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A. I. A.
New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects Holds Winter Meeting at Laconia

New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects, held their winter meeting at the Laconia Tavern, Laconia, N. H. on February 17. Chapter president E. H. Hunter presided at the executive committee meeting preceding the dinner, introduced the guest speaker and conducted the chapter business meeting which concluded the evening.

An unusually good response to the winter meeting made the event particularly interesting to the architects, their wives and guests.

Some of the business meeting items discussed were the incorporation of New Hampshire Chapter, selection of delegates to the national convention of The American Institute of Architects to be held at Philadelphia, selection of a nominating committee for chapter officers to be chosen at the May meeting.

John R. Holbrook briefed the members on the work of a committee of architects composed of Mr. Holbrook, Stephen P. Tracy, Andrew C. Isaak, Richard Koehler, Joseph F. Lampron and W. Brooke Fleck. This group is working with Paul Farnum, State Department of Education, and a group of school superintendents in updating and revision of the School Handbook Guide. Future meetings are planned until the revision is completed.

Nicholas Isaak told the group of a nice gesture in which chapter members could participate. At a conference with officials of Laconia State School the desire was expressed to secure photos, murals, paintings, or anything in art which could be used to decorate and enhance the schools interiors, once it had served its purpose for the architect.

Richard Koehler made a motion that New Hampshire Chapter, A.I.A. go on record as endorsing the fine gesture of Alfred T. Granger, in establishing "The Alfred T. Granger Student Art Trust Fund."

Winslow B. Eaves of West Andover, N. H., a sculptor, gave an interesting narration with colored slides on sculpture, its place and relation to architecture, the uses of many metals, woods, stones, and most recently, the use of plastics in sculpture.

John D. Betley was named as program director for the May meeting to be held at Manchester, with date and location to be announced. John Carter proposed that the members avail themselves of a guest speaker on the subject of bonds related to construction and liability insurance at the May meeting.
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Concord, New Hampshire Meeting Site for Northern Association of Sub-Contractors

On February 9, the Northern Association of Sub-Contractors met at Concord. A group of about fifty, including members, prospective members and guests, enjoyed a social hour, dinner and business meeting.

Featured speaker of the event was Professor Wilbur W. Widicus Jr. who spoke on his survey of various methods presently being used to stop bid shopping and bid peddling in the construction industries. The association voted funds for the survey at a previous meeting, and a booklet on the subject was prepared and distributed to members for their use and consideration in further programming of the associations activities on the subject.

Plans were discussed to establish a program through the invitation and participation of guest groups related to construction to attend future meetings of the association.

Robert Galloway, president, conducted the meeting, expressed his gratitude for the continued growth and interest by members. The next meeting of the association will be at Rutland, Vermont on April 20th.
Contract awarding authorities from private industry and from all levels of government are quoted as supporting the single contract method of construction in a new brochure published by the Associated General Contractors of America, Washington, D.C.

Titled, Save Construction Dollars with America’s Basic Construction Method, The Single Contract System, the brochure states that about 95 per cent of federal contracts and 85 per cent of the states use the single contract method, as well as the overwhelming majority of local government and private contract awarding authorities.

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Q. Do you think there is much "copying" in architecture today?
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Q. Is there any definite meaning for the word research. It seems to be used any old way these days...
A. In the U. S., research is a synonym for planning. The term "to plan" received such a bloody battering by the Opinion Makers of the 30's and 40's (who considered it pink-talk) it became totally useless. Both words are often euphemisms for procrastination.
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