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OUR COVER

View of New Suncook Bank, recently opened, showing drive-in facilities and parking area.

—Photos by Eric M. Sanford, Manchester
The President's Message

To a new group of officers, the possibilities as well as the administrative problems of an organization seem somewhat bewildering in their scope. With increasing familiarity with both, the possibilities certainly will not diminish. Neither will the problems, but increasing familiarity with them should make their solution somewhat easier, and they can be disposed of as they arise.

In the case of this chapter, developing its possibilities does not constitute any unprecedented forward surge but a continuation of what has been since its establishment a constant record of performance for the betterment of the profession and its relation to the public and participation in public affairs. The history of this chapter is a worthy example to the successors of past administrations.

During June, we hope that all new committee appointments will have been accepted. To secure the maximum participation in such work, members will be asked, by mail, to indicate committee preferences. In making appointments, such preferences will be followed as much as possible. We shall continue the existing classifications of committees since they cover the major objectives of this group, but additional committees may prove necessary from time to time as various problems arise and it is the hope of the new officers that members of the Chapter will accept appointment to the new committees and serve in whatever capacity may be necessary.

The new officers are open to any suggestions which any member of the Chapter may wish to make. Our effectiveness is immeasurably increased when we have the full cooperation of all members and it is with this unity that we can hope to make increasing progress in the coming year.
RICHARD KOEHLER, Manchester, outgoing president of the New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects, congratulates his successor, Norman P. Randlett, Laconia, extreme right, following election of officers at a meeting of the group May 19 at the Manchester Country Club. Looking on in rear, left to right, are John D. Betley, Manchester, vice president; Robert Snodgrass, Nashua, treasurer; and Walter T. Williams, Rochester, secretary.

—Photo by Union-Leader.
NORMAN P. RANDLETT HEADS
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Norman P. Randlett of Laconia was elected president of New Hampshire Chapter, A.I.A., at the annual meeting and dinner of the chapter held at the Manchester Country Club May 19.

Mr. Randlett succeeds Richard Koehler of Manchester who held the post for the past two years.

Other officers who will serve with Mr. Randlett are John D. Betley, Manchester, vice-president; Walter Thomas Williams, Rochester, secretary; and Robert Snodgrass, Nashua, treasurer. Mitchell P. Dirsa of Manchester was elected to the board of directors and will serve with Archer Hudson of Hanover and Alexander Majeski of Bedford who were reelected.

Stephen P. Tracy of Nashua and Mr. Majeski were named delegates to the New England Regional Council.

Mr. Randlett is a past president of the New Hampshire Society of Architects.

CONTRACT AWARDS

BOSTON, MASS.—New Hampshire had its second highest April and first four months in contracts awarded for future construction according to totals of Dodge Reports for the Granite State, the awards second only to the 1954 records. April awards were 10 per cent behind April 1954 at $8,901,000, but up 9 per cent over March 1955 reported James A. Harding, F. W. Dodge Corporation district manager.

The first four-months figure was down 41 per cent from the like 1954 period at $26,711,000.

Individual April awards were: nonresidential, up 45 per cent over April 1954, but down 17 per cent from March 1955, at $3,615,000; residential, up 54 per cent over April 1954, and up 121 per cent over March 1955, at $3,450,000; and heavy engineering down 65 per cent from April 1954, and down 18 per cent from March 1955, at $1,836,000.

Individual first four month awards compared with the like period of last year, show nonresidential up 62 per cent, at $14,357,000; residential, up 23 per cent, at $6,908,000; and heavy engineering, down 82 per cent, at $5,446,000.

Age nine came into the room where his mother was entertaining her bridge club. "Mom, didn't you say that baby had your eyes and dad's nose?"

"Yes," she beamed, "what of it?"

"You better watch him. He's got grandma's teeth now."

The editor of an American newspaper dropped into a special afternoon service for the first time for many years. He listened to the service for a while and then rushed to his office.

"What are you fellows doing?" he shouted. "How about the news from the seat of war?"

"What news?"

"Why all this about the Egyptian army being drowned in the Red Sea. The minister up at the church knows all about it, and you haven't got a single word of it in our latest edition. Bustle round, you fellows, and get out an extra special, sharp."

Prof.: "I will not begin today's lecture until the room settles down."

Voice from the rear: "Go home and sleep it off, old man."
The supreme dignity of the human person, which is the foundation of democracy, is also the foundation of courtesy; but when a man is a tool, human relations then become as devoid of courtesy as the UN Building of ornamentation: that decoration is to a building, courtesy to life.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Gold Medal, highest professional honor given by the Institute, is to be awarded this year to Willem Marinus Dudok, the distinguished architect and city planner of Hilversum, Holland. Dudok has been invited to address the AIA annual convention in Minneapolis, to be held June 20-24. The Gold Medal presentation will be made by President Ditchy at the annual banquet in Minneapolis on Thursday, June 23.

Other honors to be given at the convention are the Fine Arts Medal, to the Croatian sculptor Ivan Mestrovic who is now teaching and working at Syracuse University; and the Craftsmanship Medal to calligrapher John Howard Benson of Newport, Rhode Island. The Fine Arts Medal is the highest honor the Institute can bestow in fine arts other than architecture and the Craftsmanship Medal, the highest honor for craftsmanship in the industrial arts.

An Award of Recognition of an Organization for Distinguished Achievement in Architecture or other Planning will be made to the Kohler Foundation, Incorporated for the restoration of Wade House, Greenbush Village, Wisconsin.

Turpin C. Bannister, FAIA of Urbana, Illinois, who did the final editing of “The Architect at Mid-Century” will receive the Edward C. Kemper Award; while a Citation of Honor will go to the Reinhold Publishing Company of New York for its work in producing, at considerable risk, the two-volume Report of the Commission for the Survey of Education and Registration.

The Danish architect Kay Fisker of Copenhagen will be made an Honorary Fellow. Honorary Memberships are to be awarded to the poet, writer and historian, Carl Sandburg of Flat Rock, N. C.; James W. Follin, Commissioner, Urban Renewal Administration, Housing and Home Finance Agency, Washington, D. C.; George B. Melcher, Flour City Iron Works, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and C. D. Spragg, Secretary, Royal Institute of British Architects, London.

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Interior View looking back towards entrance. Tellers' counter on left, check desk in center, officers' space on right.
The new bank building nearing completion at the corner of Glass and Church Streets in Suncook is intended to serve the needs of the surrounding communities with the most modern banking facilities available. The advanced design of the building reflects the progressive attitude of the bank's officers and directors.

On the exterior, granite, brick, steel sash, aluminum trim and glass are used to express sturdiness with no hint of the forbidding character once associated with money depositories. Roof and floor decks are concrete on open-web steel joists.

The main banking rooms and public spaces have wall finishes of walnut and mahogany and painted plaster. Ceilings are acoustic tile with flush lighting. Officers' space, with adjacent private office and conference rooms, is separated from public space by an open aluminum rail. The work space for six tellers is behind the counter screen which has formica front, glass top and steel counter-filing. A soundproof partition separates this area from two bookkeeping rooms, clerks' rooms and spacious book vault. Floors in general are of rubber tile, with carpeting in officers' space and private offices.
The Safe Deposit Department is entered at the rear and center of the Public Space through an aluminum gate, and there the customers will be treated to one of the first installations in New England of the Electronic Vault Door. The vault and all equipment are fully protected and constructed so as to insure maximum security. Located at side of Vault are coupon and consultation rooms, coat room and toilet for the safe deposit customers.

At the rear of the building is a separate entrance and stairs to the Community Room which seats about fifty people and is to be used strictly for community purposes. Other facilities in the basement include a large storage vault, storage and supply rooms, clerks' restrooms and lunch preparation, air conditioning and boiler room.

The Directors' Room is finished in knotty pine with tile ceiling, carpeted floor, large Chippendale table and chairs to accommodate comfortably the twelve directors.

The building is air conditioned with two modern units in the basement with independent controls for the banking and community areas. The auxiliary heating is by steam with convector radiation. To assure further the customers' convenience, the parking space, with two entrances at the side and rear of the bank, provides for about 50 cars. For those who wish to do their banking without getting out of their cars, a modern Drive-In, bay-type, window is provided, sheltered by a marquee for protection against inclement weather. As the bank is open for business every Friday evening, the parking and drive-in areas are flood-lighted.

There is also a night depository with envelope depository at the front of the building for the convenience of customers after banking hours.

The front walks and steps have radiant heat installed to provide a complete snow-melting system for winter weather.

The entire building will express the thought of the banking officials toward their patrons by the harmony of colors, decorations and furnishings which are being selected and installed under the direction of Mr. William Vance, Interior Design Consultant of Boston. Total area on two floors is 8130 sq. ft.

Execution of the work has been under the close personal supervision of V. Bruce Davis of the office of Lyford and Magenau. The list of contractors and material suppliers follows:

General Contractors—Blanchard Stebbins, Inc., Manchester.

Door and Vault Equipment—Herring-Hall-Marvin-Safe Co., Boston, Mass.


Roofing and Sheetmetal—A. W. Therrien Co., Manchester.


Granite—John Swenson Granite Co., Concord.


Roof Deck—Eastern Concrete Products, Wakefield, Mass.

Electrical—Arthur Costigan, Concord.


Painting—B. N. Perry Co., Manchester.

Hardware—Emery-Waterhouse Co., Manchester.

Metal Counter and Filing—R. S. Sawyer Co., Manchester.

Counter Fronts and Check Desk—C. J. Boselli Co., Manchester.


Bricks—Corriveau-Routhier Cement Block Co., Manchester.


Draperies—Dunbar's Drapery Shop, Concord.
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The trim red brick building of the Suncook Bank in Suncook, New Hampshire, is an architectural product of Anderson & Nichols Company of Boston and Concord and Lyford and Magenau, Concord architects. Much of its new bank equipment was supplied by the Herrington-Hall-Marvin Safe Company of Hamilton, Ohio, the nation's oldest manufacturer of security vault doors.

Suncook, with a population of some 5000, would not seem to many a city banker the most likely place to look, to see the most revolutionary bank vault door in the world. But The Suncook Bank has it. The first—and so far the only—electrically-operated security vault door to be installed in any bank in northern New England, was a high point of interest of recent opening day, when visitors watched the massive steel door weighing over seven tons, glide open and shut at the touch of a button.

Less spectacular, but equally up-to-date are a drive-in window, a 24-hour depository with letter slot, and a vault interior completely equipped for the utmost in security and service.

But in the midst of much that is new Suncook Bank depositors will still feel very much at home. From their old stand halfway down the steep pitch of hill on Main Street, bank staff members brought along an invaluable "something old"—a rare degree of sincere friendship for the people they serve.

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combined with a sound, progressive, business approach, that has given the bank’s deposits a healthy boost, and has boosted the bank itself to a prominence and popularity unusual for its size. Much of the credit for that happy combination goes to the maker of the motto, Hascall T. Stimson, Executive Vice President.

Stimson says he more or less fell into banking, and is glad he did. Originally, he had planned to enter the advertising field. One of eight children, he was born in Lisbon, New Hampshire. While he was in high school, the family moved to the town of Bath, New Hampshire. As a Bath High School student, Stimson enjoyed a unique distinction. He was a class in himself—the only graduate of his year. Then, he left his native state to study advertising in Massachusetts. But on a visit to his hometown of Lisbon, chance—arch enemy of many a plan—stepped in. A Lisbon banker with a good eye for a potential banker invited Stimson to go to work for eight dollars a week. Stimson accepted the offer. He entered small-town banking equipped with a born-and-bred knowledge of small towns, and an instinctive liking for people.

In 1939, when he came to Suncook, the Suncook Bank’s deposits were a modest $800,000. Today they have edged over the six-million-dollar mark. Personnel, numbering three in ’39, has climbed to ten. The directors have repaid this public vote of confidence with a new building designed to care for every banking need.

This prosperity does not merely reflect prosperity in a town. In fact, Suncook has had lean years of late, with industry on the downgrade. And it is not “on the road” to anywhere. Rather, it is off the beaten path—just a bit to one side of the main road linking Manchester and Concord. Despite these truths, Hascall Stimson’s bank has attracted to it a major part of the money there is in Suncook to be banked, plus money from miles away. Suncook Bank depositors number among them men from a hundred miles upstate, and men from surrounding towns or cities with several banks of their own. Stimson has substituted the human touch, for the legendary “banker’s heart of stone.”

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Such bits of thoughtfulness are not for longtime friends only. Every newcomer to Suncook receives a printed message that begins, “Welcome Neighbor!” Contained in the same envelope is a generous supply of attractive change-of-address cards for the new family to mail to friends. Going into the bank to do business is easy as chatting with a next-door neighbor in the morning sun. This “good neighborliness” carries over even to the bookkeeping department. Like as not, the bookkeeper in returning a mail deposit receipt will write on it, “Looks like things are going real good with you. That’s wonderful.”

“A friendly bank” is a modern phrase, a modern aim, in banking circles. Some bankers go wrong, when they make the mistake of leaving friendship’s whole burden to “friendly equipment,” to bear.

Stimson is a man who knows that phrase, left unattended, is so much balderdash. Architecture and equipment alone cannot create a friendly atmosphere. Appearance should be pleasing. Equipment should be efficient, and secure. It is people who put the friendliness in a bank—or a home, or a neighborhood.

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This particular residence was planned on the basis of a Y plan to separate the different home activities. The bottom leg of the Y incorporates the car port, utility room, laundry, kitchen and breakfast room areas. The right top wing includes the living room and dining areas. Separate by a long corridor called the gallery is the bed room wing which is made up of a den or TV room, a guest bed room, two bath rooms and a master bed room with dressing room. This type of plan gave the (Continued on Page 26)
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In the past year, Mr. Specter has added a beautiful free form swimming pool and bath house which was installed by Town and County Swimming Pools, Inc., of Malden, Mass. This pool is located off the living room end of the building. The surrounding area has been left in its natural state of pines, birches and clusters of laurel bushes growing wild all around the residence and as far as you can see into the wooded area.

The exterior of the building is built entirely of cinder concrete masonry units with raked horizontal mortar joints and flush vertical joints to accentuate the horizontal lines of the building. The block was painted to harmonize with the natural surroundings. The north end of the car port is entirely glazed with plate glass to protect the cars from the winter snow storms. The kitchen and laundry is of the latest in modern kitchen design offering effortless cooking and laundry facilities. An unusual feature of this area is the combination fireplace and dutch oven. This kitchen is accessible to a patio where meals may be served in the open.

The living room-dining area and the gallery are exposed painted roman type masonry units and south and west exterior walls are entirely of glass walls. The floors here are all of marble with exception of the other wings where resilient flooring tile was used. The den or TV room walls are finished of pecky cypress painted a light black. The other rooms are plastered on the walls with appropriate wall papers. Both bath rooms and dressing have ceramic tile dados.

The heating system in this residence is a forced hot water system of the base board type and found to be most efficient. The white effect on the roof is due to use of pure white marble chips in lieu of the standard granite chips or gravel. Over the main entrance is another unusual feature in that it is roofed over with plate
Water is furnished by an artesian well which also furnishes the pool.

Credit is also due to Mr. Jack McElvey of Bedford who decorated this residence and furnished same as shown on these pictures. The lighting fixtures in this residence are also of the latest in design. The color selection for the interior and exterior work of painting is also outstanding in its choice.

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