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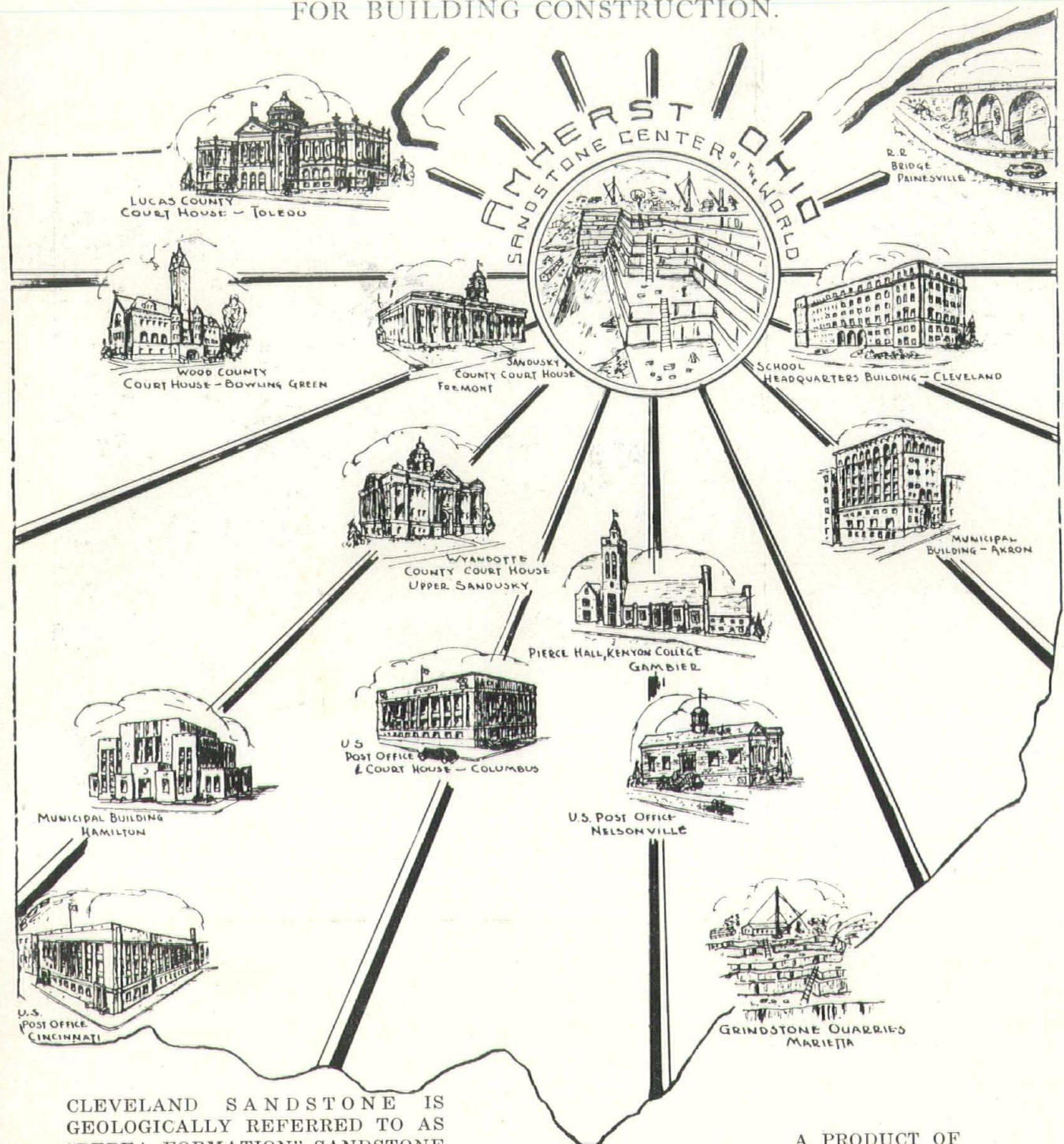
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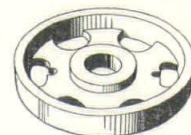
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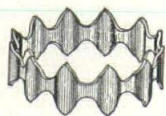
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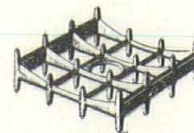
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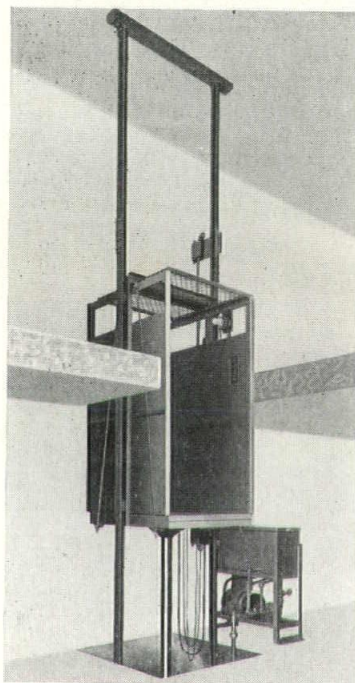
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## Excerpts from "Mastering a Metropolis"

By R. L. DUFFUS

Under the title of "The Significance of the Regional Plan," Mr. Elihu Root delivered the following brief address at the meeting which inaugurated the Regional Plan of New York in 1922.

"This project is to get an intelligent idea of how the growth of this city in the future may be directed, with common and general judgment about the way in which it is desirable that it should grow, so that it will meet as fully as possible the difficulties that are inseparable from mass human life. I think the project is practical. I think that the existence of the plans known to everybody will give just enough direction to the movement of the multitude of separate impulses to lead the growth along the right lines.

A city is a growth. It is not the result of political decree or control. You may draw all the lines you please between counties and states; a city is a growth responding to forces not at all political, quite disregarding political lines. It is a growth like that of a crystal responding to forces inherent in the atoms that make it up.

The difference between a very large collection of human beings in a small territory and a small collection of them, between a big city and a small town, is not so much a difference in degree as it is a difference in kind. When you pass from your small town to your big town, you get problems, difficulties, injurious conditions, entirely different in kind from those that exist in the small town, and they ought to be dealt with intelligently.

This city exists because it has a great country behind it. It does not exist for itself. It lives because it discharges a distinct function for all the

people of America. Today it is not discharging that function creditably. This project, when carried out, I think, will enable it to render the service that is expected from it, and in return for which incalculable wealth is poured into it, and to deserve the dignity and the honor befitting the great Republic for which it is the metropolis.

If this project is supported and developed and made widely known, if it strikes the imagination of the people, and receives the support of the public authorities and of public opinion, we may believe that our children and our children's children will see a great metropolitan region in which there may be homes where children can enjoy the sun and breathe the air and grow up in strength and beauty; and a city where men find life worth living among nobly planned adequately spaced and harmoniously related streets and open spaces and architectural monuments."

Under such chapter titles as follows Mr. Ruffus' presents a mass of facts and information of great value to every architect. I—"How We Got Here." II—"How We Grew." III—"On the Job." V—"Hours of Leisure." VIII—"Make No Little Plans." XII—"Parkways and Boulevard." XIII—"What Shall We Do With the Land?" XIV—"Neighborhoods" and XV—"The Eagle and Its Nests." Further excerpts are as follows: "Let our young people adopt in their heart a city plan and the citizens of tomorrow will carry it out."—Charles D. Norton.

"This would be difficult and probably not even desirable, but the fact shows that some of our troubles come from our failure to make sensible use of what we have." "With few exceptions—probably we shall have to mention Los Angeles as one of them—great cities have not owed their greatness to their perfect weather." "So we see that a sense of fitness does influence the pattern that a city makes, even though it does not altogether control it." "Real city planning contemplates action far in advance of the emergency. It hopes to prevent evils, instead of waiting until they become intolerable and then try to cure them."

## THE CITY

### *Its Growth - Its Decay - Its Future*

By ELIEL SAARINEN

Now is the time for all good architects to come to the aid of their country by studying and acquiring the valuable facts and information this very timely book provides. It's readable, it's refreshing, it's entertaining, it's philosophical, it's educational, it's comprehensive, it's practical, and it's useful for "dreamers and doers alike." The No. 1 book for architects and those who expect to work with them making this country a better place in which to live.



# TENTH ANNUAL MEETING ARCHITECTS SOCIETY OF OHIO

*Deshler-Wallick Hotel Columbus, November 19, 1943*

## PROGRAM

### Thursday, 18th

- 4:00 p. m. Preliminary Conferences of Standing and Special Committees.
- 6:30 p. m. Executive Board Dinner, to which all committeemen are invited.
- 8:00 p. m. Meeting of Executive Board. In so far as possible all matters to be brought to the attention of the Annual Meeting on Friday, should be filed with the Board before this meeting.

### Friday (Room 1212)

- 9:00 a. m. Registration, \$1.00. Every registered architect is eligible to register. Guests will be welcome.
- 10:00 a. m. Opening of Meeting by E. Milton Mac-Millan, First Vice-President of Cleveland.  
Welcome by John Quincy Adams, Jr., Vice-President Columbus Section A.S.O.
- Report of Officers and Committees:  
President, Ralph W. Carnahan  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Directors  
Reports of Standing Committees  
Reports of Special Committees
- 12:00 noon Adjourn for lunch.
- 12:15 p. m. Luncheon, \$1.25. Willis A. Vogel, Second Vice-President, Toledo, presiding. Guests welcome.
- 1:15 p. m. Luncheon Talk—"Fuel For the Fire"—by Chas. E. Firestone, of Canton, on subject the "Architect's Responsibility in Civic Affairs."
- 1:45 p. m. Recess.
- 2:00 p. m. Afternoon session—"First Things First"—by Howard Dwight Smith, Chairman of the A.I.A. Columbus Chapter Committee on Public Improvement.
- 2:30 p. m. Forum conducted by Mr. Smith.
- 3:00 p. m. "A. I. A. Membership" by C. Julian Oberwarth, Special Membership Representative-at-large for the American Institute of Architects.
- 3:30 p. m. "Unification" by George B. Mayer of Cleveland, Member A.S.O. Executive Board.
- 4:30 p. m. Annual Election of Officers.
- 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. Inspection of exhibit of drawings set up by the Columbus Chapter.

7:00 p. m. Annual Dinner (Informal) \$2.50, Hall of Mirrors. Ladies and other guests most welcome.

Introduction of new President and guest speakers (three minutes each):

Chas. F. Cellarius, of Cincinnati, Regional A.I.A. Director for Great Lakes District.

Alex. C. Robinson III., of Cleveland, Secretary of the American Institute of Architects.

Harrison M. Sayre, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce Post-War Readjustment Committee.

C. P. Lauderbaugh, Chairman Franklin County Planning Commission.

ADDRESS by Clair W. Ditchy, of Detroit (Past A.I.A. Regional Director for this district), who will discuss "Planning Now and Hereafter."

*As the Chapter Committee which is working on the County-wide survey has had and is receiving the fine co-operation of all the other County planning groups, it has been deemed proper to have them join up with us at our annual dinner. The two groups heading up most of this county activity are the Post-War Readjustment Committee of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and the newly appointed Franklin County Planning Commission.*

## LADIES' PROGRAM

### Ladies' Committee:

Mrs. John Q. Adams, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Carl Meinhardt  
Mrs. Raymond D. Goller  
Mrs. John Q. Adams  
Mrs. Wm. F. Breidenbach  
Mrs. Chas. E. Firestone

### Friday—

10:00 a. m. Register (no charge) and report to Mrs. John Quincy Adams, Jr., Chairman of the Women's Committee at room 1210 10:15 a. m.

12:00 noon Luncheon (place to be selected).

2:00 to 5:30 Shopping tour and visit to Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts. This program is subject to change, as the guests may decide.

7:00 p. m. Annual Dinner.



## GOOD NEWS

### Congratulations, Mr. Fisher

In connection with the activities of our A.I.A. Committee on Post-War Reconstruction, architects should familiarize themselves with the report of the similar committee of the A.S.C.E., adopted by the Board of Direction of A.S.C.E. on July 29, 1943, and published under the heading "Post-War Construction" in the September issue of *Civil Engineering*, a publication of A.S.C.E.

### Definitions

Some of you will remember that one of your Representative's most serious worries has been the low opinion of architects held by the Army and Navy. We reported in Bulletin No. 17 that the classification material of the Army ignored the architect. Actually, Army regulations then contained only a rather silly and misleading definition of "Architectural Engineer" (both services cling tenaciously to that term, inaccurate though it be).

A long series of negotiations with the Adjutant-General's office has culminated in a revision of the definition, which we feel is pretty satisfactory under the circumstances and for the purposes for which it is intended. It will be published in a revised issue of AR 615-26 when the Government Printing Office can get around to it; in the meantime it has issued to personnel officers as a mimeographed "correction," in Memorandum No. W165-40-43 (dated April 11, 1943, but just received), as follows: (extract)—

**Major Changes in Civilian Specifications Added Since Memorandum No. W615-29-43, March 11, 1943 (par. 7)**

**Architect or Architectural Engineer (0-16.010)313**

Job specification changed to read:

Performs professional or corresponding executive service in the planning and design of buildings, structures, or projects involving the science of construction based upon the principles of aesthetics, mathematics, and the physical sciences.

Includes consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, and design, both structural and aesthetic; co-ordinating the work of technical specialists and directing the work of architectural, structural, and mechanical draftsmen. Writes specification, supervises construction, and administers contracts and ac-

## OUR DINNER SPEAKER



Ditchy, Clair William, 333 State Street, Detroit, Mich.

BORN: Kelleys Island, O., April 12, '91.

EDUCATION: Sandusky (Ohio) High School. University of Michigan, A.B. '11, B. Arch. '15.

OVERSEAS: Detached Service, Fourth French Army, 1918-19.

EARLY EXPERIENCE: Offices of Albert Kahn, George D. Mason, Marcus Burrowes.

ADVANCED EXPERIENCE: Dise & Ditchy, Clair W. Ditchy.

PRESENT FIRM: Ditchy-Farley-Perry.

AFFILIATIONS: M.S.A. Pres. 1934-35, Director 1933-39; A.I.A. Detroit Chapter, Sec'y 1925-28, Vice-Pres. 1929-30. A.I.A. Executive Committee 1938, Regional Director 1938-41. Associated Technical Societies, Chairman 1933. E.S.D. Incorporator, Director 1936-40, Sec'y 1936. Civic Center Advisory Committee, 1938

—Biography for M.S.A. Weekly Bulletin.

That is the way our Scotch chairman, A.I.A. Committee on Public Information, Tal Hughes conserves paper in giving the low-down and way-back on our speaker for the Tenth Annual Meeting Dinner, to be held in Columbus on November 19, 1943. Fortunately, Clair is pretty well known down this way, having served as our A.I.A. Regional Director, and attended A.S.O. meetings before; so we are going to let you read between Tal's lines to really understand and appreciate the vast amount of extra curricular activities in which Mr. Ditchy has participated since way back in 1915

The Detroit and, in fact, all the Michigan architects have been doing an outstanding job in their so-called "Post-War" planning efforts. Our speaker has been very close to these planning activities and to other nationally known Detroit architects and business men who are doing this excellent piece of work. He is thoroughly capable and will be qualified to give those in attendance at the Annual Meeting a lot of valuable information that will be most useful to each architect and the planning committees of the six local groups that make up the Architect Society of Ohio.

P.S.—Being a Buckeye, born in Kelleys Island, Clair should know all about the "grooves." If he has forgotten, Secretary R. D. Goller, of Columbus, can probably refresh his memory.

Say, Clair, where are the good fishing holes around Sandusky Bay?

counts. Work of the architectural engineer involves greater stress on technical elements, depending on development of experience, than does that of the architect, such as the design of structural elements and the design and location of drainage systems, plumbing, heating, lighting, and other mechanical equipment.

Holds a degree in architecture or architectural engineering from an accredited college or university, or equivalent practical training and experience.

Suggested assignment: Corps of Engineers: Quartermaster Corps.

Related jobs: Civil Engineer; draftsman; draftsmen, structural; foreman, labor; student, architectural engineering; superintendent, labor; tracer.—Excerpt from *A.I.A. Bulletin* No. 22, 8-30-43.

Near the end of an appraiser's return to the Probate Court appeared the following: "One quart of Scotch whisky." The next item was "One revolving oriental rug."—*So. Dak. Bar Journal*.



## Legislative Report

### Senate Bill 14

This bill, which the A.S.O. sponsored, was to provide for a commission that would have tried to rewrite our State Building Code statutes, which as everyone believes is obsolete and very inadequate. It was obvious to everyone, who was sincerely interested, that this particular period would have been a most excellent time to have carried out this project. However, after the bill had been approved and recommended out for passage by the Senate Committee, it was on the Senate calendar for several weeks and then re-referred to the Senate Rules Committee, where it remained for most of the session.

All through this period, assurance was given that this delay was not serious and that this bill was one of the favored commission bills and that everything would come out OK.

The bill, however, did not reach the floor of the Senate until the last week of the session, when it was rushed through and passed, sent to the House, and posted for hearing, all in the matter of a few days.

The hearing in the House took place during the A.I.A. Convention and fortunately Architects Inscho and Karlsburger were on hand to help Senator Hildebrand convince the House Committee of the merits of the bill. The House Committee passed the bill, but for some reason, the committee secretary was unable to get his report back on the floor of the House until the very last session, but even then it was obvious that our efforts were in vain, because those forces which were able to keep the bill for almost the entire session in the Senate were evidently still in the saddle, and the bill died in the House Committee.

There were some mistakes made, of course, from which we must profit in the future. The architects, of course, appreciate the efforts of Senator Cramer and Senator Hildebrand, from Lucas County for their continued efforts in behalf of this bill.

It must, however, be understood that our original conclusions, that this code revision was a necessity, still hold true, and although the present effort was defeated, some ground was gained and the effort must be continued without abatement until success has been attained.

### Senate Bill 18

This was the bill of Senator Bubna, of Cleveland, which was intended to provide a commissioner to prepare a post-war program for the State of Ohio, and, as originally conceived, would probably have avoided the pitfalls in which it is today.

Following the usual procedure, the members were appointed, but due to the fact that there were twelve members of the Legislature appointed as members, the question has been raised as to the constitutionality of the bill.

The State laws provide that a legislator may not be appointed to or fill a State office which he helped to create.

This bill, in its final form, included provisions for the acquisition of State parks, setting up a body apparently qualified to carry out all the sovereign rights of the State, in which each member was required to take the usual oath of office taken by all State officials.

This, of course, is a very unfortunate situation, as there was a tremendous amount of valuable work that this commission could have done.

The governor, however, has held out some ray of hope in stating that much of the work of the proposed commission might and would be carried out by the Ohio Development Commission, in the event that the courts sustained the present question of constitutionality.

### Senate Bill 27

This bill was successor to a similar bill in the previous Legislature, having as its purpose the creation of a commission to provide new State schools for the blind and the deaf.

While this bill did not make the mistake, as set up in Senate Bill 18, of requiring the appointment of legislators in the bill itself, the five members appointed in addition to the Director of Public Works, Director of Education, Superintendents for the schools for the blind and deaf, were all legislators.

Shortly after the constitutionality of Senate Bill 18 was questioned, all these legislators made haste to resign, or perhaps it is better to say, to decline the appointment to this commission. While this action did not fully admit the question of constitutionality, the legislators felt that the objectives of the commission were so urgent, that in their opinion it was better to remove any question of constitutionality so that the work could be expeditiously handled by avoiding the delays that the inevitable court reviews would have required.

To date, in so far as is known, the appointments of the five laymen to this commission have not been made by Governor Bricker, who has the appointive power.

### Comments

In reporting on the above bills, the following comments seem to be pertinent. By way of explanation regarding the legislators placed on the proposed commission in Amended Senate Bill 14, this was done under the specific advice and instructions of certain key legislators who were interested in and were helping on the bill. Their advice being that it would materially aid in the passage of the bill and make the acceptance of the commission's recommendations much easier by the next Legislature.

Senate Bill 14 originally had four professional men, two architects, and two engineers, out of the seven-man commission recommended. In discussing this feature, one legislator said that in so far as he was concerned, he did not want architects writing any laws. With this we, of course, heartily agree, but it is a poor rule that does not work both ways. A good building code could, very probably, not be produced by either architects or lawyers alone, such a job requiring the co-operation of the best talent in both professions. With this comment in mind, it is interesting to note, in passing, that most of the individuals connected with the promotion and passage of Senate Bills 18 and 27 are talented members of the legal profession.

Our experiences in this session reiterates very forcibly what we all have known for a long time—i.e., that any legislative effort, worth while, must have the united and aggressive support of the entire profession in the State from start to finish. All of which advice is sincerely recommended to the next group who are assigned this particular duty.

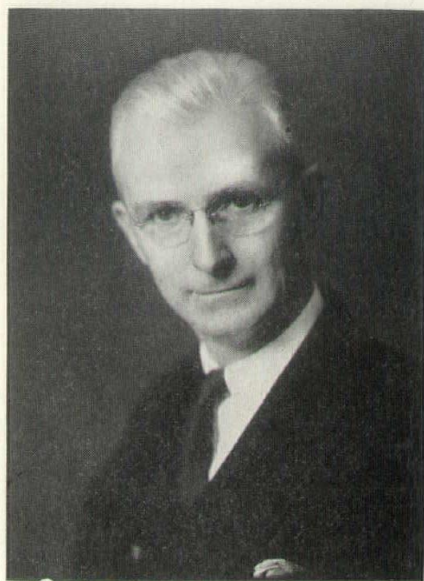
### WANTED

God give us men. A time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands!  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill,  
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,  
Men who possess opinions and a will,  
Men who love honor, who cannot lie.

—J. G. Holland.



## FIRST THINGS FIRST



H. D. SMITH

*Chairman, Columbus Chapter A.I.A.,  
Committee on Public Improvement*

What a lot of difference it makes in chapter meetings when the chapter officers really get together before hand and plan the meeting. For the past two years or more such a policy has been faithfully followed by the officers of the Columbus Chapter in their meeting one week in advance of the chapter. Such a meeting so close to the regular meeting makes publicity and the mailing of chapter notices more of a problem, but otherwise has brought good results.

An activity that has always been a chapter function and now dignified by the title "Post-War Planning" has been given the front page GO sign for the Committee on Public Improvement. The term "Post-War" is used advisedly, as the work of the committee will clearly show. The chairman of this committee, with a record as a doer, has certainly lived up to his reputation as a torch bearer. The planning program has been thoroughly analyzed and the successive steps set up in a practical manner. The sub-committees, including most of the available chapter members headed by members of the regular committee, have all been given jobs to do in the first stage which might be designated as the 'status quo' stage: i.e. what have we and where is it? These questions are being answered at special meetings, started early in the summer, set for two weeks after the regular monthly meetings. (It is off the sub-

ject, but the opportunity to mention how frequent meetings with something for everybody to do boosts interest, attendance, etc., can not be passed up.)

This efficient chairman, H. D. Smith, University Architect at Ohio State recognized that while the architects were the best qualified to do much of this work, that all the groups in Franklin County who could make any kind of a contribution now or in the future should be contacted and given the opportunity to get on the band wagon now. This effort has been very successful from the standpoint of the committee with the added compensation for the profession in the form of a better understanding by many civic leaders and groups of what architects really are and what they are qualified to do.

The committee knowing that to plan successfully, you must know all about every element that might influence the plan, separated the job of finding "what and when" into 15 projects, in the hands of 15 sub-committees, the results to be shown in graphical form in 15 identical (in so far as practical) maps or charts.

The scope of this "status quo" survey is to cover Franklin County and all the municipalities therein. The work is being carried along, taking advantage of the data and information that has been previously carefully prepared by the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and State of Ohio engineering departments. When completed the drawings or charts will be used by the Chapter to assist in advancing the cause of planning through the next and successive stages. There is reason to believe that the "next" projects or steps will fall into two major divisions, "the must be done first" or "must be done now" and "tomorrow's" projects, both groups of which must be carried out concurrently.

All this planning has nothing to do with the war. It is true that the war has undoubtedly made the public far more conscious of the need for planning. It is also true that the post-war period, immediately following "V" day carries such grave potentialities as to make planning an absolutely necessity.

The planning itself, however, will be governed entirely by existing facts and conditions created by gross negligence in the past, present, and given the opportunity to get on the band wagon. This effort has been very successful from the standpoint of the committee with impossibility to do very little but plan, and the thorough and comprehensive study of what must be done now, what must or should be done

tomorrow and what should have been accomplished twenty-five years hence.

These drawings will be on display (the war not preventing) at the Tenth Annual Meeting in Columbus on November 19th, when Mr. Smith will be on hand to discuss this Chapter objective under the title FIRST THING FIRST.

The 211 percent chapter can report continuous progress in the field of new memberships having recently elected three corporate members, one being Miss Hilda Young, the first lady architect to so honor the Chapter, and two students (ladies also) associates. This information should be welcome news to our Kentucky Colonel Director from the Bluegrass country.

## Architects in the War Picture

Throughout the world today a great many architects are doing their part in a big way in this global war. Many are in actual fighting military service; others in non-combatant military service; a great many in the public service are doing nothing that has anything to do with architecture or engineering. The Government, in many instances, has found that they are well fitted by education, experience and practice and temperament to act in executive and administrative capacities where decisions and equitable ones must be made. The architect is especially trained in planning and certainly the various and complex phases of an all-out war provide an endless number of examples of the need of planning.

In this country there are still many trained architectural men who are not yet in the war picture willing to serve anywhere their country calls, but most of them feel that they can perform better service if engaged in the architectural or allied construction field.

Strangely enough, it has been found that often just the type of man needed for a certain position has not heard of the opportunity and again many manufacturers of defense materials who realized they could use a good architect in their plant often pass up these technically trained men through lack of knowing how or where to get in contact with such men. If the members of the profession will give serious consideration to the requests in "WHERE ARE YOU?" and "WHERE IS SO AND SO?" and send in the information needed perhaps, a way might be found to let many of these potential employers with ready cash know how to locate the qualified men they need.

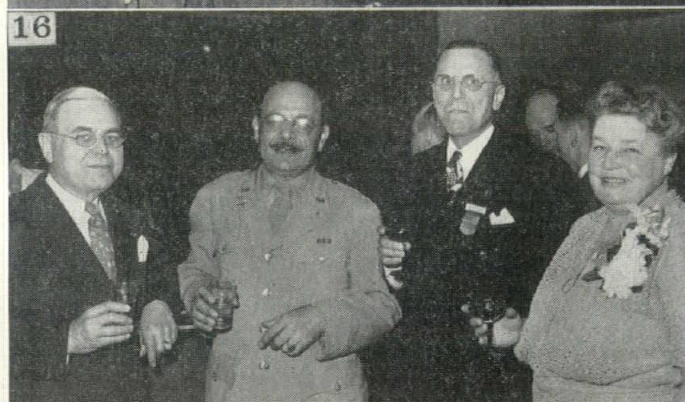
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# DELEGATES AND VISITORS AT THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING— AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CONVENTION—CINCINNATI, OHIO

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Group Two—see next page for names





15 Mr. Harold P. Van Arsdale, Cincinnati; Mr. Neil J. Conway, New Jersey; Mrs. Harold P. Van Arsdale, Cincinnati; Mr. Chas. R. Strong, Cincinnati.

16. First party in this photo unidentified, Major Antonio Di Nardo, Cleveland and Dayton; Secretary and Mrs. Alex C. Robinson, Cleeland.

8 Mr. Russell S. Potter, Cincinnati; Mrs. Russell S. Potter; Mr. John N. Richards, Toledo.

24 Mr. Stephen F. Voorhees, New York; Mr. Ralph C. Kempton, Columbus; Mr. Ralph Walker, New York.

5 Mr. George Garties, Cincinnati; Mrs. M. Eldridge Hannaford, Cincinnati; Mr. M. Eldridge Hannaford, Cincinnati; Mr. Ralph W. Carnahan, Dayton; Mrs. John Deeken, Cincinnati; Mrs. Harold P. Van Arsdale, Cincinnati.

1 Mr. and Mrs. John F. Suppes, Akron; Secretary A. C. Robinson, Cleveland; Mrs. and Mr. Robert W. Dickerson, Cleveland.

7 Mrs. and Mr. A. M. Strauss, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. and Mr. Upton C. Ewing, Coral Gables, Florida; Mr. George Caleb Wright, Indianapolis.

23 Mr. E. C. Kemper, Washington, D. C., A.I.A. Executive Secretary; Mr. Walter F. Martins, Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. M. H. Furbinger, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. Clarence B. Kearfott, Bristol, Va.; Mr. Louis LaBeaume, St. Louis.

Correction—Group One:

Mr. George Siebenthaler, of Dayton, is the second man at the table in No. 6.

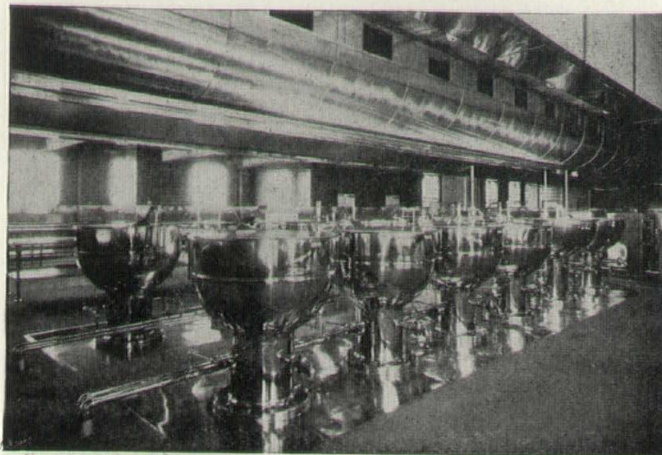
Group One of the pictures taken at the Reception were printed in the Second Quarter Issue of the Ohio Architect. Group Three will appear in the next issue. Extra copies, 8 x 10 inches, of any of these prints may be obtained from the Ohio Architect for 60 cents each, which includes the mailing charges. Order by number.

A news item from Pontiac, Mich., reads as follows:

"After several years of trying to get a new fire engine, the city finally got financial and priorities clearance for a \$17,000 beauty. But it's four feet too long for the fire station."

This reporter wonders if this was something for which the architect for the station was still responsible.

## ARCHITECTURAL POST-WAR PLANNERS AGREE THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTION FOR DEPENDABILITY WHEN PLANNING FOR POST-WAR BUILDINGS



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## CLEVELAND DOINGS . .

1. First Lieut. Merrill C. Barber has recently landed with the Engineering Corp of the United States Army in England after a period of training on our own West Coast area. (See Captain Barber's letter in this issue.)

First Lieut. Alfred Harris is with the United States Army somewhere in Alaska. When last heard from he was having a bull-session, as per Al, shooting the bull with some old Moose. As a side line to keep from going mad from lack of company and excitement, he has developed into quite a furniture builder to equip his own habitant.

Ed Stitt has recently been promoted to Lieut. (j.g.) in the Coast Guard.

Otto Spieth has recently returned from a training period in Florida and is now a Lieut. (s.g.) in the Coast Guards.

In the United States Navy we find that Ed Flynn is well on his way to a promotion of Lieutenant Commander in charge of a "C.B." unit out somewhere in the Pacific. In his last letter he told us "War Bond Buyers" about his final invasion practice tactics of landing equipment barges and men under actual fire as a prelude to the real thing.

Lieut Monte Copper and Lieut Russel Peck are also on active duty aboard ship somewhere in the Pacific.

2. I might say a few words about the recent A.I.A.-A.S.O. combined picnic held at the country home of those charming hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Draz.

The picnic was a success not only from the many activities, the luscious food—and drink, the wonderful weather, and finally from the attendance which numbered well over seventy people. Practically all members had their wives along, except those individuals who could get out alone that night, probably expecting to howl it up a bit out in the woods.

Individually speaking, the prize of the vening went to the F. Draz's for being such hospitable people. Not only could one enjoy the charming house, the lovely yard, the romantic barn; but each and every one was invited to inspect their prize chicken-coop and say a few words to "Hitler & Tojo," two of the finest looking pigs that were never named better.

All athletic honors were taken by Junior Everhard, who not only played twelve sets of badminton, but carried on a ping-pong match, a horse-shoe game, and ate his dinner at the same time. What man!

After dinner, in the restful atmosphere of moonlight and stale beer, while swathing mosquitoes and other insects not personally named, a select group listened intently, if jocularly, to the lecture on a Victory Garden given by that down to the soil—yes, sir, the laundry won't clean his last shirt, George Walters. To state his very words, his garden efforts ended when the bugs won the "Victory" and he lost nine pounds in the "War Effort." As a result, he now has a lovely tennis court and gravel yard.

To all sundry members and their spouses eating a point free chicken, or munching a lettuce sandwich, Ed Conrad bequeather the savory odor of steak on the hoof being prepared on a wood fire. Of course, if you like steak—

3. The work situation.

Things in general are fairly quiet, though a few housing jobs are being worked on or in the process of getting under way. Of those so employed we find Dick Outcalt and Ed Maier with a fair sized job on their hands.

Byer Hayes has a five hundred unit job, and Ed Conrad and his gang are still working on Community and Child Care Buildings. There are some private FHA war workers' apartments being developed, but most of this is still in the air. The industrial work has fallen off to a near finish, since most of the larger defense plant factories are new or are completed.

MORTON LEAVITT, Secretary,  
Cleveland Section A.S.O.

*Editor's Note*—Can you imagine Secretary Leavitt apologizing for such an excellent report?

## A Message to Architects

*My dear fellow architects:*

To me has come the great privilege of leading an effort to bring the American Institute of Architects to its rightful position of numerical strength and unity.

We have seen, all too well, the results of organizational weakness. The folly of intolerance and indifference within our own ranks which were chiefly responsible for this condition has been clearly demonstrated. These things are so fresh in our minds that I am counting upon every architect becoming my active partner in this undertaking.

An overwhelming need for the service of architects is absolutely certain to follow present adversity, but the degree of benefit and triumph which will accrue

is unalterably linked with our organizational strength.

The medical profession learned this many years ago. We, too, must either recognize this truth and start now to plan and build and fight our way to a position of preparedness and recognition, or hereafter and forever hold ourselves responsible for the lingering illness of public and governmental indifference.

We are late starting, but indications are that we are "going places!" Everybody seems pleased about it, as if having rid themselves of a guilty conscience, and it is a good omen to note that it is in the States which, like Ohio, have already gone halfway up the membership ladder that the program of expansion has brought the most enthusiasm and the most happiness.

Always sincerely,

C. JULIAN OBERWARTH,  
Membership Secretary,

The American Institute of Architects.

## Cleveland Architects Hear R. J. Ashton, A.I.A. Head

Raymond J. Ashton, president of the American Institute of Architects, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Cleveland A.I.A. Chapter meeting held at the Artists' Club Room Thursday evening, October 28th.

"The Architects' Role in the Post-War World" was the subject which Mr. Ashton discussed. The speaker's home is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Francis K. Draz, president of the local chapter.

J. Byers Hays, chairman of the chapter's post-war committee, reported on the work of the committee in relation to post-war planning in Cleveland and throughout Ohio.

Other guests who attended were Charles F. Cellarius, A.I.A. Director of the Great Lakes Region, and Ralph C. Kempton, secretary of the Architects Society of Ohio.

The platform orator had been speaking for a long time. At last he showed signs of finishing. He wound up with:

"I am sorry, ladies and gentlemen, if I have spoken a little too long. The fact is that I haven't a watch on my person, and see none anywhere in the hall."

One of his bored audience pointed to an object at the back of the platform, saying: "Well, guv-nor, ther's a calendar behind you!"—*Mueller Record*.



## Cincinnati Architects Work Together

The September meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was held at the University Club, Tuesday evening, September 28th. A very commendable turnout of nearly forty people were present. This included a number of prospective members of the Chapter, and also several members of the Architects Society of Ohio. Earlier in the year the Architects Society of Ohio and the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Institute of Architects were combined into a working group for the duration of the war, and also for the purpose of looking forward to the unification of the architectural profession.

The most important item transacted at the business was a review and discussion of the plans made by the Cincinnati Chapter for post-war community planning in Cincinnati. There is a vigorous city-wide movement, headed by a citizens' committee, upon which the architects are represented, and co-ordinated with the city and regional planning commissions, and with various branches of the municipal government. The Cincinnati Chapter has already formed two committees to work upon various aspects of post-war planning, urban development, and rehabilitation. They have selected two definite sites and are making preliminary studies to ascertain the factors responsible for the past and future development of these areas. They are studying population and economic trends, and will attempt to arrive at definite conclusions and recommendations for the future development of the buildings and areas in these portions of the city. It is hoped that by an alert and aggressive attitude on the part of the architectural profession locally, much recognition can be secured for the position of the practicing architect in the process of urban planning.

By "Pick."

A surgeon, an architect and a politician were arguing as to whose profession was the oldest.

Said the surgeon: "Eve was made from Adam's rib, and that surely was a surgical operation."

"Maybe," said the architect, "but prior to that order was created out of chaos, and that was an architectural job."

"But," interrupted the politician, "somebody created the chaos first!"

## What Toledo Architects Are Doing in Furtherance of Post-War Reconstruction

On October 5, 1943, the Toledo Chapter, American Institute of Architects, sponsored a program at the University of Toledo Auditorium, under the auspices of the Toledo Technical Council, at which they presented Walter R. MacCornack, A.I.A., in an address on Post-War Reconstruction.

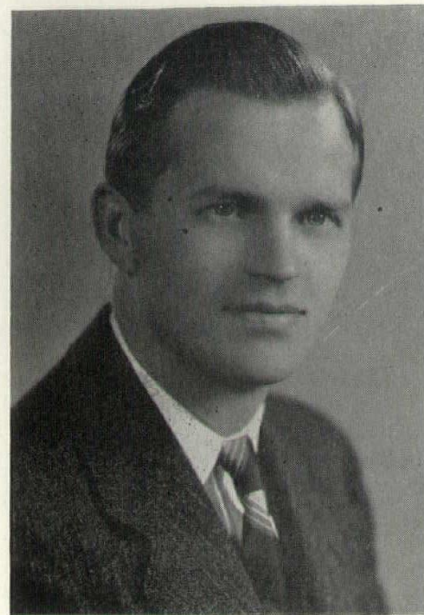
The members of all technical societies in the Toledo district were circularized as well as luncheon clubs, planning commissions, city and county officials and other civic minded persons and organizations, with the result that a capacity crowd was on hand to listen to the comprehensive and inspiring address of this outstanding member of the Institute and proponent of thoughtful and practical approach to the problems of Post-War Planning.

The Toledo Technical Council is an organization composed of the leading Technical Societies in the Toledo Area, and includes both the Toledo Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and the Toledo Section of the Architects Society of Ohio. The Executive Committee is made up of two delegates from each of the member societies. The purpose of the Council is to bring the Engineering and Technical Societies in Toledo and vicinity into closer touch with one another for effective public service, to co-operate in technical activities, promote meetings of mutual interest and conduct effective educational programs.

In addition to the type of program illustrated by the appearance of Mr. MacCornack in Toledo, the Toledo Chapter, A.I.A., has inaugurated a series of weekly or bi-weekly Chapter meetings covering the various approaches to the problems of Post-War Planning and the architect's relation thereto. Considerable progress has been made in the crystallization of ideas and a better understanding of the possible long range development of the city and its environs under the Master Plan. We hope to continue these intimate study meetings throughout the emergency and feel that much may be accomplished, with harmonious co-operation between architects, in the fostering of a community spirit that will not only support a program of progressive community development, but will also recognize the architect as the logical key-man of such a development.

JOHN P. MACELWANE,  
Associate Editor, Toledo Section.

## Another Architect Soldier



GEO. M. FOULKES

The fortunes of war have hit home with the official family of the A. S. O. On September 2nd, our Treasurer reported for duty at Fort Hayes in Columbus, O., with Uncle Sam's Army and of course had to tender his resignation as our watchdog of the treasury.

After about two weeks at Fort Hayes, "communications" were cut off and the next news just arrived (Oct. 27th) from Pvt. George M. Foulks, 1st Platoon, Co. C, 1st E.T. Bn., E.T.R.C., Fort Belvoir, Va.

George was a willing and competent worker and promises to come back after "V" day and again join the "faithful few". Good luck, George—we'll be looking for you.

## Here's Correct Way to Wear Your Ribbons

Latest changes to regulations governing the wearing of Army decorations and service medals require the following arrangement in one or more lines from left to right.

Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Gold Life-Saving Medal, Silver Life-Saving Medal, Good Conduct Medal, followed by service medals in order of the date of the service performed.

Th decorations are to be worn about four inches below the middle of the shoulder.



## Northeastern Architects and Their Wives Meet at Alliance

Architect Russell Roller and his wife Dorothy made arrangements and were responsible for a very successful and enjoyable meeting held at the Alliance Country Club Wednesday, September 15. Yes, indeed, the architects really loosened up and invited their wives to a joint A.I.A. and Eastern Section get-together, and the girl friends really enjoyed themselves; after all, why shouldn't they?—about time they were brought out to meet the brother architects. After having heard about the various problems of the profession from one viewpoint only (friend architect husband), it was stimulating to get the picture first hand.

The Canton delegation arrived in the early afternoon and enjoyed that great American pastime of chasing the little white ball through the rough and fairways of the Alliance Country Club golf course. Having entered into the spirit of the occasion, they were in a very receptive stage when the rest of us from Akron and Youngstown arrived.

With the war, gasoline curtailed, and tires scarce, we had a grand total of 24, which speaks well for the enthusiasm shown at our joint meeting. Arriving about 6 p. m., the ladies were entertained by Dorothy Roller—heard tell that cocktails were served. The architects retired to the bar downstairs where we had a "round table" meeting and discussion. Among our topics of discussion was the very timely one, of better organization among our profession and a closer co-operation with the building trades, manufacturers, and the various State agencies. Realizing that the architect is going to have an indispensable and active part in the post-war plan-

ning, we discussed the unified action that we must take for leadership in the future. Spirit, or should we say spirits, was injected about this time and cocktails were served all around.

Being thus fortified we went upstairs to join the ladies for a very excellent fried chicken dinner, with Mr. John F. Suppes presiding.

Guest of the evening, Mr. Alex C. Robinson, National A.I.A. secretary, made some well-chosen remarks about the A.I.A. program and aims for the future. Charley Firestone injected a bit of sparkle and some spice in his general comments on the profession. Clarence Kissinger expressed very aptly our feelings about the profession and the part that our good partners, our wives, can do toward bettering it.

After the dinner, having reversed the rule of business before pleasure, Mr. Motter conducted the business meeting for the A.I.A. and Mr. Suppes conducted the business meeting for the A.S.O. Having been well fed and no doubt inspired by the presence of their best girls, architects really went to town deciding among other things to:

Set up a membership program to seek out new members for the A.I.A.

Take a census of the architects of the Eastern Ohio Section by a committee to be appointed by Mr. Suppes, and authorize Mr. C. E. Firestone to proceed with the negotiations for the publication of the Eastern Ohio issue of the OHIO ARCHITECT.

Mr. Huff made a detailed report covering the work and objectives of the Architect Governmental Relations Committee, a part of which is to urge that all architects make the acquaintance of their Congressmen.

The individual architect's responsibility to the profession of his choice and to its organizations was given a very

thorough airing, with the conclusion that each architect should not overlook an opportunity to impress his fellow practitioners of their obligations to the Architectural Societies for the improvements we all equally enjoy.

Thanks to Russ and Dorothy Roller, this was one of the best meetings we have had for some time. It was decided that the next meeting would be held in Akron or Canton and would be another joint gathering for both A.I.A. and A.S.O. members, and since the ladies had contributed so much to the success of this meeting and enjoyed doing it so much, they were to be invited again.

WALTER H. FROST.

The Associated Architects of Canton gave a Dinner Party at Bender's for Treasurer George M. Foulks and his wife on Thursday evening, just before George was to report for duty with Uncle Sam on Saturday.

## Attention! Program Chairmen

Received a letter from J. W. Follin, managing director of the Producers Council, advising that a lot of Council members had prepared some fine films and slides which would be available to the program committee of the chapters. The subject matters covers many items of building materials and in making the offer of the films. "Jim" is not flinching (what a lot of difference it makes where you put your "i's" sometimes) anyone.

Chapter Secretaries should turn this list over to the Program Committee and write to "Jim" at 815 15th St., Washington, D. C., when in need of further information. Certainly do not like to advise anyone to write to Washington for anything, as we have all had too much of that advice already, but it just can not be avoided sometimes.

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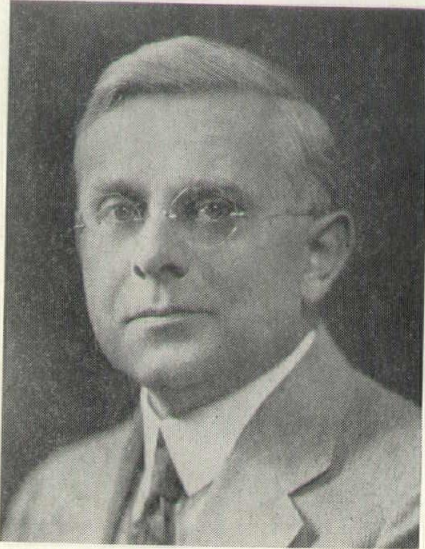
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## Passing of W. A. Paine

A Distinct Loss to the Profession



W. A. PAINE

The architectural profession of central Ohio was shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden passing of W. A. Paine on Tuesday, October 5, at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus.

He was "Billy" Paine to all his friends, and they were legion in and out of the profession.

Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he was, never-the-less, a staunch believer in the good things in architecture. There was no compromise with the mediocre in his make-up, and the many fine buildings produced by the firm of Richards, McCarty & Bulford, with whom he was associated for many years, revealed the thorough and precise hand of "Billy" Paine, who was never satisfied with anything less than the best.

The tribute paid to their late fellow-member by the members of the Columbus Chapter of the American Institute of Architects at the meeting following his death, was without precedent in the history of the Chapter, and exemplified, as much as words can do, the high place "Billy" held in the hearts of those who knew him best.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church and of the American Institute of Architects, and a past-president of the Columbus Chapter, AIA. With his wife, Mrs. Jessie Paine, there also survive a daughter, Mrs. Clyde O. Davis, Woodbury, N. J.; two

grandsons, and a brother, Ernest Paine, Ithica, N. Y.

The firm Paine & Crumley, which was so auspiciously launched in November of last year, thus comes to an early conclusion. Mr. Crumley, who is employed on a war project in Texas, was unable to return to Columbus for the services. He did advise that he hoped to return to Columbus when the war is over, to carry on the practice of architecture.

### When Did You Decide To Be An Architect?

When should a boy make up his mind that he would like to be an architect? The writer feels this decision could and should be made during high school days. Some educators in the architectural field believe the immature minds of such youths cannot possibly be sufficiently advanced to understand and comprehend some of the tremendous truths and highly theoretical prerequisites of the architectural profession. It's way past time such antiquated thinking should be given a very serious overhauling. In

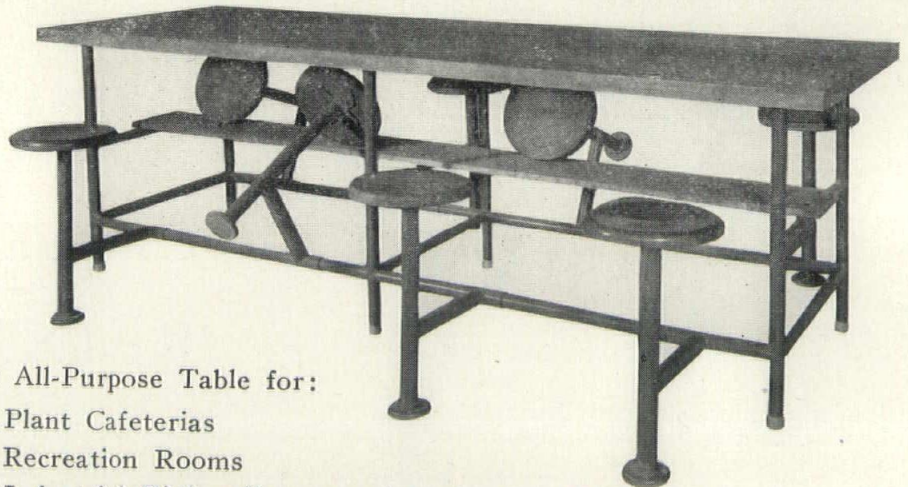
this connection a true story would be most interesting concerning one of our most promising architects of the late twenties' vintage.

As a freshman in high school he made a sign, reading "John Doe," architect, and placed it on the wall of the 2nd floor hall opposite his bed room door. His first success in a competition was in high school in designing a sign for a well-known architect, for which he won first place. Circumstances permitting both of these signs will be shown in an early issue of the OHIO ARCHITECT.

How, when, and why did you decide that you should be an architect? Your experience may seem common place to you, but might be most interesting and helpful to others, especially those who are interested in vocational guidance, and add to one side or the other of the viewpoint herein before presented.

Maybe we can get Steph. F. Voorhees, past president of the American Institute of Architects, to give some information on this question. He has been chairman of Advisory Board on Vocational Education, Board of Education, New York City, since 1929.

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## Letter to the Editor

October 13, 1943.

Mr. R. C. Kempton,  
OHIO ARCHITECT,  
A.I.U. Building,  
Columbus, O.

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We are on the eve of accomplishing one of the most fundamental programs ever proposed for the construction industry—the co-ordination of dimensions of building materials and equipment. An industry committee, organized under the auspices of the American Standards Association and sponsored jointly by the American Institute of Architects and the Producers' Council, for several years has analyzed this proposal and now needs the interest and frank criticism of all interested parties in the construction industry.

It is my pleasure to transmit to you the proposed American Standard Basis for Co-ordination of Dimensions of Building Materials and Equipment, A62.1. With it is a concise statement by the executive committee of this project, setting forth the objectives and advantages of such co-ordination. It is hoped that professional and trade groups and the trade press will publicize these objectives and benefits so that all those involved—designers, manufacturers, contractors and others—may become fully acquainted with the project and give it the support which is necessary to its accomplishment.

Document A62.1 establishes a standard module of 4" as the basis of co-ordination of dimensions and the correlation of building plans and details with materials and equipment having standard co-ordinated dimensions. Methods through which building plans and details are so correlated are being developed by Study Committee 7 on Building Layout. This committee will undertake, as rapidly as possible, to disseminate necessary information to designers so that they may understand and support this project. Such acceptance by designers is the first prerequisite to adoption of co-ordination. Manufacturers generally will undertake to produce whatever is called for and can be expected to be tolerant during the transition period when both the co-ordinated sizes and pre-coordinated sizes are in use.

The second prerequisite to adoption of co-ordinated or modularly designed construction is for each line of manufacturing to develop its co-ordinated

sizes and make standard modular products available to the industry. Several manufacturing lines are doing this concurrently with the perfecting of the application of co-ordination to design by Study Committee 7. For instance, there is now being circulated to the Sectional Committee, preliminary to its release also to the industry for review, Document A62.2—proposed American Standard Basis for the Co-ordination of Masonry—to apply to all types and kinds of masonry units. This is a forerunner to an application standard (A62.3) through which the structural clay products industry will propose standard co-ordinated brick and tile sizes, and it is expected that the manufacturers of cement products will similarly submit an application standard for their structural units. I am sure you will agree with me that when the co-ordination of masonry and masonry unit sizes is accomplished, it will represent one of the greatest advances which the construction industry has ever made. At the same time other study committees are working on application standards applying to doors, metal and wood windows, and other items mentioned in the executive committee's memorandum.

The executive committee and the various study committees have proceeded to the point where it can be said that it is feasible to correlate building plans and details through the proposed basic standard and fix standard co-ordinated standards which conform to and are supplementary to the basic standard. While it

might be desirable for the designer to be able to review the proposed Basic Standard (A62.1) with full information at hand on the application standards mentioned, the executive committee is of the opinion that sufficient information is now available and time will be saved by immediate industry review and criticism of the proposed Basic Standard. Accompanying the proposed Basic Standard are several explanatory notes especially valuable to the designer and manufacturer in understanding the correlation of building plans and development of co-ordinated sizes through modular details.

While the construction industry is reviewing and criticizing the means through which basic co-ordination is accomplished, the study committees will proceed expeditiously to complete their portions of the project. Certain post-war projects are even now being planned on the co-ordination basis, and it is our hope that a substantial portion of post-war construction will be designed and carried out on the co-ordination basis, thus making a substantial contribution to better and more economical construction. In order to accomplish this worthy objective, it is necessary that the industry adopt this project with all possible speed. Therefore, I request all professional and trade organizations and individuals to examine the proposal, ask questions and give this industry committee the benefit of their criticism.

Comments and questions should be addressed to M. W. Adams, Secretary, ASA Committee A62, care Modular Service  
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## Planning For Development of Local Areas Should Be Done by Leaders in Each Locality

Local planning for local areas is overdue because of the prospect of industrial decentralization and housing. An angle on local planning from this standpoint is presented in an advertisement published recently in *Pencil Points*.

Post-war planning has been for the most part an activity of national groups, some of them sponsored by the Federal Government. Planning for the development of local areas must get under way now.

Each locality should organize a planning group. Post-war building and construction will depend to a considerable extent upon plans for the development of local areas. Unless this is done, national and state planning of building and construction projects for the post-war period may not achieve success.

### Visitors

One day late in May, shortly before lunch, former Board Member George McDonald of Cincinnati called at the office bringing with him Architects Wilbur Firth and Lee Firth also of Cincinnati. We did not get to visit long, as they had to make a train.

Architect "Red" Harrison of Columbus came in with his attorney, as quite a few other architects have done in the past, to check up on the law and to get a little help in connection with a case he had in court.

Architect Floyd F. Glass of Columbus dropped in for a few minutes for a social call. F. F. G. is back in his office after a tour of work on one of the large war projects in the Middle West, where he found governmental red tape a little too thick for his liking.

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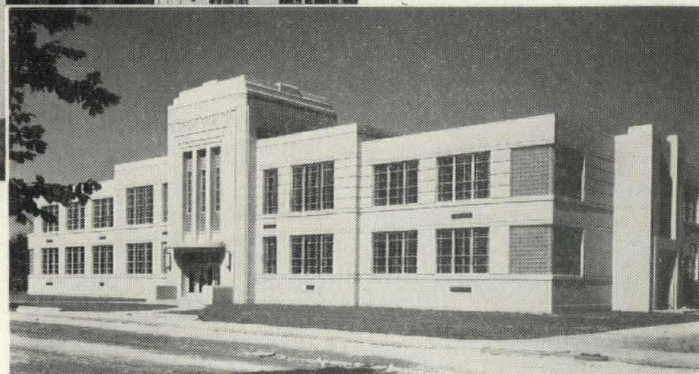
Association, 110 Arlington Street, Boston 16, Massachusetts, who will undertake to assist organizations and individuals to obtain the information requested and thereby further a thorough-going discussion and review of this important project.

Copies of the proposed American Standard Basis for Co-ordination of Dimensions of Building Materials and Equipment A62.1 may be obtained by application to the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,  
MAX H. FOLEY, Chairman,  
ASA Committee A62.



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which became critical material when the war started. The redesign demonstrated the flexibility of concrete as an architectural medium.

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BILL NORTH

Bill North, an Ohio State University tradition for at least the last half of his thirty-five years as campus policeman, will retire on December 31st, the University announced recently.

To succeeding generations of Ohio Staters, North's "Hi, Buddy," and ruddy good nature have been among the things they remembered in post-graduation years.

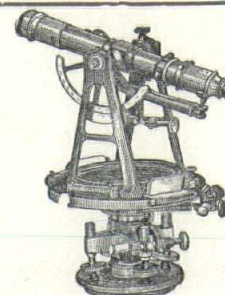
North came to Ohio State September 8, 1908, after a varied career as miner, farmer, industrial plant worker and railroad brakeman. At that time and for his first five years he was the University's only policeman, handling bicycle traffic problems in the daytime and "spooning" problems at night.

As the University grew, the job became too big for one man and a second officer, H. S. Brown, was added in 1913. Brown is still on the job.—*Columbus Dispatch*.

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## Sink a Jap Ship, Win a Free Set of House Plans!

There is a special incentive for the pilots of one bomber squadron in the Pacific to sink Jap ships, reports Robert Cromie in the *Chicago Tribune*. The Intelligence officer, a former architect, has a standing offer to give a set of house plans for each enemy vessel sent to the bottom.

He is First Lieut. John Edwin Petersen, who taught at Armour Institute of Technology and worked in Chicago until five years ago.

Petersen joined the Army with the purpose of building airfields, but was drafted into Intelligence on the theory that architects are exceptionally fitted for such work.

They are able to evaluate damage as shown in aerial photographs through their knowledge of buildings, or to advise where bombs in hitting a factory would cripple its water mains or power plant. The present bombing there, of course, is largely directed against shipping and airfields, but Petersen expects to be very useful when the boys begin bombing Tokio.

Petersen's offer to date has been somewhat expensive. He has been there only since February, but made his offer retroactive.

The squadron has a record of more than 70 ships hit, of which 29 were definitely sunk. Of course, he makes a little playing poker with the boys, but he is still plenty in the hole—and he is happy about it!

*My dear Mr. Editor:*

On the fourth page of the June 29th Edition of your always so welcome journal of light and learning, the *Bulletin* of the Michigan Society of Architects, I am shocked to find a distinguished interpreter of historic architectural beauty called out of his good name.

You speak there of a "collection of Perinasi prints" being shown currently in Detroit. Shades of Giovanni Battista PIRANESI! How could any cultured person, much less an architect, mis-spell that name? (I looked it up myself just now, to make sure, on the print of his Ponte Salaro hanging over the northeast corner of my bed.)

But maybe you in Detroit have a skunner on all Italians just now, from Mussolini all the way back even in 1778 when this here Piranesi is said to have passed on. Well, all right, cuss them out, but don't spell 'em wrong.

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—*Michigan Weekly Bulletin.*

## Post-War Planning For Highway Construction

(Excerpt from a paper by H. S. Fairbank, Chief, Division of Research, Planning and Information, Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency.)

"There are those who hold that in the midst of war it is idle to prepare for peace. There were many who thought it pernicious in the midst of peace to prepare for war. We all know now that the latter was a mistaken view. Perhaps, then, it is not too much to hope that the lesson of Pearl Harbor may now be applied in reverse as an exemplar of the tragic consequences of unpreparedness for epochal events sure to come."

## Post-War Memorials

History will no doubt repeat itself and there will be many war memorials of all shapes, sizes and descriptions during the first decade following the close of the war. These projects will be inspired by individuals, patriotic associations, religious and commercial groups and will take almost every conceivable form.

It would seem, therefore, to be a major objective of the architectural profession to do something to bring about the early education of the individuals who will be responsible for these memorials, to the end that architects will be consulted promptly when such projects are being promoted. Too often in the past a member of a church or of a Legion Post has volunteered his services, often without remuneration, to render the services which should be in the hands of qualified individuals. This idea could be very well taken care of by each Chapter by the appointment of a properly qualified and aggressive committee. This suggestion not only implies that the architects will be doing something in which it is evident they have a self-interest, but at the same time they will be doing something of a distinct benefit to the public.

## \$130,000,000 Plan For Post-War Work in Planning Stage

An idea of how Greater Cincinnati's post-war employment problem will be met is evidenced in a works program to cost approximately \$130,000,000, a summary of planned improvements by City Manager C. O. Sherrill reveals.

The proposed improvements, a great part of the money for which will come from the Federal Government, include projects which long have been in the planning stage, such as completion of the county-wide waterworks and sewage systems, downtown subways, floodwall, new City Hall, City Hospital additions, numerous street improvements, and, more recently, one or more auxiliary airports.—*Building Witness.*

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My job is to see that we attain our objectives through a sound program of membership expansion, such as was called for by resolution of the 74th annual meeting in Detroit.

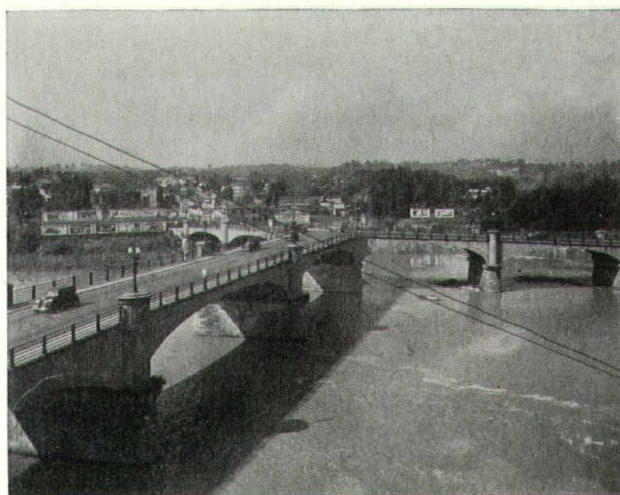
The job will be done, but I'll need your help. May I count on it?

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We hear that Pvt. R. T. Spencer is still with the Medical Detachment Casual Co., at Camp Babler, Centaur, Mo. This RTS being the "Dick Spence" of the Department of Workshops and Factories.

It is still Pvt. R. T. Spencer, Medical Det., Ward F 4, care Station Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

In the absence of Pvt. Spencer from his duties with the Div. of Factory and Building Insp., Mr. R. H. (you all remember Dick) Shutt is doing double duty carrying both his own and Pvt. Spencer's work.

Mrs. R. B. Dela Motte reports that her architect husband is now a member of the armed forces of Uncle Sam. No details as to whether he is rowing a boat, carrying a gun, or helping to build a road to Japan. Perhaps R. B. can and will give us some information, that we can print, in the near future.

When invited to attend our Tenth Annual Meeting in Columbus on November 19th, Mr. Watts Shelly, executive secretary to the Michigan State Examining Board, replied as follows:

"Hi, Kemp—Thanks for the invite, but I'd rather watch Ohio State get a drubbing.

"We have received many worthy comments on your Annual Report—in fact, I'm using the 'Consolidated' idea myself—it's the best report I've seen."

W.S.

Many thanks for the nice things you say about our Board Report, but as for the drubbing some one is going to get on the 20th at Ann Arbor, all I can wish for you is one sad disappointment.

R.C.K.

When mother nature and vitamins X, Y, Z, etc., pushed his head and shoulders above the hats of other people—that was a dirty trick—so says Architect Fred W. Stritzel of Columbus, on a recent visit to the office. After months of uncertainty under almost every classification from A-1 to Z-In-finitum the armed services finally told Fred "The top of your head is just too far from the ground."

What Fred said about this turndown in his own inimitable way can only be surmised and appreciated by those (including Major Larry Alcox, who is still fighting the war in Chicago) who know him, as space (?) will not permit repeating it here.

It will be news to many of "Strits" friends to know that after many years as one of the main springs in the F. & Y. organization here in Columbus, he has changed to a new position or job (maybe both) with the Darin & Armstrong, Inc., the Detroit firm of contractors who have built the Curtis-Wright plant here in Columbus.

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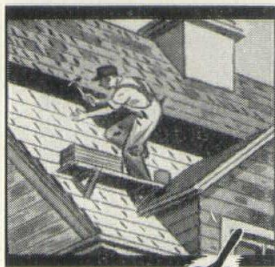
Mexican architects are offering a prize for the ugliest house in the City of Mexico. Hope to create an interest in good architecture. Weekly Bulletin MSA. What would happen to the resources of an architect who would do that in the State of Ohio?

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"Simplified Engineering for Architects and Builders"

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The use of term "Simplified" in the title of each book, really is correctly properly used, as that is the manner in which the contents of each volume is presented throughout.

All written by Harry Parker, M.S., Professor of Architectural Construction, University of Pennsylvania, the last

mentioned coming off the press with a 1943 dating. The price is \$1.75 for each book, cloth bound blue, green, and maroon in practical hand book size.

### Where Are You?

If you have changed your address or are planning to do so soon (who isn't), won't you notify the OHIO ARCHITECT, 2750 A. I. U. Building, Columbus 15, O., so that your magazine can keep up with you without delay. Furthermore, your fellow readers all want to know where you are and what you are doing. So give us a chance to publish your name and your new address and what you are doing. The line forms on the right and first come first served. A penny postcard will do the trick. DO IT TODAY.

### Where is So and So?

If you're somebody's wife or somebody's office girl or somebody's friend, and you know where the fellow we're talking to in the paragraph above is now located, suppose you do this little task for him.—N.W. Architect.

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When the functions of an architect is reduced to fundamentals, it might well be defined as that which is necessary to provide a building fulfilling the owner's desires and needs in a manner which is practical and economical in plan, efficient in operation, pleasing in appearance, financially sound, and orientated to obtain the fullest benefits and satisfaction from the property or site.

Surely the above is no small order, but true architectural services must cover the above points and often many more.

Because of this fact it is necessary that the public be informed as to what constitutes architectural service, and that "blueprints" are merely records of ideas, of hours, sometimes days of analysis and study of a problem.

The public must be made to realize that "a set of blueprints" and a few hen scratches for a specification as furnished to them "free" (?) by "carpitects" and certain material interests do not provide architectural services, and in almost every instance Mr. Owner gets what you usually get when you think you are getting "something for nothing."

Every architect should constantly promote the facts as to what true and complete architectural services consist of—our better contractor friends, many material firms, a few financial institutions will help us, *but* we've got to do most of the blowing of our own horn ourselves.

Decide now that you will do you part and when a plan or scheme for publicity is presented for action by your Section or Chapter Publicity Committee, get behind it with not only the necessary

moral support, but with the financial means, as well, to "sell" the architect and his wares to the public. This ground work and planting of seed should be going on now if we expect to contribute to and to reap our share of the post-war building program.

—From the *Northwest Architect*,  
with minor changes.

## The American Way

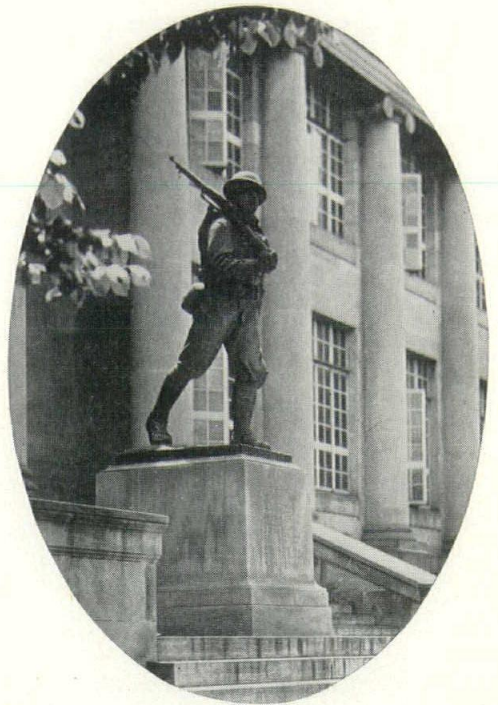
"The true patriot is the man with a home and a fireside. In time of war he will shoulder a gun and go forth to defend it, but who the hell went forth to defend a boarding house?"

The words are those of a boy from the Kentucky mountains spoken at a time when he had earned the right to set up his own establishment. The men and boys who fight our present war must realize that they are fighting, each for the right to his own fireside unmolested. Surely those of us who stay at home will want them to return to the fine way of life they will have earned. I'll always remember how as a returning soldier in 1919 I found a going business concern where I could hang up my hat and go to work, and how grateful I was to the men who had kept that business on its feet; strong enough to meet its payroll and other obligations.

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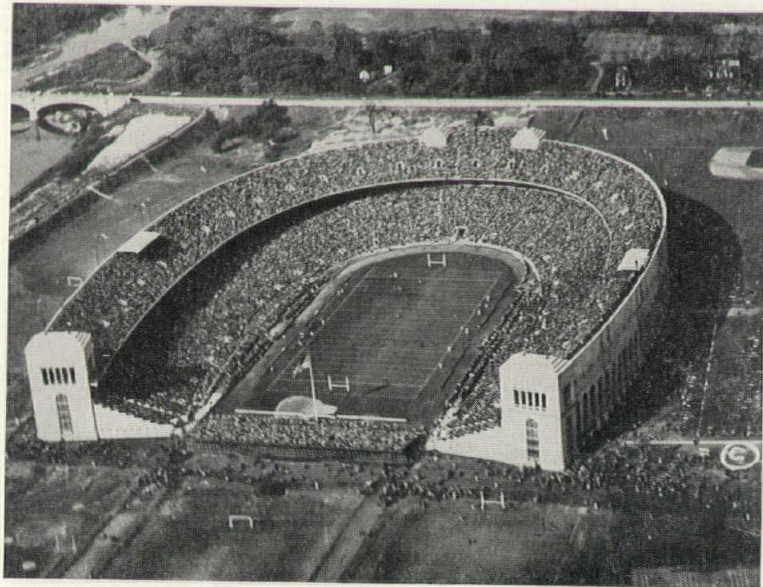
### Bernard F. Steinkamp

A Member of One of Cincinnati's  
Oldest Architectural Firms  
Passes Away

Bernard F. Steinkamp, one of Cincinnati's leading and best-known architects, died at his home, 1931 Clarion Avenue, Friday morning, September 24th. Mr. Steinkamp, who was 67, was a member of one of Cincinnati's oldest, most prominent and respected architectural firms, Joseph G. Steinkamp & Bro., for over forty-five years.

Many of Cincinnati's largest and finest churches, institutional and public buildings stand as a monument to the outstanding architectural ability of the deceased and his brother, Joseph G. Steinkamp. St. Williams' Church, located in Price Hill, and St. Mark's Church in Evanston are two of their outstanding Catholic Church projects. All of the St. Xavier University buildings that were built in the past twenty-five years, were also designed by the Steinkamp firm. The American Building and Mercantile Library Building are among their largest public building projects. Practically all the apartment buildings built by the Thomas Emery Estate were also designed by the Steinkamp Brothers.

The Steinkamp architectural firm was really started over a half-century ago by J. B. Steinkamp, father of Joseph and Bernard Steinkamp. He was recognized also as one of Cincinnati's leading pioneer architects and builders. He was employed for many years as a carpenter by Thomas Emery, who thought so much of him that he was encouraged to take an architectural course at Ohio Mechanics' Institute, which he completed successfully. He then engaged in the



*Ohio Stadium*

Ohio Stadium, the scene of Ohio State University's home football games and of other athletic events, as well as the annual graduation exercises. The big horseshoe, which has held nearly 100,000 persons at one time, is the magnet that draws to Columbus each fall scores of thousands of visitors.

architectural business for himself.

The deceased was educated at St. Xavier's College, as it was known in those days, and at Ohio Mechanics' Institute.

Funeral for Mr. Steinkamp took place from Nurre Brothers, and Solemn Requiem High Mass was held at St. Mark's Church.

Mr. Steinkamp is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Steinkamp; two sons, George and Paul Steinkamp; three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Poetker, Mrs. Elizabeth Ostholthoff and Mrs. Rose Schneider, and two brothers, Joseph G. and Rev. George Steinkamp of Dayton. He was one of a family of eleven children.

—From the Building Witness.

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—*Engineering News-Record***Do You Read Advertising Carefully?**

In one of his frequent (not too frequent) letters to the editor, Architect Owsley of Youngstown enclosed a full-page advertisement of Babson's Reports, Inc., of Babsons Park, Mass., underscoring the many references made to the Architect. While the purpose of the advertisement is obviously to publicize Babson's Personal Investment Service, it is a high compliment to the architectural profession, that this well-known firm would use the architect and his method of procedure as the basis for illustrating and comparing the how and the why of good investments.

It is very encouraging to have the opportunity to read such advertising and anyone wishing a copy of this example can no doubt obtain same by directing a request to Babson. Thanks,

C.F.O. It would be fine if others out of the more than a thousand architects in the State would take the time to send in similar items.

One-fifth of the 3,072 counties in the United States lack hospital facilities.

**Architects and Building Plans**

One of the few people not employed to capacity at present is the architect. Younger ones, of course, are already in the Army. Some of their elders have gone into the Army's civilian employ, designing or supervising the erection of the many new buildings. But taken as a class, architects right now have comparatively little to do. After the war, when building begins to start up again, they will be in such demand that the prospective home-builder may search in vain or think them very scarce.

An obvious remedy for this condition is to employ the architect now. Get him started on plans for the home or the new store, or whatever is needed. The home-builder is the important factor in this situation—business people are more apt to look ahead and have blueprints ready for future construction. If the family can get to work on its plans, and have the architect put them in shape, then it will be no great trick to get the home built later.

It's never a good idea to let these family matters run along and take a chance on them. With the basic plans done, small changes can be made to fit later conditions. One thing all families should realize is that a good architect doesn't cost extra. He saves his fee, and usually more, by knowing how.

—*Editorial in Marietta Times.*

Lieut. (jg.) Walter F. Sheblessy, U.S.N., formerly of 3434 Whitfield Ave., is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and M.I.T. in architecture, and is a registered architect in the State of Ohio, resigning the office of President of the Cincinnati Section of the Architects Society of Ohio when he entered the Navy. He is now stationed at the Naval Station, Hollywood, Florida.

**Jobs For Architects**

The Army, the Navy, and other branches of the Federal Government needs architects and engineers for war work. These needs are great, and qualified men and women are urged to apply at their nearest Civil Service Office for detailed information on appointments.

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Engineer, \$2,600 to \$8,000 a year.

Junior Engineer, \$2,000 a year.

Naval Architect, \$2,600 to \$5,600 yr.

Engrg Draftsman, \$1,440 to \$2,600 yr.

These positions are war-service appointments and subject to War Manpower Commission rulings.

"God never intended that the sanctuary for His worship should be drab, ugly, or depressing, or He would never have created the glory of the sunset, the color of the sky, the land, the sea, even the desert," says Dr. Elbert M. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture, New York City, in urging that more attention be given to the use of color in the decoration of churches. "Color can do marvelous things. It can give us the effectiveness we desire in any room to be used for divine worship, teaching, or fellowship in the House of God." Dr. Conover urges churches to give attention to the use of color in their sanctuaries and rooms, and urges that it be done now as a contribution to sustaining civilian morale.

Let us clear these procrastinating cobwebs from our present-day thinking. Take the facts as we really know they are and will be, and start doing the first things first and start doing them now.

The Canton Repository reports that Architect Charles E. Firestone spoke before the Construction Council of Stark County, advocating a long-range post-war building program to help employ the returning service men. Architect Firestone speaking at the Council's Fifth Annual Dinner, reminded his audience of 150, however, that "war-time post-war planning is very essential."



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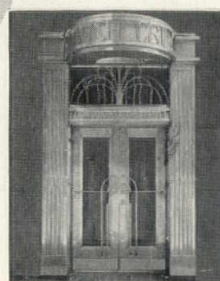
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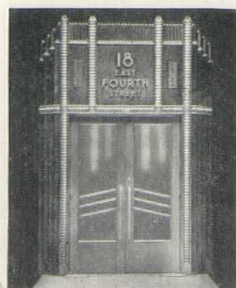
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