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Editor's Note

NOW HEAR THIS! Convention time is near. Time for all offices to start arranging their affairs so that the whole staff can be present.

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Exceptionally fine producers' displays are being prepared. And there's Bruce Goff, Siegfried Giedion, Harold Rambusch. And there's no cover, minimum (or registration) charge, except for meals.

COVER COMMENT

The Racine, Wisconsin, YWCA pictured on the cover was designed by Scott, Kleppenbarg and Scott, Milwaukee architects. Note the exterior curved treatment of the stair well. The interior of the well and all the other pictures of the structure are on page six.

Goff, Giedion, Rambusch to Trade Ideas
with Wisconsin Architects at Convention

Three top flight speakers will address the 1956 Annual Convention of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects according to convention chairman Nathaniel Sample of Madison. The convention will be held at the Lo­ raine Hotel, February 22 and 23 in Madison.

Bruce Goff, Oklahoma architect, will be the principal banquet speaker. Goff's career and architectural philosophy have been deeply in­ fluenced by Frank Lloyd Wright who was last year's principal banquet speaker.

Heading seminars on Thursday will be Siegfried Giedion of the Harvard University Department of Architecture. He will speak on "The Demand for Imagination in Con­ temporary Architecture".

Harold Rambusch, well known for his church interiors, will head an­ other Thursday seminar.

The convention will begin with the annual meeting on Wednesday morning, February 22. The annual meeting will be recessed at noon for lunch. An early afternoon seminar on Wisconsin legislation as it affects architects will be held after lunch, followed by the second business session late Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday evening entertain­ ment is being prepared by members of the Madison Division and the con­ vention will continue with Thurs­ day's seminar climaxed by the an­ nual banquet Thursday evening.

Sheboygan Architect
William F. Weeks, Dies

William F. Weeks, prominent Sheboygan architect, died at Sheboy­ gan Memorial Hospital December 31.

A former member of the Wisconsin Architects Association and father of William F. Weeks, Jr., associate member of the Association, Weeks was president of the architectural firm of W. C. Weeks, Inc. Weeks' architectural practice, although gen­ eral, was primarily in the field of churches and public buildings. He also designed industrial and com­ mercial buildings and residences. He designed several churches in Kohler, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and West Bend.

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William F. Weeks, Dies

Weeks' public service included the positions of past president of the Sheboygan Eagles and Lions Clubs, past ruler of the Elks Club, and Committeeman and Councillor of the Sheboygan Councill of the Boy Scouts of America.

Architect Norman Hintz
Joins Brust and Brust
in Milwaukee

Norman A. Hintz, A.I.A., recently has been associated with Brust and Brust, Milwaukee architects, according to a recent announcement by the firm. Also noted as associating with the organization is Edward A. Wilke, N.S.P.E.

G. J. Feldhausen, Sr.,
Architectural Firm Head,
Dies at Green Bay

Gordon Joseph Feldhausen, Sr., died on November 15 in Green Bay where he headed the firm of Gordon J. Feldhausen Associates. Mr. Feld­ hausen was accepted as a member of the Wisconsin Chapter, A.I.A. in 1932. He became a corporate mem­ ber of the American Institute of Ar­ chitects on May 1, 1952.
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Bruce Goff to Address Convention Banquet

Bruce Goff, nationally known Oklahoma architect will be the principal speaker at the annual 1956 convention banquet of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in Madison February 23. Goff’s work covers a wide range of structures and has brought him international recognition.

Apprenticed to the architectural firm of Rush, Endacott and Rush, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 12, Goff’s first residence was built in Tulsa two years later. His enthusiasm for architecture was praised by Louis H. Sullivan who described it as “remarkable in one so young.” At the age of 18 he decided to remain with the architectural firm rather than to attend what he terms the “old eclectic architectural schools”. He was aided in this decision by recommendations from Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Early buildings designed by Goff for the Rush firm include the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Building and Tulsa Club at the age of 20, and the Boston Avenue Methodist Church of Tulsa at 22.

Goff moved to Chicago in 1934 to enter the private practice of architecture and also taught part-time at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

Goff served in the United States Naval Reserve during World War II as a member of its famed construction battalion nick-named the Seabees.

After World War II Goff was invited by the University of Oklahoma to become a Professor of Architecture at the school, then was made Chairman of the Architectural Department. He continued in private practice.

Goff states that his efforts at the University of Oklahoma were directed to helping “build the best school of architecture devoted to development of the creative individual in architecture”. He has recently resigned his post at the University to continue his own practice.

Goff makes frequent reference to Frank Lloyd Wright, noting that he was born on Wright’s birthday, followed Wright’s advice in the matter of not attending architectural school but remaining as an apprentice to his architectural firm, and even now has his office in Wright’s new Price Tower in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Goff’s work has been published in many foreign and domestic magazines including Life, Time and Architectural Forum. He has lectured to schools and A.I.A. groups throughout the United States and Canada, and recently has received an invitation to display his work in a forthcoming international exhibit of architecture in Australia.

His work has been termed “highly imaginative and explorative”. Argentine architect, Amancio Williams, described it as the only “real, new American architecture”.

Frank Lloyd Wright on Goff: “One of the outstanding talents in this country devoted to an indigenous architecture.”
This Racine YWCA building posed the problem to the architect of incorporating into a building of limited size due to lot restrictions all the space required for the many and varied functions for which the building would be used. Included in the building are spaces for the following activities: Gymnasium, swimming pool, shower and locker rooms, children's work shop, kitchens, snack bar, lounge and living accommodations.
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There's nothing like a quick trip to Ole Mexico. Methetebal and I took a quickie but succumbed to its charms; my brother Cantiflas is funnier than Red Skelton and Hope combined. He should be booked for one of the A.I.A. conventions. If that's not possible, a tour to Mexico should be organized with the current architecture a likewise must. Architects are still builders and designers down there. Contractors don't have a foothold, but the young Architects have a firm grip on the situation. Viva la Mexico!

But first let's concentrate on the coming State convention which will offer a new approach with a midweek program — and in Madison, too. (Long time since M and I have been there. Won't she have a ball in the alleys of the Capitol.) From my position under this board I've heard complaints over the spasmodic attendance at our annual conclaves. We have noted the heaviest absences were from the Milwaukee boys — and right in their own backyard, too! This opportunity to travel will serve as an inducement.

Perhaps they should bring along a gift for our Governor in appreciation for the neat blood-letting his pen accomplished when he signed that bill. Cellini never did a better job with his stiletto.

We hope that our representatives who fought the bill in Madison will give us a blow-by-blow account of the final sessions. So many conflicting stories are making the rounds it is time to clear the air.

Since my small voice wouldn't carry in the meeting I'm designating the most vocal of you to raise the question, on the floor, "What are we going to do about an architectural school for Wisconsin?" I'll be watching the long time opponents roll their eyeballs and moan, "That, again." Let's be leaders. The first qualification will be attendance at the convention on Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday Feb. 23 at the Loraine Hotel. Look for Methetebal and Archy won't be far behind, deep in her moth eaten fur.

W. P. WENZLER ELECTED TO A.I.A. MEMBERSHIP

William Paul Wenzler, Milwaukee, has been elected to corporate membership in the American Institute of Architects. An Associate member of the Wisconsin chapter since 1953, Wenzler is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He recently has established his own architectural office under the name of William P. Wenzler, Architect.

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