

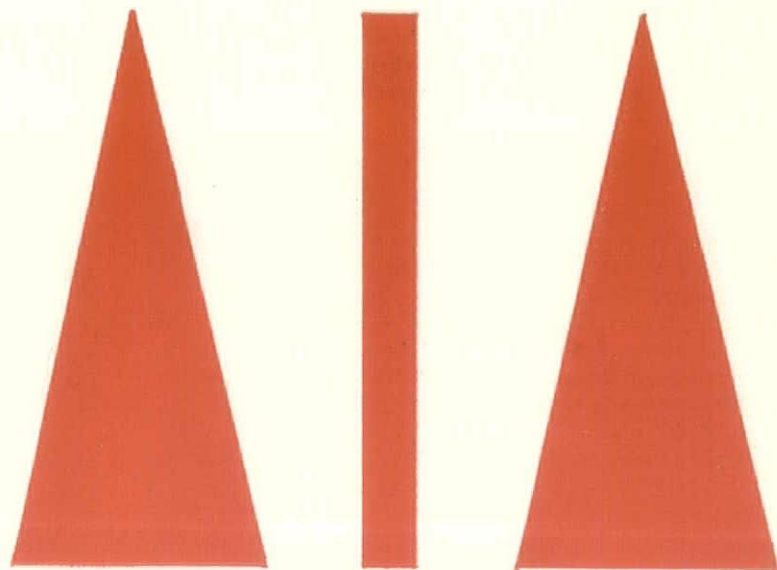
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Special Awards Issue

by Benjamin P. Elliott

This month's P.V.A. has literally burst its seams to publish the results of the 1958 awards in architecture. The usual four-page publication is replaced, in this case, by this special issue. The next release of the P.V.A. will be ready for publication on September 1, 1958, giving a much needed rest to the publication committee, Gene Glasgow and all of the Chapter members.

This special publication is a big task for such a small Chapter but it is not impossible to foresee the time when such an endeavor could be a regular quarterly or monthly achievement.

Gene Delmar and Joe Dennison, members of this committee, have done a tremendous amount of work in the last year in making the monthly publications, and this issue, possible. They have done a yeoman-like job in securing advertisers and helped in the general coordination of the committee's work. In addition to Gene and Joe, George Schoneberger has added his assistance in the preparation of this awards special.

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We appreciate the confidence of our advertisers in the P.V.A. as a medium to serve their needs. It is through their subscriptions that the Potomac Valley Architect is possible. Our advertising directory on the back cover of all our issues provides the wherewithal for our regular monthly publication and the inclusion of additional advertising space makes the publication of the awards issue a reality. We trust that our professional readers will reciprocate by calling these specialists in their respective fields.

CHAPTER NOTES

CHARLES B. SOULE has been named to the A.I.A. National Committee on Membership for a three-year term. Chuck, our new Chapter president, will be serving under the able leadership of Leon Brown, the recently appointed National Chairman, who is a member of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter.

GEORGE H. SCHONEBERGER, JR., Associate Member of the Chapter, has been named the recipient of the A.I.A. School Medal which is given annually in Schools of Architecture accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board. This award is made to one single student in each school in recognition of scholastic achievement, character and promise of professional ability. The award is made possible through an endowment fund provided by the executor and heirs of the Henry Rdams Estate. George is now an associate in the firm of Elliott and MacIntire.

RONALD S. SENSEMAN is a successful Republican nominee for the Maryland House of Delegates. He tallied the second highest number of votes of his party's candidates for delegates. If Ron makes the office, to our best knowledge, he will be the first member of the profession elected to serve in our State Capital.

APOLOGIES TO JACK STANN, whose name in the typing, was left off the list of Chapter members appointed for school construction work. Jack of course was selected to design the new laboratory for Montgomery Junior College.

ERIC W. ANDBERG spoke on architecture at Walter Johnson High School's Career Night.

MEMBERS are looking forward to attending the B-CC Chamber of Commerce Community Improvement Dinner, October 2 at the Kenwood Country Club. Frank Lloyd Wright will be the speaker.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION of the American Institute of Architects will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, July 7-11, 1958. Members of the Chapter are urged to attend. This will be predominantly a business session dealing with A.I.A. contract forms and other business administrative affairs. Outstanding speakers will include the Secretary of the Treasury, Robert B. Anderson; Philadelphia architect, Vincent G. Kling; Harlan Hatcher, President of the University of Michigan; and Dr. Margaret Mead, Associate Curator of Ethnology at the American Museum of Natural History.

The Gold Medal, highest honor awarded by the A.I.A., will be presented to John Wellborn Root, Chicago architect, at the annual banquet. Please contact Charles B. Soule, Chapter president, if you intend to be at the convention.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Baltimore Chapter. Grinnel W. Locke, Editor of the Architects Report, announces that starting in September, the Baltimore Chapter will undertake a quarterly publication. Featured in their first four publications will be schools, commercial projects, residential projects and religious buildings.



THE NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED JUNE 5, who will guide the Chapter through another year of increased AIA activity, are from left, seated: Charles B. Soule, president; Stanley H. Arthur, vice president; Milton J. Prassas, secretary; and Jack C. Cohen, treasurer. Standing, from left, are directors James T. Thomen, Clifford B. White and Ted Englehardt, retiring president.

REPORT OF THE JURY

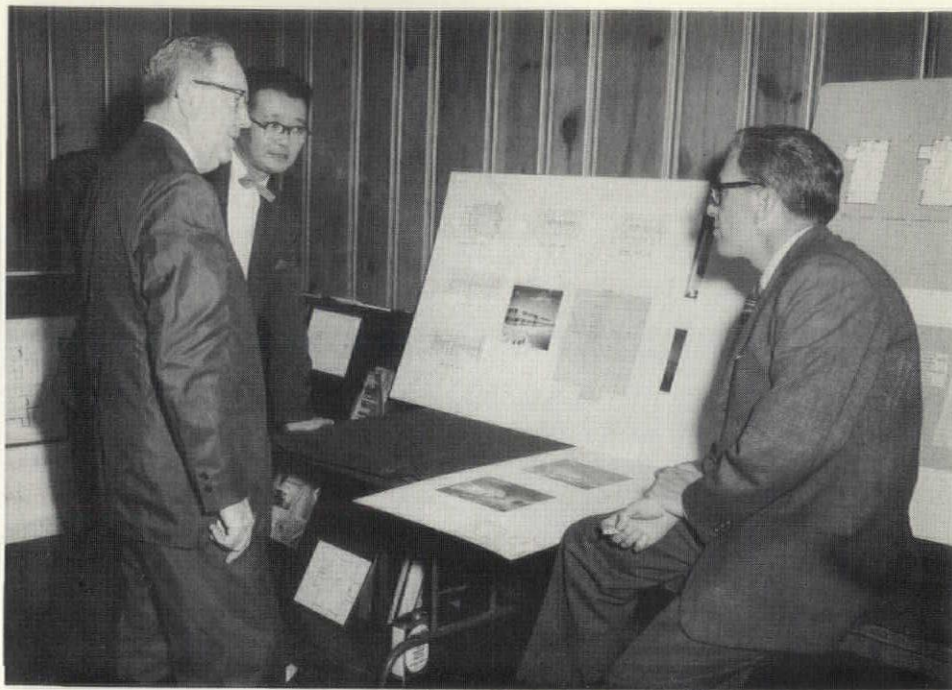
by Dean Thomas K. FitzPatrick

In approaching the task of evaluating for awards the 1958-59 Competition of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects the Jury, which was made up of Mr. George Matsumoto, of the School of Design, North Carolina State College; Mr. Hugh Stubbins, Jr., of Boston, Massachusetts; and Dean Thomas K. FitzPatrick of the School of Architecture, University of Virginia, was sincerely aware of the following considerations: First in judging a group of buildings submitted under several categories, it must be said in all fairness that this represents an evaluation of photographic representation which is difficult to appraise in terms of the completed buildings. Very often the photographs do not represent the actual building in its true value or conversely the photographs may even misrepresent the actualities of the architecture. In the second place, it forces a jury to do rather hurriedly an evaluation which should be done by some pre-selection and subsequently a careful review of the actual building by visitation. In general the Jury feels that the submissions represented a reasonably high order of performance as compared with similar competitions held elsewhere throughout the country. A certain unevenness is almost bound to creep into any group of submissions and, of course, a jury is constantly on the alert for individual creative architectural forms of great brilliance.

Any chapter should be proud if it produces from its midst a single building which has achieved a semblance of significance. Truly significant buildings are rare indeed and occur all too seldom. In certain of the categories reviewed the submissions were limited in number which made it difficult for the Jury to make a large number of awards as appears below. It is also true the Jury felt they should be as discriminating in their judgment as they would be in a National Honor Awards Jury because they felt the Chapter would respect their judgment, assuming that only those submissions which were of genuine architectural quality should be given top recognition. Undoubtedly many submissions would have been viewed differently had the Jury had an opportunity to see the actual building. If any injustices have been committed, the Jury is understandably sorry and hopes that the individual architects will understand the predicament of the Jury. With regard to the particular awards the Jury had certain observations which may be of interest to the Chapter.

Group I (Residential) B-1. A First Award was made for the Michael Straight residence. The Jury felt it represented a sound site solution. The entrance approach was pleasant and the structure had a certain dignity which was commendable. The detail was handled in a sensitive manner and the only reservation of the Jury concerned the living room wall entering to the bath which seemed somewhat lacking in study.

The Honorable Mention in this classification was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Steinberg which was extremely well organized in



JURORS AT WORK reviewing entries at the Kentwood Country Club, where the judgment was held on May 23, 1958. Left to right: Thomas K. FitzPatrick, Chairman, George Matsumoto and Hugh Stubbins.

plan, had an excellent private outlook from the living areas, and except for a somewhat heavy treatment of the garage represented an excellent solution.

B-2. In this category an Honorable Mention was given to the Jeffery Kitchen residence. It represented a good grouping of elements. In particular the carport and entrance were well related. Some questions arose about the possible treatment of the dining room. Otherwise it was well handled.

Group II (Public Buildings) A. It was the opinion of the Jury that the Green Acres School represented an imaginative and creative solution for a somewhat difficult building program. The site planning seemed to be quite well handled and the Jury had only one reservation. It felt that possibly one of the porch entrances could have been more prominent as a focal point for the entire composition. The space handling in general was excellent; the plan relations were well studied; and the total project represented in the Jury's mind perhaps one of the top performances of the entire group.

B. An Honorable Mention was given to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church particularly for the handsome quality of the assembly room. The building form indicated appropriate organization for future expansion. Some concern was felt about the entrance and the handling of the lighting in the area of the Sunday School.

A Second Honorable Mention was given to the Synagogue for its taste and quality of proportion and detail. The Jury felt that perhaps it was more a solution for a school or a multi-

purpose building than specifically for a synagogue as such. It was well presented and handsome in many of its details.

Group III (Commercial Buildings). The Stow A Way Motel appealed to the Jury because of its simplicity in handling and its good proportion and the discriminating taste which was evident throughout. The Jury felt additional photographs would have been very helpful in determining the total quality of the court area.

Group IV (Apartments or Group Housing). Honorable Mention was given to the group housing of the Potomac Overlook Development Corporation. The site planning was quite good and the individual houses presented a high quality of design skill. A sense of privacy seemed to have been accomplished between the individual buildings which was commendable.

Group V (Remodeling in All Classifications). The remodeling of the Mickelson Store front received an Honorable Mention principally for its boldness in execution. The Jury had reservations about many of the details but felt it represented a good solution for an extremely difficult facade treatment.

As a final statement, the Jury would like to commend the Potomac Valley Chapter for the excellent spirit and professional competence which exists in the work of its area architects. The Jury hopes it was properly discriminating and that it will stimulate additional competitions in the near future. The task was a pleasant one and the Jury is deeply indebted to all the members of the Chapter who participated.

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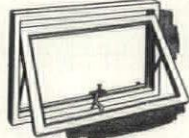
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Dean FitzPatrick of the School of Architecture, University of Virginia, was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a B.A. in Architecture and holds a M.A. degree from the same Institute. He won a scholarship to Fontainebleau and had his own architectural firm in Salem, Mass. before taking up teaching in various architectural schools. He has authored books on architecture and is known for valuable contributions to laboratory building design.

Mr. Stubbins, B.S. School of Architecture, Georgia School of Technology; graduate of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design; winner of the A.I.A. Scholarship Medal; an Alpha Rho Chi medal; Warren, Emerson prizes and honored with the Wheel-right Fellowship as a Cambridge, Mass. A.I.A. architect. The winner of many A.I.A. awards, he designed the Gypsum Research House, the Moroccan Legation and Congress Hall, Berlin, Germany.

Mr. Matsumoto attended the University of California and Washington University in St. Louis for his B.A. in Architecture, received his Master's Degree from Michigan's Cranbrook Academy of Arts. He practiced architecture in Raleigh, N.C. and has made city planning his special field in which he won the \$10,000 Grand Prize for the best over-all regional plan for Chicago in the Herald Tribune's Better Chicago Program. Mr. Matsumoto is now Professor, School of Architecture, University of North Carolina.

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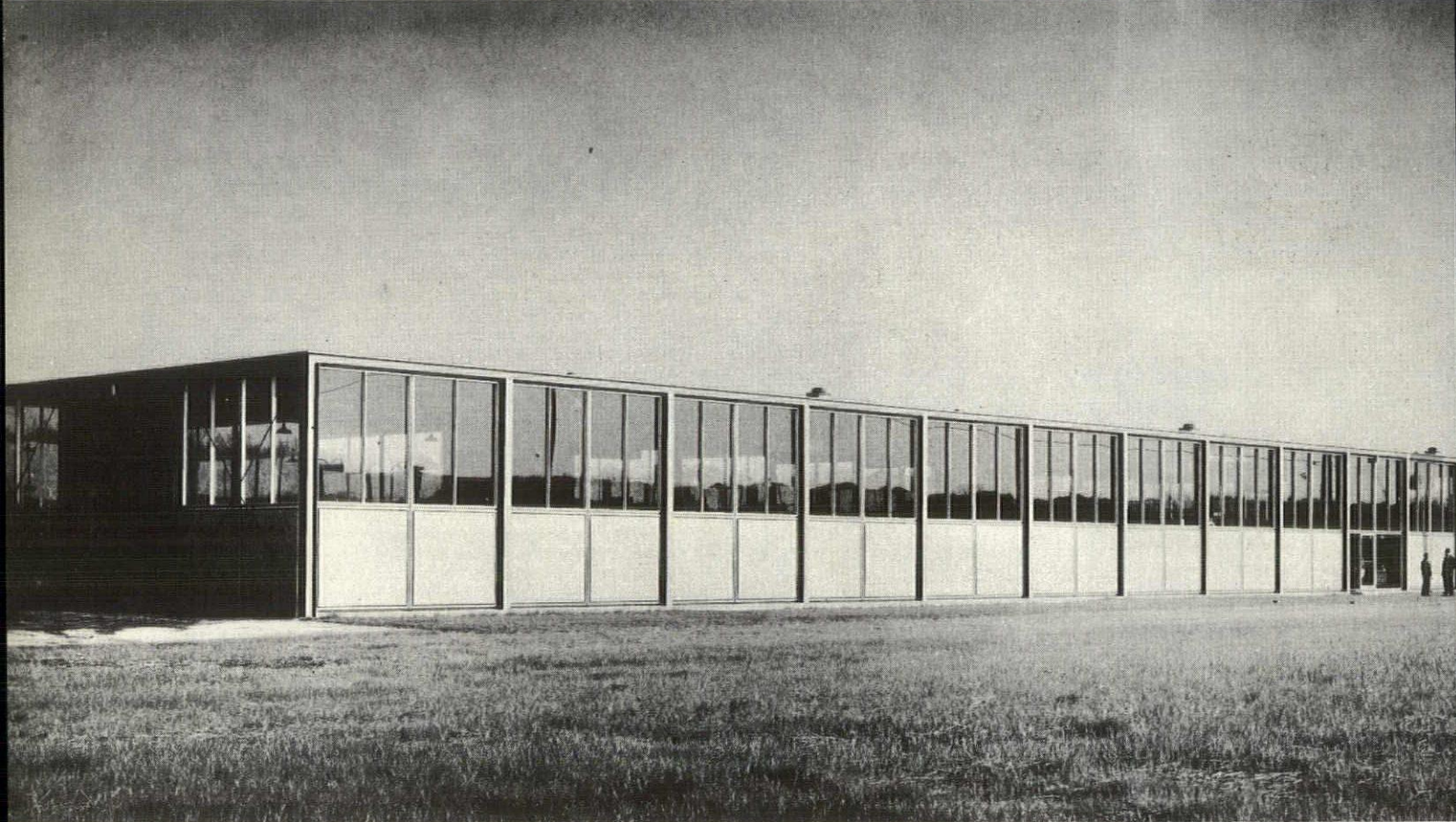
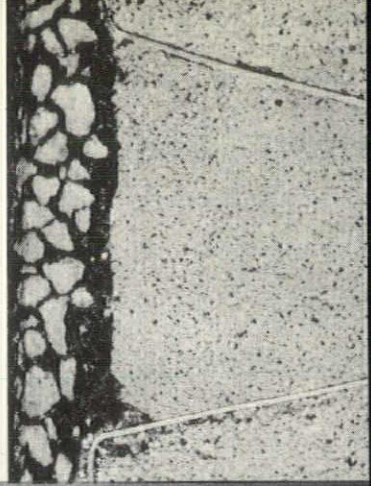
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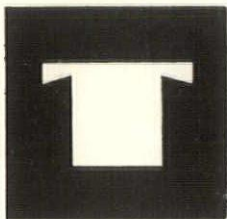
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Honorable Mention:

Joseph Miller, Architect

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Steinberg

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Location: Kensington, Maryland

DIVISION B-2—COST OVER \$25,000— SPECULATIVE

Honorable Mention:

Harold Lionel Esten, Architect

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Kitchen

Contractor: Paul Hammond

Location: Potomac, Maryland

GROUP 2 — PUBLIC BUILDINGS

DIVISION A—SCHOOLS

Award of Merit:

Davis, Brody & Wisniewski - Associate Harold
Esten, Architects

Owner: Green Acres School

Contractor: Demory Bros.

Location: Montgomery County

DIVISION B—CHURCHES

Honorable Mention:

Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects

Owner: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Contractor: Martin Bros.

Location: Falls Church, Virginia

Honorable Mention:

Joseph Miller, Architect

Owner: Agudas Achim Congregation

Contractor: Cannon Construction Corp.

Location: Alexandria, Virginia

GROUP 3 — COMMERCIAL

Award of Merit:

Ronald Senseman, Architect

Owner: William Carrier (Stow A Way Motel)

Contractor: Stewart Construction Co.

Location: Ocean City, Maryland

GROUP 4 — APARTMENTS AND GROUP HOUSING

Honorable Mention:

Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects

Owner: Potomac Overlook Development Corp.

Contractor: Bennett Construction Co. and

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Location: Bethesda, Maryland

GROUP 5 — REMODELING

Honorable Mention:

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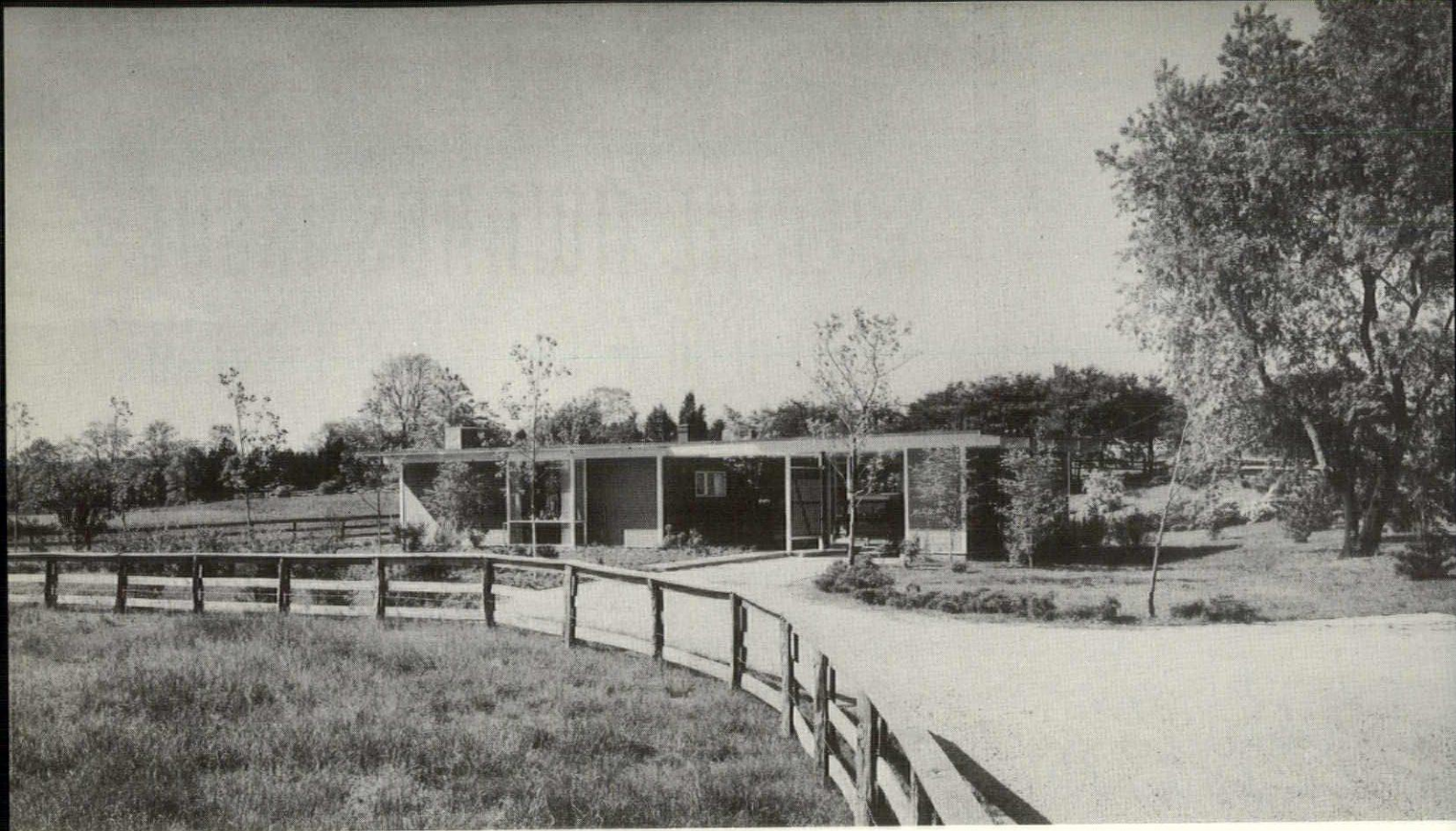
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The Members of the Potomac Valley Chapter generally maintain offices or reside in Montgomery or Prince Georges County, the Maryland suburban community to the Nation's Capital.



SORTING SOME OF THE MOUNTS that were entered for the biennial award competition. Left to right: Benjamin P. Elliott, Charles B. Soule, John S. Samperton and Stanley H. Arthur.



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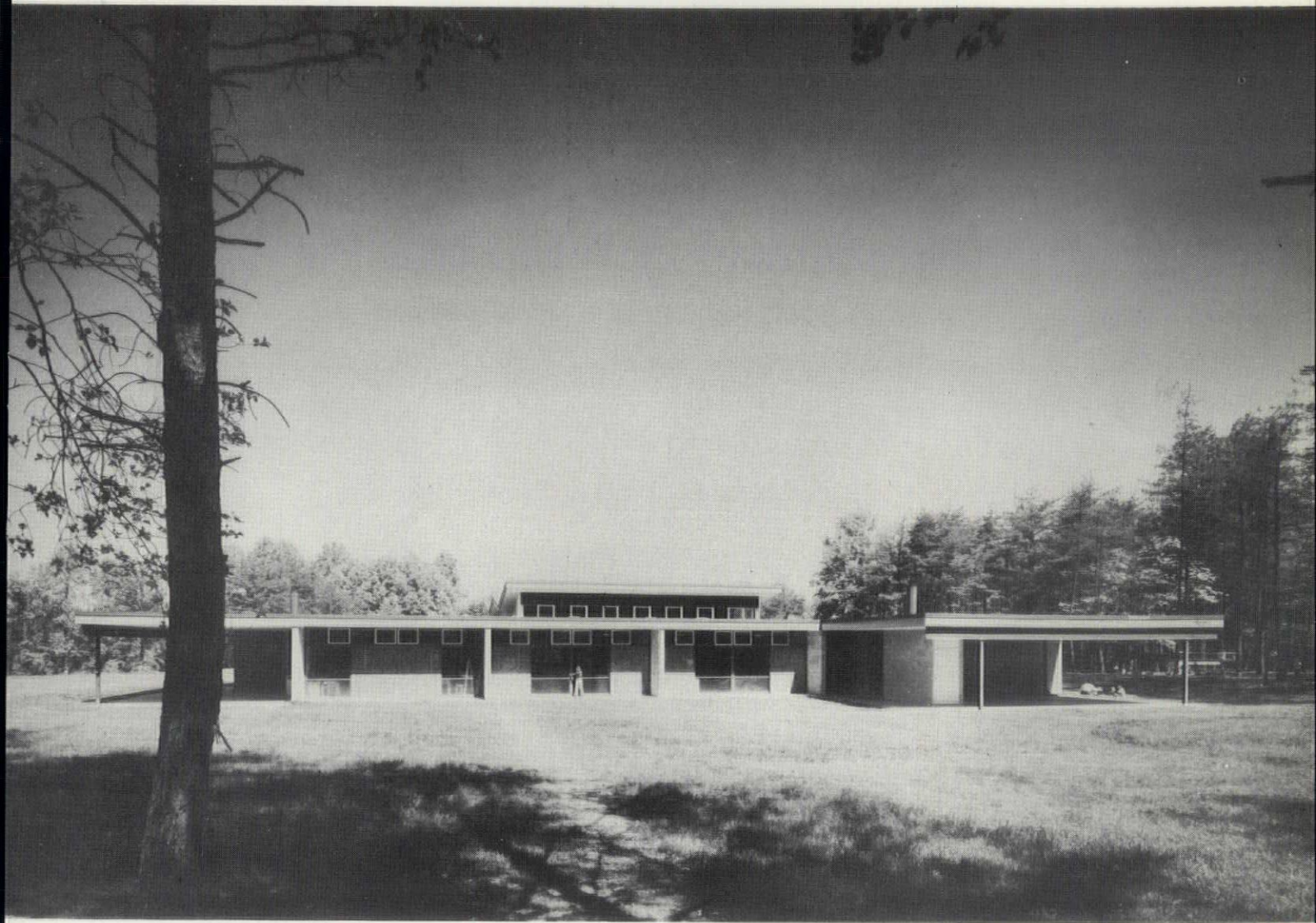
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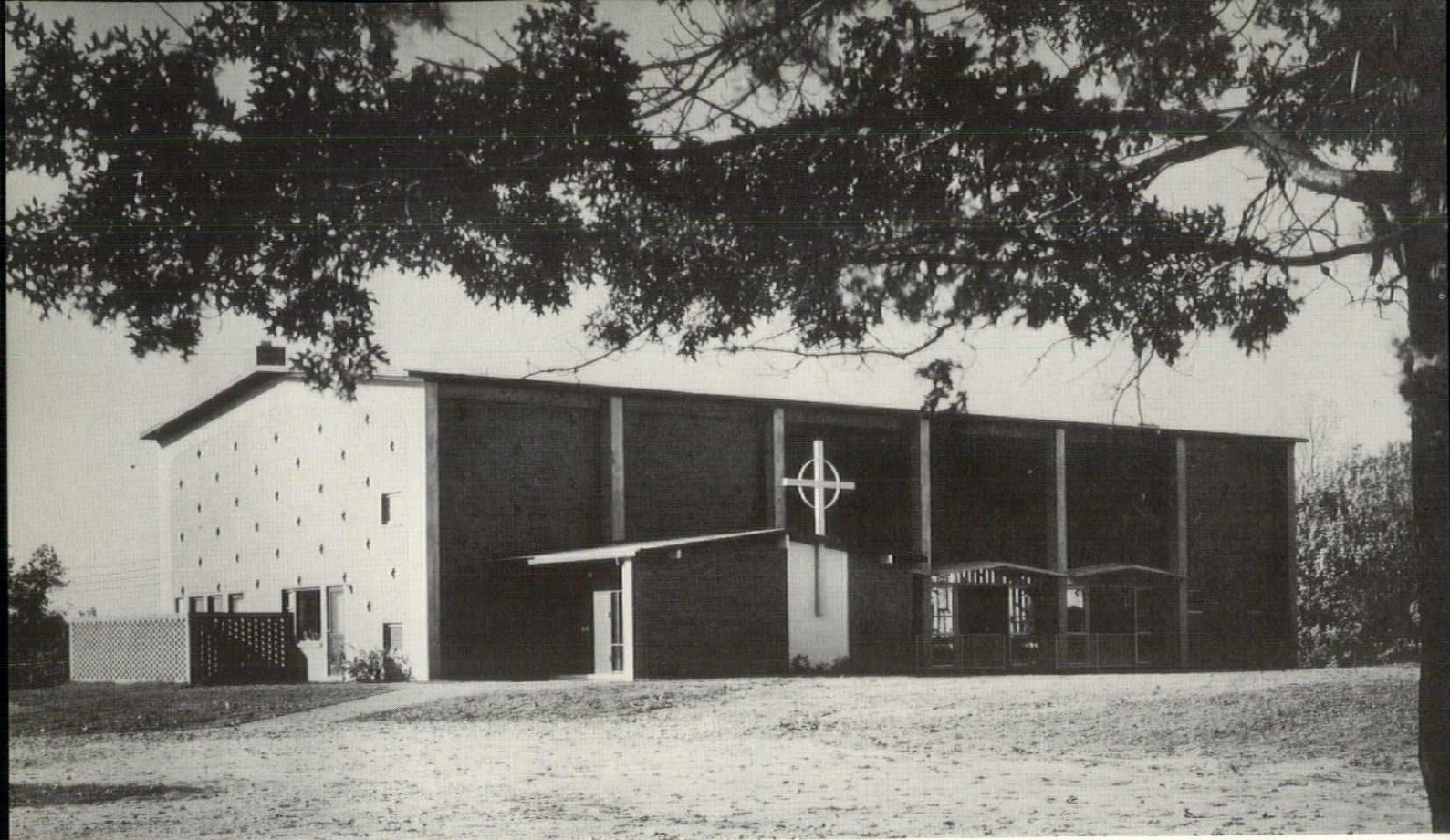


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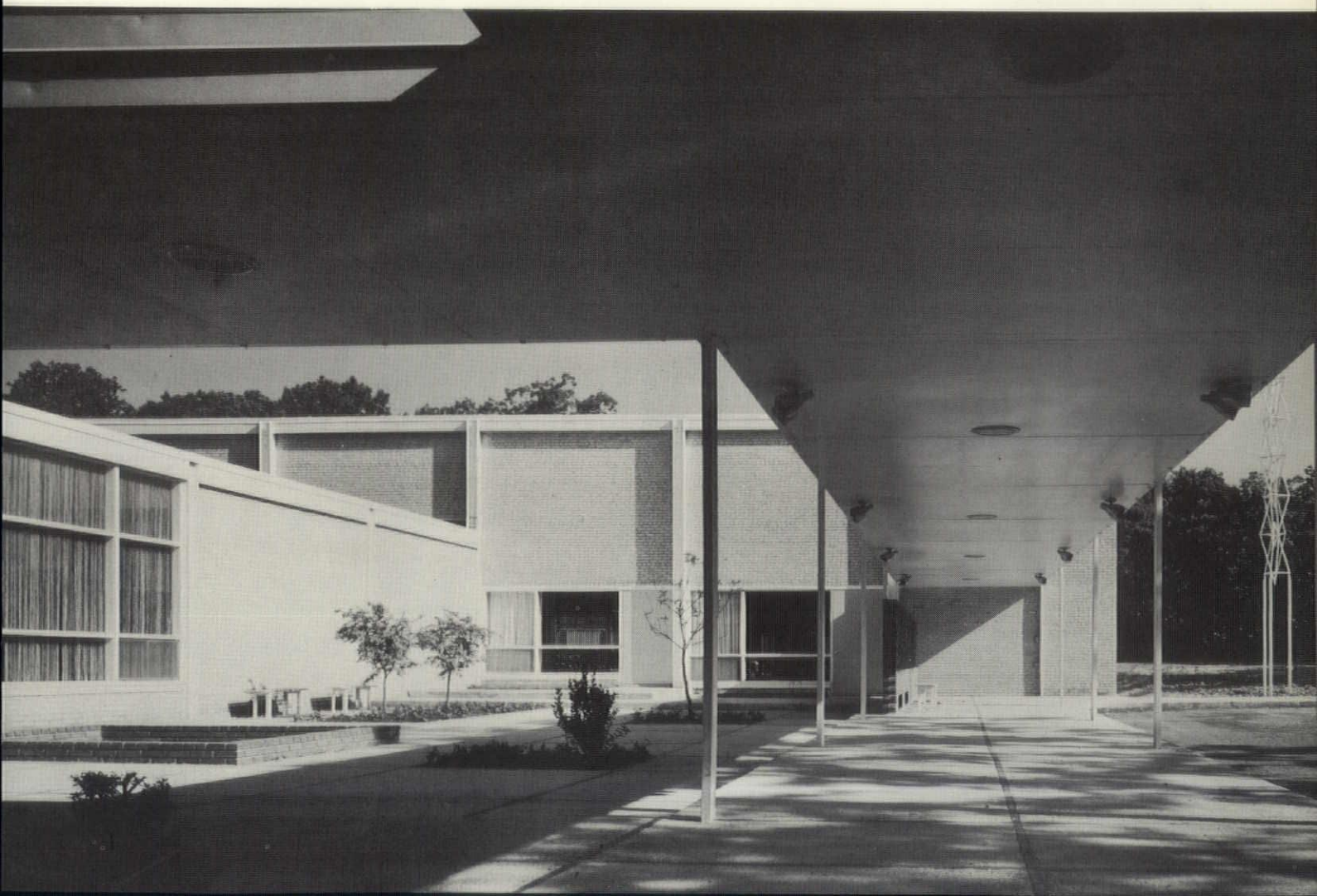
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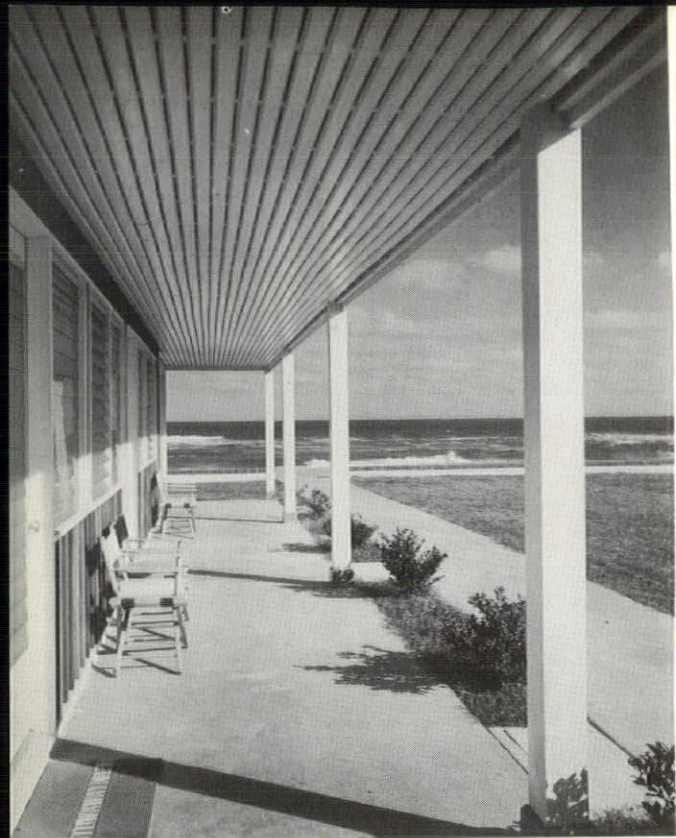
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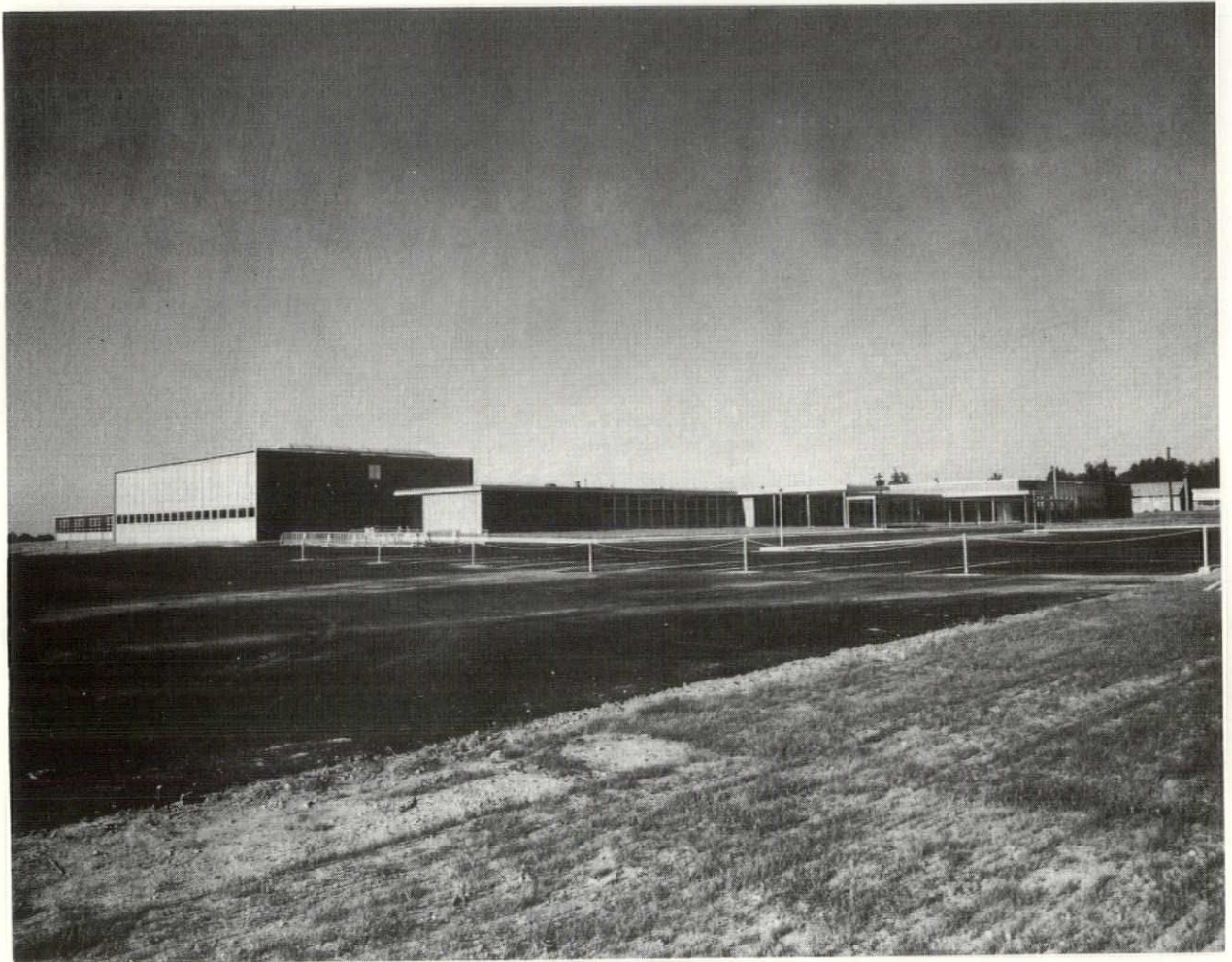
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REPORT OF THE CHAPTER COMMITTEES — 1957-1958

The following is a condensed report outlining the more important achievements of various Chapter Committees. However, it does not thoroughly cover all of the routine work that goes on in a year. One of the most outstanding achievements of the Chapter is the participation of the members in Chapter affairs.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Jack Moore

Total membership to date is 70, consisting of:

- 52 Corporate Members
- 11 Associate Members
- 6 Unassigned Members
- 1 Honorary Member

This is an increase of 3 Corporate, 2 Unassigned, and 2 Associate Members during the past year.

Attendance at regular monthly meetings averaged 26 members, with the following in perfect attendance: Arthur, Cromar, Dennison, Elliott, Englehardt, Kea, Senseman, White, and Soule.

Election Meeting in May 1958 was attended by 38 members as compared with 27 at the same meeting in 1957.

EXHIBIT AND COMPETITIONS

Chairman, Jack Samperton

The work of this committee culminates with the Awards Dinner and Exhibition on June 5, 1958, at Indian Spring Country Club.

The biennial competition for awards in architecture was held on May 23, 1958, with judgment at Kenwood Country Club. The Jury consisted of the following distinguished architects: Thomas K. FitzPatrick, George Matsunoto, and Hugh Stubbins. Approximately 100 entries were submitted; awards are announced elsewhere in this issue.

OFFICE PRACTICE

Chairman, Milt Prassas

The first meeting of this committee was held on October 3, 1957, at which the following objectives were selected for accomplishment:

1. Review proposed Standard A.I.A. Owner-Architect Agreement forms.
2. Conduct seminars on matters pertaining to office practice.
3. Conduct the work of developing a Chapter booklet pertaining to architects' services and a schedule of minimum fees.

Reproductions of the Owner-Architect forms were distributed to the general membership and a seminar for the review of these documents was held on February 13, 1958, with 18 members in attendance. The final report of this committee on these forms was transmitted

to the A.I.A. Document Review Committee with the general recommendation that the forms not be published in their present state and with many specific recommendations in detail.

Seminars on taxes and Owner-Architect agreements were held and proved to be very informative to the members who attended.

The Architect-in-Training Program was reviewed and submitted to President Englehardt with suggestions relative to its operation within the Chapter.

As the majority of committee time was spent on the contract forms, the development of a Chapter booklet on services and fees will necessarily be referred to next year's Office Practice Committee.

JOINT ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY

Chairman, John McLeod

In May 1957 the Potomac Valley and Washington-Metropolitan Chapters were requested by the Montgomery County Board of Education to form a joint committee for the purpose of considering mutual problems relating to selection of architects for school projects, architects' services, site selection, a proposal for a staff architect, and an Architectural Review Board and school construction standards.

A committee of six members was formed, three from the Potomac Valley Chapter and three from the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter. Informative, detailed, well-written reports on the following items were submitted to the Board of Education on dates as noted:

November 26, 1957—Criteria for Selection of an Architect for School Projects

January 28, 1958—Site Selection

January 28, 1958—Study of Proposal by the Board of Education for a Staff Architect and an Architectural Review Board

March 4, 1958—The Services of an Architect

May 1, 1958—Study of the Building Standards Recently Adopted by the Board of Education

At this writing these reports are in the process of being reproduced in printed form for distribution to the members of the two Chapters and to other interested parties. This Chapter is very appreciative of the cooperation of the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter for their outstanding contribution to this committee.

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Chairman, Andrew H. MacIntire

Although at the beginning of the meeting season the membership decided they did not wish to have many people appear before them at the regular meetings, in order that business might be the prime factor at such meetings, the Chapter luncheons were visited by Admiral Hartwig, speaking for civilian defense, Judge Reeves, with a word of advice on possible

architectural legislation, new A.I.A. films were shown and various other guests appeared before the members at regular luncheons. The Executive Committee considered a proposal for a legislator's garden party, but recommended it be tabled for an early fall activity.

SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE FOR PROPOSAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Co-Chairmen, Andrew H. MacIntire and George H. Schoneberger, Jr.

When it became apparent that the School of Fine Arts at Maryland University was to be expanded, this committee was formed in order to try to interest them in a long range or immediate possibility of including architecture in the curriculum. It was the hope of the committee that the University might take the step which could some day result in a top school of Architecture within the State of Maryland, where none now exists. The Committee met with Walter Taylor of the Octagon staff, always in the foreground in matters of this nature. A report was written and together with Chapter president the request for consideration was laid before University authorities. Although no concrete results were achieved at this time, we are glad to say that the Chapter's suggestion was favorably received and may yet result in some favorable action.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICATION

Chairman, Ben Elliott

The chief endeavor of the Public Relations Committee has been the publication of the monthly issues of the P.V.A. This special awards issue of the P.V.A. is a supreme effort on the part of this committee to do a job worthy of the Chapter. (More about this issue on page 2.) Other publications prepared by this committee were the "If You Want To Build" booklet, which is generally directed to the prospective client, and the roster printed in the early part of the year, listing the officers, members, committees and chairmen of the Chapter and 6 points on the "Value of the Architect". All of these publications are directed to County officials, both Prince Georges and Montgomery counties, school boards, state officials and to other A.I.A. Chapters throughout the country. Our Chapter has received praise from many quarters on our monthly publication and many other Chapters have appealed to us to use our P.V.A. as a guide.

Our committee has successfully and regularly released news items to local and Washington papers on various Chapter activities and news about Chapter members. Our architects have been speakers at High School Career Nights to tell the story of the architect and his place in the world.

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