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The news or feature articles may be submitted by either the author, the publication or any chapter of the AIA.

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Entries may be submitted by the writer, the publication, or an AIA Chapter. Any daily newspaper or magazine available to the general public whose circulation is not limited to a specific membership group or organization is eligible to compete. Professional architectural magazines are excluded from the contest.

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The meeting was arranged by N.E.C. M.A., the Greater Boston Home Builders, and the Portland Cement Association.

Attending from New Hampshire were Edward J. Roy, Manchester; Phil and Jerry Paquette, Manchester; Al Ouellette, Nashua, and Walter Fisher, Dover.

The guest speakers were Wayne Duran, of the John Long Co. and Gil Olson, of the Superlite Co., both of Phoenix, Arizona.

The John Long Co., recently placed the order for block for new home construction — 10,000,000 half high for next year.

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PERSONALS

Horace G. Bradt and family spent the Christmas holidays in Bermuda. Walter T. Williams, another member of the Firm of Bradt, Littlefield and Williams, Dover architects, enjoyed the Christmas holidays in New York City as the guest of relatives.
An overflow crowd of 213 persons attended the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Associated General Contractors of N. H.-Vt. at the Carpenter Hotel on December 10.

Among the speakers were U. S. Senator Styles Bridges, James M. Sprouse, Manager of the Highway Division of the AGC of America and John A. Volpe president elect of the AGC of America.

Senator Bridges warmly congratulated the contractors on their rapid growth and huge membership gains in the 10 year span of the Association and he added; "I've known this Association since its earliest days and never have I seen such unity of purpose and such warm fellowship among competing contractors as is evidenced here tonight.'

National AGC President Elect Volpe, in a hard hitting speech declared that after performing near miracles on the national highway program since 1956, state highway officials have been hurt by some of the innuendoes uttered by politicians.

Volpe praised state highway departments as being "staffed with competent, honest individuals decided to the task of getting their states and the nation a full dollar's value for every dollar spent." He also praised the Federal Bureau of Public Roads for doing an "outstanding job of coordinating and directing the overall effort" under the leadership of Bertram Tallamy.

A. G. C. OFFICERS FOR 1960
Left to Right — Joseph Mingolla, Vice President Associate Members; Reginald Bisson, Treasurer, Ferris Bavicchi, Vice President, Highway; Parker Rice, President, Herbert Stebbins, Vice President, Builders; J. Paul Griffin, Secretary.
The President's Message

A New Year Wish

The officers and members of New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects, wish every reader of New Hampshire Architect a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

To the general contractors, sub-contractors, material suppliers, and others who have supported our magazine during the past years, we wish even more prosperity during the coming year of 1960.

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A.I.A. COMMITTEE MEETS WITH A.G.C. BUILDER'S COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS BIDDING PROCEDURES

A meeting of the Builder's Committee of the A.G.C. and a committee from the New Hampshire Chapter of the A.I.A. was held on December 7, at the Manchester Country Club, in Manchester. Present at the meeting were the following: A.G.C. Robert C. Davison, John Jacobson, Jr., Herbert Stebbins, Tom Power. N. H. A.I.A. Nicholas Isaak, John Betley, Walter Williams.

The main item of discussion at the meeting was bidding procedures with emphasis on the comparative merits of lump sum bidding versus the system of pre-filed sub bids.

It was agreed by all present that in general, the lump sum bidding system was preferable to pre-filed sub bids.

The architects present said the filed-bid system caused them a lot of trouble and as far as they were concerned, as individual architects, filed bids were used only when the owner insisted on them.

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A.G.C. President Davison expressed the opinion that in-so-far as contractors, sub-contractors and architects were in general agreement that lump-sum bidding was much better for the entire industry, the entire industry should go on record publicly as supporting the lump-sum system.

Architect Nicholas Isaak said that while the A.G.C. had discussed the problem among its members and come to an agree-

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Culminating a dream of many years standing, William R. Fuller, mechanical engineer of Concord, N. H. has recently set up his own consulting engineering business. As a result of a careful survey he felt that there was a definite need for additional engineering services of this type in the Northern New England area. He calls his firm “Fuller Engineering Consulting Service.”

Mr. Fuller chose New Hampshire as his adopted state 5 years ago when he came to work for Anderson-Nichols and Company, Concord, N. H. as a supervisory mechanical engineer. He has had over 20 years of broad engineering and administrative experience in the heat-power-refrigeration field since obtaining his Mechanical Engineering degree from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1938. He is registered in New Hampshire and New York states, and has registrations pending in Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont. While Mr. Fuller’s services are basically mechanical in nature (heating, ventilating, air conditioning, plumbing), he also plans to work closely with a practicing registered electrical engineer, as occasions warrant, to facilitate the submission of coordinated mechanical-electrical designs.

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ent in the preferability of lump-sum bidding, the issue had not been presented to the New Hampshire Chapter of the I.A. He suggested that the issue be presented to a full meeting of that organization. He said this is the proper way to take action on the problem.

A. G. C. President Davison directed the Executive Secretary to prepare a detailed analysis of the preferability of lump-sum bidding procedures for presentation to the full membership of the New Hampshire A. I. A. at their next meeting.

It was pointed out that local action on the part of the New Hampshire Chapter of the A. I. A. should not be in conflict with views of the National A. I. A., and it was suggested that the National A. I. A. be consulted on its views of the matter.

There was one other action of the meeting. It was noted that at its meeting in Portland, Oregon, on November 9-13, 1959, the board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects adopted as institute policy a statement as follows:

"encouraging and expansion to private works, wherever possible, of such retained percentage procedures as now prevail on Federal Public Works.

Such retained percentages would be 10% until 50% of the job is completed, after which there shall be no additional retainage, provided the work has proceeded to the satisfaction of the architect and/or of the owner."

(Note: This action by the institute is one that the A.G.C. itself, and the National Joint Cooperative Committee, A. I. A.-A.G.C. has consistently urged it to take for the past several years).

The New Hampshire architects committee present at the Manchester meeting approved the above action of its National Board of Directors and agreed to present it to the New Hampshire Chapter of the A.I.A. for full membership approval at the earliest opportunity.

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Born in Somerville in 1894, he worked with his father as a plastering contractor. In 1926 he entered the manufacturing business and created and developed many outstanding products for the construction industry. He holds numerous patents relating to building materials and equipment. He is noted for his development of the first successful acoustical plaster so widely used in churches and public buildings. His lightweight vermiculite fireproof plaster and concrete, used in the construction of the John Hancock Build-

ing in Boston, saved over 35 million pounds of weight to be supported by the foundation.

He developed the first latex paints produced in New England, opening a whole new field for the paint industry. In recent years his nonstaining green colorcoating has been successfully used on asphalt tennis courts throughout North America. He received a patent on a resilient asphalt for playgrounds developed in conjunction with the Metropolitan District Commission of Boston and the Baltimore County School System in Maryland. National recognition was obtained for his stonelike plastic finish used on the new addition to the Riverside Church in New York City.

PERSONALS

Reve Smith, who joined the parade of Boston cement men to New York and Philadelphia during the past several years, has just been promoted to Executive Vice President of Dragon with headquarters in New York.
Lee Lime Announces Plans for Expansion

Lee — John M. Deely, president of Lee Lime Corp., announced plans for a major expansion in the local plant and the manufacture of a new product by a corporation formed by Lee Lime and another firm.

The local expansion will consist of installation of a new rotary kiln which will somewhat more than double the capacity of the Lee plant.

The new product, called Pozament, will be manufactured at Bridgeport, Conn., by a corporation formed by Lee Lime and McNeil Brothers of Bridgeport.

Pozament is a chemically balanced pozzolanic-type cement composed of a mixture of specially sized and treated fly ash interground with lime, plus added chemicals. The new kiln at the Lee plant will supply the increased demand for lime expected to follow the introduction of the new product. The Bridgeport plant is expected to be in production in about two weeks.

The new kiln for the Lee Lime plant has been ordered and installation is expected to begin in about two weeks. An undetermined number of additional employes will be required as a result of the expansion. Lee Lime now employs from 70 to 80 at its Lee and West Stockbridge installations.

Pozament is similar to the earliest known types of cement, which are now being used in increasing quantity in leading European countries.

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The basis of design for the Employment Security Building involved the flexible housing of the functions of the department. Because the departments' various departments expand or contract with the dictates of the economy it was necessary to provide space which could be adjusted to the needs.

The original site contained two buildings one of which was demolished. The new Main Street portion built in connection with the existing building provides the greatest amount of flexibility.

With a site restricted by two streets and two property lines, plus the decided change in elevation from Main Street to South State Street, the solution to fully use the ground floor of the new addition was completely necessary.

The exterior window wall was selected to express the modular space disposition; the polished granite base provides a relation to the other governmental and institutional buildings in the city of Concord.

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The building is of modern design in pleasant pastels, features the latest in materials and fixtures, is attractively landscaped, and has an offstreet paved parking area.

A major design objective was appeal to women, they being the most involved in the laundry and cleaning function. This resulted in the use of pastel colors, large glass areas, thin brushed-metal trim, colored mosaic tile in foundation and patio entrance, and the inclusion along one lot line of a cedar woven fence with individual planters along its face.

The interior includes a small entrance lobby and service counter, behind which, utilizing 75% of the remaining floor area, is an automatic conveyor installation for hanging finished garments.

Building area is 36' x 30' on a 50' x 100' lot.
This small air conditioned office building was designed to house the particular requirements of the Exeter & Hampton Electric Co. The first floor is largely devoted to space for sales and display of electrical appliances. This area is reached from the street entrance as well as the entrance at the rear, the latter being approached directly from the parking area. The second floor is devoted to the business offices of the Exeter & Hampton Electric Co., but also contains a spacious meeting and display room. This room is used for community functions as well as business meetings and is provided with kitchen facilities.

The lighting design is of particular interest. It was laid out in close cooperation with the client and is probably the most modern fluorescent lighting system in New Hampshire and serves as a display of fixtures as well.

Since the building is located close to the colonial buildings of Exeter Academy the design was kept as simple as possible so as not to intrude on its surroundings.
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were uniformly successful, Mr. Deely said. Allen Freedman will be transferred to Bridgeport from the local Lee Lime plant, has been named technical field representative for Pozament. The laboratories and staff of Lee Lime will be available to block manufacturers needing advice on the use of the new product.

The new kiln and new product for Lee Lime is the latest in a series of advances by the local firm. During the past three years, several new products have been added for the do-it-yourself field.

Among the several construction men who attended the meeting at the Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, were Frank Rheinhold, vice president of the Conn. Light and Power Co., which will supply the fly ash to be used in Pozament; Carmine Reno, president of the New England Concrete Masonry Assn. and Kenneth Burnup, president of Burnup & Simms of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Also present was Kenneth McNeil of the Connecticut firm which has co-sponsored the organization of the Pozament Corp., Edward McCarthy, president of the Pozament and vice president of Lee Lime; and Wolf Bauer of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Bauer, an authority on masonry materials and construction, was speaker at the luncheon. August B. Moser, superintendent of the Lee Lime works in Lee, was in charge of a series of tours given to visitors through the plant.

Among the thirty-odd industry representatives attending the Lee Lime-Pozament Conference in Lee, Mass. recently were Victor Kjellman of Dura-Crete, upper right, and Victor Barden, Lee Lime representative of Northwood Narrows.

MAJOR EXPANSION of Lee Lime plant in Lee, Massachusetts is discussed by Wolf Bauer, left, prominent West Coast cement authority, Ed McCarthy, president of Pozament Inc., who have recently combined with Lee Lime; Jack Deely, president of Lee Lime; and Rod McNeil, vice president of Pozament.
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