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This seems true all over the nation, particularly in public buildings, with the result that the architect is often put in the position of providing buildings of lower and lower cost in the face of higher and higher building prices. This dilemma has produced some strange things and public buildings too often have become monuments to a low tax rate. Is this the fault of what may in fact have been a skimpy budget? Or has the low budget scared the architect out of his architecture — or further, has the architect fallen into the trap of using low cost as the only measure of worth.

It is true that everyone wants economy in building, architect and client alike, but it is also true that economy does not mean cheapness, and that true economy need not limit design. There are many examples of buildings that burst out of the straight jacket of cost — sure proof that a low budget need not limit good architecture, and while a tight budget cannot afford luxuries it can still provide a few niceties. The only ingredient required for this is imagination; and to the imagination, cost certainly places no limits.

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More than 40 members and guests attended the summer meeting of New Hampshire Chapter, A. I. A., Thursday, August 21 at the Hotel Farragut, Rye Beach. Highlight of the outing was an old fashioned clambake, followed by dancing.

President Nicholas Isaak presided at a short business meeting, following the meeting of the executive board.

President Isaak called attention of the gathering that Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Tracy were observing their silver wedding anniversary, and the Nashua couple was given an ovation by the group.

W. Pope Barney, F. A. I. A., of Philadelphia, Pa., who has retired and is to reside in New Hampshire, was a guest of the state chapter.

Horace Bradt was program chairman.

SULLIVAN BECOMES CORPORATE MEMBER

John D. Sullivan of Manchester recently became a corporate member of N. H. Chapter, A. I. A., and received his membership pin from President Nicholas Isaak at the dinner meeting August 21 at the Hotel Farragut, Rye Beach.

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To most of the public, architecture means the home. And the job of the Architect means quite simply—the housing of a family so that it may live comfortably, conveniently, economically and with a certain pride in possession. If the plan of that home fulfills its needs, if its construction embodies its plan, if its pattern and design conform to its construction and reflect its planning—then it is a good house and will serve its purpose as a good home for the family.

But the work of the Architect is much broader than this; he also designs churches, warehouses, airports, zoos, hotels, laboratories, supermarkets, department stores, etc. Into all these the Architect projects more than the technicalities of his drawing board; he must keep in mind the needs of his client and the effects of his work on society. If he is designing a school he first consults with the educators to determine the specific needs and use of the school; if it is a large apartment he studies the movement of population and the relation between income and rent in that particular district; in planning a factory he must know all aspects of the product to be made there.

Education of an Architect: The best preparation for architectural school is a well-rounded high school education: an academic course of study, with social studies and industrial art as electives and with as many courses in mathematics as possible.

Professional training usually consists of a minimum of five years of study at an accredited school or college of architecture, plus at least three years of apprenticeship in an Architect’s office. Professional curriculum includes architectural design, materials and methods of construction, design theory, structural design, working drawings, specifications, graphics, freehand drawing, professional ethics, history of architecture.

After completing academic training, the first job is actually the apprenticeship lasting three or more years (similar to a doctor’s
internship), broadening technical knowledge while gaining practical experience. Jobs are likely to include tracing, lettering, "measuring up" for alterations, or other drafting jobs. Eventually the Architect opens his own office.

- Architects undertake planning and design of a wide variety of structures with these main types:

**DOMESTIC:**
- homes, apartment houses, club houses.

**INDUSTRIAL:**
- factories, mills, lofts, warehouses, laboratories.

**COMMERCIAL:**
- banks, hotels, restaurants, stores, office buildings, garages.

**INSTITUTIONAL:**
- hospitals, asylums and sanatoria, libraries, museums, schools, colleges, prisons, churches, dormitories.

**PUBLIC:**
- post offices, police and fire stations, health centers, markets, court houses, custom houses, monuments.

**ASSEMBLY:**
- auditoria, theatres, gymnasium, recreation buildings, swimming pools, stadia, skating rinks.

**TRANSPORTATION:**
- air, bus and train terminals.

**SITE PLANS:**
- housing developments, industrial groups, town planning.

**HEAVY ENGINEERING:**
- consultation work on power houses, sewers, bridges, dams, etc.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**
- modernization, alterations and remodeling of structures; survey for industry; interior designing; material research.

**Licensing:** Since architecture involves public health and safety, all states and territories now require that an Architect be licensed or registered to practice. He must qualify and fully demonstrate his competence—just as young doctors must submit to examinations by their local medical boards. Usually the candidate for admission to examinations must be a graduate from an architectural school with three years of practical experience in an Architect's office. As a substitute for graduation from an architectural school most states accept longer periods of practical experience, usually a total of ten to twelve years. Many states also require graduation from high school as a necessary requisite for admission to the examination.

- Architects and their Institute, recognizing registration as a powerful influence in raising standards of practice, have long taken a keen interest in the matter, and through a Standing Committee are ready to cooperate with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Safeguards against inexperienced or otherwise incompetent practitioners have come about through continued efforts to maintain the practice of architecture upon the highest professional plane.

(To be continued in October issue)
Overhead Door Company, Inc., of Nashua, is now in the process of erecting a new warehouse and trucking area in the Gate City, James D. Hardin, president of the company, has announced.

This new building will be an addition to the existing plant, and will include approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space for the warehouse, and about 4,000 square feet of floor space for the trucking area. The company will then have up to 75,000 square feet floor space.

When completed, Mr. Hardin said, the company will be in a position to extend and improve its manufacturing operations, as well as increase its handling facilities.
The $460,000 YMCA construction project in Keene is started by Ellis Robertson, president, center. Others, left to right, are Mayor Richard P. Gilbo, Henry M. Frechette, chairman of the building committee; Richard E. Bean, contractor, and John R. Holbrook, architect. (Abbott Studio.)

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TOILETS: Ceramic tile floors and ceramic structural tile dadoes.

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STEPS, PLATFORMS & DOOR SILLS: Granite.

WINDOW SILLS & ARCHITRAVES: Limestone.

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ROOF: Tar and Gravel, 20-year bond.

FLASHING: Copper.

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WINDOWS: Metal excepting Business Office which are wood.

DOORS INSIDE: Flush hollow metal.

DOORS OUTSIDE: Hollow metal.

STAIRS: Steel.

CEILINGS: All concrete slab ceilings and surfaces painted excepting Operating Room, Lounge, Wire Chief, Local Test, Instruction, Corridor, Lobby and Business Office, which are covered with acoustical units.

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One of the first projects assigned to this office in 1946 was to design three "K" or "Relay" Stations. These stations were located in Londonderry, Hooksett and East Concord, New Hampshire. The three buildings were designed in conventional colonial architecture. The construction was cinder block walls with brick facings; concrete floor slab on fill and wood framed roof.

An Addition to the Franklin Telephone Exchange Building in Franklin, N. H. was also carried forward in 1946. It was designed to accommodate the new dial equipment which the Telephone Company was installing in that area. The design of the new addition was dictated by the original building which was colonial.
In 1947 this office was asked to design a new building in Lancaster, N. H. Although the building was designed as an office building, it was also to house the equipment for the change over to dial. The building was constructed throughout of first class fireproof masonry.

The Addition to the Rochester Telephone Exchange was designed in 1948. It was designed primarily for the new dial system and to provide better luncheon facilities for the employees. The general design was more or less a copy of the existing construction.
The Dial Exchange Building in Concord, N. H. was designed in 1952. This building was planned to contain all the necessary dial equipment needed for that area. It was also planned for future growth and with this in mind, a third floor can be added. New additions can be added to two sides of the present building whenever necessary. It is of masonry construction, entirely fireproof throughout.
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