“It took fortitude and faith on the part of the (Biddle House Restoration) Committee because they authorized the expenditure of funds which were not then and are not now in hand... The restoration of the Biddle House is worth all the time, effort and funds that are required. The project, when complete and paid for, will be a great and lasting credit to the entire industry.”

These words are from the February 1960 edition of the MSA Monthly Bulletin and belong to Adrian N. (Gus) Langius, FAIA, then chairman of the Biddle House Restoration Committee.

The survival of the residence of fur trader Edward Biddle on Mackinac Island, reputedly the earliest residence built in the Northwest Territory, stands as a statement of the worth of the MSA and the building industry in Michigan in preserving the historical integrity of the state.

It was a team accomplishment. The MSA stepped in to save a valuable but rapidly deteriorating structure. The names accompanied with the effort stand out in annals: professor emeritus Emil Lorch of the University of Michigan was the architectural consultant; Warren Rindge was the architect; committee membership included such names as Talmage Hughes, Clair Ditchy, Roger Allen, Louis Kingscott, Harry Gjelsteen, Marvin Brokaw and others with Langius as chairman. The Womens Architectural League took on the task of furnishing the house. The gardens and lawns were restored by the Michigan division of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

The Biddle House lives today under the safekeeping of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission as an example of the earliest architecture of the region and, again in the words of Gus Langius, “...so it can be used by all, in the name of the great building industry of Michigan.”

The principles of twenty years ago apply today, only the names and the location have changed. The location has switched from the northern extremity of the state of Michigan to the heart of downtown Detroit. One may argue, and in some degree correctly, that both are equally inaccessible to the bulk of MSA membership. This is irrelevant to the fact that the Beaubien House stands as a valuable symbol to a period in Michigan’s history that will never be seen again. The environment of Detroit is changing at an ever increasing pace. There is absolutely no doubt that the value of the Beaubien House as a historic place can only appreciate as Detroit’s renaissance marches on, at a pace that has already destroyed too many other markers of Michigan’s heritage.

The time has come for the present generation MSA to make its own statement on the integrity of Michigan’s architectural history and to show a generation yet to come the meaning of preserving and learning from the past to the benefit of all.

The value of the Beaubien House has been recognized by both the State of Michigan and the National Register of Historic Places. Its worth as the permanent headquarters for the Michigan Society of Architects is inestimable. To those who have contributed to the Beaubien House Acquisition Fund; our thanks once again. To those who remain; we need you. Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Beaubien House Acquisition Fund in the name of the Michigan Architectural Foundation, 553 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48226.
DETOUR
CHAPTER
MEETS
David Schervish, AIA of Schervish Vogel Merz PC will present "New Directions for Detroit's Riverfront" at the next meeting of the Detroit Chapter, AIA, April 17 at the Porter Street Station, 1400 Porter.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 and the program at 8. Metropolitan area members of the American Society of Landscape Architects have also been invited, so urge you not to miss this one.

Tickets for the evening are $8.50 per person, see coupon below.

The May meeting of the Detroit Chapter will be the occasion for a special pre-AIA Convention meeting with a special program. The location will be the New Hellas Cafe in Greektown. Watch the Monthly Bulletin for details.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
HB 5541 — A bill to provide for and regulate the payment and retainage of payments on construction contracts with certain state agencies. The bill was introduced by Rep. Ryan (D-Detroit) and referred to the Committee on Urban Affairs.

Copies of the proposed bill are available from the MSA at (313) 965-4100.

By action of the MSA Board of Directors at their March 18, 1980 meeting, the MSA does not support HB 5541.

JANUARY BUILDING SURGE LIFTS DODGE INDEX
While continued inflation and escalation of monetary restraint lowers expectations for the near future, a surge of non-residential building in January lifted the Dodge Index to 190, its highest level in the past nine months, reported George Christie, vice president and chief economist for McGraw-Hill Information's F.W. Dodge Division.

Following a 17 percent gain in December, the Dodge Index, which measures the value of newly started construction (1972 = 100), advanced an additional four percent in January.

"Despite the current weakness in housing, the latest month's total contract value came within six percent of the amount reported in the previous January when the construction cycle was approaching its peak," Christie added.

The outstanding category in non-residential building types was office buildings which showed a 60 percent increase over the 1979 value, while the slumping housing market provided only $4.1 billion of January's new construction, a 9 percent decline from a year ago.

PROFILE: KENNETH C. BLACK, FAIA (E)
Whether manning an MSA booth at a convention or taking part in informal discussion at a Third Thursday, the question usually pops up from students, associates or other interested parties, "What is the MSA in relation to the national AIA and to the local chapters?"

Answering that question has been made much easier and definitely more entertaining by "A Page From MSA History," donated to the Beaubien House by Member Emeritus, Kenneth C. Black, FAIA.

The display consists of a correspondence between Black and Bob Blakeslee, president of the Detroit Division, during a time when there were but two "divisions" of the AIA in Michigan.

The exchange of letters eulogizes the then-recent death of Lee Black in Lansing. Upon receiving Michigan registration in 1932, he became a partner in the firm of Lee Black and Kenneth C. Black, Architects, which continued until the death of Lee Black in 1960.

The firm of Kenneth C. Black Associates, Inc. was organized in 1958 with Black as president. He remained in the position until 1972 when he was elected to Chairman of the Board. With the merger of the firm with Wa Holmes Associates, resulting in the present firm of Wa Holmes-Kenneth Black Co., he has acted as a consultant on a number of important projects including the Lansing Civic Center renovation, the South Washington mall and the master plan for Lansing General Hospital.

Black was elected to MSA membership in 1935 and was MSA president for two terms, 1938-40. He became a Director of the Detroit Chapter, AIA in 1940 and represented the Great Lakes Region on the AIA Board from 1947-50.

Cited for his support of the Institute and his efforts in creating better architecture and a better environment, he was elevated to Fellowship status in 1952. In 1982, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the MSA.

In civic activities, he served a two year term on the National Advisory Panel on Architectural Services to the General Service Administration; had a hand in developing contract forms for architect/engineer use while chairing the joint architect/engineer council; served on the Michigan Planning
CALENDAR

APRIL

1  LIT Design Lecture Series, Fred Bertram, AIA, “Works in Progress,” noon, LIT.
2  Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, regular session, Lansing.
3  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Herman Czech, “Before Otto Wagner and After Adolph Loos,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.
4-12 National Drafting Week.
10  Michigan Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, regular session, Lansing.
11  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Otto Kapfer, “The Actions of Vienna,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.
12  Conference, Dearborn Inn. Contact: George Sommers, (313) 562-6432.
15  WALG. Mennen Williams African exhibit.
16  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Otto Kohoutek, “Lessons from the Ringstrasse,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.
17  Detroit Chapter, AIA, dinner meeting at Porter St. Station. Program: “New Directions for Detroit’s Riverfront,” David Schervish, AIA, featured speaker, 6:00 p.m.
18  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Romaldo Giurgola, “Reflections of Architecture,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.
19  WAL. T-shirt party, Shelley Miller home.
22  American Concrete Institute, Seminar on Masonry Code, LIT.
23  Society of Architectural Historians 33rd Annual Meeting, Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin.
24  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Renate Prochaska, “The Austrian Flag, Monotony and Beauty,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.

MAY

1  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series, Heinz Tesar, “From Freud to Jung,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.
6  Grand Valley Chapter, AIA, regular meeting, Ferris State College.
13  Western Michigan Chapter, AIA, Columbus, Indiana program.
15  Michigan Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, regular session, Lansing.
16  Third Thursday pre-AIA convention meeting, New Hellas Cafe, Greektown.
17-24 Michigan Week.
19  LIT Visiting Professional Lecture Series. Donlyn Lyndon, “Invoking Powers of Inhabitation,” 7:30 p.m., LIT.

JUNE

1-4 AIA Convention/Exhibition, Cincinnati.
3  Detroit Chapter, CSI, annual meeting, Holiday Inn, Windsor. Contact: (313) 827-1117.
4  Michigan Board of Registration for Architects, regular session, Lansing.
12 Michigan Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, regular session, Lansing.

AUGUST

7-9 MSA Mid-Summer Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

OCTOBER

15-17 MSA 65th Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.

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Commission for seven years; served a total of 18 years on the Lansing Planning Board and was appointed by Governor Romney to a three year term on the Michigan Council for the Arts.

These items touch but briefly on the many assignments, both within the profession and without, that Kenneth Black has undertaken.

In a distinguished career of service and achievement, supplemented with a healthy dose of humor and fellowship, Kenneth C. Black, FAIA stands as a valued member of the Institute, the community and, most importantly, his family. Sir, the MSA salutes you.

BOCA RECOMMENDS OVERHAUL OF SEC. 127

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A major victory has been won for architects. Section 127 of the Building Officials/Code Administrators (BOCA) Basic Building Code has been recommended for major revisions by the BOCA Code Changes Committee. At the mid-winter meeting of BOCA, the AIA Codes and Standards Committee delegation voiced the professions' opposition to the various provisions of section 127.

Construction Control. The BOCA Code Changes Committee's recommendations are expected to be a strong factor in ensuring the final adoption of the revisions to section 127. Their hats off to the AIA BOCA Task Unit for their fine efforts!

FOFFICIAL NOTICE: SPRING

April 22 marks the Tee-off Dinner for the Detroit Architectural Golf League season at the Baypointe Golf and Country Club in Walled Lake.

The DAGL program for 1980 is as follows: May 19 at Black River (Port Huron); June 17 — a special four man scramble at Great Oaks (Rochester); July 14 at Warwick Hills (Grand Blanc); August 12 at Forest Lake (Bloomfield); September’s entry is yet to be scheduled and October 7 at Baypointe.

There are three different membership plans. Plan “A” costs $50.00 for architects and engineers; Plan “B” is $75.00 for all other professions or trades and Plan “C” for corporate architectural or engineering membership, allowing different individuals within a corporation to participate as new league members. All three plans allow the opportunity to entertain clients and friends-guests are always welcome.

Membership applications are available from Barbara at the FW Dodge Division, 1415 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48216, 961-2745 and can be either returned to her or brought to the tee-off dinner.

Questions may be directed to John Lesniak, membership chairman at 399-3888 or Tom Zoedes at 474-9015.

NOTICES

The State Fire Safety Board will conduct a public hearing April 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Lansing on the rules for the Board's day-to-day operation, procedures and appeal hearing responsibilities. The hearing will be at the Department of Management and Budget conference room at the State Secondary Complex, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing.

Persons attending the hearing are requested to present a written presentation for submission at the hearing. Submitting a statement will in no way prohibit or limit the right of oral expression.

Persons unable to attend may present their views and comments on the proposed rules by filing them in writing with the Board no later than Friday, April 11.

Architects with solar energy experience are encouraged to contact the National Solar Heating and Cooling Information Center and become part of a national listing of solar professionals. Contact the Center at P. O. Box 1607, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

NCARB reports that effective 1981, the qualifying examination will be changed from the second Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in June to the Third Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in June. The December Professional Examination, Part B will be the second Monday and Tuesday in December, also effective next year.

The Engineering Society of Detroit is presenting its Sixth Annual Computer Graphics Conference, April 14-17 at the ESD, 100 Farnsworth in the Cultural Center. The conference will feature many seminars and an equipment display. Contact the Society at (313) 832-5400 for registration information.

The 65th Annual MSA Convention will be hosted by the Detroit Chapter at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, October 15-17, 1980. Gene DiLaura, AIA has accepted the assignment of Convention Chairman.

NEW MEMBERS/ NEW FIRMS

New AIA members from around the state include Thomas Mathison from the Northern Michigan Chapter; Robert Marino, Douglas E. Coburn, David W. Schervish and Dennis Carlson from the Detroit Chapter; David Dye and Phillip Lundwall from the Grand Valley Chapter; and Associate members Andy Peck from Northern Michigan; Glenn Hookey from the Mid-Michigan Chapter;
Robert J. Swank and Thomas Mahoney from the Saginaw Valley Chapter; and Bradley A. Bartkowski, Mark J. Carlini and Carol Frederick from the Detroit Chapter.

New firms include Douglas Coburn, AIA, 9972 Seminole, Detroit, Michigan 48239, (313) 937-8475.

Murphy, Parish, Kilgore, Inc., East 411 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013, (313) 646-8770.

Joe Fleshner, AIA has relocated to a new Citicorp office at 3155 W. Big Beaver, Suite 108, Troy, Michigan 48084, (313) 643-0269.

The firm of Neyer, Tiseo & Hindo, Ltd. has relocated to 30999 West 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48024, (313) 471-0750.

O. Germany, Inc., Architects/Engineers has relocated their world headquarters to 800 Stephenson Highway, Troy, Michigan 48084.

Johnson, Johnson & Roy, Inc. have opened a Detroit office at the Renaissance Center, Tower 100, Suite 2950, Detroit, Michigan 48243, (313) 567-0150.

The firm of Colvin-Robinson Associates will now be known as Herrmann & Holman, Inc. There will be no interruption in services; all obligations of Colvin-Robinson Associates will be the responsibility of Herrmann & Holman, Inc.

**AIA ASSOCIATE MEMBER NETWORK**

The AIA is currently attempting to organize an information network to aid associate members. Being that the nature of associate membership is transient at best, it will be difficult to establish a firm linkage; however, a loosely structured informal information network will still benefit associate members.

Some of the programs suggested by the AIA Commission on Component Affairs for Associates are: refresher courses for registration exams; architectural office tours and speakers at informal luncheons.

Detroit Chapter associate member Mike Minoff has volunteered to serve on this network for the MSA. He will be the liaison between National AIA and component associate members. Items regarding this network and the proposed services will be published in the Monthly Bulletin.

Components are requested to identify an associate member to work with Mike. He can be reached at (313) 763-4414.

### GRAPEVINE

The Detroit Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers have awarded the 1980 Engineer of the Year Award to Ernest R. McCamman, PE, president of Giffels Associates. John J. Labosky, PE of Smith, Hinchen & Grylls Associates was awarded the chapter's Young Engineer of the Year honor. The Masonry Institute of Michigan has re-elected Frank Soave to a third consecutive term as president. Other officers are Edwin Viall, vice president; Roy Seelbinder, secretary; Francis Costella, treasurer; Joe Forte, assistant secretary and Dwight Lewis, assistant treasurer. Along with Costella, past president Joel Lutz was elected to a three year term on the Board of Trustees.

Clarence Rosa, FAIA was among those honored at the first 1980 Board of Directors meeting of the Michigan Association of the Professions as a distinguished member of the Board.

Mel Sachs, AIA and U-FORM Technology have received the prestigious "Most Significant Achievement in Technology Development Award" at the World's Fair for Technology Exchange, presented February 20 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was the only building construction representative on the Board.

Louis Redstone, FAIA... Detroit Receiving Hospital/Wayne State University Health Care Institute, designed by the joint venture of Giffels Associates, William Kessler and Associates and the Ziedler Partnership, received a design award in a competition sponsored by the joint venture of U.C.L.A., Columbia and Architectural Record...

Rossetti Associates announces the appointments of Tom Angiewicz as Project Manager; Robert Davis as Director/Project Development; John Bogner, AIA, James Cruthis, AIA, Anthony Fousta and Les Thomas as Associates and new group heads.

Bryan Geralski of Interior Design, Richard Thomas of Graphics, James Amdahl of Comprehensive Planning and Craig Hall of Medical Planning... Charles R. Bisel, AIA has been named director of construction for Providence Hospital in Southfield. Harry Ellington Pierce Yee Associates announce the appointments of Wayne E. Verdt, AIA... Douglas K. McFerren, AIA as project architects and Harry L. Warren, AIA as project designer.

HEPY marketing coordinator Angela Kimble represented the firm at an A/E Promotional Strategies Conference in Dallas last month and Dennis King, AIA has been appointed to the Oakland Community College Architectural Drafting Advisory Committee, announcing the development of a drafting program at OCC's Auburn Hills campus...

Mickey Roehl, stalwart of the public affairs office of Smith, Hinchen & Grylls, has been named chairman of the Drummers Club of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce... SH&G president and chief executive officer Philip J. Meathe, FAIA... was one of twelve persons honored at the United Foundation's Heart of Gold luncheon...

Harold Varner, AIA, juried the recent "Focus '80" photographic competition in Battle Creek...

Carol Frederick from the Detroit Chapter; and Bradley A. Bartkowski, Mark J. Carlini and Carol Frederick from the Detroit Chapter.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NETWORK

Please reply % M.S.A., 553 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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1978 MSA Honor Award winner by William Kessler and Associates, was featured in the February issue of "Architectural Record"... a happy silver anniversary to Yops & Wilkie, Architects, AIA, celebrating their 25th year of architectural practice... and a special congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ron Mayotte on the birth of their daughter, Caroline Louise on Feb. 17.

CLASSIFIED

POSITION AVAILABLE — Birmingham firm of architects and builders seeks an architectural department head. Current projects include Renaissance Center restaurant, railroad service building, garden-type mausoleums and custom Birmingham homes. Total organization of 20 people. Send resume to Stout Associates Architects, Inc., 772 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48011.

POSITION AVAILABLE — for experienced architect. Minimum 7 years with degree, license preferred. Submit resume to the attention of Francis T. Koo, The Spink Corporation, 1311 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION ASSISTANCE

According to Maureen Marx, Hon. AIA at AIA Headquarters in Washington, the deadline for 1980 nominations for Fellowship in the AIA is November 1, 1980. The MSA offers all components any needed assistance for the preparation of Fellowship portfolios. Questions may be directed to Ray Chalmers at the MSA, (313) 965-4100.

We can't buy back the past...

American artisans handcrafted careful detail and elegant lines into thousands of our historic buildings to build by hand today. But we can continue to enjoy these architectural legacies if we restore those still standing. Let's find uses today for yesterday's fine buildings. With a little imagination, many of them can be adapted to our modern lifestyles. All across the country historic buildings are being revived. People who care about our architectural heritage are finding innovative adaptive uses for once deserted structures. They're becoming homes, offices, apartments, shops, restaurants—all with unique character that can't be created today. Yet in a few more years, it may be too late to save many buildings. Help us safeguard our historic treasures for future generations. Join The National Trust for Historic Preservation. For membership information, write Membership Department, Office of Public Affairs, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, 740 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.