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State Education Board Selects Pierce to Head Research Program

At its July 10 meeting the Ohio State Board of Education approved the hiring of Columbus Architect David A. Pierce, AIA, who will serve the Board by delving into the school construction costs program. While architects, generally, recognize this as a major problem, the Architects Society of Ohio has been cooperating with the Board’s Research Committee and the Robert Heller & Associates Organization in an attempt to aid the overall research program.

Architect Pierce will be confronted with a study involving building materials and techniques that will cut construction costs and yet provide a school building that will be adequate to meet educational standards and of sufficient quality in design and material to provide low maintenance costs.

The Architects Society of Ohio, through its Liaison Committee to the Board’s Research Committee, promises complete cooperation with Mr. Pierce and the Board.

Mr. Pierce was appointed Technical Editor of Ohio Architect magazine by the Executive Committee of the Architects Society of Ohio in June of 1955 and still serves in that capacity.

He graduated from the School of Architecture, Ohio State University, in 1947 after a period of 5 years in the Army during World War II and was registered to practice Architecture in Ohio in June, 1949. He has practiced out of his own office since November, 1951.

JULY, 1956

ASO Liaison Committee Hard At Work On School Cost Program

During the past months the ASO Liaison Committee to the Research Committee of the State Board of Education has been diligently delving into factual records concerning Ohio’s school construction costs. Meetings have taken place between the ASO committee, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and Robert Heller & Associates, the management engineering and survey firm employed by the Board of determine Ohio’s school requirements.

Members of the ASO Liaison Committee appointed by President Worley are: Franklin Scott, Berea, Chairman; John N. Richards, Toledo; John Schooley and James Foley, Columbus; Hermon Brodrick, Dayton; Charles Marr, New Philadelphia; and George M. Martin, Cincinnati.

MORBITO APPOINTED

Joseph F. Morbito has been appointed professor of architecture and head of Kent State University’s new department of architecture. The five-year course in architecture begins in September.

Prof. Morbito received his bachelor of architecture degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology and his master of education degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

He has taught at the University of West Virginia, Penn State University, and Western Reserve University.

Prof. Morbito is a registered architect in Ohio, on the board of directors of the eastern chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and preservation officer of historical buildings in the eastern chapter area of the Institute.

Experienced secretary, with extensive legal background, desires part time work in Columbus with an architect. Miss Helena Kurtzman will be available fornoons only and would prefer a downtown office or something on the Main or Oak Street bus lines.

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Editorial

In the past months, during the writing of Ohio's new state Building Code, a number of criticisms have been levelled at the Code as it has appeared in preliminary draft form. However, the majority of these comments have been general in nature—most of them expressing concern about the length of the Code.

The Architects Society has faithfully and diligently studied the new Code and its formative and final draft stages. Michael B. O'Shea, Toledo, ASO Building Code Committee Chairman, reports that each comment received on the Code has been forwarded immediately to the Board of Building Standards for consideration. He further states that after careful study he is of the opinion that the new Code will be a good one—benefitting the people of Ohio and the architects.

Others who are qualified to speak on the Code believe it to be highly satisfactory.

Ohio is fortunate to have men possessing the knowledge and leadership of architects John Macelwane, AIA, Toledo, and George Marshall Martin, FAIA, Cincinnati, serving on the Board which is responsible for writing the Code. They, along with other Board members, are devoting a tremendous amount of their time and resources to see that Ohio gets a workable Building Code.

However, the task is not yet done. Professor Jacob R. Shank, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Board of Building Standards, recently asked the ASO Executive Board for the cooperation of the Architects of Ohio. He requested specific comments and suggestions on the Code.

Because the architect is the most qualified to assist in attaining the objectives of the Code, it is his duty to submit specific, concrete suggestions to the Board wherever and whenever it is deemed advisable.

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The First Presbyterian Church of Niles

Architect Bostwick describes this church style as conservative contemporary. A one hundred foot high Carillon tower dominates the principal facade, while the mass of the sanctuary proclaims publicly the purpose of the structure. Large expanses of glass flood the interior with an abundance of daylight, with care taken in each case to control the quality of the light. An open garden surrounded on three sides by glass walls creates an interesting space relation indicative of the friendly attitude of welcoming that prevails in this congregation. Of paramount significance in this design is easy access to any of the departments — worship, education, fellowship, administrative — directly from the outside. This feature permits complete control of the building when all areas are not being used simultaneously.

Materials

The dominating exterior surface will be a rich red-brown rough texture obtained by using hand moulded architectural brick. A very dark green opalescent Norwegian granite will accent certain areas. Interior surface materials will be chosen for their ability to enhance the appearances of the areas they enclose, while being practical to maintain. Architect Bostwick feels that the metals, whose manufacture and processing is so vital to the industrial area to which this community belongs, should be used to full advantage and in such a manner as to make all persons aware of their functional and decorative qualities.

Mechanical systems will be somewhat unique in that the complete outside wall of the building will be circumscribed with hot water perimeter type radiation. Fine temperature adjustment will be maintained in the major rooms with air moving equipment incorporating steam coils. In all cases, air will be introduced laterally to minimize the disturbing effects of velocity and the resulting noise.

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Adequate task lighting as well as dramatic feature lighting will be employed to attain the desired effects. In most cases, the lamps will be completely hidden in light troughs and pinhole type recessed fixtures.

**Interior Detail**

Consistent with the recommendations of the church design authorities, special effort is being made to encourage the congregation to sponsor the allied arts throughout the project. Both the garden and tower present excellent opportunities to feature sculptural works. The contemplated metal organ screen presents an excellent opportunity for a muralist or a sculptor to exploit traditional church symbolism. Much care will be taken in the selection of color throughout this project, since color will be employed to adjust the pace of the different departments. Mr. Bostwick feels that while the sanctuary should be serene and serious in atmosphere, a gay, spontaneous color scheme which would encourage social interaction is to be desired in the fellowship areas. The administrative suite will be dignified and business-like. Decoration in the educational areas will be based on knowledge borrowed from experts in the field of education.

**Design Honored**

The design for this church was awarded the citation of honorable mention in the master plan class by a jury at the Joint Conference on Church Architecture which convened recently in Atlanta, Georgia. More than 200 church designs were submitted by architects and designers from all over the country.

Criteria for the selection of winning designs were (1) adequacy of worship functions; (2) grouping of instructional areas; (3) accessibility of facilities and circulation; (4) flexibility; (5) community use; (6) environmental controls, including sound, light and air; (7) safety and (8) expansibility.

The Joint Conference is sponsored by the Church Architectural Guild, a non-profit organization created to raise church architectural standards, and the Bureau of Church Building of the National Council of Churches. The Bureau is composed of the executives in church building of thirty Protestant denominations.

**Construction Details**

Estimated cost — $370,000; floor area — 22,000 sq. ft.; volume — 370,000.

Structural frame — steel; floor — insulated concrete slab on grade; roof deck — deep section steel panels (designed for future second floor concrete slab); roofing — four ply built-up and sheet copper standing seam; sash — aluminum awning type; exterior masonry — architectural brick, granite, rough sawn redwood, and sheet copper.

Interior finish — architectural brick, exposed concrete block, plaster, wood panelling; exterior flashing and gutters — sheet copper; floor covering — cork tile, vinyl tile, slate; heating system — gas fired hot water.

**THE ARCHITECT**

Donald Lloyd Bostwick has been in private practice at Niles since 1946. He is a 1939 graduate of the University of Michigan.

For several years he was affiliated with Youngstown University as Associate Professor of Engineering. During the war he was attached to the Naval Aeronautical Materials and Structures Laboratory.

The firm Donald Lloyd Bostwick and Associates also has offices in Youngstown.
Toledo Convention Committee Meets

The Toledo ASO Convention Committee, under co-leadership of Carl C. Britsch and Orville Bauer, met as a full committee recently with Executive Secretary Clifford Sapp in attendance. Prior to the general meeting all subcommittees had been meeting regularly to lay-out plans for the October 10-12, 1956 Convention of Architects and Building Materials Exhibit.

The enthusiasm and work put forth by the committee promises that every architect attending will benefit from the technical program, the speakers, and the opportunity to talk with architects from all over the Great Lakes Region.

Another important phase of the Convention will be the display of Building Material Products and Services. Space is available for 53 displays in readily accessible surroundings.

Toledo architects are going all-out to provide a Convention that will be remembered from a “knowledge and fun” standpoint for a long time.
The AIA Convention

From the Woman's Point

By Mrs. Leon M. Worley

Attending the Architects' National Convention in California this year with my husband really was one of the nicest and most entertaining vacations I have had.

We flew out and back — these busy Architects have to make every minute count. We love to fly and thoroughly enjoyed the trip over our colorful and thrilling Western terrain.

Things had started popping even before we arrived. The first thing we did was attend the President's Reception at the Ambassador Hotel. The weather was delightful and added to the enjoyment of this really beautiful party held in the gardens adjacent to the swimming pool. From here we were all taken to the Moulin Rouge — famous Hollywood night spot where we had dinner and enjoyed the spectacular floor show. The Moulin Rouge is a huge place — it would have to be to accommodate the entire convention. Friend Hubby estimated it would seat about two thousand.

The next day we gals were entertained by a luncheon and style show (California originals) at the ultra Beverly Hilton Hotel. If you've not seen it — the Beverly Hilton is a "must" on your list. That afternoon I took in the "Bel-Air" tour up hills and down canyons and saw some of the beautiful residences.

That night we had the thrill of attending a Hollywood Premiere arranged especially for us. We were swished out to the famous Grauman's Chinese Theatre with a white-helmeted motorcycle police escort, sirens blowing, whisking traffic out of our path all the way. It was the premiere showing of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Man Who Knew Too Much" starring Jimmy Stewart and Doris Day. Art Linkletter was the Master of Ceremonies. They all were most generous in their remarks and time spent with us. Jimmy Stewart confided that he graduated from college with a degree to practice Architecture! Art Linkletter warned us about Mr. Hitchcock's ability to stretch our nerves to the point where they would go "boing" and he was so right! We thoroughly enjoyed the picture.

One day we went out to the Farmers' Market. I had heard about it for years and was anxious to see it. Almost everything is available there. Fortunately for hubby's pocketbook my suitcase was full to overflowing before leaving Cleveland. Had one of California's delicious fruit salads for lunch and got back to the hotel just in time to hop on a bus for the movie studio tour. This of course was most interesting.

The final night the Southern California Chapter attempted a tremendous undertaking. They called it "Hospitality Night". They entertained for dinner in their homes all of the delegates to the convention! We happened to be guests of the Tony Thormins — Tony was one of Leon's instructors at Carnegie Tech. They picked us up in a sports car — typically Californian — (I finally folded up enough to get in!) and when we stepped out it was not on grass — oh no, that is much too common for California — the curb lawn was planted in wild strawberries! Then we entered one of the most attractive contemporary houses I've ever seen — you will have to ask my Architect-husband for a description of it — am afraid I couldn't do it justice. We were led by the aroma of charcoal barbecued chickens and found our host in full command of same out on the patio "clad" in bright red trousers and a shirt so loud it almost talked. I don't know — maybe they really do live that way in California. A most appetizing dinner was topped off with a perfect California desert — strawberries fully two inches in diameter (and I'm not exaggerating) as delicious as they were beautiful, served with powdered sugar. The whole thing was just right to the "nth" degree. We loved every minute of it.

After we had been in Los Angeles about three days I had the strangest feeling that someone somewhere was turning magic valves making things happen. I'm sure even Texas couldn't exceed what California did and made possible for us to do at this convention.

There were so many things arranged and planned one simply couldn't do it all — he just had to choose what appeared to be most exciting. There were even side trips to Honolulu and Japan!

Our final tour lasted all day and consisted of a trip to Disneyland — where we wished with all our might that our young son was with us — a wonderful luncheon at the Balboa Bay Boat Club — this was a lovely place with its picturesque sailboats and beautiful swimming pool, and in the afternoon a visit to Knott's Berry Farm — with its replacans of phases of the old West.

Oh yes — almost forgot to mention — my husband did attend a few meetings! 

It really was a most wonderful convention and I've been dreaming about it ever since. However, we all must wake up to the reality that Cleveland is the scene of the National Convention in 1957. In the meantime we'll B C N U in Toledo in October.

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Gov. Lausche Asks Director Flaler To Speak To ASO Executive Board

Governor Frank J. Lausche asked Public Works Director Zoyd M. Flaler to discuss with the ASO Executive Board at its June meeting some of the aspects of new contracts between the State and the architect.

In addition to hearing Director Flaler, the Executive Board heard a report from Ralph C. Kempton, FAIA, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects. Professor Jacob R. Shank, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Board of Building Standards reported on the state building code activities and objectives.

In a long, hard day of work the Executive Board also heard reports from committees pertaining to state activities of the ASO. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Miriam Frazier, Editorial Assistant, and commended her for her loyalty and untiring work in behalf of the Architects Society of Ohio. Miss Frazier's resignation is effective August 10.

New AIA Chapter Officers

Four Ohio AIA chapters have recently held elections for next year's officers. The new executives are:

Cleveland:
- Anthony Ciresi—President
- Leon M. Worley—Vice-President
- Junior W. Everhard—Secretary
- Charles C. Colman—Treasurer

Eastern Ohio:
- Bert Y. Stevens—President
- Joseph Tuchman—Vice-President
- Donald Bostwick—Secretary
- Ralph Dix, Jr.—Treasurer

Toledo:
- Charles Barber—President
- Orville Bauer—First Vice-President
- Frank Poseler—Second Vice-President
- Richard M. Troy—Secretary
- Charles Scott—Treasurer

Dayton:
- Wm. Charles Wertz—President
- Rollin L. Rosser—Vice-President
- Robert W. Linklider—Secretary
- Roy M. Lively—Treasurer

Architects-Engineers Committee Meets With Director Mahoney

The Architects-Engineers Joint Committee of the Architects Society of Ohio and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers met recently with Director Margaret Mahoney, Department of Industrial Relations. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of effectuating the employment of additional personnel in the Department's Division of Factory and Building so as to speed up the processing of plans submitted for approval.

It was learned that funds for the employment of qualified personnel are available; however, the Director stated that it has been difficult to locate qualified persons. Architects and engineers present recognized this difficulty because of the great demand within their own professions.

Both the ASO and OSPE pledged help to the Director in solving the problem.
AIA Student Awards

Three Ohio State graduating seniors were honored at the School of Architecture's May 3 Alumni Homecoming and Student Award Day Ceremonies.

John P. Gibboney was given the Columbus Chapter award which was accompanied by a $75.00 check for having demonstrated the greatest potential leadership and service to the profession of architecture. Mr. Gibboney is President of the AIA Student Chapter in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at Ohio State.

Two honor students in the College of Engineering also received recognition at the same program. Ernest C. Schwiebert, Columbus, was awarded the American Institute of Architects School Medal and The Architects Society of Ohio Award for maintaining the highest grade average in his class. Mr. Schwiebert, an Air R.O.T.C. student colonel, chose as his senior thesis the redesign of the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He is also author of an illustrated text on trout stream flies.

James B. Kayser, Columbus, received the second place AIA certificate and was the recipient of the Columbus Chapter Producers Council Award along with a check for $75.00. Mr. Kayser has maintained the highest cumulative average in the construction sequence courses. He, teamed with Richard Meinke, was this year's Alpha Rho Chi Medal winner in completing a thesis "A Resort for Catawba Point."

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Student Awards
At the University of Cincinnati, a number of awards were made to graduating architectural students. The ASO certificate of award went to an outstanding student, Thomas Hefley. The AIA medal and book for scholarship, personality and promise was received by Gordon Garn. The AIA book was awarded to William Brown. Dick Lanke received the Mueller (AIA) prize.

Dean Vollendorf was winner of the Pierson Lumber Co. prize. The Scarab medal for outstanding creative ability in design was awarded to Courtney Macomber. The Alpha Rho Chi medal for leadership and service to the University was earned by Andy Thul. The Illuminating Engineers Society annual award was given to Michael Graves of Sec. I, and Mark Beck of Sec. II.

Building Code
City Manager C. A. Harrell has asked members of the Chapter for written suggestions for improving and streamlining the Cincinnati Building Code. Take advantage of this opportunity and mail your ideas to the Chapter Secretary.

The change in the bylaws to cover an increase in dues to support an Executive Headquarters was approved by a vote of 53 to 10. This action now awaits the final approval of the Institute. The Executive Committee plans that such a headquarters will be established by January 1, 1957.

Retiring Officers
Joseph Ceruti is retiring from the Board having served in various capacities, as secretary, director and president for 8 years. Lottie Helwick is retiring as secretary after having served for the last seven years. Many thanks from the Cleveland members for all that Miss Helwick and Mr. Ceruti have done for our chapter in those years of service.

Home and Flower Show
Joseph R. Regner, formerly an associate of Outcalt-Guenther, who has recently opened his own office at Shaker Square, has been selected as the Architect for the 1958 AIA Cleveland Home & Flower Show.

Member News
Congratulations to George B. Mayer, who has been welcomed as a Fellow of the Institute.

The following were elected to membership in the Chapter:

Western Reserve University
Joseph Ceruti and Roanld Spahn will represent the Cleveland Chapter on the Board of Trustees, Western Reserve. They replace Carl F. Guenther and Wallace G. Teare.

The annual banquet for the Architectural Alumni was held at the Mayfield Country Club June 16. The affair honored the third class ('31) to be graduated from the School of Architecture WRU and the 1956 graduating class. The affair was enjoyed by all architectural alumni and their guests. Retiring president Ray Febo acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Newly elected officers for the group include: Dick Shaffer, President; Bill Collins, Vice-President; Art Lawrence, Secretary-Treasurer.

The June meeting of the Columbus Chapter was held at the Builders Exchange on May 31. After a brief business session, Vice-President H. James Holroyd, AIA, introduced Mr. Walter Taylor, AIA Headquarters, Director of Education and Research and Editor of The Bulletin. Mr. Taylor discussed "Operation Retread" and gave the chapter some excellent ideas on the problem of "special study courses" which are now being planned by our chapter. As Mr. Taylor pointed out, the education of a professional man is a life-long program.

Architectural Education
This educational program is divided into three basic categories: (1) high school education; (2) college and university education; (3) architect in training or special enrollment courses.

Program are being set up to recruit and counsel high school students such as "Career Day" which is now in operation in many of our high schools. Career Day is set aside for the senior high school students to meet and discuss the profession, trade or occupation of their choice with a successful person from that field.

The college and university education is the major responsibility of the schools. However, the AIA chapters can collaborate with the schools in various joint programs, lectures, etc., and also by sponsoring a student chapter of the AIA.

The third point is the basic "Operation Retread". This program is not particularly geared to prepare a person...
for state registration but rather to broaden the architect's scope and keep him abreast of the ever changing materials and methods of design and construction.

As Mr. Taylor put it, these are not crum courses but special enrollment courses. He pointed out that last year the medical profession conducted some 1100 courses on 49 subjects with only approximately 10% of these being without fee.

School of Architecture Dinner
The First Annual School of Architecture dinner was held May 29 in the main ballroom of the Ohio Union. The dinner was in honor of the 21 graduates of the School of Architecture, including three in Landscape Architecture.

Mr. John Knox Shear, AIA, Editor-in-Chief of Architectural Record spoke on "100 years of Significant Buildings". We hope to be able to reprint Mr. Shear's speech in a later issue.

The newly-elected Student Chapter officers for 1956-57 are: President, William Haines; Vice President, Harold Moore; Secretary, Joan Fuller; and Treasurer, Norman King.

Women's League
The Women's League held their meeting on June 18 at Balcony Hall. Guest speaker was Interior Decorator John F. Ferguson who conducted a round-table forum on decorating. Newly elected officers for 1956-57 include President, Mrs. Robert Earl Cassell; Vice President, Mrs. James J. Foley; Secretary, Mrs. Max Teach; and Treasurer, Mrs. H. James Holroyd.

Dayton Chapter

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Officers for the coming year were elected at a business session on June 21. William C. Wertz was re-elected President; Rollin L. Rosser, Vice-President; Robert W. Lecklider, Secretary and Roy M. Lively, Treasurer. Mr. Hermon Brodrick was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board because of Wertz's re-election to the Presidency.

On the State Level
Herman Brodrick brought us up to date with a report of development concerning the State Building Code and the problem of authority for plan approval as the laws now stand. The new code will be published in pamphlet form similar to the present code.

He continued with the details of work in progress at Columbus on a set of minimum fees for consulting work between architects and engineers. This schedule has been completed and currently the project is forms of contract between architects and engineers.

Local Building Code
D. Richard Thomas presented all available information on the new Unified Building Code for the Cities of Dayton, Oakwood, Kettering and Montgomery County. The Code has had all readings and stands ready for publication by the press and adoption around January 1957. The laws presently provide for each separate government to have the right to alter or change the code to fit community circumstance.

Eugene Betz, AIA, Dayton, is working to interest all parties to select one Board of Building Standards for all four governments. All groups will have to act on this and the actual operation of the Board will come under the jurisdiction of Montgomery County.

Toledo Chapter

Toledo, Ohio

Mr. Horace Coy, our very able president for the past year, concluded his term in office with the last regular meeting on June 12. The Treasurer's report indicated a 25% increase over last year, with the increased Chapter activities conducted this year, and we are very proud. The President thanked everyone for the assistance given him, stating that he enjoyed the experience gained in office immensely. He continued that the job of president proved much bigger than he had expected and that he felt it was a form of education for so many people were doing so much work without recognition. He concluded that without the excellent cooperation from all committees the Chapter would be nothing.

Golf Party
This year's Annual Party proved the largest to date. The day of June 14 was tops for golf—many sunburned faces were in evidence that night. Members of the Producers' Council sponsored the cocktail hour and together with the Contractors were guests of the architect.

Committeemen Charles Stark, Orv Bauer, Dick Brown, Richard Troy, Byron Killinger and John Stevens are to be congratulated for their excellent organizing.

The trophies for low golf scores went to Tib Hewlett for the architects, winner for the last 5 years, and Dwight Burgess for the Contractors. Over a hundred prizes were given to holders of the lucky ticket numbers.

1956 ASO Convention
Reports on the October Convention indicate that the committee is slightly ahead of schedule. The hard work will continue, however, because everything has to click from here on out.

All plans for speakers and festivities are completed with the exception of the final selection of a keynote speaker. The Thursday afternoon seminar on Architectural Education sounds particularly interesting. Many outstanding architectural schools will be represented by their department heads. It has been agreed that all evening activities will be kept on the light side rather than in the serious vein.

A.G.A. Meeting

Horace Wachter, reporting on the Second A.G.A. Meeting, presented 5 points subject to discussion at the next Architect-Contractor Meeting. These points were: (1) Insurance in the AIA; (2) Contingent damages; (3) Number of alternate bids; (4) Contractor making plans without the architect's assistance; and (5) Hold back of 10% of payment.

To assist the regular representatives of the A.G.A. group, a special Advisory Group has been formed. They are Harold H. Munger, Richard Troy, Michael B. O'Shea, Carl C. Britsch and Horace Coy. The regular committee is comprised of Charles Barber, Horace Wachter and Orv Bauer.
EXHIBIT MODERN SCHOOLROOMS

When several hundred Columbus school children trooped through the touring exhibit, “Schoolroom Progress U.S.A.”, they must have gotten some inkling of the fallacy in “the good old days” theory.

The two railway car show parked on the OSU siding from May 30 through June 4 while students, teachers and the interested public passed through, viewing physical examples of the schools of 150 years ago and their gradual evolution to today’s educational system.

The first car, containing three reconstructed nineteenth century classrooms and exhibition gallery, were installed by the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village at Dearborn, Mich., using objects from their vast collections of Americana. The frontier, rural and city schools of that era are faithfully reproduced with authentic antiques and lighting. The materials of learning, ranging from the birch rod to the blackboard are displayed effectively, creating a genuine “feel” for the period.

Passing into the second car, well lighted, ventilated and equipped, is a distinct surprise. Some degree of realization is made of the advances the American school system has made. Over 60 architects and suppliers have contributed to the execution of kindergarten, elementary, industrial arts, office practice and home economics classrooms. The rooms are regulated for teaching and learning in the most pleasant, effective and painless manner possible.

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