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2. Subscribe to a magazine like "Home Handsome" or "House and Yard." Study each issue diligently. Clip out everything which appeals to you. You may not know much about architecture, but you know what you like. Prepare a scrap-book of all attractive plans. You should now be well advanced in your education.

3. Select nine or ten of your favorite plans from your scrap book and proceed to combine all the best features of each in a new and original plan. For this work you will need cross-section paper and a 6H pencil which must be kept very sharp.

4. If, in your plan, you find the stair running smack against a chimney,

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or if a bathroom persists in remaining in the very middle of things without a window, or if there is no room for the kitchen sink, do not despair. A good maneuver is to turn your plan upside down and start over. Always remember that the second floor is just above the first, except in Southern California.

5. Do not be disturbed if your plan does not seem to fit your lot. The modern method is to engage a steam shovel to make your lot fit the plan.

6. Prepare a list of the many shortcuts and devices that should save you money — those unconventional ideas which the regulars in the building game never think of, or stubbornly refuse to adopt.

7. The next problem is the blueprints. This is one of the silly fetishes in the building business. Somebody has to make the blueprints; although your wife took interior decorating in college, her sketches are always apt to be rather vague. Maybe you can get the F. H. A. to put on a blue-print project.

8. Get some bids on your blue-printed designs. You do not need specifications since it is well known that all houses are built of just about the same materials. When you get your bids, don't forget that even the low bid is too high, and should be drastically deflated. Finally, when you are ready to go ahead, do not go to the expense and trouble of a written contract. A good verbal agreement is all that is necessary. There is a lot of nonsense about contracts, lien laws, building codes, and zoning ordinances, which can be ignored as superfluous.

9. As the job proceeds, do not hesitate to make changes and improvements. Your verbal agreement includes all this; anyhow, the builder will never think of charging for extras.

10. When you have your house-warming, secrete some dictaphones about the house. You will then secure fresh off-the-record criticisms of your work from your guests. You can then judge whether you are a success as a builder. Of course, you will not be present at this house-warming. You have by this time suffered a nervous breakdown and are on your back muttering. You will soon owe the doctor the money you have to make changes and improvements. Your verbal agreement includes all this; anyhow, the builder will never think of charging for extras.

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fathers did for us.”—JOHN RUSKIN
BENNETT CERF, in an address at the A.I.A. Centennial Convention, spoke on how to laugh your way through and roll with the punches.

He stated that Mr. Henry Luce, President of Time, Inc., had been told by International Business Machines that they could build a machine that would do the work of 300 girls engaged on subscription renewals, thereby saving Time a million dollars a year.

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PAUL G. HOFFMAN, Representative of the United States to the General Assembly of the United Nations, speaking on "The New World of Ideas," at the recent Centennial Convention of The A.I.A., developed the theme that we owe much to the pioneers in technological development over the past century.

He related the story of a grade school teacher who gave to her class the assignment of writing an essay about Benjamin Franklin, and one youngster wrote:

"Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston. He decided to seek his fortune in Philadelphia. He walked all the way. As he was entering the city, he saw a young lady coming out of a house with a loaf of bread under her arm. He married her and discovered electricity."

THERE'S ENCHANTMENT in grand opera, and satisfaction in attending a good lecture; but, for true enjoyment, there's nothing quite like slipping off your shoes.

However, in France, the grape crusher could hardly wait to get home, put on his shoes and relax.

LOTS OF ARCHITECTS are going to Europe this summer.

Harvey Campbell, Executive Vice President of the Detroit Board of Commerce, was recently strolling the boulevards of Paris with a friend. Harvey said, "I should have been here 20 years ago."

The friend asked, "You mean when Paris was Paris?"

Harvey replied, "Hell no, I mean when Campbell was Campbell."

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WHAT MAKES GRASS GREEN? was a problem engaging the attention of our scientists.

Their researches told them that it was chlorophyll. The next thing was to find out what is chlorophyll. Their search and research in the dictionary informed them it was a word of Greek derivation, meaning green grass.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT is having its troubles nowadays, financially and otherwise.

You've probably noticed that the mails are slower than they used to be.

This item was published in the Marcus, Iowa News:

"Service at the Marcus post office got back to abnormal Monday with the return of Pat Collins from his annual vacation as chief clerk."

AND JIMMIE GAMBARO reports passing this sign on a combination restaurant-service Station:

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EVERYTHING BUT THE (YOU KNOW)—is often described as what burglars took.

However, on a recent visit to the home of Charlotte Hayward in Bay City, burglars took nothing but the kitchen sink.

Note to Bob Frantz: This is in your Chapter area—we charge nothing for our referral service.

NOTICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. RESTAURANT: "In case of atomic attack, keep calm! Pay check, then run like mad."

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the Houston Convention, had breakfast with Henry Murphy of Brooklyn. There was no atomic attack, but I walked out without paying. Henry paid for me. Thanks, Henry.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, visiting the home of Philip Johnson in New Canaan, Conn., kept his hat on the whole time.

When someone remarked on the fact, Wright said it was because he couldn't tell whether he was indoors or out.

IN SALT LAKE CITY, a contractor, estimating a porch remodeling job, gave the structure an exploratory kick. The roof caved in on him, cutting his scalp and breaking his arm. (Ray Ashton was not the architect.)

WANT AD IN A NEW YORK NEWS-PAPER: Situation wanted by experienced secretary. Familiar with IBM executive. (Mat Del Gaudio, please note.)

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FERRIS INSTITUTE, of Big Rapids, Michigan, awarded an honorary degree to Roger Allen, F.A.I.A. of Grand Rapids, at its commencement June 10, 1957, when Allen delivered the commencement address.

Allen, a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, is head of the Grand Rapids firm of Roger Allen and Associates, Architects, which firm has done all but one of the buildings on Ferris Institute's campus.

Others receiving honorary degrees were Dr. Alfred E. Thomas, Detroit physician; Robert Paul Gerholz, builder and civic leader, of Flint, and Woodward Clark Smith, vice president of Central Michigan College, Mount Pleasant.

In June, 1956 Allen received an honorary doctor of law degree from Central Michigan College, where Allen's firm served as architect since 1940, during its period of greatest expansion.

Allen has served as President of the Western Michigan Chapter of The American Institute of Architects and of the Michigan Society of Architects. He was made a Fellow of the Institute in 1940, and was awarded the Gold Medal of the Michigan Society of Architects in 1954.

Nebraska

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS will move its offices, after August 1st, to the State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

California

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND BECKETT, A.I.A., of Los Angeles, has been divorced by his wife, but she insisted on a stipulation to pay him $1,200 monthly alimony for the next ten years.

“He has a great talent and should have the opportunity to develop it,” Mrs. Beckett said, and she added that Mr. Beckett is under heavy financial obligations and the money might enable him to develop into “an even greater architect.”

Mrs. Beckett's faith in her former husband is well borne out by his distinguished record.

INFORMATION PLEASE, official bulletin of the Pasadena Chapter, A.I.A., has moved its offices to 170 East California St., Pasadena. Helen H. Cady is the editor.

Canada

We extend Congratulations to the Royal Institute of Canadian Architects who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year.

Massachusetts

WALTER GROPIUS, F.A.I.A., has been awarded the Hanseatic Goethe Prize for 1956, it was announced from Hamburg, Germany. The 74-year-old German-born architect is head of the Harvard University architectural faculty.

Pennsylvania

GEORGE HAY, architect and Seal & Turner, Inc., builders have won the National Association of Home Builders' neighborhood development award for development of 125 acres known as "Rose Tree," northeast of Media, Pa.

In connection with the award the judges' commented:

"This housing development had been planned on a very difficult terrain. The houses are well suited to the topography. The builder has retained the natural features of the development to an unusual degree. The subdivision is well handled. We consider this an excellent residential development."

South Carolina

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER, A.I.A., will hold its annual summer Convention at Myrtle Beach, July 19-20, at the Pine Lakes International Country Club.

In Memoriam


JOHN GRAHAM, A.I.A., 68, in Falls Church Va., on May 7th.

MOSES HALPERIN, A.I.A., 63, in his home city of Cleveland, Ohio, on April 22nd.


GEORGE C. KINGSTON, 57, in New Haven, Conn., on April 17th. He was a resident of Bridgeport, Conn.

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Eero Saarinen & Associates, Architects; Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., Architects and Engineers. Lighting was by the Wakefield Company.

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ST. ANDREW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, is now under construction at the northwest corner of McGraw and Larkins Avenues, Detroit, Michigan. This Church, by Walter J. Rozycki, A.I.A. Architect, has been voted the "Distinctive Design Award" in the third annual Catholic architectural competition sponsored by the magazine "Catholic Property Administration."

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THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT announces that beginning in September, 1957, a curriculum in Architecture will replace the curriculum in Architectural Engineering.

Confusion has developed in recent years in trying to define "Architectural Engineering." "Architecture" more clearly describes this field of study and conforms with the thinking of the general public, the professional societies, and the accrediting and registration boards. This change will give the University graduates better relations with the building industry.

The curriculum will remain basically the same, with the addition of one year under the cooperative plan. The program will thus be two years on a continuous basis and four years of cooperative education, alternating academic (theoretical) schooling with actual (practical) training in the building industry field.

This arrangement of five years of academic schooling integrated with a program of practical experience is in keeping with recommendations of the American Institute of Architects, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

To become an architect, a person must be examined and approved by the state in which he wishes to practice. One of the requirements for examination is eight years of training in this field. Years in college may be counted toward this eight-year requirement. Hence, the additional year will not delay a young man who is preparing to become an architect.

CLARENCE A. GRAETHER, 76, who joined the architectural-engineering firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc. one year after it was founded, retired June 1.

Graether became a member of the Detroit firm, now one of the largest in the nation, 53 years ago.

A consultant in general building construction, he has served longer than any other staff member. President Wallace S. MacKenzie is next in length of time at SHG, with 41 years.

In various capacities since he started as an architectural draftsman, Graether has aided in the creation of many of Detroit's noted buildings. He was, for example, part of the teams working on the Penobscot, Buhl, Guardian and Michigan Bell Telephone buildings and the General Motors Technical Center.

Graether, of 9620 Nardin, said he will retire to a home in Lake Orion, but he added, "I plan to take trips to New York, Chicago and some other places to catch up on what they've been doing lately in the architectural field."

VICTOR GRUEN & ASSOCIATES, planners, architects and engineers, of Detroit, have been commissioned to prepare a full-scale study of the central business district of Kalamazoo.

This is the initial step toward revitalizing the city's downtown area, according to Garrett Van Houtien, chairman of the Downtown Kalamazoo Planning Committee, Inc., which was organized early this year to finance the project.

Cooperating with the Gruen office will be Charles Ford, city planner of Kalamazoo, and his staff.

Ralph J. Stevenson, project coordinator and vice president of the Gruen organization, stated that the firm's first phase will be to survey and conduct research in the preparation of preliminary studies.

Stevenson pointed out that his firm is opposed to the concept of "leveling everything and starting all over."

"We prefer," he said, "to stress revitalization as opposed to redevelopment."

GEORGE F. KIMBER, formerly with Giffels & Vallett, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Engineers and Architects, has entered his own practice as consultant on building contracts, specifications and supervision, at 800 East Clarkston Road, Lake Orion, Mich. The telephone number is Myrtle 2-3741.

THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, University of Michigan, announces John David Hilberry of Ann Arbor, Michigan as winner of the George VanBrunt Award for 1957. Mr. Hilberry plans to travel in Europe, carrying forward his project entitled, "The Pedestrian in an Urban Setting."
Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1957
9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.—Arrivals, Registration (Men $10.00, Ladies Free)
6:00 P.M.—Cocktail Party, Terrace Room
7:00 P.M.—Dinner, Main Dining Room (All Meals American Plan)
10:00 P.M.—Dancing, Terrace Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
8:00 A.M.—Breakfast and Board Meeting; Registration Continues
9:00 A.M.—Business Session, Club Room; President James B. Morison Presiding
Greetings from the A.I.A., National and Regional
10:00 A.M.—Seminar; Introductions by Samuel C. Allen, A.I.A., of the Saginaw Valley Chapter
Speaker: Alden B. Dow, F.A.I.A.
Subject: “Toward Better Design for Houses”
Speaker: C. Allen Harlan, Honorary Member, MSA
Subject: “Romance of the Mackinac Island Bridge”
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon, Main Dining Room
AFTERNOON — Golf Tournament (for Ladies & Gentlemen); Prizes by The Detroit Edison Company. Also: Party for Ladies, Arranged by Ladies’ Committee
5:30 P.M.—Cocktail Party, Club Room; Host: Portland Cement Association; Awarding of “Man of the Year” Trophy
6:30 P.M.—Dinner, Main Dining Room
10:00 P.M.—Dancing, Terrace Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
8:00 A.M.—Breakfast, Main Dining Room
10:00 A.M.—Seminar, Club Room; Introductions by Auldin H. Nelson, A.I.A.
Speaker: W. D. Riddle, A.I.A., General Electric Company, Nela Park
Subject: “Better Light in the Home”
12:30 P.M.—Buffet Luncheon, Terrace Room
AFTERNOON — Rest and Relaxation
5:30 P.M.—Cocktail Party, Host: Producers Council, Michigan Chapter
6:30 P.M.—Fourteenth Annual Midsummer Conference Banquet; Presentation of Architects’ Awards
Speaker: Mr. Edwin Bate, Morris, Sr., A.I.A., of Washington, D.C., Vice President of The Tile Manufacturers’ Association, Inc.
10:30 P.M.—Dancing, Terrace Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
Breakfast, Church, Departures
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Architects’ Own Home Competition

ELIGIBILITY:
Any member of The American Institute of Architects, or any associate member of an A.I.A. chapter.

CLASSIFICATION:
A dwelling, either new or remodeled, for a family of any size, designed by the entrant, for his own use, within the past fifty years.

PRESENTATION:
Entries to be submitted on illustration board or similar mounts, of any size. For new work, present photographs of interiors and exteriors, floor plans and plot plan. Floor plan and plot plan may be one drawing. Present the same for remodeling but feature the parts that have been added.

ANONYMITY:
No identification is to appear on the face of mounts. Name and home address of entrant to be concealed on backs of mounts.

CLOSING DATE:
All submissions to be delivered at the Grand Hotel not later than August 8, 1957. They will be returned to the owners.

JURY:
The jury will be composed of five architects’ wives who are not practicing architecture as a vocation.

EXHIBITION:
Entries will be exhibited in the Club Room of the Grand Hotel during the Conference.

AWARDS:
Appropriate awards will be presented at the Conference Banquet Saturday evening, August 10, 1957.

PETER VANDER LAAN,
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The booklet includes sections on style, craftsmanship and examples, plus a watch list which emphasizes incorrect and overworked words and phrases, in addition to shortness, simplicity, strength and sincerity.

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A special invitation has been sent Detroit Chapter members to attend the Centennial Concert to be held in the Henry and Edsel Ford Auditorium on Monday evening, October 28, 1957. This concert is the final event in our celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of The American Institute of Architects.

Some tickets are still available for the Patrons' section at $5.00 (limited to 500); remaining main floor seats $3.00; balcony seats, $1.50.

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CHARLES A. BLESSING, A.I.A., Detroit's chief City Planner, has been named Chairman of a special study committee for the Detroit Regional Planning Commission.

Richard F. Fernbach, A.I.A., City Planner for Highland Park, is Chairman of the Commission's Executive Committee.

The new committee is charged with the study of the future development of the Detroit metropolitan area with greenbelts to break up the monotony of continuous building. Unless some such steps are taken, we face the solid urban growth from Toledo to Bay City within the next 20 years, it is predicted.

The pattern would include tracts of land reserved for agriculture. Fernbach believes the tracts would have to be four or five miles in width to be practical for farming.

"If we don't take steps to rescue some of the nearby farms that provide our fresh eggs and vegetables, we soon may find ourselves as reliant on canned foods and cold storage as New York," Fernbach said.

Fernbach and his fellow planners recognize that their proposal may face insurmountable legal and monetary obstacles. New state legislation might be required to allow the type of wholesale rezoning demanded.

"But we also recognize a human need for something more than an unending plain of houses and factories," Fernbach said. "As planners, we could not face our posterity if we did not provide for that need."

ELMER J. MANSON, A.I.A., of Lansing, immediate past president of the Michigan Society of Architects, has been appointed a member of The American Institute of Architects Public Relations Committee, representing the Great Lakes District.

Manson attended an organizational meeting of the new committee at the Institute's headquarters in Washington, D.C., June 6 and 7, at which work of the past year was reviewed and plans laid for the future.

The Institute has budgeted $93,000 for its PR program in 1957, which will be under the direction of John W. Root, F.A.I.A., of Chicago, Committee chairman, and the Institute's public relations council, Henry J. Kaufman and Associates, of Washington, D.C.

NICHOLAS S. PASTOR, of 889 E. Bennett St., Ferndale, Mich., has become an associate member of the Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Architects, it is announced by Werner Guenther, Chapter treasurer.

A native Detroiter, Pastor received his degree of bachelor of architectural engineering from the University of Detroit in 1955, following which he was employed by architects James W. Conn of Detroit and L. Hardy of St. Clair Shores. He is at present a draftsman with the office of Waksaly-Kushner, Architects of St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

TALMAGE C. HUGHES, F.A.I.A., has been named a regional editor of the Journal of The American Institute of Architects, representing the Great Lakes District.

The Journal, official publication of the Institute, was recently enlarged and combined with the Institute's Bulletin.

Earl L. Confer

EARL L. CONFER, A.I.A., Governor of the Michigan District of Kiwanis International, headed a delegation of 125 Michigan Kiwanians who went by special train to attend the recent Kiwanis International Convention in Atlantic City. About 600 from throughout Michigan attended the Convention.

The Michigan group first went to Washington, D.C. and took a cruise on the Potomac river to Norfolk, with stops at Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown. On their return to Washington, they attended a banquet with Michigan congressmen, then departed for Atlantic City.

Confer has been a member of Kiwanis since 1929 and he took office as Governor of its Michigan District January 1, 1957, following distinguished service as Director and President of the Northwest Club. The Michigan District has some 9,000 members in 162 clubs.

Kiwanis was established in Detroit in 1915. The organization has grown to a membership of more than 250,000 in 400 clubs throughout the U. S., its possessions and Canada.

GEORGE N. WILLIAMS, A.I.A., has been admitted to partnership in the Battle Creek architectural firm of Haughey & Black and the firm name changed to Haughey, Black & Williams.

Williams, a native of Morris, Ill., graduated from the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Design in 1950 with the degree of bachelor of science in architecture. After working with Lewis Sarvis, A.I.A., of Battle Creek, he went with Haughey & Black in 1953, where he has continued since.

HB & W, whose offices are at 616 Post building in Battle Creek, are now engaged in planning and supervising buildings of various types, including four structures for the State at Coldwater, residences, hospitals, commercial and industrial buildings.
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Members of the Western Michigan Chapter and their ladies joined with the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects at the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, on May 31st.

Mayor Paul Gobel of Grand Rapids welcomed the group which included 26 architects, 26 landscape architects and 24 guests.

Speaker of the evening was Mr. Arleigh "Bud" Hitchcock, Director of the Grand Rapids Home Styling Center, who revealed that although plans for the Center in Grand Rapids are indefinite, consideration is being given to establishing it in another locality.

President Ian Ironside introduced officers of the Western Michigan Chapter and announced an Executive Committee meeting had been scheduled for June 12 at the Walnut Hills Country Club. He also said that the Chapter had nine delegates at the recent AIA Convention in Washington.

George B. Savage, MSA Treasurer, spoke briefly about the Grand Rapids Architectural League, a group of architects which has been formed to act in an advisory capacity to City officials.

Secretary Charles V. Opdyke pointed out that the AIA-AGC Specification Outline is now being used by many architects in both the Saginaw Valley and Western Michigan Chapters and urged that more architects take advantage of it. Copies may be obtained by writing Mr. George W. Combs, Associated General Contractors, 127 N. Cedar St., Lansing.

Next meeting of the Chapter will be the Traverse City Family Outing, June 21 and 22. Tentative plans call for a reception at the Paul Hazelton home the evening of Friday, June 21, followed by a dinner at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club. With the many recreational opportunities available in the area, the Outing is sure to be a festive weekend.

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C. A. OBRYON, of Grand Rapids, reports that the annual school design competition sponsored jointly by the Michigan Society of Architects and the Michigan Association of School Boards, will be held October 8 and 9, in Lansing.

He expects more entries than last year and arrangements have been made for additional exhibit space. Categories for the various entries will be similar to those of last year and will be announced soon.

Architects planning to submit entries should begin preparing their material for mounting, says OBY.

WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER members and their wives met at Traverse City, June 21-22, for a Family Outing. The get-together was the Chapter's last monthly meeting before its summer hiatus.

Contributing to the enjoyment of the weekend in Michigan's northland, were the many varied recreational opportunities, such as fishing, swimming, camping, hiking, golfing and sight-seeing. All contributed to a most pleasant weekend away from the noisy humdrum of city streets.

Paul Hazelton welcomed members to his home Friday evening, June 21, for a social hour and cocktails, following which they adjourned to the Traverse City Golf and Country Club for dinner and Chapter meeting.

President Ian Ironside announced that Phillip C. Haughey would be Chairman of the 1957 Honor Awards Committee. With no other Chapter business scheduled, Mr. Ironside called upon Howard DeWalt to introduce the speaker of the evening, Frederick G. Cornwell.

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Smith, Tarapata, MacMahon, Inc., Architects, have expanded their organization and enlarged their offices at 894 South Adams in Birmingham, it is announced by Linn Smith, President of the firm. Purpose of the changes are to broaden the architectural and engineering services concurrent with the first anniversary of the incorporation of the firm, Smith stated.

Almon Durkee, A.I.A. is to be in charge of specifications, building products research, scheduling and budget control. Mr. Durkee was formerly General Manager and an associate member of the firm of Victor Gruen and Associates, Inc. where he was in charge of the offices and personnel as well as scheduling and budgeting of all projects. Mr. Durkee was architectural co-ordinator for Northland Center in charge of the fifty-seven tenant stores and was responsible for co-ordinating many other important projects as well.

James R. Newbold, chief draftsman, is responsible for general administration of the architectural department including coordination of the structural, mechanical, electrical and kitchen working drawings. Mr. Newbold has been with the organization since its inception and was with the previous organization known as Architect Linn Smith, A.I.A. He is a graduate of the Architectural School at Notre Dame and was formerly with Diehl and Diehl, Architects, V. H. Sidnam & E. N. Hewitt, Associates; Suren Pilafian; and Harley, Ellington and Day, Inc., all architectural firms in Detroit.

William V. Hewitt, chief field superintendent, is responsible for all aspects of field supervision. Mr. Hewitt has been with the organization as field superintendent and formerly was assistant chief superintendent with Eberle M. Smith Associates, Inc. in Detroit.

Gordon Hoyem, chief mechanical engineer, is directly in charge of all mechanical and electrical work. Mr. Hoyem was formerly principal member of the firm of Valentine and Hoyem, Architects and Engineers in Marysville, and he has a wide experience in institutional and industrial work covering all phases of design, production, supervision, and administration.

In making the announced changes, Mr. Smith and his co-principals, Peter Tarapata and Charles MacMahon, recalled that a year ago there were eight people in the organization which now totals twenty-three. The firm has seventeen projects currently under construction or on the drawing boards totaling over $10,000,000. These projects are of a varied nature ranging from a 400-Bed Nursery Facility for the Lapeer State Home and Training School with a budget of two million dollars to a small $40,000 factory addition. Most of the firm's work has been in the public institutional field with a predominance of school work, but they have designed many other building types as well. During the past year the firm has received national recognition. The above mentioned 400-Bed nursery facility for the Lapeer State Home and Training School received the top award in the health category in the Progressive Architecture magazine, and the Harlan School in Birmingham received the top award of the School Executive magazine competition, as well as a Special Citation from the American Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards. The Farmington Junior High School also received a Special Citation from the American Association of School Administrators in addition to one from the Michigan Association of School Boards.


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THE 1956 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND SAFETY ENGINEERING OF THE CITY OF DETROIT has just been submitted to Mayor R. C. Smith, through C. R. raseman, who is hereby recognized. The report reveals that during 1956 the city's new Building Code was adopted by the Common Council. The Foreword of the Code reads as follows:

"Patterned after the performance-type code of the Building Officials Conference, Inc., namely, the Basic Building Code, this Code has been adopted by the City of Detroit as another step forward in our common objective of achieving a greater degree of uniformity in building regulations throughout the country. It is based on nationally recognized standards. The use of the Basic Building Code as a prototype is hereby recognized."

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The report reveals that during 1956 permits were issued on an estimated construction cost of $111,174,627, as compared with $142,826,475 the previous year, the seventh largest in the nation, whereas Detroit was sixth in 1955.

A leading activity was motel and hotel construction and alteration, which tripled over the previous year, to reach $25.00 per cent. Some $25,000, the report states.

Mentioned as important projects dealt with during the year were the foundations for the National Guard Armory, Second and Abbott Parking Garage, Underground Parking Garage at Grand Circus Park, and a lift-slab structure for Cook Poin & Varnish Co.

Two landmarks were removed—the Fred Sanders store on Woodward Ave., destroyed by fire, and the Hammond building, by wreckers.

MISS HELEN L. FASSETT, of the staff of Smith, Hinchen & Grylls Associates, Inc., Architects and Engineers, and member of Detroit's Board of Zoning Appeal, has been named by Detroit's City Council President Louis C. Miriani to a citizen committee to assist him in the selection of a site for the new convention hall. The committee is to be composed of over 200 civic-minded citizens, and will be appointed by the City Council.

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joyable Convention that they had ever attended.

Because of my activities as one of the Entertainment Committee, I was naturally thrown into intimate contact with the officers of the Institute during their 3-day sojourn in Detroit, and Mr. Glenn Brown suggested that I should become a member of the National body. He explained that the annual dues of members was $20.00, and of Fellows $25.00 and that the choice of which class to join was optional with the candidate. I joined as a Fellow in 1957.

At this date (1957), being now a member of the Jury of Awards, I think that the most important quality to look for in a candidate is the ability to contribute to the advancement of the profession.

After my eight years of service as Secretary, it occured to me that I was likely to be continued in that office indefinitely and with small probability of any advancement, so I declined a re-election of Alpheus W. Chittenden was chosen to succeed me. The following year I was elected President of the Chapter.

The Chapter, in those days and for many years, held its monthly meetings, with a dinner, in a room over Richter's German Saloon and Cafe, on State Street, between Woodward Avenue and Griswold Street, and the meetings were always serious though most enjoyable. Many Chapter activities were initiated at those meetings which tended toward advancing the importance of the architectural profession in the community life, as well as a fraternalizing of the architects themselves.

Occasional extra entertainments were offered, such as a demonstration of radio communication by John W. Dyer, a local citizen, in the very infancy of the marvelous scientific development with which we are now so familiar.

On another occasion, the Chapter entertained Mr. H. V. Lanchester, architect of London, England, whom I had met at the International Congress of Architects, which was held in London in 1954. Mr. Lancaster gave a lecture on East Indian Architecture, in the auditorium of the Detroit Museum of Art. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides showing several important government buildings of which Mr. Lancaster was the architect. The Chapter entertained him at "Billy" Dobson's Road House with one of Dobson's famous frog..."
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The Chapter took a prominent part in efforts to obtain legislation for the licensing of architects, but struggled with legislative committees for several years before this end was attained.

The Chapter was also instrumental in getting a course in Architecture established at the University of Michigan. At first, however, the course was but a subordinate adjunct of the Engineering Department of the University, under Prof. Montimer E. Cooley. Emil Lorch was the first instructor in Architecture. His valued services in that connection were duly appreciated by the University authorities and he later became Director of the Department of Architecture when it was separated from the Engineering Department and given an individual status. The Chapter voted from its treasury several hundred dollars to be used in the purchase of architectural books for the new Department.

The Chapter cooperated in establishing the Detroit School of Design, of which I was the first President, and which for several years conducted classes in industrial design at the Detroit Museum of Art. Through the efforts of Mr. John M. Donaldson and Mr. Charles L. Freer, the Board of Aldermen of the City appropriated the sum of $5,000, with which to start this enterprise, but it had a short life owing to the difficulty in obtaining adequate financial support.

The Chapter was also instrumental in obtaining the passage of a City ordinance creating the first Municipal Plan Commission. Mr. Charles Moore, formerly Secretary of the McMillan Commission of Washington, D. C., and at that time a resident of Detroit, was the Chairman of the local Commission and John Donaldson and I were appointed as Members, I acting as Secretary. Perhaps the most noteworthy achievement of the Chapter in those early days was its contribution toward the standardization of professional documents. Relating the history of this activity, I cannot avoid mention of my personal connection with it; but, while I am proud of that connection, I do not wish to seem to stress it as overshadowing the great work of the others who collaborated with me in attaining the ultimate results. The story of this activity of the Chapter is as follows:

When I formed a partnership with William B. Stratton, it devolved upon me to prepare all of the specifications and contracts incidental to our work and, lacking much experience, I gathered together as many copies of the specifications of the older firms in Detroit and other cities as I could lay my hands on. My first task was the preparation of the "General Conditions of the Contract" and I labored long and studied hard in an effort to simplify and eliminate the confusing and ambiguous clauses which prevailed in some of the specifications under study. I also realized that the building contractors must labor under the necessity of familiarizing themselves with the varying practices and whims of all the separate offices with whom they dealt, as expressed by their specifications.

During the course of my study, it occurred to me that it was a silly idea that a similar amount of effort and study should be a problem for each individual or firm practicing architecture, and I submitted the matter to the Chapter, with the suggestion that a Chapter committee make a study of the whole subject and devise a set of uniform "General Conditions" for adoption and use by all of its members. Such a committee was promptly appointed, consisting of Henry Meier, James Rogers and myself. The committee worked for months and evolved a set of "General Conditions" which was immediately adopted and put in force in the offices of all the members of the Chapter.

At the next annual Convention of the Institute, held in Washington, Mr. Allan B. Pond, of Chicago, announced on the floor that, in his opinion, "the most outstanding contribution in many years had been made by the Michigan Chapter, in the adoption of a uniform set of "General Conditions." The announcement was received with great enthusiasm by the delegates and a resolution was passed instructing the President to appoint a special committee to study the problem and produce a similar set of uniform "General Conditions" for use by the entire Institute.

The President, Mr. Frank Miles Day, thereupon appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Pond, chairman; Grovenor Altrebury, Frank Ferguson and myself. This committee labored hard and constantly for three years, consulting with the American Association of General Contractors, eminent lawyers, leaders in financial and insurance interests, etc., and finally evolved not only a set of General Conditions but a "Uniform General Contract" as well.

These documents were then approved by the Board of Directors and copyrighted by the Institute. They have subsequently been modified and improved upon from time to time and are now in almost universal use in most of the architectural offices of the country.

The sale of the contract documents, since they were first promulgated by the Institute, has been a constant source of revenue to the organization. The annual income from them, in normal times, averages about $15,000 and the total revenue has probably exceeded $150,000.

The Michigan Chapter and its successor, the Detroit Chapter, have usually been well represented in the councils of the Institute and on its standing committees. John M. Donaldson was a Director for three years, and later, a vice-president. Dalton J. V. Snyder and Clair W. Dixey have served on the Board and I was a Director for three years, a Vice-President for three years and, subsequently served as Secretary for nine years.
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The following old timers: Al Harley, Norm Atcheson, Gordon Pickell, Wash Chapman, Fred Barns and myself, met by accident, for lunch one noon at the Palestine Lodge House. During the meal, we decided that competitors could be friends and work together for the purpose of having a registration law passed. Each one present agreed to invite at least one brother architect for lunch the following week, and soon a regular weekly meeting was attended by some twenty or thirty good fellows. Lawson Miller, John Stahl, Bert Williams, Ed. Shilling, Dick Mildner and Adolph Eisen were among the first to come into the fold.

The first by-laws were copied from the Illinois Architects Business Association, a similar organization, and F. Gordon Pickell was elected president for a term of two years. Our first convention was held in Ann Arbor late in 1914, to which all architects were invited. About fifty attended and most of them joined the Association.

The second convention was held at the Stater Hotel, Detroit, in Feb., 1915, at which time a real campaign was started for the registration of architects in Michigan. Our first convention was held in Ann Arbor late in 1914, to which all architects were invited. About fifty attended and most of them joined the Association.

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I believe this law was finally passed in September, 1915 and we all should give credit to F. Gordon Pickell for his persistence and untiring efforts in getting this bill through.

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To the best of my recollection, the next two conventions were held in Detroit, in 1917 and 1918. The sixth convention was held in Saginaw in 1919 and things were so well organized by this time that a complete record has been kept by the various secretaries and is probably available to all.

The changing of the name from "Business" to "Society" eventually had its effect on some of the members. A few weeks ago the Bulletin asked for Gordon Pickell, the first President, and I found him as owner and manager of the Hotel Gordon. He left "society" for "business" quite a long time ago. He should be made a life member of the M. S. of A. in recognition of his services in the early days of the organization.

Wash Chapman finally went into the plumbing and heating business. Orla Varnoy built and is running a hotel but still maintains his office. Norm Atcheson is farming in California, and word came to me recently that Dewey Halpin is now with the Edison Company. Geo. Haas tried politics but found out he was safer in "Society." He mistrusted his brother architects until after the Saginaw convention, where he played poker for business with the aid of a 32 revolver.

Mr. Malcomson’s funny stories have served to furnish a good many laughs in years gone by.

Henry Keough’s intoxicating speeches before and after dinner are long to be remembered as well as Mr. Louis Kamper’s speech about working nights and Sundays, taking the tobacco out of the specifications and not getting paid for it.

The big laugh came at Battle Creek when Chris Brumit received a telegram announcing the arrival of triplets. I don’t think he was married at the time.

A few members will remember the convention at the Griswold House in 1917 or 1918. After several speeches and a lengthy discussion on architectural ethics, one fee-cutting member made the following resolution: "Gentlemen, I make a motion that we all get together and hold up the price." It was not carried.
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Other new officers are G. Frederick Muller, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., vice president; Harry J. Krueger, Conoleum-Nait, Inc., treasurer; and Gene Hannum, Armstrong Cork Co., secretary.

Heading other committees are C. Russell Wentworth, membership; G. Frederick Muller, program; John W. Davies, publicity; Walter G. Sandrock and Paul Marshall, joint AIA & PC; Anthony Kross and Sam Burman, joint AGC & PC; Norman N. Stebbins and E. Burton Wolf, table top.

Those at the speakers’ table were James B. Morison, MSA president; Gerald G. Diehl, Detroit Chapter AIA president; Walter G. Sandrock, Charles W. Trambauer, G. Frederick Muller and Ted Seemeyer.

Russ Wentworth of Modernfold Door Sales, Inc., presented a plan whereby the Producers could participate in publicizing the architectural profession in the public press. More about this later. Both Morison and Diehl gave it their full support.


Rumors have been running rife along the grapevine, yet unconfirmed, that a certain group of brass hats are formulating plans for an extravaganza to be held next December at a swank spot on a famous island in a well-known river. So far this department has been unable to track down the source. The only clue that keeps bobbing up is the paradoxical statement: “Ask for Wolfgang and say ‘Ted sent me.’” If any reader can elucidate further on this riddle it would be most appreciated. We will try to keep you posted.

C. ALLEN HARLAN, President of Harlan Electric Co., National Electrical Contractors, is proudly wearing a Tau Beta Pi key presented to him by the University of Michigan when they initiated him into the Society this Spring.

Friends are addressing him as “Doctor” these days. The University of Detroit honored him with a Doctor of Science degree at their commencement exercises June 13th.

ANDREW R. MAGLIA CO., muralists and architectural decorators, of Detroit, Michigan, have been flooded with letters from all over the country complimenting them on the outstanding exhibit of “Vetrotex” satin glass mosaic and aggregates that they had for one full week at the Park Sheraton Hotel in Washington, D. C., during the Centennial celebration convention of the American Institute of Architects. The exhibition included examples of commercial and fine art work for contemporary use.

Among other things the exhibit showed were examples of Byzantine mosaic work and the actual execution of mosaic work as has been done through the centuries and up to the present time.

Left to right: Mr. K. T. Keller, former Chairman of the Board of the Chrysler Corporation and Mr. Jesse H. Besser, President of the Besser Co., Alpena, Michigan

JESSE H. BESSER, President of Besser Company and pioneer manufacturer of concrete block machinery, was one of five distinguished Michigan citizens to receive the Wolverine Frontiersman Award at the close of “Michigan Week” ceremonies held last month at Detroit’s Park Shelton Hotel.

The Frontiersman Award is made each year to citizens of Michigan in recognition for the part the recipient has played in opening up new frontiers for his fellow men, by his advanced ideas or progressive accomplishments in science, art and literature, business, industry, education, social science, agriculture, etc.

Specifically, Jesse H. Besser was selected to receive the award because of his wholehearted contribution to the building industry and the fact that his achievements have opened up new frontiers to the people of the world.

Mr. Besser’s boyhood days were spent in the Northwoods country around Alpena, Michigan. At the age of sixteen, he started his career in his father’s stove and shingle mill. Since then, he has steadfastly continued in the service of the building industry.

Working industriously with his father, he helped to design and build an improved concrete block machine. In 1904, he purchased a machine that would streamliner the manufacture of concrete block machinery, pioneering new types of machines, improving production methods and striving to attain higher standards for the industry. From a modest beginning at the turn of the century, the Besser Company has attained a position of world leadership in the production and promotion of better concrete masonry.
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Shown are examples of the elder Van Donzel's craftsmanship in handmade wrought iron which have been approved by the Dutch Institute of Artists. His work is done in delicate simplicity rather than in the heavy ornate style usually associated with wrought iron designs, and for that reason is exceptionally suitable for contemporary use.

The work is all handmade and of original design; there is no catalogue and the prices are reasonable. For further information write to Bernard Van Donzel of 56 Winona Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, or phone: TO. 5-8078.

Left: Chandelier handmade for Queen Mother Wilhelmina of The Netherlands. No arc weldings—all welds are made in the fire. About $500.00 from architect's design

Above: Handmade candelabra

Left: Fireside equipment $75.00, design and duty included

Haven-Busch Co.
Building

CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDERWAY on a new office building for Haven-Busch Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, steel fabricator, at the company’s 60-acre site on the southwest edge of the city. The 8,000 sq. ft. structure was designed by O’Byron & Knapp, Architects and is being built by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., both Grand Rapids firms.

The structure, built on the island principle, locates all offices along exterior walls, permitting lighting in each. When completed this fall, it will house drafting, production, sales, engineering, accounting, purchasing and executive offices.

The new building will be located 300 yards from the company’s 26,000 sq. ft. receiving, fabricating and shipping plant, erected at the site in 1956.

Steel, including Haven-Busch T-Chord Longspan Joists, steel roof deck and steel sash, is planned to be used extensively throughout the building. Exterior will be of gray brick with large window areas and a white insulated plastic wall paneling above windows. A translucent fiberglass overhang on two sides of the building will shade windows from direct sunlight.

One of the architectural highlights of the building is the separate reception lobby that will stand in front of the main structure and be connected by a corridor. The lobby will have brick and glass walls and aluminum entrances.

The completely air conditioned building will house a fully equipped lunchroom for employees and guests and will have a telephone system which permits workers to dictate correspondence through the telephone.

Upon completion of the building, Haven-Busch will move all offices and remaining production facilities from the present location at 501 Front Ave., to the new quarters. Since its founding in 1888, the company, now one of outstate Michigan’s largest steel fabricators, has operated continually in the Front Avenue neighborhood of Grand Rapids’ West Side.

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