Near Tragedy in One Act

Executive Board Meeting

Proceedings of the Convention

President's Address

Convention from a Distance
I AGREE WITH MY SON

Near Tragedy In One Act

TIME: Evening in October

SCENE: Hotel Roof at a Convention

PERSONS in the PLAY:

Sir Jerome Stoddard, F. R. I. B. A.?
Guest Toastmaster, A. I. A. — M. S. A.
First Objector, A. I. A. — S. A. W. A.
Second Objector, F. A. I. A. — U. S. A.

Guest Toastmaster

Sir Jerome Stoddard to you I present
A greater man England never has sent.
But Sir Jerome Stoddard, I'll ask, if I may,
When England her war debt to us plans to pay.

Sir Jerome

Now Mister Guest Toastmaster — Oh I say!
I'll give you an answer at some later day.
As my friend Churchill warned me: "Fear not
your traducers
But ever beware of your keen introducers."
Your breweries are large and tremendously busy
But designed in a style that is both strange and dizzy.
Their architecture surely new architecture created
My word! I suggest that they all be cremated.
Your set-back buildings are tall
With interiors I can't go at all
And your hospitals are either too long and too low
Or too tall and built only for show.
On each corner the petrol stations are a joke
Bavarian, Bohemian, Swedish, Baroche
They are void of any art and style that I could see
And I swear I wonder why you let them be.

FIRST OBJECTOR

I demand, Sir, that you stop this silly puttering,
Your talk has been indecent and insulting;
We've held our patience long enough, so now you stop this foolish stuff.
I demand you cease at once: We've had enough!

SECOND OBJECTOR

I agree with my son, for he is quite right.
You've insulted us enough for this one night
I can restrain myself no longer. Will I forget it? Never!
I'll remember this outrage for almost ever.

SIR JEROME

I'm still the talker. I have the floor,
But I can't shout above this roar
So, Mr. Secretary, before they show me to the door
Will you tell them Merrie England I've not
Seen much to my shame.
I'm from Chicago and it's Briese that is my name.

CURTAIN****
CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14—
Meeting of Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A.,
city club, Milwaukee. 12:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15—
Meeting of Board of Directors of Seventh
District, Builders club, Milwaukee. 12
noon.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16—
Meeting of State Executive Board, city
club, Milwaukee. 12:15 P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20—
Monthly Meeting—District No. 7,
Globe Hotel, 803 E. Wisconsin Ave.,
Milwaukee. 12:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29—
Monthly Meeting—District No. 6,
Memorial Union Building, Madison.
6:15 P. M. in the Lex Vobiscum Room.

Notice of Special Meeting of State
Association of Wis. Architects

The Third annual convention directed the board of directors to call
a special meeting for the purpose of voting upon proposed changes and
additions to the Constitution and By-Laws.

In accordance with Article X of the Articles of the Constitution, notice is given herewith of a special meeting of the members of the State Association of Wisconsin Architects, to be held at 3 P. M. November 16, 1934, in the auditorium of the Builders' Exchange of Milwaukee, 744 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the purpose of voting upon the proposed additions and changes in the Articles of the Association and the By-Laws, which proposed additions and changes are printed in full on page 11 and 12
and are numbered, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.

Arthur Seidenschwartz,
Secretary.

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NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Seventh District News

The first meeting of the new
Board of Directors, District No. 7,
was held Friday noon October 26th
at the Builders Exchange. Those
present were Wm. J. Redden, Pres-
ident; Fred Wegner, Secretary; Ar-
thur Kienappel, Arthur Seiden-
schwartz, Vice Presidents; Urban
Peacock, Treasurer. Edwin Kuen-
zli, and Herman Buemming, Direc-
tors; Elmer Johnson was present by
invitation. Monthly luncheon meet-
ings of the Board of Directors will
be held on the Thursday prior to the
monthly meetings. District
luncheon meeting will be held at
12:15 P. M. on the third Tuesday
of each month.

The following committees were
appointed for the fiscal year:

Public Works: Herman Buem-
mimg, Chairman; Peter Brust; Leo
A. Briemlager; Wm. G. Herbst; and
Frank Howend.

Legislative: Mark Pfaller, Chair-
man; Fitzhugh Scott; Edwin Kuen-
zli; Charles Valentine; Walter
Veenedall; Al. Schutte; Albert Key-
mar; and Herbert Ebling.

Employment: Arthur Kienappel,
Chairman; Gilbert Grunwald; Carl
Meyer; Emil La Croix; Henry
Slaby; Ernest Weyland; Wm.
Ames; and Wesley Hess.

Entertainment: Elmer Johnson,
Chairman; Herbert Ebling; Herbert
Grassold; Edward J. Kusserow;
Walter Pollatz; Carl Meyer, John
Bruenck; Walter Mitterhausen;
Ralph Kloppenburg; and George
Spinti.

Resolutions: Edward Kuenzli,
Chairman; Leigh Hunt; Charles
Lesser; Frank Drolshagen; and A.
C. Eschweiler, Sr.

Fair Practice: Urban Peacock,
Chairman; George Spinti; Gilbert
Grunwald; Rogand Kurtz; E. R.
Kegler; Arthur Runzler; and Hugh
Guthrie.

Resolution No. 2: R. H. Bier-
man, Chairman; Roland Razall;
George Kemnitz; Arthur Siewert;
Herman Bruns.

Publicity: Wm. Redden, Chair-
man; and Chairmen of committees.
NOTES ON THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WM. G. HERBST, Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of the State Association of Wisconsin Architects held at the Pfister Hotel, October 20, 1934. Meeting called to order by the President at 10 A.M.

Present were Messrs. Leo A. Brich, Mr. Peter Brust, Mr. Foeller, Mr. Seidenstewicz, Mr. Redden, Mr. Auer, Mr. Eschweiler, Mr. Riley, Mr. Berners, Mr. Stubenauch, Mr. Kirchhoff, Mr. Herbst, and Mr. Scott. Absent Mr. Uthus.

District Advisors at this meeting were Wallace Brown, Mr. Kienappel, Mr. Bayer, Mr. Madsen, and Mr. Jahn.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. The Secretary then read his report of the preceding month which was approved as read.

T. L. Eschweiler reported on the affiliation of the State Association with the American Institute of Architects. He stated that according to the constitution it would be necessary to give a ten day notice to all the members of the association of changes in our By-Laws to conform with the requirements of the compendium prepared by the American Institute of Architects.

William Redden reported that he had received a letter from a candidate for the office of District Attorney asking his endorsement of his candidacy. He was instructed to refer this to the committee on Political Action before replying.

Leon A. Briemayer inquired whether the State Association as a body should not be discouraged by the indiscretions of fellow competitors. It is largely a matter of education and in due time these evils will right themselves, he said.

A. C. Eschweiler, Jr. also brought up that what had been much worse twenty-five years ago than today, and said they are much better today due to the Architectural organizations and Codes of Ethics which have been adopted and fostered in recent years. He suggested that the results of the investigations of the Practice Committee, after a violation has been reported should be published in the Wisconsin Architect and that their publication might be an effective means of restraining future violators of the code.

Edgar Berners stated that it was his opinion that if the professional services of an architect were properly explained the business men usually connected with a building committee would appreciate that a fee of 6% is a fair compensation for the services to be rendered. Mr. Madsen also commented on the subject and said that it would be impossible to correct all the evils in the profession in a short time, and the State Association being only three years old was going good work.

Leigh Hunt suggested that before any reports of the Practice Committee on violations of the code are published, the advice of our legal advisor be secured, as the publishing of such reports might involve the board in legal controversy.

The treasurer, Mr. Kirchhoff, made his report and stated there is a balance of $199.38 in the treasury.

William Redden suggested that the Executive Board contact the Building Committee of the Stevens Point Church regarding Mr. Madsen's report on the church building program of that city which is requesting competitive sketches.

Edgar Stubenauch inquired whether the State Association as a body is doing anything regarding the advertising campaign which is being sponsored by the Federal Housing Administration. He stated that he contacted the representatives of that body in his district and had urged that they give more recognition to the architects in their publicity campaign.

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The Address of President Leo A. Briemlmaier

My dear Fellow Architects:

It again becomes my privilege to welcome you to our Annual Convention. We are indeed happy to meet with you, particularly those such from distant places with whom we may have been in touch by correspondence during the past year, or the prodigals we have not seen nor heard from since we gathered last in Oshkosh a year ago. We are glad to see you all hale and hearty, and ready to continue our deliberations and plans for the future. We are pleased that so many are still physically and financially able to respond to our Convention Call.

To such of our members who due to ill health or for financial reasons found it impossible to come, we send our greetings and express a wish that they may be with us again twelve months hence.

We regret the loss of several members through death in the last twelve months. Let us keep them in fond memory and resolve at this time to show more consideration and friendship to those who are left, thus adding much to our mutual pleasure and comfort and support to our cause. We all agree the last five years have presented many new problems and obstacles so that we need all the good will and cooperation we can gather together from our ranks to meet the situation.

In regard to the activities of your officers and executive board in the last year, these will be reported to you in detail by our Secretary. I wish to avoid duplication in order to save time for other important discussions and deliberations.

For the future I urge a continuance of the fight we have waged in the last three years against transgressions upon our profession on the part of the Government from Washington down to the various departments of our own municipalities, on the part of the Realtor, the Material Supply Houses, the General Contractor, and what not.

We have in past years, as you know, been very much transgressed upon by Material Supply Houses, Realtors, and Builders who furnish architectural service. We should give serious thought as to what caused this work to be taken from us and whether we ourselves are not to a great extent to blame. Have we in the past given the smaller work the attention it deserved; have we kept abreast of the times and the demands of the building public; have we furnished the kind of plans, specifications and details which might impress our client with the necessity and advantages of an architect; have we given good supervision and protected the interests of our client in a physical and financial way. If we, or even part of our profession has failed in this regard, we have played into the hands of those who say the architect is no more essential. This phase of our professional practice affects even a greater number of our members than the loss of public work, and it behooves us to cooperate closely and try to determine why this business is getting away from us. Some seem to think our professional charges for smaller work are too high and that it is a matter of making free sketches. I venture the opinion it is neither and rather believe that many of our architects are offering free sketches and plans, specifications and supervision at ridiculously low rates, and yet this nuisance of the Realtor, Builder, and Material Supply House furnishing plans continues regardless. Isn't it possible that we sometimes think so little of our ability as architects that it is not surprising we fail to impress our prospective client. I say to you, first satisfy yourself that you can and are willing to do good work, and render your prospective client a valuable service and you will not fail to sell the idea to the client at a correspondingly fair and proper fee. After you have done so, give him what you have promised and you will not have to spend money advertising the fact. When there is little or no work of course as these last four years, this does not apply, but even the worst pessimist does not expect this condition to last indefinitely and now is the time to plan for the future.

The situation as to Public Work has become equally serious. In Washington, the Government operates the largest plan making department in the world. In Madison we have the State Architect, and the Board of Public Instruction and right here we have the Architectural Department of the School Board, the City Engineer, the Board of Public Work, and the Park Board as competitors even though as taxpayers we help to maintain these various bodies. This is an outrageous situation and we have concluded that we have no alternative but to attack this so-called 'Government-in-Business' in a political way. This may be frowned upon as not very ethical, however, there comes a time when we shall have to battle the politician with his own weapons.

We have recently appointed a Political Activities Committee, who sent out in the Primary and will again in the coming election send out to each candidate a questionnaire to be signed and witnessed declaring his position on this subject most important to us and equally affecting the entire building industry. The candidates are either with or against us, and we are entitled to know what we have to expect and where it is to our interest to lend our support. While this new movement is still in its infancy, we are satisfied with the results already achieved and its future possibilities. I tell you, gentlemen, this situation will never correct itself but will grow worse unless a nationwide campaign of the entire architectural profession, yes in fact the whole building industry is organized to defeat it. Whether this should be conducted through the State Societies or the better and more widely organized American Institute of Architects I am not prepared to say at this time. I believe however that a step in the right direction would be a group or association membership in the A. I. A., so that this national body when it speaks, truly represents the full architectural strength of the Country. I have requested the Resolutions Committee to prepare a proper draft, and which when presented I would recommend to this Convention to approve authorizing your Executive Board to give the necessary consideration to the requirements and to take such action as they see fit. It should be understood by all that this group membership in the A. I. A. involves no dues to the individual and only a
comparatively small annual fee for the Association. Such a membership is the same as our present group membership in the Building Congress. It should be clear that only by combined action can we look for results.

We have within the last week written letters to the Presidents of the Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, and Indiana Societies, telling them what we have started to do here, asking their reaction to it, and suggesting that a conference on the subject be held. We have already received several interesting replies from these sources — heartily endorsing our program and assuring us of their co-operation. We hope to make this the nucleus of a nationwide campaign. Let me say further that such a fight or campaign can not be waged without the active support and co-operation of every individual in every district so it may be carried into every county and hamlet in the Country. We architects have in the past been too much concerned with ourselves and our fellow architect and paid too little attention to what was going on around us and our profession. It is not too late now to decide that there is still room and need for architects and what we are going to do to stay in business.

In regard to a State Code, let me say for your further information. This was referred by me to a Committee of four members, who have given the subject much study and consideration, held many meetings, prepared a tentative code for your consideration and sent out a questionnaire to each member asking him whether he is in favor of this or a similar code, or opposed and if so to make his criticisms and suggestions. This Committee when appointed was considered by me as exceptionally qualified and impartial on this subject. According to the 1932-1933 roster of the Board of Examiners, there are 308 registered architects in Wisconsin with an additional thirty suspended for non-payment of dues.

Of this number, between 75-80 have replied to the questionnaire sent out with the August issue of the Wisconsin Architect, about sixty percent of these being from the Seventh District.

I urge the return of these questionnaires, filled out either for or against, so it can be determined whether or not you want a State Code.

It should also be known that it will involve approximately Five Hundred Dollars to cover the State's charges for filing this Code.

Now, gentlemen, please let us know your decision in this important matter. Your Committee has spent months in studying, formulating and presenting this to you for your consideration, and is entitled to know what disposition you wish made of the matter.

Experience has proven that a number of changes are advisable in our By-Laws. This applies to our current year for dues to run from October 1st to October 1st, in order that the books can be closed before the election at the Annual Convention. It is further felt that half the number of directors be elected for two years in order that the current activities and business of the Association may carry over without interruption or delay. An entirely new board, it can be expected would be somewhat lost as to what has taken place in the preceding year.

Another matter for your consideration is the expense involved by directors in attending the board meetings. In the past 2½ years this was borne by the individual, however wouldn't it be more fair and reasonable at least to reimburse members for transportation from distant places. For your information, your board has held monthly meetings, and we are greatly obligated to some of our members who have spent much time and expense in attending.

Again, it may be advantageous to have annual dues collected in each District and then turned over to the Association Treasurer.

Some weeks ago I appointed a committee to prepare in writing resolutions covering these points for your consideration.

Another important matter I must bring to your attention. My fellow architects, your board and officers have worked diligently and untiringly for our cause, and while we have been favored with fine support and co-operation by some Districts, others have even failed to reply to our communications. Now this is not fair, and not right. Many of us have sacrificed day after day endeavoring to solve your problems, and to see where we could be of assistance to each and every member in the State. The "Wisconsin Architect" has not been properly supported. The Editor has repeatedly begged for news and co-operation of the Districts of the State, but without success.

It is with great reluctance that I take it upon myself to call attention to this situation and for the benefit of the new incoming board and officers and the Editor of the Wisconsin Architect ask that it be corrected.

Permit me at the same time to thank many of our members in the ranks who have been very considerate and helpful to us.

I want to thank the Board, fellow Officers, and Committees, for the fine work they have done for the Association and the support given me. I trust the day is not far off when we can point to some substantial results for our efforts.

You will this afternoon elect a new board and officers for the ensuing year. Considering my interest in the welfare of the Association over a period of almost three years, you will not mind my calling attention to another most important matter. I ask you in selecting your board to in all seriousness determine whether the individual is not only fit but also willing to serve. Your board members must attend meetings and unless prepared to do so, please gentlemen, do not accept nominations. It is not fair to your Association and not fair to the other members of the board. I hope also that the time will never come when we permit petty jealousies or prejudices to play a part in our selection. We should be big enough to elect the individuals best fitted for the position regardless of our own personal feelings in the matter. The Association needs the best men available. You will recall that I have through my several terms in office, at every opportunity emphasized as all important a spirit of comradeship in our ranks.

My friends, in closing my message, let me say that I have now served you two and one-half terms, as your president. I want you to know I appreciate the honor and the confidence placed in me and that if I have served you well it shall ever be a source of pleasure to me.

Leo A. Briemaiter, Pres.
The Annual Report of the Secretary

Mr. President and Members:

With your kind indulgence the secretary will give you a resume of his stewardship covering the secretarial work of your association and the Executive Board. There were thirteen meetings held in the past year with an average attendance of 9.3. Of the sixteen directors elected at your last convention one resigned in the past year. To this vacancy the Executive Board elected Arthur L. Seidenschwartz.

The president appointed the following standing committees:

Constitution and By-Laws, Arthur L. Seidenschwartz, Chairman.

Practice Committee, Edgar A. Stubenauch, Chairman.

Resolution No. 2 Committee, Henry Auler, Chairman.

Committee on Legislation, A. C. Eschweiler, Jr., Chairman.

Committee on Code of Ethics, Theodore L. Eschweiler, Chairman.

Architects N. R. A. Code, Thomas L. Rose, Chairman.

Committee on Education, Carl Eschweiler, Chairman.

Committee on Publicity, Leigh Hunt, Chairman.

Small School House Service Bureau, Fitzhugh Scott, Chairman.

Committee on Competitions, A. C. Eschweiler, Jr., Chairman.

Committee on Affiliation of the State Association with the American Institute of Architects, Theodore L. Eschweiler, Chairman.

Committee on Political Procedures, Leigh Hunt, Chairman.

Representatives to the Building Congress, Arthur L. Seidenschwartz, Chairman.

Resolutions Committee, Leigh Hunt, Chairman.

At the November meeting, 1933, the Executive Board directed a resolution to be addressed to the Governor of the State relative to the employment of private architects for State Governmental work and that the State Department of Education be requested to discontinue the furnishing of plans for school buildings beyond a given cubical content. At this meeting the Executive Board also received a communication from the Milwaukee Public Land Commission, inviting the State Association of Wisconsin Architects to assist and advise with them in the problem of Milwaukee's Municipal Housing Project.

One of the most important meetings as to number in attendance was the mass protest meeting held at Madison on November 23, 1933. This was a meeting held jointly with the Building Congress which had an attendance of approximately 300 men who met at the State Capitol to lay their grievances, requests, and desires before the Governor regarding the encroachment of public departments on the private practice of architects and contractors. At this meeting governmental departments were represented as follows: Mr. Ward Rector for the Governor, Mr. Ferebee for the Federal Government, Mr. H. W. Schmidt for the Department of Education, Mr. Peabody the State Architect and Mr. Robert Lynch as a member of the Interim Committee.

A complete transcript of the business of this meeting is on file in the secretary's records.

At the December meeting committees were appointed to follow up the various matters which came up for discussion at the protest meeting at Madison. Transcripts of the Madison meetings were sent to the Governors representative Mr. Recor, Mr. Charles E. Broughton of the Sheboygan Press, Mr. Jos. Marten of Green Bay and Mr. Ickes of Washington, D. C. At this meeting a tentative draft of the by-laws of the Seventh District were also presented to the Board.

At the January meeting replies were read in reference to the Madison protest meeting coming from James Ward Rector, H. W. Schmidt, Mr. Halbert, State Chief Engineer expressing their desire to co-operate with the State Association in matters pertaining to public buildings.

The board also voted to send a letter of regret to the Industrial Commission regarding the illness of Mr. Muehlstein.

The committee on Legislation was instructed to investigate the report that the City Engineer's office of Milwaukee is attempting to establish a large architectural organization for the furtherance of preparing plans for projects which come under his jurisdiction.

The resignation of F. J. Hinton was received by the board and acknowledged. Arthur Seiden­schwartz of the Seventh District was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hinton.

In March the State Association received a communication from the Consistory of Scottish Rite Masonry to assist them in formulating a program of competition and the selection of an architectural advisor for their proposed Scottish Rite Cathedral. The board approved the invitation and the president appointed three members of District No. 7 to act on this committee. The board also voted to sever their relations with the former publisher of the Wisconsin Architect and entered into a new contract agreement with John Holbrook to continue the publishing of the Wisconsin Architect and act as its publisher.

A resolution on the death of Mr. Muehlstein was also authorized by the board and sent to his bereaved family at Madison.

In April a committee consisting of eight members of the State Association met with the Interim Committee at the State Capitol in Madison together with various assemblymen, Officials of the Industrial Commission and the Department of Education. This meeting was called to establish and determine the functions and positions of various public officials who are at the heads of departments, doing architectural work in competition with private architects. These men were all subpoenaed to appear before this board in order to give them an opportunity to tell the members of the State Association the manner in which they function, by what authority and to what extent they are encroaching on the private practice of architects. This meeting was called at 10 o'clock A. M. with an hour's recess at noon and continuing until 5 o'clock P. M.

In May this committee reported to the Executive Board the results of this hearing. As a result of their report, it was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the feasibility of a Small School House Service Bureau. This committee, upon proper motion made by a member of the Executive Board, was appointed by the president.

At this meeting a tentative draft of the Wisconsin N. R. A. Code was submitted and explained, also the necessary procedure to be adopted and the possible expense in connection with the drafting of such a code.

When Corresponding With Our Advertisers Please Mention The Wisconsin Architect
At the June meeting the Executive Board voted to get the necessary information and requirements for affiliation with the American Institute of Architects. The results of this investigation will be part of a separate report by the chairman of the committee which was appointed to investigate this matter.

In July an outdoor meeting was held under a canopy of a clear blue sky and in the shadows of a spreading chestnut tree and knotty pine trees on the shores of one of Wisconsin's beautiful inland lakes. At this meeting the State Association was the guest of District No. 7 at their annual outing. It is common gossip that as a host the Seventh District excelled in every little detail.

At this meeting a general discussion was held by the board attempting to define the right of non-resident architect encroaching in the State of Wisconsin without registration. A committee was then appointed to investigate this matter and also get a proper interpretation from the Examining Board at Madison.

At this meeting the contract with the publisher for the Wisconsin Architect was extended to April 15, 1937. After this meeting which was held under such pleasant surroundings, the board adjourned en masse, and proceeded to indulge in the refreshments which were the piece-de-resistance for the balance of the day.

At the August meeting the board voted that a committee be appointed to draft a questionnaire which is to be sent to all political aspirants to state and national offices. This questionnaire requested them to reply as to the stand they are taking and will take where government agencies and departments interfere and are in competition with the business of private citizens.

Also at this meeting a resolution was drafted and sent to the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department at Washington and to the president of the American Institute of Architects wherein the State Association protests against this department compelling distressed professional men to give up their private practice in order to secure architectural service in the Federal Government.

At the September meeting the Executive Board deemed it advisable to present to the committee that the annual dues commence with October 1st hereafter and that all dues during the interim from June 1st to October 1st be cancelled. Such a resolution will be presented to this convention.

This is a brief summary of the stewardship of your secretary's records for the past year and he hereby submits them for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. G. Herbst,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR YEAR OF OCTOBER 20, 1933 to OCTOBER 20, 1934

Balance in Bank

November 1, 1933 $206.66

Period Receipts for

Total Receipts, for

October 20, 1933 to October 20, 1934 $262.10

Total Disbursements 252.88

Balance from October 20, 1933 to October 20, 1934

Cash in Bank

October 1, 1934 $9.22

Checks issued before October 20th and not cashed before October

1, 1934 $16.50 $16.50

Cash in Bank

OCTOBER 20, 1934 $199.38

Roger C. Kirchoff, Treasurer.

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Leigh Hunt appealed to the advisors for better cooperation during the coming year from their district in sending news items and that they hold meetings at frequent stated intervals.

Leo A. Brielmaier urged that the district advisors present take home with them the thought of closer contact with their fellow members and that such contact can be best accomplished by frequent meetings whether they be of a formal or informal nature. It was the sense of the meeting that such contacts would establish a closer relation and understanding between the members in all districts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.
ing the job for two or three per cent. I shall leave it to your own sense of reason as to how the public can ever place confidence in the architectural profession when its members are the worst violators of its Code of Ethics. If the public realizes that they will have to pay the fee specified in the Code, and that they can not get free sketches, you can rest assured that they will pay the fee and select an architect upon his merits. These are times when the public is beginning to regard the architects with some degree of recognition. The architects have been recognized by the Federal Government, especially in the recent Federal Housing Act and the Home Owners' Loan Corporation. But all this outward favorable recognition is being undermined and destroyed by some members of the State organization, who fail to comply with our Code and adhere to decent business methods. It is true that every organization will have its chiselers, and the architects are not an exception, but the sooner these men are pointed out, the better it will be for the organization.

After these men have been exposed, next the question. "What can be done about it?" Though we have no police powers, we can expel them from the organization, but does this stop them from practicing architecture? The only police powers that we might have are the dictates of our own consciences, and if we expect the public to recognize us and gain a wholesome respect for us, we must place our own house in order first and live up to our Code of Ethics and decent business methods. During a convention we are all enthusiastic about business methods and co-operation with our fellow man, but as soon as a job comes up, you will find the Code of Ethics is forgotten and each of the offenders is out to get the other fellow. The public stands by bewildered and wonder how such a profession can exist. We are at the crossroads. Either we will continue to conduct our business as we have done in the past or live up to our Code of Ethics, which is in harmony with the entire recovery program fostered by the Federal Government. It has been the hope of the committee that the Wisconsin Architect's W. E. R. A. Code would be passed, making it a State law. Many of the members have not yet returned their questionnaires, therefore, possibility of bringing the Code to the attention of the Governor has been delayed. If this Code is adopted and signed by the Governor, we shall have policing powers and can cancel the license of any member violating the Code, and I feel that every member of this organization should help to bring about the signing of this Code. We are helping ourselves in doing so.

Recently, I was talking with one of our State Officials, and he remarked, "It is surprising what poor plans some of the architects prepare. It is no wonder that some of these building committees will go to lumber yards, etc., for plans." If the men in this organization are preparing such poor plans, and it is brought to the attention of the committee, it ought to be in the province of this committee to suggest to these men that they look for a different field of work, since they are not fitted to be architects.

Here is a suggestion that I would like to make in every city in which there are two or more architects — Get together and faithfully pledge yourselves to abide by the Code, as has been done in Madison, which, no doubt, you have read in the Wisconsin Architect. At the close of this convention and until your return to your respective cities, I urge you to call special meetings formulating definite pledge papers and have each architect in the city sign this pledge and notify the Board of Directors of their action. I should like to see a report from all these cities, showing which men sign willingly and those that sign otherwise, so that we can have a record of the stand taken by the men in our organization. When the proper time comes, we will know just where to start weeding out. This will give a definite checkup on every man in the organization.

I have enjoyed the work on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Practice Committee, and I feel that we have made great strides towards uplifting the architectural practice. I would like to see somebody else elected in my place to carry on the work.  

(Signed) Edgar Stubenrauch, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION NO. 2

At our first annual convention held in Milwaukee on the 28th day of October 1932, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas it is a matter of common knowledge that certain building supply firms, chain stores, and other similar organizations have engaged in the practice of supplying architectural services and of constructing buildings and whereas it is our firm conviction that this practice results in inferior design and construction to the detriment of the purchasing public, therefore be it resolved that The State Association of Wisconsin Architects in annual convention assembled do earnestly desire to see such practice end and directs its Executive Board to make every possible effort to secure its discontinuance."

On November 9th, 1932 the Executive Board appointed a committee to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution. The committee began to function immediately and at the convention a year ago reported that one hundred and five firms and individuals engaged in the practice of architectural service in competition with Architects, had been contacted by mail or in personal conference with the chairman. Definite and beneficial effects were felt by the architectural profession throughout the state as a result of that year's work on the part of the committee.

During the past year an additional twenty-five firms or individuals have been contacted, resulting in a further degree of benefit to the Architects.

The Committee can fairly assume that not less than eighty-five percent of these firms are agreed that they have been rendering an unprofitable service and that they would heartily endorse a movement to have this work taken over completely by the Architects.

Of late very few complaints have been registered with the Committee against material men and manufacturers, the principle objections are those filed concerning building contractors who persist in furnishing plans and specifications in competition with the Architects. A concentrated effort should be made to prevent the continuance of this practice, especially in the various localities where such conditions exist.

Perhaps one reason why the manufacturers and material men
have been less aggressive in their supplying architectural service is that in the State and National Recovery Codes a provision was adopted prohibiting this practice. Following is a quotation from the code:


The granting of gratuitous, special discounts, secret rebates, advertising allowances, free samples of commercial size, special services, the issuance of false voices or quotations, or the granting of undue allowances or other special inducements is hereby declared to be an unfair method of competition."

The interpretation of this paragraph by the Code Authority Executive Committee is as follows:

“Our Code Authority has ruled that to furnish free of charge plans of all kinds, either stock or odd, would constitute an unfair method of competition but that the furnishing of a free plan book would not constitute a gratuity or special service.”

It is the opinion of your committee that definite results have been obtained and that this work should be continued.

Henry Auler, Chairman.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee during the past year has concentrated its efforts largely on the work of the Department of Education at Madison and the work of the Milwaukee County School Board Architectural Department.

With respect to the former, the Legislative Committee carried on some correspondence with the Department of Education and engaged the interest of the Interim Committee of the Legislature on governmental expenditures. On April 12 of this year most of the members of the Legislative Committee attended a hearing at the State Capitol before this Interim Committee and presented there the evidence which had been gathered as to the inefficient and uneconomical service which is being rendered by the Department of Education in small school house design. Some of the staff of the Department of Education were summoned before the Committee and questioned at length as to their activities. It is hoped that when the Legislature next convenes, it will be possible to introduce some legislation sponsored by the Interim Committee to curb these activities as they have been carried on in the past.

With reference to the Milwaukee County School Board Architectural Department, your Committee has followed with interest an audit which was made at the instigation of one of the members of the School Board as to the cost of maintaining this Department. Nothing very definite has developed so far from this audit, but your Committee feels that when properly analyzed, it will bear out the general experience of public architectural departments to the effect that they are generally a more expensive method of producing plans and specifications than by employing private architects from time to time as their services are needed.

Your Committee believes that the work of this committee is very important and urges the cooperation of the entire membership in any projects which the new Committee may undertake during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Eschweiler, Jr.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Your publicity committee has furnished the daily newspapers with numerous articles in addition to editing THE WISCONSIN ARCHITECT.

In THE WISCONSIN ARCHITECT have appeared the dates of monthly meetings of the State Executive Board; the Seventh District, Seventh District Board, and the Wisconsin and Madison Chapters of the American Institute of Architects.

Space has always been reserved for the district news.

During the past year, no news has been received from District No. 1, but once from District No. 2; twice from District No. 3; three times from District No. 4; none from District No. 5; twice from District No. 6; eleven times from District No. 7; three times from District No. 8.

This committee feels that a greater effort should be made by the various districts to furnish news of their activities.

There has been published in THE WISCONSIN ARCHITECT the complete copy of the SCHEDULE OF PROPER MINIMUM CHARGES FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, passed at Oshkosh by the Second Annual convention. Also, the TENTATIVE CODE OF FAIR COMPETITION OF WISCONSIN ARCHITECTS.


The contract with Alfred F. Zarse as publisher expired the end of May, 1934. The board did not renew this contract but authorized a new contract with John S. Holbrook which began with the June issue.

Since the change in publishers, the magazine has increased from three pages to 16 in the October issue.

The committee wishes to thank Mr. Holbrook for his fine cooperation and the excellent appearance of the magazine.

A publication of this character should be made as state-wide as possible and it is hoped that during the next twelve months all of the districts will send the editor copies of their monthly meetings and that so many articles will be received as to make it unnecessary for him to write as much as he did.

The advertising due to the efforts of the publisher has steadily increased and the association will shortly be receiving an income each month which may be used by the Association in its campaign for furthering its interests.

The circulation at present is the only one of its kind in Wisconsin. Copies are mailed to all registered resident architects; all county school superintendents; chairmen of county boards; large public libraries; clubs maintaining magazine tables; numerous Wisconsin newspapers; the various State Societies; American Institute of Architects and the advertisers, etc.

Your committee will be very glad to receive constructive criticism, news, personal, dates of district meetings and anything which will improve the magazine and make it truly the result of united action by Wisconsin architects.

Leigh Hunt. Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL SCHOOL HOUSES

In May the president appointed a committee consisting of Peter Brust, Wm. Herbst, William Red-
den and Fitzhugh Scott to investigate the subject of the design of the Small School House with the thought in mind that this work should be handled by the practicing architect rather than by the Department of Public Instruction.

This committee submits the following report:

1. That the interest of the architects and the tax paying public would be better served if the bulk of this work was handled by practicing architects. That the Department of Public Instruction should act in an advisory capacity in assisting the local school boards on questions of education and in determining the requirements of new schools or the remodeling of old ones.

2. To supplant the planning department of the Department of Public Instruction we must offer the school boards and the public assurance that the quality of design and construction will be improved and that the service will be economically sound.

3. This assurance can be given provided the State Association of Wisconsin Architects sponsors this move and that the architects of the State are in full accord in this matter.

4. To function it is the thought of the committee that an advisory board be formed consisting of three highly qualified architects and that it shall be their duty to examine plans in sketch form and to criticize them to look over final drawings and specifications and suggest such changes as seem necessary and to give various School Boards and their architects a written report of their findings. This Board shall be in no sense a planning body.

5. The services of the members of the Board should be compensated by a fee to be paid by the architect employed and your committee suggest that ½ of 1% would be a reasonable compensation for this work. It is the thought that this service should be limited to schools of 50,000 cubic feet or less in content.

6. Questionnaires concerning this report were sent to 17 architects in various parts of the State. Six replies were received, all favoring the adoption of this scheme. However it is absolutely essential that if a scheme of this kind is adopted and we can secure the cooperation of the Department of Public Instruction and various school boards, the scheme should have 100% cooperation from the architects of the State if it is to succeed.

Respectfully submitted,
Fitzhugh Scott, Chairman.

* REPORT OF THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

This committee was appointed at the August meeting of the executive board by the president for the purpose of advancing the interests of the architects by political action.

The first work of this committee was a conference with the Builders Congress of Wisconsin of which the State Association is a member, with the result that the Board of the Congress voted to send a questionnaire to all primary candidates for the legislative offices including federal, state, county and city, requesting their stand on the continuance of the governmental units doing architectural, engineering and construction work.

305 questionnaires were mailed and favorable replies were received from 67 primary candidates, many of whom are candidates at the November election.

This committee is now organizing similar sub-committees in the state who will send questionnaires to all their legislative candidates requesting their stand on the continuance of the government in business, pledging our support to those who favor returning the work of the construction industry to its citizens. The construction industry is the largest capital industry in the United States and pays a large share of the cost of operating the government.

Your committee has corresponded with the Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana architects' associations, urging a united fight to take our governments out of business. So far the replies have been most favorable and we believe when the construction industry is once again recognized as a voting power our pleas will be heard in Washington and in our respective states.

Full reports of the results of this committee's activities will be published after election.

Leigh Hunt, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. President and Members:
Your committee offers the eight following resolutions for your consideration. Only six and seven may be voted upon by this convention assembled. No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 must be voted upon at a specially called meeting of the state association after legal notice.

Resolution No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following section to be known as Section e, Article 1, be added to the By-Laws, which shall read as follows:

Sec. e. The fiscal year of this Association shall be from October 1st to October 1st.

Resolution No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article 6, Section 1 and the first two paragraphs of Section 2 of the Constitution be amended so that when amended, that portion of the sections will read as follows:

Section 1. Four members who are resident practicing architects of this Association elected by the members of the annual meeting of this Association.

Section 2. Paragraph 1. Eight members who are resident practicing architects and members of this Association to be elected and chosen by the advisory counsel.

Section 2. Paragraph 2. Members of the executive board shall be elected and chosen exclusively from the regular membership of this Association and shall hold office for the following terms: The eight members chosen by the advisory counsel to serve for a term of one year. The four members elected by the members at the annual meeting to serve a term of two years. No member who has served two consecutive years may be re-elected until a period of one year has elapsed. No member shall be eligible to office whose dues shall be sixty (60) days in arrears at the date of such election.

Resolution No. 3

Be it resolved that if resolution No. 2 is adopted, the following resolution take place of resolution No. 2 at Fourth annual convention only: Eight members who are resident practicing architects and members of this association to be elected and chosen by the advisory counsel to serve for a term of one year.
That four members who are resident practicing architects of this association be elected by the members for a term of one year and four members be elected for a term of two years.

Resolution No. 4

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following section to be known as Section 7, of Article 2 be added to the By-Laws and that the present sections h, i, and j, be changed to sections i, j, and k, and that Section h, shall read as follows:

Mileage shall be paid to all members of the executive board attending called meetings who reside at a point more than forty (40) miles from the place of meeting. Such mileage to be paid within forty (40) miles of the place of meeting at the prevailing round trip railroad passenger rate between the two points.

Resolution No. 5

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article 7 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

The State of Wisconsin shall be divided into districts with district centers and territorial boundaries. Each district shall have an organization composed of all the members of this association residing or maintaining offices in the said district. In the case of members residing in one district and maintaining an office in another district, such member may designate the district with which he chooses to affiliate. Members residing or maintaining offices in districts may be affiliated with some other district provided that they first make such application in writing stating their reasons for change to the Executive Board and such change is approved in writing by The Executive Board.

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, The building mortgage money market has been demoralized during the past few years, largely due to the many unsound and over-capitalized mortgages which have been made, and

WHEREAS, Most of such unsound mortgages were the result of the inadequate plans and specifications which were used as the basis for the loans, and

WHEREAS, Complete and accurate plans and specifications and adequate supervision are necessary in order to establish the true value of any building prior to its erection, and such service is available only through competent registered architects, and

WHEREAS, The lending public will require and are entitled to assurance of the reasonable safety of their funds before they will again invest their money in building mortgages, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Association of Wisconsin Architects, in annual convention assembled, strongly urge all financial institutions to limit any definite loan commitments on new construction to buildings for which complete plans have been developed and for which arrangements for adequate supervision have been made, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed to all such financial institutions in the State of Wisconsin and to the national and local administration of the Federal Housing Act.

Resolution No. 7

Historic American Building Survey

WHEREAS, The Historic American Building Survey is sponsored by the Office of National Parks Buildings and Reservations of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., also the endorsement and material assistance of the State Historical Society, and is an important step forward in the conservation of our national historic resources, and

WHEREAS, It is inevitable that the majority of our historic structures will at some time outlive their ultimate usefulness and that it is admittedly impractical to preserve all buildings of historic value, and

WHEREAS, It is possible to record in a graphic manner and by photography before it is too late, the exact appearance of these structures as well as other features of value, and

WHEREAS, Satisfactory results were obtained by a staff under the C. W. A. program until the termination of C. W. A. in April, 1934, and

WHEREAS, The resumption of this survey would again give employment in their professional field to many architects and architectural draftsmen now in distressed circumstances, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Director of the Historic American Building Survey in Washington in a communication dated October 13, 1934, instructed the State Director of the H. A. B. S. in Wisconsin to proceed immediately with the completion of the work of the survey, and to apply to the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration for the necessary staff and funds, and

WHEREAS, Several requests have been made to the Works Division of W. E. R. A. for approval of a project for continuance of the H. A. B. S. in the State of Wisconsin, and that this resumption of work will aid in relieving distress among members of the architectural profession, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Bruce Uthus, Director, Works Division, W. E. R. A.

Resolution No. 8

Section 'e' shall be added to Article I of the Articles of Organization as follows:

In addition to these memberships there shall be an affiliation with the Association for organizations of architects and draftsmen.

Section 'f' shall be added to Article I and Section 'g' shall be added to Article IX of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE I

Affiliation with the Association shall be by organizations the membership of which is composed of architects and draftsmen employed or seeking employment with practicing architects who are members of the Association upon being granted affiliation by the Executive Board. The affiliated organizations shall be entitled as organizations to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the members in the Association, except that of holding office or committee appointments, or in the matter of voting. The affiliated organization shall adopt by-laws approved by the executive board and the membership in the organization must be open to all such architects and draftsmen. These organizations shall be organized by districts corresponding to the eight (8) districts of the Association.

Each district organization shall have the privilege of one vote for each 25 members or fraction thereof, which shall be cast by proxy by a member of the draftsmen organization who is also a member of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

Section 'g'

It shall be the power and duty of the Executive Board to affiliate with organizations whose purposes and interests are for the betterment of the architectural profession and the construction industry.
SECRETARY'S REPORT OF THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the State Association of Wisconsin Architects was held at the New Pfister Hotel on October 20, 1934. The convention was called to order by the president at 1:45 P.M. The president introduced Mr. Otto Hau ser as a representative of the Mayor who gave an enthusiastic address of welcome to the delegates assembled. Next business was the president’s message.

The secretary read his annual report which contained the board’s work for the year. This report was approved as read by the convention.

The secretary read communications received from presidents of the various architectural societies: Ernst John Russell, president of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Clair W. Ditchy, president of the Michigan State Society of Architects and Mr. C. O. Biesen of the Indiana Society.

Roger C. Kirchhoff, the treasurer, read his report stating that there is a balance of $199.38 and that only 1/6 of the registered architects in the state had contributed to the support of the State Association.

Arthur Seidenschwartz, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported that the accounts of the treasurer were correct.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws stated they had given their report to the Resolutions Committee.

Edgar Stubenrauch reported for the Practice Committee.

Henry Auler reported for the Committee on Resolution No. 2.

A. C. Eschweiler, Jr. read the report of the Committee on Legislation.

In the absence of T. L. Rose, chairman of the N. R. A. Code Committee, A. C. Eschweiler, Jr., made a verbal report.

Fitzhugh Scott, chairman of the Proposed Small School House Service Bureau, read his report.

Leigh Hunt reported for the Committee on Political Activities.

Arthur Seidenschwartz representing the State Association in Building Congress, stated that no meetings of his committee had been held since his appointment. A meeting of the various secretaries who had under discussion the Federal Housing Pro-gram was the only work done by the Building Congress.

Leigh Hunt read the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The president called upon the chairman of the various districts. All districts were represented by one or more members of the Advisory Council with the exception of District No. 8.

A motion was made by Herman Buemming and seconded by Frank Stepnoski, that all acts of the Executive Board in the past year pertaining to the business and conduct of the association be ratified. Motion carried.

The president appointed the following tellers: Wm. J. Raeuber, Urban Peacock, and Carl Meyer.

New business was the next work of the convention.

The resolutions offered by the Resolutions Committee were read. A motion was carried ordering all resolutions be re-drafted as recommended by the convention and given to the secretary.

A motion made by Arthur Seidenschwartz and seconded by Herman Buemming, called for redrafting of Resolution No. 5 to conform with the intention of Article No. 5 of the By-laws was carried.

Motion made by Peter Brust and seconded by Henry Auler that all resolutions pertaining to change in our constitution after being re-drafted be presented to the State Association at a specially called meeting for their consideration and adoption as prescribed in the constitution was carried.

Upon motion made by Herman Buemming and seconded by Clarence Jahn, the convention adopted a resolution urging that the Historical American Buildings Survey Project be continued.

Upon motion made by Fitzhugh Scott and seconded by Peter Brust, the convention adopted Resolution No. 6 urging financial institutions to limit their loans on new construction to buildings for which complete plans and specifications and supervision are provided.

Motion was made by Garret DeGelleke and seconded by Herman Buemming that the convention go on record favoring the change in our By-Laws to conform with Resolu-
tion No. 8 in accordance with the requirements contained in the compendium of the American Institute of Architects on state societies which would permit the State Association to be affiliated with American Institute of Architects. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peter Brust and seconded by A. C. Eschweiler, Jr. instructing the president to draw up a resolution and send it to the president of the A. I. A. extending to them our sincere co-operation at their convention to be held at Milwaukee in 1935.

A motion was then made by A. C. Eschweiler, Jr. that the convention go on record in giving our president a rising and rousing vote of thanks for his splendid services which he has given to the Association in the past two and one-half years. The convention responded to this to a man.

Herman Bruns spoke to the convention on the matter of establishing a procedure for creating true values on appraisals. He said that these committees should have one architectural member in all cases. Mr. Bruns stated it was his opinion that an architect is more qualified to establish true values of existing buildings than others.

Upon motion made by E. O. Kuenzli and seconded by Leigh Hunt, the president was instructed to appoint a committee to investigate the suggestions and proposals made by Herman Bruns.

The Advisory Council then reported the results of their election. Eight members were elected to the Executive Board: T. L. Eschweiler, Fitzhugh Scott, Henry Auler, Leo Brielmaier, Wm. G. Herbst, Edgar Stubenrauch, Edgar H. Berners and Peter Brust.

The tellers reported the results of the balloting for eight directors at large. The following received the highest number of votes: Ellis J. Potter, Leigh Hunt, Herman Buemming, Arthur Seidenschwartz, H. A. Foeller, Aloysius J. Bayer, Max W. Schober and Roger Kirchhoff.

These 16 men were then declared members of the Executive Board.

The selection of a city for the next annual convention was discussed.

Several cities were suggested and a ballot was taken, resulting in the selection of Madison for the next convention.
The Registration Committee reported as follows: 86 registered and $107.50 was paid to the treasurer.

The afternoon session then adjourned till the banquet at 7:30 P.M. The toastmaster was Clair W. Ditchey, president of the Michigan Society of Architects, a fine talker and a rare humorist. Hall representing the National Housing Act explained step one of the act and touched on step two to be released soon. The evening was brought to a climax with the impersonation of a British architect a fine bit of comedy.

The 1935 convention will be held in the city of Madison. Printed elsewhere in the magazine are the complete reports of the special and standing committees and President Leo Brielmaier's address to the convention.

Respectfully submitted.
Signed, William Herbst. Secretary.

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Convention from a Distance
By a special correspondent of The Wisconsin Architect

There was an Executive Board meeting in the morning.

I started out at one-thirty in the back row. One of the State Association's own Historic Monuments invested in three shares of real estate in the front row. I stayed way back to balance the convention.

The sixteen hungry officials at the long table, who actually thought they were attending a last supper, had water to drink. The Historic Monument and I got drier and drier. I slipped off to the English Tavern. But poor old Historic Monument was stuck up there in the front row. He just sprawled out and invested in another share of acreage. That left the convention completely un-balanced. I had heard the President's address. It was such a swell speech I was licking my chops and getting drier all the way through. They told me I missed a whole barrage of committee reports, but that didn't matter, because I crept back in time to read the left-handed writing on the wall. The sixteen officials thought they were finishing dessert. They were really just sitting down to soup. And there we had a brand new second-hand board. It would have been insanity to let those fellows get away.

There was a merciless bunch of resolutions read. All I could hear was one "Whereas" after another and once in a while a "Be it resolved," and the gist of it all drifted away from me. But the resolutions meant business. For the same reason that I was in a haze it seems to me the government would be smart if it cleared out right now.

About the last thing that happened in the afternoon session was when we lost our president. But, though we hated to lose him, he had served for two and a half years, during which time he had accounted for at least two and a half times his share of hard work.

Later on we climbed up to the roof and had us a banquet. With the banquet came a man from Washington, a man from Michigan, and a man from England, all for $1.25. The man from Michigan stood up in front of every one and didn't crack a smile. The man from England wore a dress suit, tied-on glasses, a convincing accent, and a broken arm. The only genuine part about him was his broken arm, and even that had a flaw in it.

We didn't like anything the Britisher had to say. But we controlled ourselves—until one of the officials at the long table lost his head. He stood up and banged on the long table and shouted and kicked up an awful fuss and said that, when our visitor found it necessary to compare us so favorably with the inhabitants of monkey island, we as architects considered ourselves indelicately and unquestionably insulted and that it was high time to ship the crude Britisher back to the islands.

The Englishman suggested that one of our officials had had too much to drink. Thereupon we all became aghast, but none so aghast as the official's senior who took the insult personally, jumped up and proceeded to put the visitor on the carpet.

About that time we were all feeling embarrassed for each other. After all he was a guest. A couple of the old timers took up piano. Some of the boys opened their mouths to sing. Anything to smooth it over.

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