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The answer to the first question is: The Association is made up of fourteen different organizations of Architects in the State of New York. Some of these are Chapters of the American Institute of Architects; others are independent Architectural Societies. The Association is an educational and scientific professional society, the object of which is to maintain high professional standards in the practice of architecture; to collaborate with the American Institute of Architects in undertakings which will increase the value of the profession of architecture; and to coordinate the activities of the architectural organizations in the State. The government of the Association is by its members in annual convention, and by a Board of Directors made up of representatives of the constituent organizations.

What does it do, and how does it do it? All of the above activities are handled through committees. There are more than twenty standing and coordinating committees. For example: The Convention Site Selection Committee has recommended to the Board, and the Board has approved the location of the 1962 Convention to be at White Face Inn at Lake Placid, New York, from October 10 to October 13. The Eastern New York Chapter will be the Host Chapter for the 1962 Convention, and the Convention Operations Committee Chairman is Fay A. Evans, Jr., a member of The Eastern New York Chapter and of the Board of Directors. Even at this early date, through the activities of the Executive Director, almost fifty percent of the commercial exhibit booths have been sold.

The Legislative Committee, Civil Defense Committee, and the Public Relations Committee are each composed of a chairman and a member from each constituent organization. At the moment the Legislative Committee is extremely busy because the State Legislature is now in session. They are considering changes in the Education Law so as to improve its enforcement; they are cooperating with other professional groups for the first time, to promote legislation beneficial to all professions; and they are considering the subject of corporate practice in the State. Corporate practice bills by registered professionals are being considered in fourteen different States, and in some States, laws have been enacted, permitting corporate practice by architects.

The Committee on Publications is responsible for the issuance of our official publication, the EMPIRE STATE ARCHITECT. We are proud of this magazine in its current form, but it can be improved if the members of the organization will contribute material for publication, including examples of their work.

Each member of the State Association can help to strengthen the organization if they will let their views be known to the chairmen of the various committees by addressing their comments to the executive office at 441 Lexington Avenue, New York. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of all the committees.

The committees mentioned above are only a few of those studying projects for the benefit of the architects in the State of New York. It is hoped that in future issues we can keep you informed about the work of all the Committees.

It is with deep humility that your officers approach the task of serving you, and we look forward to a year of great cooperation in this effort by the Membership.

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Its chief function is to assure the continuous training of replacements for carrier-based jet aircraft. Before completion of the Lemoore base, entire air squadrons of the fleet returned to land to train their own replacements. Now, a new approach utilizes large land-based replacement groups where students are trained and graduated individually.

This results in a constant flow of replacements and requires only two months for training, instead of one year required by the former method. It also allows the carrier-based squadrons to remain on sea duty without interruption.
Base Is Divided Into Three Areas

The base was planned in terms of three major areas: Administration, Operations and Housing. The Administration area includes office buildings, schools, barracks, cafeterias, hospital, clubs, storage and service buildings and a community center with stores, a theatre, bowling alley, bank, and other facilities. It is located six miles from the Operations area to minimize exposure to jet engine noise.

The Operations area is a true industrial complex. It includes a heavy repair shop, hangars, a three million gallon fuel farm, flight line and runways. Its nerve center is the Operations Building with a 135-foot high control tower.

The Housing area is adjacent to the Administration area; it provides 1,300 houses for married officers and enlisted men and their families.

Long-Term Savings Achieved

Urbahn & Brayton, Architects, associated with Milton T. Pfueger, Architect, designed most of the major buildings in the Administration and Operations area at a cost of approximately $25,000,000. The construction budgets for practically all of these buildings were reduced one or more times between preliminary and final design. Accordingly, the architects were given permission by the Government to revise all designs to a semi-permanent type of construction.

However, by repetitive use of design elements, and the specification of economical construction methods, the architects were able to provide permanent buildings, within the authorized budgets. In addition, low maintenance costs were “built into” the project by careful selection of materials.
The destruction of historically and architecturally significant buildings may indeed be shortsighted from a civic point of view and even from the point of ultimate financial return. The basic trouble today, as always, is that patriotic sentiment is slow to take shape and artistic awareness is often hard to arouse when buildings only a few decades old, such as the Pennsylvania and Grand Central Stations, are threatened.

If we look for a moment at what Williamsburg, Virginia, was 40 years ago—when street cars ran down the middle of Duke of Gloucester Street and telegraph wires disfigured what vistas remained—we get some idea of what historic preservation can mean to a community.

But how does this apply to a great city like New York? Here a metropolis is forced by economic pressures virtually to rebuild itself every 40 years. It is precisely this activity which makes our city such a fascinating one to live in and such a hard one to preserve. However, when we look at the rebuilding cycle more closely we begin to appreciate the peculiar anatomy of our urban milieu and realize that in spite of the whoh'sah' desirielion. many areas have survived from former eras. It is imperative that these be recognized for what they are, and should not be allowed to deteriorate through slow erosion.

The best known of these, of course, is Greenwich Village. In addition several Squares, including Washington, Stuyvesant, Tomkins, and Gramercy Park, have at least retained something of a neighborhood character. Less known is the fact that the entire area from Washington Square as far south as Bleecker Street, today a wholesale area, has scarcely changed since Civil War times. Many fine examples of cast iron fronts are to be found in this area, and the recent refurbishing of Worth and Thomas Streets bears testimony that this architecture, so important in a technological sense and so markedly nineteenth century in character, is beginning to be understood. Another area overlooked in the city’s northward march is that between Twenty-third Street and Union Square. Still another, at the north end of Lafayette Street, includes the old Astor Library Building, the Seabury-Treadwell house and, in semi-dilapidated condition, A. J. Davis' elegant Greek Revival Colonnade Row. Above all other areas in the city this one cries for renewal and preservation.

We have spoken thus far of neighborhoods. Individual buildings like the old Tiffany’s and Russek’s on Fifth Avenue at 37th St. have suffered shocking disfigurement. In the case of the latter the entire effect of the building has been spoiled by worthless “improvements” at street level. This is admittedly a small matter when we consider the over-all picture but one wonders if a new fashion or trend in merchandising might not emphasize the positive value of our landmarks and instill pride in their new occupants without destroying their merchandising value.

Now, what can be done about all this? First of all, and basic to any action, is public interest. Neighborhood associations have sprung up throughout the city. The recent action to prevent the splitting in two of Washington Square by a depressed roadway is indicative of what public pressure can do towards preserving a neighborhood. Another example is the action taken in Murray Hill to prevent the widening of 36th St., a casualty which would have entailed moving back or totally removing the fence in front of the Morgan Library. At the present moment citizens' groups are attempting to save the Jefferson Market Courthouse in The Village.

In spite of what has been done in the past, actual accomplishments have been tragically few. Individual groups of “alarmed” citizens have been unable to stem the overpowering tide of progress. Let us hope that the Mayor’s newly appointed committee of 13 which includes among others Harmon Goldstone, Geoffrey Platt, and Frederick J. Woodbridge, will be able to stiffen the resistance to the wholesale destruction of the few remaining residential neighborhoods and of those isolated but outstanding examples of the architecture of a bygone age which still remain.

To quote Justice Frankfurter, “Tradition is not a barren pride in a dead glory. Tradition is something that provides refreshment for the spirit; it is something that gives us deep assurance and a sense of destiny, and a determination to hold fast to the great things that have been done through valor and imagination by those who have gone before us.”
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Interior walls of the auditorium are of unplastered perforated brick.

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Morris Ketchum, Jr., Is New Pres. Of Municipal Art Society

The well-known New York architect, Morris Ketchum, Jr., F.A.I.A., and the New York Regional Director of the American Institute of Architects, today assumed the duties of President of the Municipal Art Society following his unanimous selection by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Harmon H. Goldstone, it was announced by acting-president Walter Lord.

Mr. Lord, the Society’s Vice-President, pointed out that Mr. Goldstone, also an architect, had resigned last month at the time of his appointment as a member of the Planning Commission of the City of New York. Mr. Ketchum, who has been a member of the Society’s Board for five years, will serve until the annual meeting in May, said Mr. Lord.

Mr. Ketchum heads the firm of Morris Ketchum, Jr., and Associates, is a native New Yorker, and has strong civic and educational interests. He is a consultant to planning and redevelopment agencies in San Francisco, Baltimore and Rye, New York, is a member of Mayor Wagner’s Advisory Council for Better Housing and serves on the New York City Housing Authority’s Advisory Council on the Arts. He is the author of two books and many articles, and has taught at the Yale School of Fine Arts, at Pratt Institute, at New York University’s School of Architecture and Allied Arts, and at The Cooper Union.

A Fellow of the American Institute of Architects since 1953, he is now the Chancellor of the College of Fellows. He is a member of the executive committee and a past-president of the Architectural League of New York, and has served as trustee of the National Institute for Architectural Education. He is a past-president of the Columbia Architectural Alumni Association.

The Municipal Art Society was organized seventy years ago to improve the aesthetic quality of life in New York City. It urges the preservation of worthy landmarks, the use of fine arts in important structures, the guarding and extension of park lands and the planting of trees on public streets, all to add to the general livability of the entire city.
A great deal of study has been given, in our industry, to the problem of the proper selection of Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors in private building construction. Many solutions have been proposed, but our experience has led us to one which has worked successfully in many instances and we should like to present it to you.

Today, the proper election of the Mechanical or Electrical Contractor is of far greater importance than it was twenty or thirty years ago due to increased mechanizations and electrifications in new buildings, and the speed with which it is necessary to construct modern complex structures. These factors make the role of the mechanical and electrical sub-contractor a much more prominent one than it has been in the past.

Such contracts now represent between thirty and fifty per cent of total building expenditure and therefore must be considered to be of primary importance.

It is usually considered desirable to employ one general contractor to coordinate and supervise all work, without jurisdictional differences among subcontractors, and to be responsible to the Owner for the construction of the building. Since the subcontractors are in his direct employ, he must see that each general contractor invited to work is neither too thin in order to be able to staff the job adequately both financially and with personnel.

1. The size of the contract to be offered as comparable to the size of the largest job previously undertaken by the contractor being considered for selection. (For example, if the mechanical work on a proposed job amounts to one million dollars, and the largest job previously undertaken by the subcontractor totaled about one hundred thousand dollars, it would obviously be too great a step forward for the contractor. If, on the other hand, the firm had worked on projects in the neighborhood of eight hundred thousand dollars, it is very likely that a million dollar job could be accommodated without difficulty.)

On the work sheet shown below, we have given examples of how the system works. As you can see, each firm is analyzed on the basis of the aforementioned criteria, and the selection made by the owner, architect and engineer. After this selection, the list is published and sent to each general contractor with the bidding documents. Care should be taken to see that each general contractor invited

(Firm names used are fictitious)

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to bid has more than one subcontractor with whom he is anxious to work.

The owner, architect and engineer agree that the bid submitted by the general may be based upon any one of the sub-contractors on the list and that they are all acceptable to him. This assures any subcontractor who has expended time, effort and money to make an estimate, that he has a good chance of securing the job. The final choice is made by the successful general contractor after award.

We have found that one of the salient features of this "pre-qualification" system is that the subcontractors on the final list are of just about the same quality. They, in turn, realize that because of keen competition, the list is limited and each of them has a fair opportunity of being awarded the contract. Accordingly, they will make a determined effort to submit their best price to the general contractor.

To force a contractor to submit a "complimentary" bid would break down the system. This, of course, should not be done.

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Hugh Ferris, F.A.I.A., member of the New York State Association of Architects, past president of The New York Chapter A.I.A., and the Architectural League of New York died on Jan. 29, 1962. He was 72 years old. Author of "Metropolis of Tomorrow" in 1929 and "Power of Buildings" in 1953 he was a distinguished member of our profession of great vision and influence. Mr. Ferris was graduated in 1911 from Washington University with a B.S. in Architecture. He was a special consultant in the design of the United Nations Building and Idlewild Airport in New York City. In 1942 he received a citation for creative work from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He is most well known for his beautiful "visionary" concepts of cities with elevated traffic arteries isolated from pedestrian circulation so common today. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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ARCHITECTS IN THE NEWS

Perry Coke Smith, Benjamin Lane Smith and Charles Haines announced that on January 1962 Robert S. Lundberg and Frank J. Waehler became partners. Harold Taylor Gherardi was named senior associate, and Alonzo Clark and Roger G. Spross have become associates of the firm of Voorhees, Smith, Smith and Haines in New York City.

Robert S. Lundberg, a Graduate in Architecture, M.I.T., has been with the firm since 1945.

Frank J. Waehler studied at New York University, is a Graduate in Architecture, Cooper Union, N.Y., and joined the firm in 1945.

Harold Taylor Gherardi joined the firm in 1929. He is a Graduate in Architecture, Princeton University.

Alonzo Clark joined the firm in 1946, and is a Graduate in Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Robert G. Spross became a member of the staff in 1946, and is a Graduate in Architecture, Pratt Institute.

The New York City Architects' Emergency Committee's Award was presented December 14, 1961, to the Hon. Max H. Foley, F.A.I.A., for his long and dedicated service as Chairman of the Committee and to the profession and the community. Standing by are Mrs. Lyda M. Nelson, Executive Secretary since the Committee was organized December 1, 1930, and Julian Clarence Levi, F.A.I.A., Honorary Chairman, who helped organize the Committee. Commissioner Foley, a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects is currently serving New York City as Chairman of the Board of Standards and Appeals.

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CHARLES V. NORTHRUP, AIA, of the Rochester architectural firm of Waasdorp, Northrup and Kaelber, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council World War Memorial Authority by Governor Rockefeller. Mr. Northrup is a past president of the Rochester Society of Architects and a former director of NYSA.

JOSEPH B. KLEIN, a member of the New York Chapter, AIA, has been named by Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City as a Commissioner on the Board of Standards and Appeals. Mr. Klein has been Chief of Building Code Section for the firm of Voorhees Walker Smith Smith and Haines in New York City for the past twenty years. Educated at Columbia University School of Architecture, he is a past president of the C. U. School of Architecture Alumni Association. He is also a member of the Grand Jurors Association of Bronx County, New York, the New York Building Congress and the New York State Association of Architects.

ADOLPH GOLDBERG, AIA and HERBERT EPSTEIN, AIA announced on Jan. 1, 1962, the naming of KARL R. GREENFIELD, AIA, as an associate of the firm, and change of firm name to Goldberg-Epstein Associates. Their office is located at 164 Montague Street, Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

DARRELL D. RIPPETEAU, AIA, secretary of the Central New York Chapter, AIA, was elected president for the years 1962-1963 of the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rippeateau has been active in committee affairs, was Chairman of the Chambers Business District “New Look” and Vice President of the Chamber during 1960-61. Mr. Rippeateau is associated with the architectural firm of Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw and Folley of Watertown.

LT. COL. ROBERT T. CLARK of the firm of Carl W. and R. T. Clark, AIA Architects and Engineers, Syracuse, New York, and president of the Syracuse Society of Architects, was honored recently in retirement ceremonies conducted by members of the 403rd Civil Affairs Company of the U.S. Army Reserve. Commissioned in 1941, Col. Clark has served the Syracuse civil affairs unit since 1949 and has been its commanding officer for the past three years. He received a citation for “outstanding service and leadership” at this affair.

HARMON H. GOLDSSTONE, a member of the New York Chapter, AIA, was recently appointed a member of the New York City Planning Commission by Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Mr. Goldstone is a partner in the New York architectural firm of Goldstone & Dearborn and, until recently, was president of the Municipal Art Society until he was succeeded by a fellow-member of the New York Chapter, MORRIS W. KETCHUM, JR., FAIA, New York Regional Director of the American Institute of Architects, and the senior member in the architectural firm of Morris W. Ketchum Jr. and Associates of New York City.

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CARL C. ADE and RICHARD C. ADE announced on Jan. 1, 1962 the formation of the firm with offices at 55 Canterbury Road, Rochester 7, N.Y.

DONALD Q. FARAGHER, F.A.I.A., of the Rochester architectural firm of Faragher & Macomber, was confirmed as a member of the State Building Code Council by the New York State Senate on January 23rd in Albany in the presence of many of his friends. Mr. Faragher is a past president of NYSAA and of the Rochester Society of Architects, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and is currently chairman of the Committee on Education of the A.I.A., co-chairman of the Legislative Committee of NYSAA and chairman of the Central New York Chapter, A.I.A., Legislative Committee. State Senators Thomas Laverne and Frank Van Late, both of Rochester, made the nominating speeches which resulted in the unanimous confirmation of Mr. Faragher's appointment by the Governor.

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