THE 1960
AWARDS JURORS

The Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was honored to have this distinguished group judge our Second Biennial Awards Competition:

Morris Ketchum, Jr. FAIA of New York City. Graduate of Columbia University in 1928 and the Fontainbleau School of Fine Arts, Paris. Founded the firm of Ketchum, Gina and Sharp in 1934. Noted for design of schools and commercial buildings, among which are: Alexander's Department Store, R. H. Macy Store, both in New York, the United States Embassy in Morocco, the New York State Office Building in Albany, and entire city plan in Arizona. Mr. Ketchum is a member of the Rye, N.Y., planning commission, a member of the New York Building Congress, and President of the New York Architectural League. He has taught at Yale University, New York University, Cooper Union and Pratt Institute.


Alexander Cochran AIA of Baltimore. Educated at the Gilman School 1931, Princeton University, A.B., 1935, Yale School of Architecture 1937, and Harvard School of Design, B.Arch., 1939. Mr. Cochran received the National American Institute of Architects honor award in 1951 for the Cochran house. He founded the firm of Alexander Cochran in 1945, now known as Cochran, Stephenson and Wing. His principle works include the Cochran House, the Race Office Building, the Flag House Courts housing project, Hanover Shopping Center, Johns Hopkins medical dormitory, all in Baltimore. He is a member of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association and has taught at Goucher College, Johns Hopkins, Harvard and McCoy College.

REPORT OF THE JURY

The jury's comments on each award winner are as follows:


We admire the organization of the plan and the provisions made for future expansion. The structure should be very successful when fully completed. The use and beauty of materials, the handling of detailed design, the appropriate use of stone and wood and the masterful handling of a rather complicated roof structure is outstanding. The design details of windows, walls and the chancel screen are certainly commendable and deserving of an Award of Merit.

SCHOOL—Joseph Miller, Architect

The plan of this school is excellent. It gives the appearance of having much freedom and clean disposition of space. Provision for future conversion of covered play area to multipurpose room is noteworthy. The use of an exposed steel frame, the clean detailing of the window walls and the outdoor teaching area are commended.

FLINT HILL GROUP HOUSING—Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects

The site planning of this project indicates a high regard for keeping the natural state of the existing site. This development can well serve as an example for all subdivision work. The quality of the planning of the houses, the exterior expression, the use of materials and the site planning make this one of the most outstanding housing projects we have ever seen in the East.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE SPEECH BUILDING—McLeod & Ferrara, Architects

The concept of the plan for a very specialized use is extremely good. The ring plan with angled walls appears to be a good solution to the problem of acoustics. We regret that the ring was not larger, thereby giving a more spacious inner court, and we feel that the detailing could have been more sophisticated.

HYATTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Elliott & Macniff, Architects

The straightforward plan takes advantage of the site and should go well with the future church. The chief reason for giving this an award is the very high quality of the window design and fenestration and the relationship of the windows and walls. There is a good use of horizontal sun louveres.

BEAUVOIR NURSERY SCHOOL—Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects

This shows a sensitive handling of plan and fits the site well. The use of exterior materials and the sensitive scale is noteworthy. We regret the use of the ramp design which is out of conformity with other materials.

RESIDENCE—Harold Esten, Architect

This is a creative and imaginative plan. The detailing of the glass and structural members is commended. The three dimensional handling of space in the living room is commended and the jury gave an award of merit for this creative use of space for living. The jury regrets that the dining room balcony was not omitted.

RESIDENCE—Cohen, Haft & Associates, Architects

The architect carried off a tour de force which was difficult. The shape of the house should not be convincing but is convincing. This plan (continued on page twenty-two)
LIST OF AWARD WINNERS

GROUP I — RESIDENTIAL
DIVISION A-1 — CUSTOM — UNDER $25,000
Award of Merit
Harold Lionel Esten, Architect
Thomas Stephens, General Contractor
Miss Bernice Nelson, Owner
Clifton, Fairfax County, Virginia
DIVISION B-1 — CUSTOM — OVER $25,000
Award of Merit
Cohen, Hart & Associates, Architects
Thomason Donovan, Landscape Architect
Dr. and Mrs. David Eden, Owner
7109 Crail Drive, Bethesda, Maryland

GROUP II — PUBLIC BUILDINGS
DIVISION A — SCHOOLS
Award of Merit
Joseph Miller, Architect
Lindon Construction Co., General Contractor
Town and Country School, Owner
Silver Spring, Maryland
DIVISION A — SCHOOLS (RELIGIOUS)
Honorable Mention
Elliott and Macintyre, Architects
Demory Brothers, General Contractor
Hyattsville Presbyterian Church, Owner
Hyattsville, Maryland
DIVISION A — SCHOOLS
Honorable Mention
McLeod & Ferrara, Architects
Mirando Inc., General Contractor
Gallaudet College, Owner
Washington, D.C.
DIVISION A — SCHOOLS
Honorable Mention
Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects
Stirling Construction Co., General Contractor
Beaurevoir Elementary School, Owner
Washington, D.C.
DIVISION B — CHURCHES
Award of Merit
Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects
Pietro Belluschi, Consulting Architect
E. A. Baker, Contractor
Unitarian Church of Montgomery County, Owner
Kensington, Maryland
GROUP IV — GROUP HOUSING
Award of Merit
Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects
Bennett Construction Co., General Contractor
Bennett Construction Co., Owner
Bethesda, Maryland
GROUP VI — DETAIL
Award of Merit for Detail
Keyes, Lethbridge & Condon, Architects
Pietro Belluschi, Consulting Architect
E. A. Baker, Contractor
Unitarian Church of Montgomery County, Owner
Kensington, Maryland
Honorable Mention
Harold Lionel Esten, Architect
Cook Enterprises, General Contractor
Mr. and Mrs. George Katinas, Owner
Bethesda, Maryland

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.

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OUR HARD WORKING AWARDS COMMITTEE arrange mounts for display at competition on May 10. Eugene Delmar (standing) and Andrew MacIntyre.
AWARD OF MERIT

RESIDENCE MISS BERNICE NELSON, CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

HAROLD LIONEL ESTEN, ARCHITECT
AWARD OF MERIT

RESIDENCE DR. AND MRS. DAVID EDEN, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

JACK C. COHEN, ARCHITECT

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HONORABLE MENTION
RESIDENCE MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KATINAS, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
HAROLD LIONEL ESTEN, ARCHITECT
AWARD OF MERIT
TOWN AND COUNTRY SCHOOL
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
JOSEPH MILLER, ARCHITECT

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HYATTESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND
ELLIOTT AND MACINTIRE, ARCHITECTS

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HONORABLE MENTION
GALLAUDET COLLEGE SPEECH BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.
MCLEOD AND FERRARA, ARCHITECTS

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HONORABLE MENTION
BEAUVOIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.
KEYES, LETHBRIDGE AND CONDON, ARCHITECTS
AWARD OF MERIT
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
KENSINGTON, MARYLAND
KEYES, LETHBRIDGE AND CONDON, ARCHITECTS
PIETRO BELLUSCHI, CONSULTING ARCHITECT

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AWARD OF MERIT
BENNETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BETHESDA, MARYLAND
KEYES, LEATHBRIDGE AND CONDON, ARCHITECTS
AWARD OF MERIT
RESIDENCE MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KATINAS
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
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AWARD OF MERIT
UNITARIAN CHURCH OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
KENSINGTON, MARYLAND
KEYES, LETHBRIDGE AND CONDON, ARCHITECTS
NEAR THE END of a hard day's judging, jurors and chapter members study an interior detail. Seated (left to right), Morris Ketchum, Jr. and Alexander Cochran, standing (left to right), Eugene Delmar, Percival Goodman, Andrew MacIntire and Jack Cohen.
AWARD WINNING BUILDING MATERIALS

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AN IMPORTANT MIDDLE ATLANTIC DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING will take place on June 23, 1960 at the Octagon in Washington, D.C., according to a recent announcement of Daniel A. Hopper, Jr., Middle Atlantic AIA Director. The program starting at 11:00 A.M. will include refreshments, buffet luncheon and an afternoon discussion and exchange of ideas on the activities of the Middle Atlantic District. Ron Sensenam is chairman of the event and while chapter presidents and past presidents are individually invited, the committee notes that all other interested chapter members are also welcome.

Anyone interested in attending should contact President Stan Arthur.

TWO PVA CORPORATE MEMBERS have recently announced their association in the firm of Bartley-Davis and Associates. They are John A. Bartley AIA and Warren D. Davis AIA. The offices of the new firm are located at 2311 University Blvd., West, in Wheaton, Md., and the telephone number is Lockwood 5-3317.

ARCHITECTS' REPORT, the quarterly publication of the Baltimore Chapter, will devote its July issue to the Recreation field. The issue will deal not only with the obvious parks and playgrounds theme, but also will include discussions of theatrical architecture, club design and other architecture in the area of active and spectator recreation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

— Organization of a Chapter Affairs Committee under Ron Sensenam who is a member of the National Affairs Committee of AIA.
— Appointment of chapter member David Shaw to the interim committee for the proposed Art Center in Montgomery County. In order to maintain continuity, Mr. Shaw was also pointed to a committee that has been formed by the Montgomery County Council to study the possibility of a public Cultural Art Center in the county.
— Chapter representation by Jack Cohen at Montgomery County Council hearings on changes to zoning ordinances.
— Chapter activity in receiving assurances from Maryland authorities that a change in the Maryland Code will be sought to have a member of the Potomac Valley Chapter appointed to the Architectural Review Board.
— A successful 1960 Biennial Awards Competition and Dinner.
— Attendance at the 1960 AIA San Francisco Convention by Delegates Elliott, Cohen, Englehardt, Morris and Sensenam. These and many other activities serve to show a busy and successful year for the Potomac Valley Chapter AIA.
STANLEY H. ARTHUR, President

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Stan received his architectural training at the University of Illinois from which he received a B.S. in Architecture in 1937. In 1939 he was the runner-up for the Francis I. Plym Traveling Fellowship in Architecture.

Stan’s offices are in Bethesda, Md., where he hung out the shingle in 1950. With his wife, Mary, and three children—Susan, Bruce, and Stan, Jr.—he resides in nearby Chevy Chase.

Art and music are his hobbies and he holds two first prizes for his water colors which have been exhibited throughout the country. When not painting, you’ll find Stan busy with pencil sketching.

Long active in the Potomac Valley Chapter, Stan has worked on committees and served as Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors.

A strong believer in the need for the architect to practice personal public relations through community activities, Stan is active as a member of Bethesda-Cherry Chase Rotary Club; Board of Management of the Bethesda Y.M.C.A.; Board of Directors of Camp Echo Lake; Troop Committee, Troop 52, Boy Scouts of America; Bethesda-Cherry Chase Chamber of Commerce; Washington Board of Trade; and Columbia Country Club.

JACK C. COHEN, Vice President

A native of Washington, D.C., Jack studied architecture at Catholic University where he graduated cum laude in the class of 1949 and where also he was a member of Sigma Xi, engineering fraternity.

Since he began his practice in 1953 he has specialized primarily in apartments and housing. Len Haft, our Public Relations and Publications Committee Co-chairman, joined Jack’s firm in 1955 and in 1958 they formed the firm of Cohen, Haft and Associates.

Among the awards which Jack’s firm has received are the Potomac Valley Competition, 1958; Washington Board of Trade Competition, 1959, and Potomac Valley Competition, 1960. Long active on the Office Practice and Housing Committees of Potomac Valley, Jack has also served as Treasurer of the chapter.

A sailboating enthusiast, Jack spends his leisure hours at his cottage on Fenwick Island with his wife and three children — two girls and a boy.

THEODORE R. Cromar, Jr., Secretary

Ted Cromar, our retiring director, Ted Thomen, practice architecture under the firm name of Thomen and Cromar, Silver Spring, Md. Ted, who studied at the University of Maryland and the University of Virginia, carried on

DENNIS W. MADDEN, Treasurer

Denny has been especially helpful in the chapter in his role as chairman of the Committee on Special Programs and Meetings. A graduate of the class of 1943 at Catholic University, he is a partner in the firm of Walton and Madden in Mt. Rainier, Md.

A resident of College Heights Estates, Md., where he lives with his wife and six children, Denny is a member of the College Park Rotary, Washington Board of Trade, Washington Building Congress, and the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are golf, reading and all spectator sports.

JOHN E. Moore, Director

Jack Moore, our veteran chairman of the Membership Committee, was educated at the University of Michigan. In 1955 he became registered in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. A member of the firm of Collins-Kronstadt & Associates, he is also active as a site planning consultant to several architects. His hobbies are fishing and golf.

BENJAMIN P. Elliott, Director

Stepping down after a successful year as President, Ben will serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors.

He has been active in affairs of the chapter since its organization, with special emphasis on public relations where he served as chairman of the Committee on Public Relations and Publications.

Born in Washington, D.C., Ben is a graduate of Catholic University in the class of 1948. He currently practices as a member of the firm of Elliott and Maclntire in Silver Spring, Md. With his wife, Mary, and children—Paul, 11, and Sarah, 7—he lives in Potomac, Md.
THE CHAPTER'S YEAR

ANNUAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS 1959-1960

The following are reports of committee chairmen who submitted resumes of their committee's activities during the past year. The Chapter is indeed grateful to Milton Prassas, our vice president, who co-ordinated the work of the committees and reviewed their reports.

BUILDING AND ZONING CODES

Jack Samperton, Vice Chairman

The Committee consulted with Mr. Broda of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to discuss the Master Planning of Montgomery County. Mr. Broda has been most cooperative and expressed approval of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects being most concerned with the Zoning Problems.

HISTORICAL AND CHAPTER HISTORY

Edwin B. Morris, FAIA, Chairman

Six loose-leaf binders are the repository of information on architects in the Potomac Valley dating back to 1933, which someday may become the chief source of chapter history.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

John E. Moore, Chairman

There is a total of 90 members: 64 corporate members, 11 associate members, 13 unassigned members, 2 emerite members. From May 17, 1958 to September 1959, we gained 6 corporate members, 1 associate and 1 unassigned, a total gain of 8 members. By April 1960, we had 97 members, with a total gain of 20 members.

The average attendance for 1960 was 28 members per meeting. So far this year 5 men have had perfect attendance. April, 1960 we had the largest regular attendance — 44 members and guests.

OFFICE PRACTICE

David Shaw, Chairman

This committee decided to devote most of its effort toward the establishment of a recommended fee schedule for the Potomac Valley Chapter. Subsequent meetings dealt with the means of assembling information concerning present fee practices. It was decided that a questionnaire should be sent to corporate members in an effort to help determine existing practices and to evaluate the adequacy of such fees charged. This questionnaire has been sent to all corporate members.

A sub-committee headed by Ted Cromar represented the Office Practice Committee at a joint meeting with the Office Practice Committee of the ABC. There were sixteen points discussed, all of which it was thought would be to the benefit of owners and contractors. The ABC took this information back to their office to prepare a report suitable for presentation to our Chapter. We are still waiting for this presentation.

EDUCATION

Andrew H. MacIntire, Chairman

Little work has been done by this Committee. There is no further interest on the part of Maryland University towards an architectural school. Members of the faculty expressed their interest and material was submitted by the Chapter, gathered from Walter Taylor of the Octagon, and was left with them.

Subsequently the School of Engineering considered, but only on the basis of a study report. Information was given to them, but we have been unable to obtain information as to the nature of that report, other than the Engineering Department is not considering the establishment of an Architectural Department in the near future.

The Baltimore Chapter has shown more than a passing interest for a school of architecture. Recommendation is made that future education committees will remain in contact with both schools of the University, and with the Baltimore Chapter in connection with the matter at Maryland University.

EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS

Andrew H. MacIntire, Co-chairman

The 1960 Biennial Competition has been judged and preparations are being made for the awards dinner on June 7th.

Upon completion of the entire competition and awards dinner, we will forward an analysis of the problems encountered. Suggestions by individual members: (1) omission of color work, (2) omission of elaborate mounts and presentations, (3) standardizing of all mounts to 40 x 40 only. Early establishing of these items would be a fine thing to do as it can not be done by the committee three or four months prior to the actual competition.

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Paul Kea, Co-chairman

The Mything property in West Virginia was sold at public auction. It was purchased by the Romney Women's Club of Romney. This committee helped with the restoring of this property.

The Potomac Valley Chapter assisted with the restoring of the Master's house. The completion date was 1958. This house can be seen at Annapolis Road and Kenilworth Avenue. Before the Dr. Ross house was torn down, measurements were taken and are now on file at the Library of Congress. This house was formerly located in Bladensburg, Md.

This committee aided the Prince Georges Historical Society with the Snowden House, Laurel, Md., a beautiful historical building.

REGISTRATION AND LEGISLATION

Paul Kea, Co-chairman

This committee wishes to advise that no cause for action has developed concerning legislation, being an off year in the Maryland Legislature.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Stanley Arthur, Chairman

This committee's activities for the past year were handled completely by the Joint Advisory Committee to the Board of Education of Montgomery County.

Several meetings were held during the year, and discussions with action to be taken regarding the questionnaire put to us by the Citizens Committee on School Construction. A joint meeting was held on January 6, 1960. All architects, structural and mechanical, were asked to work for the Board of Education and invite and attendance was excellent. Questions were answered by the various engineers and architects.

Inasmuch as we have formed this Joint Architectural Advisory Committee to the School Board, and working in close harmony with the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, I recommend this Committee on School Buildings be made a part of the Advisory Committee retaining the members of the Architects' Advisory Committee. The members are: Ronald Sensesman, Paul Kea, Stanley Arthur.

Perhaps our title for this committee should be Architectural Advisory Committee on School Construction.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Dennis W. Madden, Chairman

Early activities were concerned with setting up a Ladies' Night Dinner Dance, on a tentative date of January 30, 1960. The Committee recommended that consideration be given to having a similar program each two years, alternating with the Awards Dinner.

On February 10, 1960, a special lunch program was arranged, sponsored by the MacGregor Lead Company and Winslow Paints. The committee is now completing arrangements for the Biennial Awards Night Dinner, to be held June 7, 1960, at Indian Spring Country Club.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE — PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Charles B. Soule, Chairman

This committee was formed and the work of this committee is continuing.
BEST WISHES TO OUR FRIEND THE ARCHITECT CUSHWA