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HONOR AWARDS PROGRAMS

Members of the Detroit and Grand Valley Chapters of The American Institute of Architects recently participated in Honor Awards Programs sponsored by their chapters. Forty entries were submitted in the Detroit program, sixteen in Grand Valley's.

The Detroit submissions were judged in Philadelphia by J. Roy Carroll, Jr., FAIA, Vincent Kling, FAIA, and Robert L. Geddes, AIA. One First Honor Award and three Awards of Merit were given.

The jury commented, "The overall quality of the submissions is commended. The Detroit Chapter program in general includes well above average examples which indicates that there is hope for better architecture in this country."

Judging of the Grand Valley entries took place at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield. The Jury, which included Earl W. Pellerin, FAIA, Gunnar Birkerts, AIA, Philip J. Meathe, AIA, and Marshall Fredericks, Sculptor, gave two Awards of Merit and four Honorable Mentions.

They commented, "The jury is generally pleased with the overall showing of the work. We feel this is a very worthwhile program for Architecture and Architects and strongly urge that it be an annual affair."

The buildings premiated in both programs are presented with comments by the juries.

First Honor Award: Detroit Chapter
Chapel for University Presbyterian Church
Rochester, Michigan
Linn Smith Associates, Incorporated, Architects

Jury Comment: This building is appropriate in every way. It is coherent, has repose and great dignity, shows good overall consistency in detail and use of materials. It looks like a church—one you'd like to enter.
Award of Merit: Detroit Chapter
Bloomfield Township Branch
Manufacturers National Bank
Birmingham, Michigan
Louis G. Redstone Architects, Incorporated

Jury Comment: Dignity and clarity of plan distinguish this building and make it worthy of an award. Although the architecture is "playing over an old theme," it shows very adroit handling with refinement of the scheme.

Award of Merit: Detroit Chapter
Residence for Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bachman, Jr.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Tarapata-MacMahon Associates, Incorporated

Jury Comment: The excellent sequence of spaces and division of activities for private use and large scale entertaining admirably meet the requirements for living modestly as well as on a large scale. The overall, relatively simple charm is unusual in a house of this size.

Award of Merit: Detroit Chapter
Office Building for Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.
Detroit, Michigan
Minoru Yamasaki & Associates
Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates, Inc.
Associated Architects and Engineers

Jury Comment: Elegant detail and handling of public spaces produce a feeling of joyfulness although the form of the building is somewhat routine, reflecting the influence of automotive styling and suffering from being overly decorative. Nevertheless—a distinguished building.
Award of Merit: Grand Valley Chapter
First Presbyterian Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Wold and Bowers, Architects

This ecclesiastical project possesses a well composed plan with good circulation and well integrated areas of garden and interior spaces. The exception being the desirability of seeing one of the garden courts more directly from some part of the church building.

The design is commended for its unity and continuity in design and details, and for its restrained and tasteful use of materials. The structural system, the form, and the detail answer the needs of the program directly, simply, and in a feeling and spirit inspiring and appropriate for a church building.

Award of Merit: Grand Valley Chapter
Lake Michigan Filtration Plant
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Daverman Associates Architects

An interesting composition of buildings, plaza and landscape, from close up points as well as distant roadways. The jury felt the client deserved an award as well as the Architect for cooperation and pride in a project that becomes an enhancement to the total environment of the area around it.

It displayed an overall freshness in its approach compared to solutions of other plants of this nature. The interior of the lobby left room for improvement in its overall integration and the exterior treatment of the buildings could conceivably be more progressive. However, this concept had some of the properties that Eero Saarinen expressed when he said our Architecture is too humble. It should be prouder, more aggressive, much richer and larger than we see it today.
Honorable Mention: Grand Valley Chapter
Foremost Insurance Company Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Baumgarten and DeWinter Architects

A commendable, strong, simple statement of plan and form. The jury again felt the Architects had done an excellent job on selling the owners on a scheme as open, flexible and uncluttered as this one. It was felt that while the exterior was pleasing, that a better feeling of integration was possible between curtain wall and gold facing of the cantilevered top; treatment of interiors and landscape plan were commended.

Honorable Mention: Grand Valley Chapter
Grace Reformed Church
Wyoming, Michigan
Daverman Associates Architects

A noteworthy presentation, an edifice of strong, clean, sharp exterior and interior forms. Architecture of the interior has warmth in material, detail, and lighting. Interior photos and exterior photos incomplete. Source of light not clear but lighting effects are subtle and imaginative. A building of interesting character.
Honorable Mention: Grand Valley Chapter
Valley View Elementary School
Rockford, Michigan
Donnally W. Palmer, Architect

This project is commended for the fresh approach in its planning. The plan has unusual flexibility with many areas available for multi-purpose uses. The jury recognizes the basic economy of the structure but also the necessity of circulating through the main control room rather frequently. Having a higher central form without taking advantage of some outside lighting is questioned. The exterior expression is crisp and has a pleasant repose.

Honorable Mention: Grand Valley Chapter
Central Elementary School
Grand Haven, Michigan
Vander Meiden and Koteles, Architects

An interesting, pleasant building that would be enjoyed by all those in this school program. Its scale details and materials show thought and care and there is a unity and continuity of feeling. The plan works reasonably well but the jury felt a more progressive approach would have been desirable. This building possesses a very fitting character for the purpose it was designed for, an Elementary School.
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Flint Area Chapter Elects 1965 Officers

J. Lauran Kretchmar has been elected president of the Flint Area Chapter, A.I.A. for 1965 succeeding Gerald E. Harburn. Vice president is Dale A. Suomela. T. Neel Eubank will serve as secretary and Archie Campbell will continue as treasurer.

Harburn and past presidents Herman J. Klein and Robert S. Gazall remain on the executive committee as directors. James E. Tomblinson was re-elected as a Chapter director and director of M.S.A. and M.A.F.

Stuckman Re-elected 1965 Mid-Michigan President

Richard H. Stuckman was re-elected to serve a second term as president of the Mid-Michigan Chapter, A.I.A., at the Chapter's annual election of officers meeting November 4th. Charles W. Strieby will continue as vice-president of the Chapter.


Laitala will represent the Chapter on the Boards of the Michigan Society of Architects and the Michigan Architectural Foundation.

Flint, Saginaw Valley Schedule Joint Meeting

The Durant Hotel in Flint will be the scene of a joint meeting of members of the Flint Area and Saginaw Valley Chapters, A.I.A. on Monday, December 14th. Preceding dinner, Producers' Council will host a table top exhibit.

The program will feature Thomas H. Jean, Consultant on Urban Beautification for the Mott Program of the Flint Board of Education. Mr. Jean's subject will be "Urban Esthetics."

This joint meeting with another chapter is the second for the Flint group. Their November meeting was in Ann Arbor with the Huron Valley Chapter.

Kahn Office Cited in Student Exchange Program

Albert S. Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers recently received citations from the International Relations Committee of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture "For outstanding contribution to architectural education and international goodwill, through participation in the 1963 and 1964 Student Exchange Programs" sponsored by ACSA.

This summer work-study Student Exchange Program was initiated in 1963 with thirteen U.S. students working for eleven weeks in British architectural offices and a like number of students from the Architectural Association School in London spending eleven weeks in various offices throughout the U.S.

An unqualified success in 1963, the ACSA Exchange Program was broadened this past summer to include forty-two students. Half of these — fifteen from five British schools and six from Scandinavian colleges — worked in sponsoring U.S. firms from coast to coast, and twenty-one students from the U.S. worked in fifteen sponsoring offices in Great Britain, five in Sweden and one in Helsinki, Finland.

AKA participation in this program is part of the firm's continuing interest in recognizing and encouraging educational and artistic attainment through scholarship grants and awards.

Jickling & Lyman Awarded Grand Haven Project

Jickling & Lyman Architects of Birmingham have been commissioned to design a new library and cultural center complex for Grand Haven, Michigan. The firm was selected from a total of twelve interviewed for the project. Library consultants are Ralph A. Ulveling and Charles M. Morhardt, director and associate director, respectively, of the Detroit Public Library.

Jickling & Lyman are currently engaged in work for the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and the Chrysler Corporation.

Architects Change Firm Name

Kissinger-Holzhauer-Zigmanth, Inc., is the new name of the architectural firm of Kissinger-Kampner-Holzhauer, Inc. Stewart S. Kissinger, AIA, president, announced the termination of Burton Kampner with the organization and the election of Harold J. Zigmanth, AIA, as a principal in the firm.

Zigmanth, a graduate of the University of Michigan, has been associated with the firm for two years after 13 years prior experience in Detroit area offices.

The offices of Kissinger-Holzhauer-Zigmanth, Inc., will remain at 1310 North Telegraph Road, Dearborn, Michigan.
New Registrants Honored At Presentation Ceremony

Newly registered architects, professional engineers and land surveyors were honored at a Certificate Presentation Ceremony for the State Registration Board sponsored by the Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Council on Registration (APELSCOR) at the Engineering Society of Detroit, October 31.

Frederick J. Schoettley, AIA, APELSCOR chairman presided at the meeting. Principal speaker was Charles H. MacMahon, Jr., AIA, architect member of the Registration Board whose subject was "Your Responsibilities as a Professional." Certificates of registration were presented by Edwin H. Young, P.E., assisted by Henry G. Groehn, Executive Secretary of the Registration Board.

New registrants, their families and friends were greeted by members of the three professions during a social hour following the presentation ceremony.

Residents of Michigan registered as architects by examination include the following:

Stanley Aizinas, East Detroit.
Donald C. Alles, Detroit.
Bruce G. Boore, Dearborn.
Keith A. Brown, Birmingham.
Donald Peter Else, Birmingham.
Charles F. Fleckenstein, Jr., Royal Oak.
Edward D. Francis, Detroit.
John Goodwin, St. Clair Shores.
David L. Hanoute, Flint.
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Masao James Itabashi, Detroit.
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William Deane Smith, Detroit.
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William F. Thrall, Grand Rapids.
Michael W. Waskul, Detroit.
Larry W. Woelke, Dearborn.
Theodore H. Yessayan, Detroit.
Tom W. Zoccol, Farmington.

Giffels & Rossetti Appoints Chief Architectural Designer

Louis Rossetti, FAIA, the Director of Architecture of Giffels & Rossetti, Inc., has announced the appointment of his son, L. A. (Gino) Rossetti, as the firm's chief architectural designer. The Detroit architectural and engineering firm, established in 1925, has a staff of 600 architects and engineers, and is presently engaged in the development of structures and facilities having an aggregate construction cost of more than $400 million.
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Gino Rossetti attended the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit from which he received his B.S. in Architectural Engineering in 1959. He is a recipient of the Alpha Rho Chi Honorary Medal, is a member of Tau Beta Pi and has taken postgraduate studies at the Cranbrook Institute of Design. On one of his visits to Europe he worked for a period of time in the studio of Calini & Montuori, architects, in Rome, Italy. His affiliations include the American Institute of Architects, the Michigan Society of Architects, and he is accredited with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Architectural registrations are held in Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Rossetti's present design assignments include two 40-story apartment towers to be constructed in Detroit's eastside; a $8.0 million fine arts building for Nazareth College, Rochester, New York; a medical science complex for Wayne State University; and a Federal Mogul-Bower Bearings, Inc. corporate and divisional headquarters in Southfield, Michigan.

He recently developed the architectural concept of Chrysler's new 2.5 million sq. ft. stamping plant, now under construction in Sterling Township, Michigan; a new administrative building for Chevrolet at the Detroit Gear and Axle plant; an electronics plant for Honeywell at Fort Washington, Pennsylvania; and a Tampa, Florida meat processing facility for Lykes Bros.

Rossetti was also responsible for the architectural design of major segments of a $15 million, 12-unit complex for St. John Fisher College at Rochester, New York; a $10 million campus for Mercy College at Farmington, Michigan; and an Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

PCA Appoints Wixson
Appointment of Gerald E. Wixson, of Warren, Michigan as Portland Cement Association structural field engineer in southeastern Michigan has been announced by Robert H. Lochow, Michigan District Engineer for the Association. In his new capacity Wixson will serve architects, engineers and construction industry officials engaged in the use of cement and concrete for structural projects.

Prior to joining the Portland Cement Association staff, Wixson was affiliated with Swanson Associates, Bloomfield Hills architectural firm, PreCast Products Company, Marysville, and American Prestressed Concrete, Inc., Centerline. He also was employed briefly as engineer-in-training for the city of Birmingham.

Wixson is a graduate of Lawrence Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer. He is chairman of the Warren City Planning and Urban Renewal Commission and is a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

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Valentine Associates Announce Appointment
Charles M. Valentine Associates, Inc., Architects, Marysville, Michigan, have announced the appointment of Jack I. Lamb, AIA, as an Associate with the firm and James F. Bartlett as Chief Draftsman.
Lamb is a member of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., M.S.A., and C.S.I. His past experience includes schools, banks, institutional buildings, etc. while working in the offices of Crane, Kiehler and Kellogg, Detroit, Eero Saarinen, Bloomfield Hills and Linn Smith Associates, Birmingham. He was recently a principal in the firm of Denyes, Lamb, and Pearson, Architects, Pontiac.
Bartlett has served as Chief Draftsman and Office Manager for the firm of Robert Harter Snyder & Associates, Southfield, and had been employed by Eberle Smith Associates, Detroit, and the Linn Smith office.

Baessler Joins H E C & S
The appointment of Frederick Baessler as a prospect administrator on the staff of Harley, Ellington, Cowin and Stirton, Inc. has been announced by Julian R. Cowin, president.
A graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A., Architecture, 1935), Baessler is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has made his home in New York, Michigan and California. His architectural activities have taken him to South America, Japan and England as well as to many states throughout this country.
Among the projects with which he has been associated are the Verazanno Narrows Bridge (Brooklyn-Staten Island) which, when completed next year, will be the world's biggest bridge, and the Cinerama process of motion picture exposition, for which he was responsible for the design and construction of theatres in the United States, Japan and England.
Baessler's initial assignments with HEC&S include work on the new Allen Park City Hall, the Chemicals Laboratory Facility for the Dow Chemical Company, and Kennedy Plaza, senior citizen housing for the City of Dearborn.

Additions to Flint Cultural Center Started
Ground has been broken for the two newest major units in the Flint College and Cultural Center — the James H. Whiting Auditorium and the Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Panorama of Transportation.
The $8.7 million Whiting Building will be a theatre-type community auditorium seating 2,100. It is patterned after the old European music halls, of high rectangular shape with four tiers of narrow balconies on three sides, putting all seats as close as possible to the stage.
The $389,000 Sloan Building will be the first of three units planned for a general museum in the Center. Two adjoining wings will be added later. The museum will feature Flint's pioneering role in the automobile industry.
The architect for both structures is Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Associates, Inc., Detroit.

Twin Mall Centers Formally Opened
Ribbon cutting ceremonies at Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road and Macomb Mall, Gratiot at 13/12 Mile Road, Roseville, Thursday, October 29, brought a new concept in shopping to close to half a million residents of each area. The wares and services of 40 merchants are available under one roof. All stores face spacious garden courts or connecting malls which are completely enclosed, heated in winter, air-conditioned in summer, and temperature controlled at 72 degrees the year round.
The formal opening of the twin Malls culminates over two years of planning and construction. In June 1962, Sears, Roebuck & Company announced, jointly with Crowley's that the two companies would be the major occupants in the proposed Livonia and Macomb Malls. (Continued).
Louis G. Redstone Architects, Inc., designed both Malls. Sketches were published in the August 1964 issue of the Bulletin.

Knoll Adds Mies Pieces
Knoll Associates, Inc. has announced the addition of four major pieces to the Mies van der Rohe collection: the Tugendhat chair (1930, Tugendhat house, Brno, Czechoslovakia), the MR dining and lounge chairs (1927, Exposition de la Mode, Berlin, Germany), and the couch (1931, Berlin Building Exposition). All four are available in authorized versions for the first time in the United States.

The reception by architects and interior designers of the Barcelona group and the Brno chair has prompted Knoll to complete this remarkable collection of classic modern furniture.

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Palmer Re-elected President of AISC
Robert C. Palmer, president of the R. C. Mahon Company, Detroit, Mich., has been re-elected president and a director of the American Institute of Steel Construction, it was announced recently at the Institute’s headquarters in New York City.

As president of AISC, Mr. Palmer directs the national organization representing some 300 firms which account for the major portion of the annual output of fabricated structural steel in the United States. He was first elected to the presidency in 1963.

Originally from Afton, N.Y., he was graduated from Cornell University where he was awarded a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to joining The R. C. Mahon Company in May 1961, he was president of the Ingalls Iron Works Company, Birmingham, Ala., the company he joined in 1934.

Mr. Palmer became a member of AISC in 1934 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1955. He became second vice-president in 1960 and first vice-president in 1961.

He is also president of Mahon International, Inc., and a trustee of The R. C. Mahon Foundation.
Modu-Wall, Inc. Changes Name to NAARCO

R. L. Rizzardi, marketing manager, has announced that Modu-Wall, Inc., Parchment, Michigan, has changed its name to North American Aluminum Corporation, effective November 9th. In the future, the company's architectural products will be marketed under the trade name NAARCO.

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Power started University Microfilms, Inc. in 1938 and pioneered in the use of microfilm technology for the preservation of out-of-print books, periodicals, scientific and technical journals and other printed materials. Today the firm's services include publishing on demand by microfilm, xerography and lithography. The company's expansion is backed by the Xerox Corporation, which acquired ownership of UMI in 1962.


OBITUARY

Calvin R. Sills

Military services were held for Calvin R. Sills, 39, Port Huron architect, who died of cancer October 25th.

Charles Schoor Post No. 796, VFW and Leo F. White Barracks No. 659, Veterans of World War I, conducted military services at Lakeside Cemetery.

A Professional Associate member of the Detroit Chapter, A.I.A., Sills had formerly been associated with Wyeth & Harman, Port Huron firm. He is survived by his daughter, Candace.

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7 Saginaw Valley Chapter—Midland Country Club—Midland
8 Huron Valley Chapter—8:00 PM—Ann Arbor Federal Savings & Loan Association Board Room
9 Detroit Chapter Board—E.S.D.—1:30 PM
10 Detroit Chapter and Producers' Council Christmas Dinner Dance—7:00 PM—Plum Hollow Country Club
14 MSA Board—Organizational Meeting—12:30 PM—Durant Hotel—Flint
14 Grand Valley Chapter—Christmas Party—Grand Rapids
14 Flint Area & Saginaw Valley Chapters—Joint Meeting—Durant Hotel, Flint—Producers’ Council Table Top Display—Thomas H. Jean, “Urban Esthetics.”

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