the Society’s Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Conference at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, August 4, 5, 6 and 7, was privileged to attend a “Preview Opening” of the famous hostelry recently. He reports that never before since our beloved late member, George D. Mason designed and supervised the structure, and saw its opening in 1887 has the building undergone such extensive refurbishing.

The party of Islanders and visiting dignitaries were the guests of Mr. W. S. Woodfill, owner-manager. Interior decoration of the hotel, done by Arthur L. Beverly of Beverly & Valentine, Chicago, one of the foremost decorating firms in the U. S., was appreciated by visitors.

The Grand spent in excess of $75,000 in improvements since last season, primarily in the lobby and adjoining rooms.

The carpet in the main lounge is a Bigelow, Hartford, Sanford production of Saxony especially woven for the hotel with a red background and a Greek key pattern in two tones of gray. Its cost was $29,000. Walls are two-tone gray to highlight the shades of the carpet pattern. Draperies are in gold and Venetian blinds match the tones of the gray walls. At each end of the lobby are murals done by an artist in Paris last winter and which reached New York by air freight but two weeks ago. They present a street scene in Paris 100 years ago, showing French carriages and horses and people attired in the mode of that era. Colors of the murals complement the balance of the room.

New furniture has been installed throughout the public space, replacing the former wicker furniture. Various complementing colors have been used in furniture fabrics.

One of the outstanding changes is the new registration desk, installed at a cost of $7,000. The ceiling was lowered in that area and special lighting installed. The front of the desk is paneled with bleached natural cork. Screening of the desk is fluted decorative glass simulating draperies. A new key rack is of immense proportions in modern design. Custom-built phone booths, unusually large, are placed with a wainscot of black gunmetal, wood panels and a flowered wallpaper on the walls. Comfortable red leather chairs complete the booth equipment.

The Blue Room, or supper room, has been done over and is now known as the Terrace Room. Its entrance is by terraced risers elegantly appointed with gay upholstered sofas lined against mirrored walls. Four stunning lamps grace the terrace, equipped with huge gold shades hand-painted in Paris especially for the hotel. The Terrace Room has a decor of red and white with individual, painted floral panels. New chairs and tables present a strik-
ANSWERS GOVT. CHARGES

CRAWFORD H. GREENEWAULT, president of the Du Pont Company, says concerning the civil suit filed in Chicago recently by the U. S. Department of Justice against Du Pont, General Motors Corporation and others alleging violation of the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws:

"The Du Pont Company emphatically denies that its relationships with General Motors and the other companies mentioned in the complaint have been either illegal or in any way detrimental to the interest of the people of the United States.

"On the contrary, these relationships have served the public interest in a conspicuous way; and in that firm belief we will defend our actions and our present position with the utmost vigor.

"Since these relationships have been a matter of public record and public information for many years, the motive for this suit must arise out of a determination by the Department of Justice to attack bigness in business as such. We cannot believe that such a position is or will be supported by the American people because in the end it would increase prices, reduce living standards, and even weaken the national security."

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BELOW: A. M. Davis of Portland Cement Association presenting "Special Award" to Roger Allen at the Grand Hotel during the MSA Conference last year.

BELOW RIGHT: The Doug Ainslees and the Gus Langiuses at the conference.
"I want you to design a Futuramic and most completely equipped, automobile sales and service building in the country." With this all-inclusive requirement on the part of the owner, the architect decided that this large order called for really using the "old noodle," as Arthur Godfrey, of radio and television fame, would say.

The result is the handsome new building just completed for Wagner Oldsmobile, Inc. at the corner of Woodward and Taylor Avenues in the City of Detroit, Michigan. The plant covers an area of 20,000 sq. ft., with frontage of half a block on Woodward Avenue and extending back 166 feet on Taylor, with parking facilities on the side and rear of building.

Constructed of steel reinforced concrete the exterior is of Desert grey Goshen face brick with stone trim. The sash is of aluminum throughout. The facade over the service entrance is of marine blue macotta. An extended roof-deck unifies the front and acts as a support to the tall vertical sign. A blue lettered sign also runs across the front of the building over the sales section. The simple dignified lines of the structure give a pleasing sense of forceful serenity.

The design is modern throughout and is characterized by the generous use of colors which are easily visible from the street as a result of the almost exclusive use of glass in front.

The sales display area of 2,500 sq. ft. faces the Woodward-Taylor corner. The terrazzo floor is of an unusual modernistic design using imported marble chips of various colors to form red, blue, green and grey bands outlining tan colored squares with solid black circles at each intersection.
walls of the sales area are in scored plywood with corrugated Cemesto on the wall of the second floor offices that have windows opening out into the display room. The acoustical ceiling is motif'd Acoustone of clover-check design. The pattern is produced by the heavier shadows caused by the etched portions of the tile rather than by differences in applied color.

The heating system is the new radiant type using pipe coils in the floors. Showroom lighting is recessed and the service area is of the latest type fluorescent strip lighting.

To the rear of the display room are the executive offices. These have plastered walls, covered with Fabron, a modern washable fabric. The floors are covered with blue asphalt tile and cove base.

The executive offices on the second floor consist of the president's office, the secretary's office, business office, and large meeting room for sales and promotion.

Mr. Albert P. Wagner's office is paneled in black walnut and the ceiling in pattern Acoustone tile. The floor is carpeted. A private bar, and a toilet and shower room in grey colored tile is adjacent to this office. Miss Gladys M. Shroyer's office has Fabron blond wood pattern walls with furniture to match.

Behind the main office on the first
The floor are the stock rooms and accessory departments—the most up-to-date in the country.

The huge service area covering 17,500 sq. ft. is in the shape of an L with slag block walls and has the latest and finest equipment in the United States. Every known appliance for rapid and efficient repair work is available. The service area was designed extraordinarily wide so there would be none of the car congestion so prevalent in many service stations during rush hours. There are 30 repair stalls in this area and 17 twin post lifts. Overhead doors are used for car entrance and exits.

All the rest rooms for the office and display rooms are completely tiled. The mechanic's washroom is in glazed brick tile and has shower and locker room.

Quarry tile floors are used in the Lubricatorium and Kalamein doors for fire prevention.

The latest in inter-office and service department communicating address systems is in operation throughout the plant.

For the pleasure and entertainment of waiting customers there is programmed music and a free snack bar. It has been found that the music also contributes to good employee relationship between management and worker and customer.
FOR MODERN LIVING

As its major event for 1949, the Detroit Institute of Arts announces an international exhibition of contemporary design in home furnishings and objects—"For Modern Living"—to be presented September 11th through November 20th.

This exhibition will survey the entire progress of modern design over the past half century. It will review the significant contributions made by modern design to the convenience and pleasure of modern living in the home. And it will give leading designers everywhere an opportunity to exhibit their outstanding work on a scale that has not before been possible in this country.

By its very nature, an exhibition of this scope and completeness reaches to the heart of an ever-present question—the relationship between American art and American life.

The designers whose work will be shown share a common conviction that this relationship is a vital one—and that the art forms being developed today will give our modern technological society a culture as rich as any that has preceded it.

They take the position that the gap between American art and American life is really a gap between two civilizations: the agrarian class society that preceded the industrial revolution, and the democratic society of our own time, based on power-driven machinery. That gap is being bridged by modern design—fundamentally American in its character, and the natural expression of the first technological society in the history of man.

As the cultural center of a large industrial city, the Detroit Institute of Arts takes pride in providing a means of expression for this point of view.

We cordially invite your interest in this important exhibition which will open next September as a demonstration of the new possibilities that have been opened up for modern living.

"For Modern Living" will be a complete and comprehensive exhibition of the highest standards in contemporary design for the home—the culmination of fifty years' effort in this field, and a preview of much important work-in-progress.

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Range of materials: In addition to the display of objects, new materials will be exhibited in their own right—plastics, plywood, metals and various compositions—any and all materials which will suggest new and interesting solutions to the many and varied problems of modern living.

The Detroit Institute of Arts will house the exhibition in four galleries providing 12,000 square feet of space. The main entrance to the museum will be wholly revised for this important event. The First Gallery - 27 x 48 feet and The Second Gallery - 27 x 28 feet—will trace the adaptation of 20th century technology to the service of modern life in architecture, industrial design and furniture. The Third Gallery—45 x 80 feet—will be devoted to a wide variety of miscellaneous articles. The Great Hall—90 x 100 feet, and 60 feet high—provides a background against which full expression can be given to the basic qualities of lightness, freedom, honesty, simplicity and beauty, that are inherent in contemporary design. Here, complete rooms—each the solution to a particular problem—will provide natural settings for the objects on display and, in a dramatic climax to the exhibition, point the way to the practical use of modern design for modern living.

More than two months will be devoted to this significant exhibition, which will open September 11th, 1949 and continue through November 20th.

**CONTROL JOINTS**

As a result of accumulated experience, Portland Cement Association has revised its concrete information sheet on control joints.

Recommendations have been changed somewhat in regard to the location of control joints principally in the wall below the first story windows. This in turn has allowed the rearrangement and, to some extent, the reduction of reinforcing bars at the corners of such openings.

A detail showing the location of control joints in pilasters at steel columns has been included. Either a single joint on the centerline of columns or a joint at each side of the pilaster has proved satisfactory, the report states. Because of the infrequent use of rubber and metal control strips, details for their use have been omitted in this new edition. Either of the materials may be used, however, when available and satisfactory results can be obtained.

Copies of the information sheet may be obtained from J. G. Martin, District Manager, Detroit 7, Mich.

**WANTED**—Experienced Architectural Drafter, Office located in Northwest section. Call for interview, University 4-2500.
P. C. FORECAST FOR 1949

This Consumers' Council revised forecast of new construction expenditures for 1949 has been prepared after consultation with officials of the construction divisions at the Commerce Department and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as well as with others, and, of course, takes into account trends to date in expenditures and in the start of new work.

The forecast indicates that a turning point has been reached in postwar expansion of construction activity, but certainly does not mean a slump in the near future. It is fairly likely that physical volume will be a little greater in 1949 than in 1948. In fact, dollar expenditures would also be shown greater than in 1948 if the current opinion of some of the government construction economists was to be used directly.

In the private field, the greatest change is a sharp upward revision for the public utility group, particularly the sub-group "other" (mainly electric light and power.) This is caused by recent information on current and scheduled activity, and on 1948 activity. The Commerce-BLS utility expenditure estimate for 1948 has also been increased sharply. Private industrial and private commercial have been reduced substantially, and private "other non-residential" increased substantially, in accordance with trends in expenditures and (particularly) in the start of work. Private residential has been reduced a little.

The most important change under Public is the increase in educational building, for which projects are being started at a rate much above last year. Military and naval has been reduced sharply; expenditures are low, and unlikely to increase. Sewer and water, and conservation and development, are increased, and there are several other changes of minor importance.

WILLIAM GILLET, vice president of Detroit Steel Products Co., has been elected to the board of directors of the Producers Council. It is announced by Charles M. Mortenson, executive secretary of the Council. Next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for September 28th at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago.
MACKINAC CONFERENCE PLANS COMPLETED

Chairman Langius Presents Details at Society Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects met at the Rackham Building in Ann Arbor on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 6. The meeting was followed by a dinner at the Michigan Union. The Board meeting was attended by all officers and directors except Messrs. Allen and Kressbach.

The dinner was attended also by Kenneth C. Black and Clair W. Ditchy, members of the Society’s Committee on the Soo Locks Centennial, and Carl G. Sedan, of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, Secretary of the Centennial Commission.

Langius reported that plans for the Conference at The Grand Hotel have been practically completed and that reservations at the Hotel are nearing the limit allowed for the Conference. It is quite apparent, he said, that there will be some requests that cannot be honored by the Hotel. It is, therefore, highly desirable that all those who contemplate attending make reservation requests as soon as possible.

As previously reported, Mr. Douglas Haskell, new architectural editor of The Architectural Forum, will be the principal speaker, taking the architect’s side in the subject, “What Makes a Good Building?” Other speakers will represent the general contractor, materials, and labor.

A special feature, Langius states, will be a buffet dinner in the beautiful gardens of The Grand Hotel. There will also be a cocktail party on Friday evening sponsored by the Portland Cement Association, and a dinner at which an honor will be bestowed on one of the Society’s outstanding members.

Messrs. Sedan, Ditchy and Black gave a progress report on the Soo Locks Centennial at the dinner in the Union. Mr. Sedan proposes an international architectural competition for a suitable design for this celebration which is to take place in 1955. This subject will be explored further at the Mackinac Conference.

It is emphasized that the Conference is not for architects only. All members of the building industry are invited, as well as their families and friends. While the event is an excellent opportunity for a delightful outing, there will be a good program of interesting and constructive talks and business sessions. The Board will hold its meeting at the opening of the Conference.

As in the past, it is expected that Alden Dow will be busy with his movie equipment and take some color shots of the attendants, which can be shown at later meetings.

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GOLDFISH LIVING
By ROBERT C. RUARK

NEW YORK — The whole post-war trend in popular housing seems to have reversed the original concept of man's castle—namely, a place to come in out of the rain, where a man can beat his wife in blessed privacy.

A close inspection of the journals devoted to modern shelter will convince you that the current creed espouses the open-faced goldfish bowl, with everything but the bathroom either al fresco or sheathed in glass. It is against modern architectural law to install anything inside that can be located in the yard.

If they cannot get you out of the house into the yard, then they fetch corn now. So corn now grows in what used to be the parlor, the yard inside the house. So corn now is against modern architectural law to install anything inside that can be located in the yard.

My acquaintances are the type who feel that she has failed in her hospitality.

This kind of outdoor cuisine also breeds a type of man who is miserable unless he is wearing a chef's hat and discoursing endlessly on his special recipe for barbecue sauce.

One of these open-air pagodas may be practical for the rich man who owns a mountain, a lake or a slice of ocean-frontage on which to feast the eyes. But they are a little too all-revealing for the proprietor of the half-acre plot on which to feast the eyes. By the way, well, why build a house at all? A vacant lot and a sleeping bag are all? A vacant lot and a sleeping bag is all he needs—CHARETTE—June, 1949.

G. J. HANNIKEN, A.I.A., has opened new offices at 7338 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 2. This is just north of Grand Boulevard. The phone number (unchanged) is TRinity 1-1240. Residence telephone number is TRinity 5-6960.

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DEtroIT CHAPTER BOARD

Elects Two Associates
Approves Proposed MSA By-laws Changes

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Chapter, The American Institute of Architects met at the office of Chapter President, David H. Williams, Jr., on the afternoon of July 6. The meeting, called at 1:00 p.m., adjourned in time for those on the Michigan Society Board to attend a meeting of that group in Ann Arbor at 4:30 p.m. the same afternoon.

Approved were applications for associate membership of Donald Monson of the Detroit City Plan Commission and Lynn L. Bunn, Jr., of the Albert Kahn office.

Proposed changes to M.S.A. By-laws, as published in the Weekly Bulletin on July 21, 1949, were approved by the Chapter Board. These proposed changes provide for nomination of officers by a committee in advance of the December meeting of the Society Board, where election takes place.

JOSEPH HUDNUT, Dean of the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, had conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts at the recent Commencement exercises of the University of Michigan. His citation included the following:

"Through his ability as writer, teacher, and administrator he has profoundly influenced the trend of education everywhere in his chosen field. In making architecture responsive to modern needs and in translating function and purpose into expressive designs, he has created new forms of enduring beauty."

EDWARD X. TUTTLE, AIA, formerly in charge of the New York office of Giffels & Valley, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Engineers and Architects, has been elected Vice-President in charge of new business of Turner Construction Company. In his new position Mr. Tuttle will have supervision of contract negotiations in the company's four offices—New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia. Mr. Tuttle, whose headquarters will be in New York, succeeds Mr. J. P. H. Perry, who continues as Vice-President and consultant on new business.

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Approximately 40 Producers Council members and guests attended the Council's Honorary Member Day outing at Beach Grove Golf Club, Tecumseh, Ontario on Friday, June 24.

The outing marked the Council's second annual day of recognition of its only lifetime honorary member, William A. Cory, formerly of Otis Elevator Company.

R. B. Richardson, Spencer Turbine Company, served as Chairman of the event. He was assisted by R. G. Ogden, Aluminum Company of America; W. J. Portland, Armstrong Cork Co., and W. E. Ogden, Marsh Wall Products, Inc.

Employment in the construction industry is holding up remarkably well, accompanied by a gradual increase in the productivity of building labor, James M. Ashley, president of the Producers' Council, states.

"Analysis of figures compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that 2,010,000 workers were employed in contract construction during May of this year, a gain of 4 per cent over April and a decline of only 2 per cent from the figure for May, 1948," Mr. Ashley said.

"Since total expenditures for new construction during May of this year were only 3 per cent less than in May, 1948, and since the trend in building costs has been slightly downward, it is evident that the physical volume of construction was somewhat greater this year and that the output of the average worker this year has been slightly higher than it was a year ago."
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6TH ANNUAL MID-SUMMER CONFERENCE
THE GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND
August 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1949

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4
6:00 P.M.—Arrival of members and guests; Registration main lobby. No fee.
Pre-conference Reception—Governor's Suite—Second Floor
Board of Directors, Guests and Early Arrivals
7:00 P.M.—Dinner—Main Dining Room
9:00 P.M.—11:00 P.M. Official measuring of Grand Hotel Porch
Watching and counting ore boats

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
8:30 A.M.—Breakfast—Main Dining Room
9:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M. Registration continued
10:00 A.M.—Open meeting of Board of Directors—Club Room
President Alden B. Dow presiding
Reports from Committees: Administration, Public and Professional Relations, Education and Research
Other business of the Board of Directors
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon—Main Dining Room
2:00 P.M.—Open Business Session—Club Room
President Alden B. Dow presiding
Welcome to Mackinac Island—Conference Chairman Adrian N. Langius
Report by President Alden B. Dow
Report on A.I.A. Convention at Houston, Texas, Kenneth C. Black, Regional Director, Great Lakes District, The American Institute of Architects
Proposed revisions to the by-laws of the Michigan Society of Architects
Other business of the Michigan Society of Architects
Round-table discussion—"Elements of a Good Building."
First Vice-President Robert B. Frantz, moderator
"Good Architects," Branson V. Gamber, F.A.I.A., member National Architectural Accrediting Board
"Good Contractors," Cameron L. Davis, President Michigan Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America
"Good Craftsmen," Andrew McFarland, President Detroit Building Trades Council
"Good Materials," J. Gardner Martin, District Engineer, Portland Cement Association
4:00 P.M.—Recreation
Dancing in the tea garden
A dip in the pool
A round of golf
Or just relaxing
6:00 P.M.—Cocktail Hour
7:00 P.M.—Banquet of the Mid-Summer Conference—Terrace Room
Roger Allen, Toastmaster (Dress optional)
Greetings from A.I.A., Clair W. Ditchy, F.A.I.A., Secretary of The American Institute of Architects
Address, "What Makes a Good Building?" Douglas Haskell, Architectural Editor, Architectural Forum
10:30 P.M.—Dancing—Terrace Room
12:00 MIDNIGHT—Snacks Again—Same Place

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
8:30 A.M.—Breakfast—Main Dining Room
10:00 A.M.—Open Business Session—Club Room
President Alden B. Dow presiding
Reports by Special Committees
Round-Table Discussion, "New Methods and Materials of Construction," Second Vice-president Carl C. Kressbach, Moderator, William E. Ogden, President of the Producers’ Council of Michigan; Mark Attlin, President of the Detroit Builders’ and Traders’ Exchange; Fred C. Dorenbusch, President of the Grand Rapids Builders’ and Traders’ Exchange; Robert E. Dirlt, President of the Lansing Builders’ and Traders’ Exchange
12:30 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon—Tea Garden or at the Pool
2:00 P.M.—Recreation
Boating trips
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Swimming
5:30 P.M.—President’s Reception—Club Room (Dress optional)
Hosts—Messrs. C. J. Kirchgessner and J. Gardiner Martin of the Portland Cement Association
7:00 P.M.—Dinner—Main Dining Room
9:30 P.M.—Square Dance of the Mid-Summer Conference—Casino
Alden and Vada Dow directing
12:00 MIDNIGHT—Snacks Again—Same Place

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
8:30 A.M.—Breakfast for those who stayed—Main Dining Room
9:00 A.M.—First boat to Mackinaw and City and first farewells
10:15 A.M.—Second boat to Mackinaw City
12:15 P.M.—Third boat to Mackinaw City
1:50 P.M.—Lunch for those who were smart and stayed longer—Main dining Room
2:15 P.M.—Fourth boat to Mackinaw City
5:00 P.M.—Fifth boat to Mackinaw City
7:00 P.M.—Dinner for the plutocrats who don’t have to work Monday—Main Dining Room
8:00 P.M.—Last boat to Mackinaw City and final farewells ‘till the summer of 1950.

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More than 200 reservations have been received by The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island for the Michigan Society of Architects Sixth Annual Midsummer Conference scheduled for August 4-7, it is reported by Mr. J. O. Woodfill, Hotel Manager.

Delegates and guests are expected to arrive on the Island on Thursday, the Conference proper will be held on Friday and Saturday, while Sunday has been set aside for departures.

Alden B. Dow, of Midland, Society President, has chosen as a theme for the Conference the subject “Elements of a Good Building,” and Adrian N. Langius, of Lansing, Conference Chairman, has secured outstanding speakers to deal with various phases of the subject.

The Conference will open with a meeting of the Board of Directors Friday morning, to which members and guests are invited to attend.

Friday afternoon Branson V. Gamber, of Detroit, member of the National Architectural Accrediting Board will speak on “A Good Architect.” Cameron L. Davis, of Kalamazoo, President of the Associated General Contractors of America, Michigan Chapter, on “Good Contractors;” J. Gardner Martin, of Lansing, District Engineer, Portland Cement Association, on “Good Materials,” and Andrew McFarland, President of the Detroit Building Trades Council, on “Good Craftsmen.”

At the Banquet Friday evening Roger Allen, of Grand Rapids, will be toastmaster and Douglas Haskell of New York the principal speaker. Mr. Haskell is the newly appointed architectural editor of The Architectural Forum. His subject will be “What Makes a Good Building?” Clair W. Ditchy, of Detroit, national secretary of The American Institute of Architects, will speak on what the A.I.A. is doing, while Kenneth C. Black, of Lansing, Great Lakes District Director of the A.I.A., will report on the last national convention.

Saturday morning an open roundtable session will be devoted to the subject of “New Methods and Materials of Construction.” Speakers will be William E. Ogden, President of the Producers Council, Inc., Detroit Chapter; Mark Atkin, President of the Detroit Builders and Traders Exchange; Fred C. Dorenbusch, President of the Grand Rapids Builders and Traders Exchange; and Robert E. Distel, President of the

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written on October 15, 1948 by Mr. David H. Williams, Jr., then Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, Detroit Chapter, A.I.A.

Mr. Williams, now President of the Detroit Chapter, believes that there is no subject of more importance to the architects of Michigan and he suggests it as a topic of discussion at the Mackinac Conference.

Eugene I. Van Antwerp, Mayor
City of Detroit
City Hall
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Honorable Sir:

In connection with your suggestion at our recent conference relative to the City performing architectural work under the direction of the City Engineer's Office, and, as Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations for The American Institute of Architects, Detroit Chapter, I have been instructed by the Board of Directors and our Committee to write you as follows:

During the war the architectural profession was called upon to design an immense amount of government construction, and, according to the representatives of the government departments, the work was well and expeditiously performed, the government designing departments being able to do only a small amount of work. Many architectural and engineering offices have been built up in Detroit with well-equipped staffs and are large tax payers in the City of Detroit.

The creation by Mayor Jeffries and his City Engineer of a municipal architectural office has largely removed the prospect of future work for individual local practicing architects and engineers. It is understood that this city office has been planning work far in advance of what it will do only a small amount of work. Many architectural and engineering offices have been built up in Detroit with well-equipped staffs and are large tax payers in the City of Detroit.

The employment of individual practicing architects and engineers brings new life and vitality to the design of civic buildings. The Registration Law requires that registered architects and engineers be responsible for the design of public buildings. This requirement has been met, we believe, in letter but not in principle, as you have employed architects and engineers who are registered, but the intent was that the principals of the offices of individual practitioners should be registered so that the responsibility could be properly placed.

We, therefore, believe in the interest of economy, better design, and the cutting down of annual expenditures by the city, it would be to the City's interest to award the work from time to time, as required, to individual practicing architects. This method would allow you to get the work out rapidly without carrying a large staff, which at times would not be productive.

In closing, we would like to call your attention to the practice of large industrial concerns which have at various times established large architectural offices and have given them up for economical reasons, as they have found that the work can be done more quickly and cheaper by individual practitioners, and have reduced their architectural and engineering offices to mere skeletons to only carry on the work in connection with maintenance. Examples of these are Ford Motor Company, General Motors, etc. This has also been the practice of the City Engineer's Office previous to the administration of Edward Jeffries.

Thanking you for your consideration and trusting that you will investigate this matter, we remain

Respectfully yours,

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Michigan’s Soo Locks Centennial

Report of Society’s Representatives to be Heard at Mackinac Meeting

Adrian N. Langius, Chairman, Kenneth C. Black and Clair W. Ditchy, constituting the Michigan Society of Architects Committee on the Soo Locks Centennial, will present an interim report on the activities of that Committee at the Society’s Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Conference at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, August 5 and 6.

Mr. Carl G. Sedan, of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, is Secretary of the Commission, preparing for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Soo Locks. The Society will cooperate in preparing a program for an international architectural competition for a suitable theme for the celebration. Cash prizes will be offered and the competition will be well in advance of the event which is to take place in 1955.

The benefits to not only Northern Michigan but to the entire state and the nation will result from focusing attention on this important area which is fast coming into its own. The Dominion of Canada has agreed to cooperate and, through joint effort, an international peace movement could well result. Moreover, this will be an excellent opportunity to further the St. Lawrence Waterway idea.

On August 2 and 3, 1905, the State of Michigan celebrated the Semi-Centennial of the opening of the Saint Marys Falls Canal, in a most fitting effort, an international architectural competition for a suitable theme for the celebration. Cash prizes will be offered and the competition will be well in advance of the event which is to take place in 1955.

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To promote the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Soo Locks, last June Honorable Kim Sigler, then Governor of Michigan, signed a bill (State Enrolled Act. No. 143) creating a Commission to be known as the Soo Centennial Celebration Commission, consisting of nine members. The Commission, since appointed, consists of George A. Osborn, Editor and Publisher of the Detroit News, Chairman; Russell J. Boyle, Editor and President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Vice-Chairman; Carl G. Sedan of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, Secretary; George Allman, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Press Association; Lewis Beeson, Secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission; former Senator Prentiss M. Brown, of St. Ignace; Victor A. Knox, of Chippewa County and Sault Ste. Marie; Senator James T. Milliken, Traverse City, and Charles F. Platz, Vice-President of the Bradley Transport Company, Rogers City.

On June 15, 1949 Bill No. H. R. 5188 was introduced before the 81st Congress of the United States “to provide for the preparation of a plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks.”

From now until 1955, every effort possible will be directed by the Commission toward the success of this important celebration. This great event will bring before the people of the entire nation, and far beyond, the world’s greatest waterway. Thousands of visitors will see the wonders of this mighty project which connects the St. Marys River with Lake Superior.

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The Panama Canal receives a great deal of publicity. It has sixty miles of waterway from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, but to get to this remote location it is necessary to travel hundreds of miles to see only a part of the canal. When it is seen the temperature is such that the spectator cannot enjoy it in comfort. On the other hand, the visitor to the Soo Locks can see the entire marvelous operation from a number of vantage points and in the cool refreshing breezes of the Lakes.

The St. Marys Falls Canal carrying 110,000,000 tons of freight, in 23,000 ships a year, has a volume of nearly twice that of the Panama, Suez, Manchester and Welland Canals combined. This is true even though our canal is open only eight months of the year, while Panama and Suez operate the year around.

From mid-April, when the Great Lakes season opens, until mid-December a mighty procession of marine commerce, unequalled anywhere else in the world, goes through the four American locks and the Canadian lock of the canal. Long, low-slung freighters move in close formation twenty-four

Mr. Sedan, of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau, is Secretary of the Soo Locks Centennial Celebration, for 1955. The architectural competition will be directed by MSA’s Langius, Black, Ditchy, Hughes.

This article contains good background information for those architects who, later, may want to enter the Soo Locks Centennial Architectural Competition.


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Few places in all the world have so much natural beauty or so romantic a history as Mackinac Island, where the Michigan Society of Architects will hold its Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Conference, August 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1949.

Red men called it "The Place of the Great Dancing Spirits." They held it to be the loveliest spot in creation—the place where the Manitou had chosen to dwell. Men of other races have been equally susceptible to the Island's magic. Artists, writers and world travelers have found its beauty unsurpassed on any continent.

White men first established themselves permanently on Mackinac Island in 1779, when the British, then fighting to suppress the American Revolution, began the construction of the stronghold now known as Old Fort Mackinac. They completed it in 1780 and occupied it in May, 1781. It was not until 1796 that they turned it over to the Americans.

In 1812, before the American garrison was notified of the outbreak of war, a force of British and Indians landed at night on the far side of the Island and placed a cannon on the height above and behind Old Fort Mackinac. Surprised and hopelessly outnumbered, the Americans surrendered without firing a shot. Two years later a force of Americans landed on the Island but was driven off. After the close of the war the fort again was turned over to the Americans.

The fur trade reached its zenith during the 20 years that followed. Mackinac Island was headquarters for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company, which dominated fur trading throughout a vast area. In early summer the streets were thronged with gaily clad traders, trappers and canoe men. Indian tepees lined the beach.

Old Fort Mackinac remained a military post until 1885, when the fort itself and all the government's extensive holdings of land on Mackinac Island were turned over to the State of Michigan as a State Park.

Mackinac Island contains 2,221 acres, of which about 1,700 constitute the Mackinac Island State Park. The Park includes Old Fort Mackinac with its 35 buildings, its stone fortifications and its spike-topped log stockade; Fort Holmes (which the British built in 1812 after capturing the Island), the Summer Residence of the Governor of Michigan, and the sites of many imposing "cottages" that line the bluffs. Owners of these residences have leased the sites from the State. Many other summer homes stand on privately owned land. The Grand Hotel grounds and most of the land occupied by the "village" (the community really is a city) also are privately owned.

Senator Francis B. Stockbridge, pioneer State Street merchant of Chicago, was the first to undertake promotion of the hotel, but his plans did not meet the high demands of Senator Stockbridge. Others followed with unimpressive plans, but the Senator turned them down. He wanted a big hotel.

John Oliver Plank was the country's leading resort operator at that time. He was operating three fashionable hotels in New England. His friend George Pullman urged him to undertake the Mackinac venture. Mr. Plank became interested and in 1887 he promoted and built the Grand Hotel. He was a large stockholder, lessee and general manager until he sold his interests in 1890.

Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt was the first president of the hotel company. Stockholders included high officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the New York Central Railroad Company, and the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company.

Some of the stockholders desired that the hotel be named "Hotel Vanderbilt." Others wanted an Indian name. Some thought Mr. Plank's name should be used. It was finally decided that Chauncey Depew should be delegated to select a name.

He decided upon Grand Hotel but stipulated that as long as Mr. Plank managed it, he might advertise it as "Plank's" Grand Hotel.

The hotel opened on July 10, 1887. Mr. Depew presided as toastmaster at the opening dinner. Among the guests...
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The hotel is spacious and its grounds extensive. Service is kept at highest standards. One may rest or play, partake or be a spectator in the many hotel activities.

In 1885, the public-spirited Senator Stockbridge wished to see the hotel enlarged but the majority-stockholders opposed such plans at that time. The Senator had already interested his brother-in-law James J. Hill in building two great steamships, the Northland and Northwest, for connecting transcontinental traffic at Buffalo with the Hill railroads at Duluth, the steamers stopping en route at Mackinac Island. When the hotel company refused to enlarge its property, Senator Stockbridge interested Mr. Hill in a plan to buy from the government the site of Fort Holmes on the high plateau in the interior of the Island and erect there another large hotel. Mr. Hill agreed to the plan and between them they made every effort to secure the land from the United States government but they were unsuccessful. Instead the government turned over all of their Mackinac property to the State of Michigan with the understanding that it would be preserved as a State Park. Shortly after that the Grand Hotel did proceed with additions to the hotel, and the Senator and Mr. Hill made no further effort of this kind.

The cedar grove in front of the hotel is a natural growth. These trees were not planted but began their development naturally about 1880. For one hundred years prior to that the site of the grove was used for cleaning fish by local fishermen who dug a shallow depression in the tile top soil that gave root to this present luxurious growth of cedar.

The original hotel structure was approximately one-half its present size. Additions were built in 1897 and 1912. The entire property was remodeled and enlarged in 1919. The records show that from 1925 to 1937, over $600,000.00 was expended for improvements.

The hotel grounds comprise 500 acres. Adjoining is the 1,600 acres of the Mackinac Island State Park. The buildings are approximately 5,000,000 cubic feet in size. It is the largest summer hotel in the world.

The main building is 880 feet in length. The front porch is the longest in the world. Robert Ripley pictured this longest porch in his "Believe It or Not" cartoon on August 27, 1936. The porch is exactly 100 feet above the lake level.

The automatic sprinkler system was installed in 1928 at a cost of $104,000.00. It is the largest fire-protective apparatus ever built. Nine carloads of pipe were used in its construction. The insurance rate was reduced to one tenth of the former rate by installation of this equipment. The National Fire Protection Association has maintained a complete record of fires in this country for the past twenty-five years. Their record shows where sprinkler equipment has been used such as is maintained here, every fire has been promptly extinguished. The record shows 100% safety from fire for buildings like the Grand Hotel of today. The record is less favorable in case of so-called fireproof hotels without this sprinkler protection.

There are 30,000 yards of carpet in the main building. From the east end of the main dining room to the west end of the lobby floor corridor extends the longest piece of carpet ever made. It is two blocks in length. Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, who made this carpet, have carried national advertising in leading publications describing and picturing this longest carpet.

Mr. Plank as lessee and manager operated the hotel from its inception in 1887 until 1912. In 1911 to Frank Nagle of St. Louis and Charles J. Holdener, a prominent Michigan hotel man, leased the hotel from 1890 to 1900. Henry Weaver of St. Louis leased and operated the property from 1900 to 1910 and in that period acquired a controlling stock interest from the railroads. He sold his interest in 1911 to Frank Nagle of St. Louis and Charles J. Holdener. In 1919 J. Logan Ballard of French Lick bought the house in 1918. A new organization took over the property in 1923, comprised of Joseph L. Ballard, Eugene J. La Chance and W. Stewart Woodfill. In 1929 Mr. Woodfill sold his
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and several smaller storerooms, there are forty-seven feet in length. Seven ranges serve in this department. The ranges are used- There is a bake shop, ice cream plant, food service and entertainment for its guests. Inexpensive music and entertainment has been suggested. Many other savings could be effected, but if these things were done this would not be the Great Hotel and this institution, just as it has always been in the past, is dedicated to the very best possible service and entertainment for its guests. With respect to the dining room it is interesting to note that absolutely no cold storage meats or poultry are used.

Fresh-caught fish from the Straits of Mackinac is purchased every day. Strictly fresh vegetables are served, no canned goods being used whatsoever. The hotel makes its own ice cream and sherbets using only fresh fruits and pure ice cream. The hotel bakery prepares all of the bread, rolls and pastry used in the establishment.

The menus list an unusually elaborate assortment of food and very generous portions of each dish is served. It is the rule that guests may have more than one portion of any item if desired. The menus offer the most extensive American-Plan service to be found anywhere.

Back-stage or behind the scenes a great miscellany of equipment, machinery and service is maintained with a large staff of employees in charge.

The kitchen is two and one-half stories high. Fifty cooks and employees serve in this department. The ranges are forty-seven feet in length. Seven walk-in coolers and sixteen large ice boxes are used. There is a bake shop, butcher shop, ice cream plant, food storeroom and numerous pantries.

In addition to the food storerooms, there is a large general storeroom for household supplies, a linen room, wine cellar, uniform room, baggage room, printing shop and china room.

Five large dining rooms are operated for the service of employee meals. There are several buildings for housing the four hundred employees. In addition there is the Superintendent's residence, stables for fifty horses with numerous carriages and wagons, tool house, heating plant, electric plant, ice house, refrigerating plant, machine and tool shop, wood-working shop, paint shop and the club house which is provided for the entertainment of employees.

On the ground floor is the hotel laundry with twenty-five employees turning out 7,500 pieces of laundry every day. Adjacent is the tailor shop which provides pressing and dry cleaning service.

Eight offices are required within the hotel for members of the staff and executive offices are maintained the year around in Chicago.

Several maintenance employees are retained at the hotel throughout the winter months. One hundred employees are in service six to eight weeks before the opening and a similar number for several weeks after the close of the season. During the summer the number of employees extends up to 412 men and women. Approximately 1,200 meals a day are served to employees alone. From 1,500 to 2,500 meals are served daily to guests.

Some of the average food supplies used daily include 1,500 pounds of meat, 50 bushels of fruit and vegetables and 250 pounds of butter. From $1,000 to $1,500 of food is used daily.

Because of the large quantities of provisions required, it is necessary to purchase most of the supplies in Detroit and Chicago. The supplies are shipped to the Island generally by steamer, sometimes by rail. Shipping costs average $90.00 a day.

The payroll averages $1,200.00 a day. The cost for musicians and entertainers is $225 a day. Taxes pro-rated through the season amount to $200 a day. The total cost of operation averages about $3,500 a day.

The hotel is closed for 81% of the year. The average normal season is only 70 days, probably the shortest of any resort hotels. It is apparent that a large property open for so short a period should necessarily charge more for its services than the rates charged by similar hotels in the cities, or the rates charged at similar resorts where there is a longer season.

One may also appreciate the difficulty of engaging 400 employees to come 350 to 800 miles north for work which lasts only two months of the year. The employees are largely recruited in Detroit, French Lick and Chicago. During the two short months of service the employees must become trained to their duties and adjust themselves to the particular routine and standards of this institution. If there should be occasional mishaps in the service, one should consider the peculiar difficulties of operating with so large a staff and for so short a period.

The parlors and rooms of this revered hotel have felt the tread of many illustrious and great men. Each year brings new, distinguished guests. President Franklin D. Roosevelt selected the presidential suite of the Grand Ho-
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Mackinac Island, situated in the Straits of Mackinac which connect Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, lays claim to being one of the finest summer resorts in the country. There is a great natural beauty on the island and its historic past and legendary lore make it an ideal convention site. Trails for hikers and carriages for the less eager make the tiny island retreat available to all convention goers.

The focal point is the Grand Hotel which is indeed befitting of its name. It is one of the famous summer hotels of the country, situated on a high elevation facing the Straits. There are four stories to the Hotel and every room is an outside one with views of either the lake and bluffs or the gardens. Electric elevators and a telephone in each room make them accessible and communication perfect. From its famous great porch and colonnade, two blocks long, may be viewed the beautiful gardens, swimming pool and recreation grounds. Every comfort is available within the hotel proper and the village offers many shops in which to browse. The Casino will be the scene of the convention sessions and the Terrace Room will be a favorite, for here will be informal dancing and entertainment during the week. There is a colorful sports club house with its snack bar where the golfer may relax. The odd-shaped swimming pool has a new sandy beach.

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Bicycles, rolling chairs and carriages continue as always to provide local transportation. No automobiles are permitted on the island. The fishing waters at nearby Les Cheneaux afford the best of that sport in Michigan.

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The four American Locks and the Canadian lock, which handle the tremendous tonnage that passes through the canal today, are masterpieces of engineering ingenuity that have enabled man to get the better of nature. The Canadian lock, opened in 1895, is 900 feet long and is used by most of the passenger boats. The four huge locks in American waters range from Poe Lock, about 900 feet long, up to the giant Davis and Sabin Locks, each measuring 1,350 feet in length. Either of these can take two of the longest freighters on the lakes in one lockage, in tandem. The most recent lock, named for General Douglas MacArthur, was a wartime project, completed in fourteen months and opened in 1943.

Passage is free for all ships, regardless of nationality, but if tolls had been charged at the rates levied for carrying freight through the Panama Canal, revenues would have exceeded $50,000,000 a year. This is much more than the cost of the canal and all of the locks, plus improvements made through the years.

When war clouds first began to gather, the St. Marys Falls Canal was one of the first strategic locations that the United States and Canada rushed to protect. The canal area bristled with modern defense weapons of every type, and the "No Visitor" signs went up. Around 85 per cent of the iron ore consumed by American industry moves through the canal, and a single act of enemy sabotage could have brought armament production almost to a standstill.

Last year the Canal area was reopened to visitors, and thousands of people flocked to the Soo for close-up inspection of the fascinating locks in operation. A number of conducted tours are made each day during the navigation season. The St. Marys Falls Canal is only one and three-quarter miles long, but it is the commerce lifeline of two nations. Nowhere else on the globe can one watch such huge quantities of vital materials pour forth from a single "horn of plenty." Nowhere else could such a great cornucopia of commerce be found operating by two neighboring nations in peace and harmony.

Is it not easy to see, then, how much importance to the nation would be a St. Lawrence waterway?

In writing the program for an architectural competition to design a theme for the Soo Locks Centennial, emphasis should be placed on the good that has come from what we now have and also on what could be expected from future developments.

"MICHIGAN ON CANVAS" is the name of an exhibit of paintings current at the Astor House on Mackinac Island, sponsored by The J. L. Hudson Company. It has attracted thousands of people and is a notable contribution in the field of art by Michigan Painters.

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"The Store" was a low-ceiled room with hand-hewn beams on, one of which is chiseled in rude, sprawling characters, "417 Pines used in this frame." Here the actual business was carried on.

Attached to the store was a two-and-one-half-story warehouse where furs were stored. A quaint whitewashed stairway leads to the upper floors where still hangs the old windlass used to lift bales of furs to the second and third floors to await shipping time. A slight touch of the hand still turns this 10-foot-diameter, white pine wheel.

From an architectural standpoint, the old buildings are well worth studying—great hand-hewn white pine beams held together with wooden dowel pins; wide boards still showing the marks of the whip saw; immense handmade hinges; square-headed nails; two beautiful hand-made mantels and a mysterious opening from the basement where a secret stair or lift came through.

Above and below are shown views of the old Astor House on Mackinac Island, Michigan.

At right is the three-story Agent's House; at left, the two-and-one-half-story Store and Warehouse.

Here $3,000,000 annually was exchanged for the furs dealt in by the Astors.

EMIL LORCH, F.A.I.A., has been named consultant for the State's program of restoration of such architecture on Mackinac Island as the old Astor House and Biddle House.
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It was a sunny, spring day on Mackinac Island. Lauritz Melchior, with the afternoon off from filming location takes a ride to the village on a tandem bike, with Jimmy Durante.

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By ALDEN B. DOW

Since the new Board took over its job last December, we have had eight meetings and attendance at these meetings, as it should be, has been almost 100%.

The Administration Committee, headed by John Thornton, with David Williams, Arthur Zimmermann and Joseph Leinweber, have had many problems because of the fact that the Society must operate on an income of about $1,800 a year, which I think one can easily understand is most inadequate. Owing to this small income, during the past few years it has been necessary for the Board to use some money from past savings. However, the Society is still in a sound position. In fact, we are most optimistic regarding the future of this profession and we see many real services that this Board can render the Society.

For example, the Public and Professional Relations Committee, headed by Charles McGrew, with Wells Bennett, Roger Allen and Robert Frantz, has started the job of bringing together under one publication the state laws governing building in the State of Michigan. They are not considering local laws, only the State laws. By doing this and bringing it to the attention of the State, we are in hopes of clarifying and simplifying many of these laws.

One of the laws that they have been working on is the regulation governing ceiling heights in single dwelling houses. As you know, today this law states that all ceilings on the first floor must be eight feet high. This makes it practically impossible to design in terms of interior space elevations. It makes a minimum F.H.A. bedroom appear like a well, whereas if it were possible to drop these ceilings in certain areas, in such minimum rooms, these spaces could be made far more attractive and livable. We are looking forward to a report from this committee at the Mackinac Conference.

The Education and Research Committee, with Ralph Hammett, chairman, and Adrian Langius, Carl Kressbach and Leo Bauer, is working to find ways of producing more material of general interest for the Weekly Bulletin, also ways of stimulating more interest in our Conventions and meetings in general. If anyone has any suggestions to offer this committee, they would certainly welcome them, because they are doing everything possible to make the Society more valuable to you.

This Summer Conference at Mackinac has been arranged by Chairman Adrian Langius, with Robert Frantz and David Williams, and I feel sure of its success. As President of the Michigan Society, may I say that all the Board is looking forward to seeing you at this Conference.

Saginaw Valley Chapter, M.S.A.

The Saginaw Valley Chapter has experienced a most interesting season. We started out by calling on individual members to present some subject at each meeting regarding their practice. We have had talks on such subjects as hardware, glass and glazing, insulation, and so on, and found them all most interesting. In fact, I would not miss one of these meetings for anything because by approaching subjects in this way, we tend to get both sides of the problems involved.

Many of us are looking forward to the meeting at Mackinac and challenge any other chapter to be present with as great a percentage of attendance. We will see you in Mackinac.

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The Grand Hotel has recently undergone complete refurbishing, at a cost of more than $75,000, the most extensive since it was opened in 1887. Architect for the building was the late George D. Mason, of Detroit, "Dean of Michigan Architects," Fellow of the A.I.A. and member of the M.S.A.

HASKELL MACKINAC SPEAKER

Douglas Haskell, newly appointed architectural editor of Architectural Forum, will be the principal speaker at the MSA Sixth Annual Mid-Summer Conference at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, August 5 and 6.

Michigan Architects will remember Mr. Haskell for his outstanding contributions to meetings in this state. He participated in the famous "Panel of the Younger Men" at the Grand Rapids A.I.A. Convention in 1947 and present-
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ed papers at two Ann Arbor Conferences in 1948 and 1949. The first, on "Beauty for Us," was published in Architectural Record, in June, 1948. The second, on "Progress in Heating," received wide acclaim. The two titles suggest the wide range of Mr. Haskell's approach to architecture and building.
Mr. Haskell began his career in architectural journalism twenty-five years ago, with a blast at collegiate Gothic and copious quotations from Louis Sullivan. He served as assistant editor of Creative Art under Lee Simpson, and as associate editor of Architectural Record under Lawrence Koehler, the pioneer advocate of contemporary architecture.
He wrote the first regular column of architectural criticism in the U.S., beginning in 1930 in The Nation; freelanced architectural articles in the Architectural Review (London), Harper's, American Scholar, Readers' Digest and others.
For ten years, he wrote the annual architectural review in the New International Yearbook. He rejoined the staff of Architectural Record in 1943 and left that position to accept his present editorship of the Forum in April of this year.

STRAITS PLAN CELEBRATION
The Second Annual Straits Celebration will be held on August 5, 6 and 7 with Straits of Mackinac Swim from Mackinac Island to St. Ignace as its feature attraction. The Swim is scheduled to start from the Island at 8:00 a.m., August 6.
A pageant dramatizing the landing of Pere Marquette in 1670 will be enacted prior to a sunrise mass at his grave on Sunday morning, August 7.
The celebration will include a parade of Upper Peninsula National Guard units, with Guard planes overhead; mo-

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CELEBRATION (from 41)

Tow boat races and a Straits Queen's Ball.

Last year the first celebration was held to mark the twenty-first anniversary of Michigan State Ferry Service between Mackinac City and St. Ignace. It was decided to make the celebration an annual event.

In 1948, only four of thirty entrants in the swim crossed the finish line. Three of them were Detroiters. The main swim is in charge of Charles McCaffree, Jr., swimming coach at Michigan State College.

JIMMY DURANTE liked Mackinac Island and The Grand Hotel so much when he was there on location a few years ago, that he will be spending a vacation there this year, beginning August 1. Instead of "This Time for Keeps," this time he will bring Clark Gable with him. Must be he heard about Alden Dow's success and wants to get some ideas. Joking aside, Alden has made some color movies that compare favorably with the best professionals. Alden goes so far as to state the belief that in the future the best pictures may be turned out by amateurs. There's no reason at all why we can't have a combination this year, with Durante and Gable side by side with our own "characters." At least, as Roger Allen points out, architects' wives are easy to look at.

GEORGE D. MASON, our beloved late member and Fellow of The A.I.A., was architect for The Grand Hotel. The plans are still on file in the offices of George D. Mason & Co., reports David H. Williams, Jr., now President of the firm, director of the MSA and president of the Detroit Chapter, AIA. Mr. Mason once related that when he was first called in for conference at the site he had no tape or rule, so he just paced off the distances and estimated the elevations. Later measurements proved that he was off only by inches. It is interesting to note that the front porch floor is exactly 100 feet above lake level.

ARCHITECTS OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN are being recognized in this Conference at Mackinac Island. A discussion of the Soo Locks Centennial and the architectural competition in that connection will further the end of focusing attention on this important area of our state.

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