



### ANNUAL MEETING

Time: Wednesday, June 3, 1942  
Place: Architectural League.

This will be a lunch meeting and will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. Chapter Officers will be elected and brief reports will be heard from out-going officers and committees.

Presentation of the Certificates of Merit will be made to the winners of the Chapter's Small House Awards for 1942.

Matters to be brought before the coming A.I.A. Convention will also be discussed and our Delegates will be instructed. Nomination ballots for these delegates are enclosed herewith and should be returned promptly, together with your card of acceptance for the lunch.

Our list of members who have signified their intention of traveling to Detroit to attend the Convention, June 23-25, is at present very short. We hope it will have grown before the meeting on June 3.

### WAR WORK

Our Secretary reports that the U. S. Civil Service Commission requests us to circulate a new announcement stressing the need for architects in Federal war positions—in the fields of design, specification and estimating. There are several grades open to applicants. No written test is to be given.

### CHAPTER EXHIBIT

The work of the first winner of our Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship is to be exhibited on the walls of the League's large gallery during the week of June 3. Mr. Mathews' submission is a valuable historical record entitled "The Architecture of the Southwestern United States."

It is a comparative study of the various types of residential architecture of that portion of the country. In some 60 excellent and beautiful photographs are shown examples of haciendas, early cliff dwellings and pueblos, Indian built small house types, architecture of the pre-Columbian era, the influence of the Spanish invasion in the Southwest and later of the American traders.

There are interesting details of banded masonry, carved beams, corbels and champfering, examples of windows, early doorways and ceilings, and of native craftsmanship of all kinds.

### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Members of the Chapter who have reason to become acquainted with government contracts, will find on file at the Office, a document which will be of great help. This is a collection of current Government Contract Forms with pertinent comments and advice compiled by members of our Chapter Committee on Fees and Contracts, Charles H. Higgins, Chairman.

Not being content with this critical study and source of help to our members, the Committee volunteers a further service. The Committee will review each new form of contract as issued and add it to the data assembled.

We repeat here the thanks expressed at the last meeting for the excellent work done by Mr. Higgins and his Committee. Members are urged to avail themselves of this valuable information which the Chapter has not the funds nor facilities to distribute.

### WASHINGTON SITUATION

A bulletin, dated April 21, received from Edmund R. Purves, A.I.A. representative, contains the following:

Forecast. There are two basic factors on which the welfare of the country depends, manpower and materials. As it appears that both of these factors will be pressed into service to the fullest extent, it is likely that no member of the profession will find himself idle. He will, however, probably be engaged in a form of activity which will not too closely resemble his practice of the past years.

W.P.B. No machinery has been set up for the administration of the "Stop Building" Order L-41. It is rumored that a bureau will be formed shortly for this purpose. Locally the initial administration is in the hands of the F.H.A. and architects are advised to take up questions with the local F.H.A. offices.

Housing. The F.H.A. has released a list of designated areas where housing under Title VI may be built. Architects interested in this field are advised to get in touch with their local F.H.A. offices for the list and for the release covering the list.

H.R. 6927, the bill covering the appropriation for the renewal of work under Title VI, is still in committee. It is anticipated that this bill will be reported out favorably and passed in the near future.

### MEETING ON PLANNING

Post War Planning was the subject which had been announced for the luncheon meeting which was held on May 5. Sixty-one members attended to hear the views and plans of two authorities on this subject: McKim Norton, Executive Vice-President of the Regional Plan Association, and Chapter member Edwin A. Salmon, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission.

### BATTERY PARK

It was announced that the Fine Arts Federation has issued an appeal to the Mayor, the Board of Estimate, and the Art Commission not to approve the present plan for Battery Park but to study the problem further, and the Federation is asking its constituent members to take similar action independently.

The President reported that the Executive Committee of the Chapter had concurred in the opinion of the Fine Arts Federation and had authorized the President to write appropriate letters to the proper authorities, but with a constructive approach rather than merely as a protest.

The President said that unless there was some objection on the part of the members, he would like to carry out this plan. A motion to this effect was made and unanimously carried.

### BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP

The President reported a tentative suggestion that the New York Chapter and the Architectural League combine their Brunner Awards for this year in order that the combined amounts may be used for study or research in some other worthwhile subject of present value to the profession.

The subject suggested is "Advanced Planning" and the Chairman of the Brunner Award of each organization has been authorized to discuss the carrying out of this idea in the hope that eventually other groups or agencies might become interested.

### ADVANCED PLANNING

The President reviewed this subject which has been discussed for some time informally within the Chapter, and then without further comment introduced Mr. Norton.

Mr. Norton said that while Planning is a subject with many angles of ap-

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proach, there were only two of which he would speak, and to which he would like us to give some serious thought.

The first point is the economic approach. The region of New York is in distinct competition with other metropolitan areas in the nation; for example, the tonnage to South America is slowly slipping away from New York to Southern ports. The question therefore arises whether when the war is over this trade will return to New York or remain in the South. This shifting of trade centers has far reaching effects.

There are even changes of trends within the metropolitan area itself. Nassau and Westchester Counties are ancient rivals in the "dormitory" trade. Nassau with its vast increase in war production factories is rapidly developing as a center of population, whereas the reverse holds true in Westchester. Bergen County in New Jersey is also rapidly becoming prosperous. Before planning we must study and know what our economic future is to be.

Point two raised by Mr. Norton is how can organizations like our Chapter, the Municipal Art Society and the Regional Plan Association help the Planning Commission. Such organizations in their enthusiasm must be sure not to hamper the Planning Commission by attempting to undertake of themselves work which comes under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. Furthermore, he felt that an effort should be made to make the public understand what the Planning Commission is trying to do.

The President then introduced Commissioner Salmon. Mr. Salmon, after expressing his appreciation for having been elected a member of the Institute, spoke first of the Commission itself. It is a small group which must of necessity devote a considerable amount of time to routine matters, much as it would prefer to devote its entire time to the larger aspects of planning. In its short period of existence it has had overtures from many organizations proposing public projects, the cost of which would be roughly two billion dollars. This obviously is not feasible, even in a city the size of New York.

Mr. Salmon went on to speak of the proposed Post War Works Program for the City of New York which was at the time being prepared by the City Planning Commission. He did not feel

at liberty to name in advance of the public announcement, the amount to be set aside as a part of the 1942 budget to be used for post war planning. [*Since then this budget for surveys and plans has been announced as \$22,000,000.*]

The Post War Program, he said, must take into account not only the City itself and its authorities, but also the many financial agencies which are interested in city development, as well as industries which are likely to remain after the war.

Architects will naturally consider this recommendation from two angles, first the personal one, because it will mean much needed work for architects who can no longer do private building, and secondly, the realization of their hope for the creation of a reservoir of public works.

Mr. Salmon said since he understood this discussion was to be informal, he would prefer to answer questions of the members, rather than to attempt to give a longer talk.

The point was raised from the floor that criticism is bound to ensue because such a program may hamper the war effort. Mr. Salmon replied that the Commission has given consideration to this possible criticism and that the actual construction of such public works will not take place until after the war. The Commission's recommendations cover plans only and presumably the City will proceed slowly in making the appropriations.

The President suggested before throwing the meeting open for questions, that a resolution be offered as a definite focus of discussion.

Lorimer Rich stated that the Architectural League Executive Committee had met and agreed to support the City Planning Commission in its proposal and he therefore felt that the Chapter and the League should join in their effort to support the Commission.

The motion he then offered was seconded and received unanimous approval. Continuing this thought, Arthur C. Holden urged strongly that in our plans for the post war era, consideration be given to private planning as well as public works. Mr. Salmon said he believed that would be taken into account in future plans.

On being asked for specific suggestions on how this Chapter could be of help to the Commission in its program, and taking into account the point made by Mr. Holden, Mr. Salmon suggested the formation of a Committee made up of representatives of all interested groups, such as architects, engineers, real estate agents, financial agencies, etc., each of whom could bring

to the Committee the thoughts and advice of its group in order to make the picture a complete one before it is presented to the Planning Commission.

## AERIAL BOMBARDMENT

A course in aerial bombardment protection is to be given at Pratt Institute by the United States Office of Education. We reprint a letter received from Wm. J. McGuinness, Co-Ordinator A.R.P. Program:

To Architects and Engineers:

In all parts of the United States, technical men are being offered short but complete courses in aerial Bombardment Protection. A recent conference in New York City brought together all of the important leaders in this subject, including the War Department, which has completed valuable research and tests on air raid shelters. As a result of this conference a standardized official course has been established.

The Department of Architecture of Pratt Institute is commissioned by the U. S. Office of Education to conduct these courses and has done so for more than a year. We now offer a new program of recommended shelter design and allied subjects. There is no tuition charge. We will be pleased to receive your application.

The next course starts on June 9, and will meet regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following name has been submitted for Institute membership:

1. Chauncey W. Riley

*Sponsors:*

Maurice Gauthier  
James J. Bevan

### NEW MEMBERS:

George Foster Harrell  
Philip Sawyer Lacy  
Edwin A. Salmon  
Stanley Edison White

### LOSSES:

*Resignations:*

Gibson F. Dailey  
Wm. E. Frenaye, Jr.  
George Nichols

*Terminated:*

Wesley S. Bessell  
Reuben H. Bowden  
Charles F. Fuller  
Joseph Schaeffler  
Harold D. Way

*Died:*

James L. Burley  
Louis R. Leonard  
Pleasants Pennington