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Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner, Hanover, N. H.
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A. I. A.
Leading architectural critics have commented, with some justification, on a tendency toward "universal design" prevalent in today's buildings. That is, an office building in Houston may not be distinguished in design from an office building in Seattle — or even Tokyo. Of course widespread publication of "good" buildings has had profound effect in the production of sameness by "group designers," or individuals who are content to repeat a stock design.

Last month on this page I spoke of the value of interchange between architects. This implies communication of ideas by words both written and spoken. Such communication need not, however, lead to identical solutions to similar problems.

"Groupthink" and "Brainstorming" techniques of today lead to the false conclusion that problems are always best solved by "joint action" of "committee work."

Good architectural design is always either an individual expression or a close cooperation between partners who want to create the same thing.

The true language of Architecture is visual. While a very beautiful building may in a sense, exist only in the mind of the appreciative observer, it is well to also remember that this beauty can exist only because it was created by an architect who, put the beauty there to be appreciated.

Probably architects, as well as painters, speak more openly and personally through their work; than they do in person or by the written word.

In this visual sense, then, we should be concerned that our work always speaks to the observer as directly as possible of the clients needs, including the environment. One of these needs is also beauty.

E. H. Hunter
ECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAKES PMENTS FOR 1960-61

The executive committee of New Hampshire Chapter, AIA met at Hanover, N. H., on March 3, and at that time committee assignments were made for 1960-61. Some chapter members will retain previous assignments, elsewhere a new system is employed, on chapter activities, public relations and community development. Details appear on page four.

GUST MEETING NEW HAMPSHIRE APTR AT HANOVER

The August Meeting of New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects, to be held at Hanover, N. H. At an executive committee meeting on the 3rd, Hanover was selected, with chapter president, E. H. Hunter, and W. Poke Fleck in charge of arrangements. Chapter members will be notified of act date, place, and program well in advance of the meeting.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND WIFE AGAIN ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

"Record Houses of 1960," published by F. W. Dodge Corp., presents a new selection of homes, twenty in number, showing "free flowing spaciousness," in design. Selected from national competition was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner, Hanover, N. H., designed by the firm of E. H. & M. K. Hunter.

Mr. Hunter is currently president of New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects. Work of Mrs. Hunter has been featured in Life Magazine, and as a husband and wife team they have previously had national publicity on homes of their design.

ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT IN SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

A native of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, James A. Barthold, has accepted summer employment in the office of Andrew C. Isaak, AIA, Manchester, N. H.

Mr. Barthold has finished his fourth year studies in a five year architectural study program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

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