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Thinking back over Maurice Witmer's fine two-year administration, your new president is undertaking to carry on, with mixed feelings of humility and pride. Humility comes with the realization that it will take a good and a versatile man to measure up to Wit's performance; and pride because of the opportunity for leadership of an active and successful organization of New Hampshire architects.

One of our major objectives for this year will be to increase membership in the New Hampshire Chapter. Every present member in every category—Corporate, Associate, Junior Associate and Student Associate—should regard himself as a committee of one to go out and get other qualified men or women to join. While new members will certainly strengthen and benefit the Chapter, they will themselves be strengthened and benefitted even more, proportional to the extent of their participation in Chapter activities.

On one occasion back in high school days it fell upon me to deliver an "oration." Somehow I became interested in the U.S. Constitution and chose that as my subject because its great wisdom and powerful logic aroused such a crusading spirit in me that I wanted to tell everyone all I could about it. Today I feel somewhat the same about the A.I.A., acknowledging however that the latter has not yet reached the degree of perfection attained by the Constitution. But more people should know about and share in our efforts to maintain the highest standards of professional service.

Volunteer

When Gene Magenau asked for volunteer help to write this column, you can imagine the mad scramble to take over. Volunteer has nothing whatsoever to do with my ability to write as you will soon learn. I was motivated by the fact that someone has to put in, and the further more interesting fact that there are many aspects of our profession and its allied acquaintances which require discussion. It is my sincere hope that I will carry out a spade and in so doing this column may be taken to task. Such abuse as you may wish to heap, please place it on my back rather than the editors of our A.I.A. chapter.

M. E. Witmer

I have known this fellow since 1937. His polite and efficient manner, he has just completed a very successful two year presidency of our state chapter. We, who have worked with him in the chapter, know him to use his tremendous energy for the benefit of the many. His interests in the profession and its allied acquaintances are not confined alone to the profession, but are bent on making this body and day a more pleasant experience for all friends.

Did you know that Wit is actively interested in providing this state with new young architectural blood with the reactivation of the Architectural Department at U.N.H.? Back as far as 1932 to my knowledge, he provided "interneship" to graduates of the now extinct UNH Architectural Department. It was the office that provided a steady income to the nervous lad and compensated him with more than kind words and encouragement. The young architect felt he was needed and had a job to do.

Wit gave him that very necessary confidence to go ahead.

I note the above both as a gentle tribute to a fine man and as a solid reminder to those of us who stand by and only applaud.

Question

Howbeit so many of us have left out an element of humanity in our design—what if we are so downright clever technically, that we fall so short in our concern and provision of softness? Isn't there somewhere on the very correct plans a little spot you could develop to give someone a lift—?

Bidding

If any of you fellows have an opinion as to this “hot” discussion relative to Bidding...
lure, drop a note, spend a nickel on the phone to get ideas over to Carl Peterson or Eric Huddleston. You fellows write the method of bidding, advise the Owner, etc., and I can't have been doing this for these many years without having some opinion. If the architect is to assume a substantial role in these intra-business-professional discussions such opinions should represent the consensus of the majority. Whatever your opinion, voice it across and stop sitting like a bump on a log.

**General Observation**

Perhaps the architect's waiting room will never be packed and time-scheduled as some of the other professions because the emotions—fear, pain and apprehension—are not generally met in problems solved by the architect. Might it be that if the profession were freely advertised: "Beware of the eleven signs of deflection"—or—"Have you had your remodeling X-rayed lately?" we would be dealt with a group of hand-wringing, finger-biting patients; pardon me, clients. Ah, our income bracket may not be so very high—but think you on the blessings you enjoy making happy little homes for happy little people.

**Publicity**

The next time they ask you to address some up concerning your profession—don't think up some silky excuse—get in there and talk—let them know these architects are practical people who really don't wear pie pantaloons after all.

**Exhibits**

Both your state chapter and national A.I.A. exhibits are on view at the Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire, for the next month. At the same time "Visual Education for Architects" compiled by Professor O. Nelson of M.I.T. with its photos and designs can be enjoyed. No, you're not that busy. So why you can't get over here on a Saturday or Sunday—you may also enjoy the Currier abouts and building.

**Compulsory Registration**

On June 14 the State Senate gave final legislative approval to the bill for compulsory licensing of architects. The measure has already been passed by the House and become law on signing by Governor Hull.
The annual meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was held in Hanover, N. H. The program included a guided tour of the Orozco murals in Baker Library and of student exhibitions in Carpenter Art Library, dinner at the Dartmouth Outing Club; an illustrated and very enjoyable lecture by Professor John B. Stearns of Dartmouth whose subject was "A Trip to Bagdad and Back" and the business meeting which included election of officers, annual report and the introduction of proposed amendments to the by-laws.

The following architects were elected to office:

- President: Eugene F. Magenau, Concord
- Vice-President: Nicholas Isaak, Manchester
- Treasurer: Stewart A. Lyford, Concord
- Secretary: William L. White, Exeter
- Director for 3 years: Malcolm D. Hildreth, Nashua
- Alfred Granger and Clarence Pratt attended the 1951 National Convention of the American Institute of Architects in Chicago, Illinois in May, enlightened the group with reports of the convention. Mr. Granger also attended the meeting of the National Council of Registration Boards held in Chicago and reported briefly on the meeting.

Among the guests present were Mr. Stearns, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Pratt, and Ted and Margaret Hunter.
Extensive Renovations made by Concord Post American Legion After Disastrous Fire

Lounge and Bar of the American Legion Post 21 in Concord, designed by Lyford & genius, Architects and Engineers. This cements room was completely gutted by fire 30 years ago. In rebuilding, the ceiling was raised, interior columns removed and a new concrete floor built with steel beams and precast concrete slabs, complying with new code requirements. The detail drawing shows how ventilating ducts and indirect lighting were integrated with the structural system.

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