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Our newly elected board of officers to their new duties, and my new position, hasn't offered us the time to show what we can do. However, a whole new year is ahead of us, and I hope we can live up to the good work performed in the past, by our past leaders.

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Programs of activity are usually dependent upon secretaries. The importance of a secretary as an administrator cannot be stressed too strongly; he has a twofold obligation in the dispatch of the responsibility and opportunity to our chapter and can be one of the most effective factors in maintaining and expanding membership.

The duties of a treasurer are always ever demanding of new means of getting the money together—a thankless but necessary job. His importance cannot be overstressed.

I am sure that the newly elected and the present officers, will work as a team, and try to maintain the high standards that have been set by our past leaders.

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New Plant of Chemtam Company at Exeter, N. H.
New Hampshire Architects Have Busy Schedule in Connection with Annual Convention

New Hampshire Architects were royally entertained in connection with their annual convention meeting on Thursday, May 23.

Host for the group, which numbered about 100, was Dante Donati, president of Duracrete Block Company.

Starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Donati provided an eight-hour program which included a luncheon at Scott’s Tea Room, a tour of the Duracrete Block plant, an automobile sightseeing tour that visited many Manchester homes recently constructed of concrete masonry, a cocktail hour and dinner at the Manchester Country Club and an entertainment for the members and guests which featured Clarence Booth, noted Queen City magician. A movie “The Concrete Masonry Story” concluded the program.

An intent group toured the gigantic Duracrete plant, saw the huge piles of sand, gravel and cinders that go into the making of various kinds of blocks, and witnessed the manufacture of the blocks, with all three Besser machines going full blast. Curing of the blocks was of special interest to many of the visiting architects.

A special display was set up and drew more than passing interest from the group. This display clearly showed the various uses to which concrete blocks can be used.

Conducting the tour besides Mr. Donati were Victor Kjellman, sales engineer and Arthur Donati, plant superintendent.

Duracrete officials explained each phase of manufacture and answered a barrage of questions fired by the group.

ARCHITECTS VIEW MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

Having witnessed the manufacture of concrete blocks at the Duracrete Block Company’s plant at Hooksett, chapter members and their guests enjoyed a tour of the Manchester area where they viewed many homes of masonry construction. The tour was conducted by Dante Donati.

At Hooksett, the newly constructed Public Service Company’s building was visited. This building was designed by Alexander J. Majeski and built by David W. Davison.

Three homes at Crestview in Manchester held the attention of the architects. These homes of masonry construction were all designed by Mr. Majeski and built by Phil A. Paquette & Son of the Queen City. These homes are now owned and occupied by Morris Saitz, Benjamin Fish and Miss Annie Rowell.

Also on the itinerary were the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Roland P. Genest and Dr. and Mrs. B. D. Smith. Of masonry construction, these two homes were designed by Koehler and Isaak, A.I.A., Manchester. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vogel designed by Dirsa & Lampron, Manchester were also included in the itinerary.

Architects were treated to a visit at the home of Dr. T. H. Kalil, now under construction, which was designed by no other than Frank Lloyd Wright, nationally known architect. Mr. Donati pointed out to the visitors that this home is being constructed of a specially designed cement block by Duracrete.
Homes of Mr. and Mrs. Cahn of Manchester, and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mati at Bedford, also designed by Mr. Ajeski, were the last to be visited before N. H. Chapter met for the annual meeting at the Manchester Country Club.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR UNDER CONSIDERATION

Plans for a bigger and better demonstration of masonry construction for New Hampshire's architects next year, are already under consideration, Danti Donati, president of Duracrete Block Company, announced following the May demonstration at the company's plant.

Mr. Donati and Victor Kjellman, sales engineer, have disclosed that next year's demonstration might even include a two-day meeting with the architects and their guests.

The Duracrete officials pointed out that products and methods in masonry construction are being developed continuously and that another year could mean revolutionary changes in this phase of construction.

Further details of next year's meeting will be announced from time to time in New Hampshire Architect.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER, A.I.A.

ELECTED OFFICERS AT MEETING

New Hampshire Chapter, A.I.A. elected officers for the coming year at the dinner meeting at the Manchester Country Club, which followed the afternoon program at the Duracrete Block Company's plant at Hooksett. Danti Donati provided steak dinner for the architects and their guests.

John D. Betley of Manchester was elected president and immediately took over the meeting from retiring president Norman P. Randlett of Laconia.

Other officers named were Nicholas Isaak, Manchester, vice-president; Joseph F. Lampron, Manchester, secretary; Robert Snodgrass, Nashua, treasurer; Malcolm D. Hildreth, Nashua, director for three years. Mitchell P. Dirsa of Manchester and John R. Holbrook of Keene are hold-over members of the board of directors.

President Betley in brief remarks, thanked the membership for electing him as their leader, and reminded the gathering that New Hampshire Chapter's growth was brought about only by the leadership of its past officers.

Norman P. Randlett, retiring president, gave his annual report of activities of the chapter and also a report of the annual national convention held in May at Washington, D. C., which he attended.

Eugene F. Magenau of Concord, gave a report of the resolutions committee of which he is a member, and provided highlights of the national convention.

In the absence of Robert Snodgrass, chapter treasurer, his financial report to the members was read by Charles R. Gray of Nashua.

Vic Kjellman presided over the meeting during the entertainment.

Photographs of the A. I. A. Meeting at the Duracrete Plant, Tour of Homes and Dinner Meeting at Manchester Country Club will be found on the following pages.

Photos at Duracrete Plant and Tour by Eric M. Sanford, Manchester.

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Architect
President Betley Accepts Gavel From Former President Randlett.

New Officers Include Director, Mitchell P. Dirsa; Vice President, Nicholas Isaak; President, Betley; Secretary, Joseph F. Lampron; Director, John F. Holbrook. Absent in Photo are Treasurer, Robert Snodgrass and Director, Malcolm D. Hildreth.
Paul Harvey, President A.G.C., H. H.-Vt.; Dante Donati, President Duracrete and Meeting Host; Armand Beliveau, President N. H. Chapter National Home Builders Association.

N. H. AWARDS UP 13 PERCENT

BOSTON — Contracts for future construction in New Hampshire in April totaled $7,669,000, an increase of 13 percent compared to April 1956, James A. Harding, F. W. Dodge Corporation district manager, reports.

April contracts by the major construction categories compared to the similar month of a year ago showed: non-residential at $1,837,000, down 13 percent; residential at $4,491,000, up 41 percent; and heavy engineering at $1,341,000, down eight percent.

The first four month total of construction contracts compared to the like 1956 period showed: non-residential at $7,195,000, down 35 percent; residential at $9,655,000, up 35 percent; heavy engineering at $4,730,000, down 39 percent; and total construction at $21,290,000, down 18 percent.

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Randlett Reports on National Convention

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Opening on Monday evening, May 13th an impressive processional and recessional of Fellows, marked the opening and closing of the meeting for which music was furnished by naval units. President Leon Chatelaine, Jr. after accepting centennial tokens from the leaders of European and Japanese architectural organizations introduced Edward A. Weeks, Jr. of Boston, editor of the Atlantic Monthly. The wide range of his address is indicated by its subject "A New Century Beckons."

The mornings and afternoons of Tuesday through Friday included a series of addresses by a wide field of speakers, not closely identified with the profession but well qualified to discuss the social aspects of architecture and related subjects.

Business sessions occurred on these same days but the general and business sessions were so scheduled that neither were tiresome. The pace of each was rapid and far ranging. For spare moments the fine exhibit of the Producers Council, Inc. was near the auditorium in the Sheraton Park Hotel.

During these sessions special events were conducted by the local chapters for the ladies who attended the convention as guests.

Events for all included the formal President's reception at the National Gallery of Art to view an exhibition entitled "One Hundred Years of American Architecture," during which music was furnished by the U. S. Marine Band, cruise down the Potomac with a visit to Mount Vernon, the annual scrapple breakfast, the colorful sunset parade at the Marine Barracks, and the annual dinner on Thursday evening, including presentation of Gold Medal of the Institute to Louis Skidmore, and the Centennial Gold Medal to Ralph Walker, followed by an address "The Architecture of Democracy" by Henry R. Luce, Editor-in-Chief of Time, Inc.

On Saturday and Sunday a tour of Williamsburg afforded a brief study of the restored community, as well as two nearby plantations, the site of Jamestown and the battlefield at Yorktown.

ELDREDGE JOINS HOLBROOK'S STAFF

Arthur S. Eldredge has joined the staff of John R. Holbrook, A. I. A. of Keene. Mr. Eldredge is a graduate of Harvard and completed two years at the Harvard School of Design. He was formerly employed in the offices of S. W. Hayn, Fitchburg and Cabot, Cabot, and Forbes, Boston.

The Eldredges and their two children are making their home in Peterborough.
ELEVEN MEMBERS ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION

New Hampshire Chapter was represented at the national convention of the American Institute of Architects in Washington last month by the largest percentage of members ever attending a national convention. Eleven members journeyed to the nation's capitol for the five-day conclave.

Delegates to the convention were Norman P. Randlett, Mitchell P. Dirsa, Malcolm D. Hildreth, Eugene F. Magenau and Leo P. Provost with Joseph F. Lampson, serving as an alternate.

Other members of New Hampshire Chapter attending were: Stephen P. Tracy, Maurice E. Witmer, William L. White, Shepard Vogelgesang and George Thomas.

PARENTEAUS AT DALLAS CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parenteau of Manchester attended the 75th National Convention of the Plumbing Contractors in Dallas, Texas, June 10 through 14.

The diamond jubilee convention attracted 15,000 plumbing contractors and their guests. Besides the convention business the delegates were treated to real Texas hospitality which included rodeos and barbecues.

Prizes awarded during the convention included a Texas oil well and a fabulous diamond ring.

BILL CUMMINGS TAKES UP FARMING

Bill Cummings of the Bader Company, Inc., is planning a part time role as country gentleman and farmer.

Formerly residing in Concord, Bill and his Mrs. have purchased a home, high on hillside in the town of Loudon.

Bill says his new role as gentleman farmer will not interfere with his work selling on the architects and contractors in his territory.
Magenau Reports on Resolution Committee

Serving on the Resolutions Committee for the Convention this year was New Hampshire Delegate Eugene F. Magenau. An unusually large number of resolutions were submitted for consideration, ranging all the way from such topics as redesign of the A.I.A. lapel button, which was rejected, to participation in “World Construction Year 1960,” which was passed. Other topics of general interest were reactivation of the Jefferson Memorial; endorsement of the exchange of students under the Fulbright Scholarships; establishment of a new school of Architecture in Puerto Rico; congratulations to the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada on its 50th anniversary; restudy of Architectural services on public housing projects; distribution of A.I.A. publications to associates and junior associates; restudy of the twelve regional A.I.A. districts; preservation of the Robie House in Chicago designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; and the usual resolutions of appreciation and thanks to the host chapter, retiring A.I.A. officers etc.

The resolutions, as well as other reports of the convention will be published short and distributed to all members of the Institute. In addition to Mr. Magenau, the other members of the Committee were Howard Eichenbaum, F.A.I.A.; Waldo B. Christenson, F.A.I.A.; William Bachman, A.I.A.; Marcellus Wright, J.F.A.I.A.; Edward L. Wilson, F.A.I.A.; Ex-officio; and Thomas D. Broad, F.A.I.A. Chairman.
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