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The Voice of THE TRADE

These columns, a monthly Monumental News feature, are dedicated to the principle of the open forum and to the belief that a frank discussion of the industry's problems is beneficial. While opinions expressed in these letters do not necessarily agree with our own, we do reserve the right to censorship on material of a libelous or obviously personal nature. Letters are solicited from all branches of the trade and unless otherwise requested the writer's name will be published.

"GOLD IN THE GRAVEYARD"

Stevens Point, Wisconsin, May 14, 1938

MONUMENTAL NEWS,

Gentlemen: In the May 5, 1938 issue of the new magazine Ken there appeared an article entitled "Gold in the Graveyard" which exposed the racketeering being practiced in the promotion of memorial park cemeteries. It is an excellent article with wonderful possibilities for our industry and we felt that you might be interested in reprinting it in MONUMENTAL NEWS.

We have written Ken thanking them for printing this article and we have secured permission to reprint it. We have also written to the Memorial Extension Commission, the Memorial Craftsmen of America, and a few others.

We have also written to the Reader's Digest asking them to use this article to help repair some of the damage caused by the article they recently published entitled "A Cemetery Without Gloom." If enough letters were received by the Reader's Digest they might be induced to reprint this Ken article. Thus the readers of Monumental News should be urged to write to Reader's Digest. Sincerely yours,

HENRY HAERTEL SERVICE,
George Haertel.

We are reproducing this article on page 198

BEAUTY IN MEMORIAL DISPLAY

MONUMENTAL NEWS,

Gentlemen: We have just been in our new home about one year and I believe, without a doubt, that this investment is going to pay a mighty fine dividend over a period of years. It is the general talk in this section of the country that this has been the worse spring in twenty-one years, but in spite of this, we have found our business to be about normal and I am forced to believe that our building and display has been responsible for the pleasing business we have enjoyed this spring. Prospects from all walks of life, have come into our reception room and expressed their thoughts of how restful and beautiful it was. This, to my mind, is very conducive to the purchaser in buying. In other words, I believe it is easier for a prospect to make a decision in buying their memorial in pleasing surroundings rather than trying to satisfy a desire to commemorate a life-long love in a junk yard.

I have noticed in your magazine and other monumental publications, several very beautiful and appealing memorial displays. This, I believe, will have more to do with raising the standard of memorials than any other one item.

May I add that the MONUMENTAL NEWS plays an important part in our scheme of merchandising?

Sincerely,

TULSA MONUMENT COMPANY,
Tulsa, Oklahoma,
By E. N. Holmes.

FOR MAY 1938
The Voice of

Yoakum, Texas, May 13, 1938.
MONUMENTAL NEWS,
114 S. Carroll St.,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen: We have received a copy of the MONUMENTAL NEWS and were very much pleased with the high quality of the magazine.

We are enclosing herewith our check for a yearly subscription. We are also enclosing a clipping from a local newspaper which you may use in your column, if you wish, as it may be of interest to other dealers, as well as monumental "prospects".

Very truly yours
YOAKUM MONUMENT COMPANY,
By Joe Machac.

TWO MEN SELLING MONUMENTS SOUGHT

Victoria County officers are on the lookout for two men posing as salesmen for a "Marshal Monument Company," a firm which allegedly doesn't exist, following a communication from the Department of Safety at Austin.

Citizens in this section are warned to be on guard for these so-called representatives and in the event they are contacted to notify the local sheriff's office.

According to information learned here, the two men have been "selling" tombstones to Texans, collecting $10 as a down payment and the balance to be paid on delivery.

After a resident of Broaddus, Texas, inquired of the Chamber of Commerce as to whether such a firm existed, complaints have been received from residents of several other cities.—Victoria Advocate.

MONUMENTAL NEWS,

Gentlemen: There seems to be a general misunderstanding among the wholesale manufacturers, not only in the South but also all over the country, in regard to Social Security tax on salesmen's commissions. It would appear to me, and from all information that I am able to secure, that a traveling salesman selling various lines of granites on a purely commission basis would be termed as self-employment and, therefore, his commission would not be subject to deductions by the wholesale manufacturers.

If you could secure this information and post as a news item, I believe it would be of interest and appreciated by a great many of the manufacturers all over the country. I merely mentioned this as a suggestion.

SALESMAN.

(We understand that the manufacturers must make these deductions.)
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RUEMELIN MANUFACTURING CO.
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This photograph taken back in 1932 is interesting in connection with that in P. K. Lindsay Company's ad in this issue as both show cemetery sandblast jobs by Kimball Brothers of Salem, Massachusetts. They purchased the Lindsay Compressor shown on the back of the car for this type of work with their sandblast and portable cabinet and also for their outside pneumatic tool work.

Last year they added the more easily handled blast and curtain shown in the later photo to use with the same compressor which is now starting on its seventh season. They report they are very well pleased with the outfit and that it has paid for itself many times. This compressor is so compact and portable that it can be mounted on a substantial luggage carrier or carried in a pick-up truck or it can be furnished with a special auto trailer mounting which also carries the blast and curtain.

Rail Savings for the National Convention of Memorial Craftsmen
November 29, 30, December 1, 2, 1938

The managing officers of the Association hope to make the next convention one of unusual interest to the memorial industry. It will be at the Hotel Stevens at Chicago.

They agree with Ralph Hitz, President of the National Hotel Management Company, that the annual gatherings of business, civic, educational and other bodies attract increasingly large numbers of men and women.

News is still a vital element in human progress, if we may take a composite reason as the one compelling interest of convention delegates.

They want to see with their own eyes and hear with their own cars—and no published account of sessions or minutes of meetings will satisfy.

We realize that the great majority who will attend the convention will travel by motor. Those who make use of railroads should keep in mind the fact that railroad West of Chicago make reduction in round trip fares.

Those travelling by railroad to the Chicago convention from points West of that city may make a considerable saving by buying round trip tickets; this does not apply to points east of Chicago. Railroads do not make special convention rates. This practice was discontinued in 1936.

Arrangements will be made whereby those driving their own cars will be able to avail themselves of either indoor or outdoor parking space at reasonable rates.

An example of the saving that may be made: One-way fare, pullman, from Minneapolis to Chicago, is $12.21, the round trip allowing a 30-day stayover $18.35. Coach fare from Minneapolis to Chicago one way is $8.15, round trip $15.50. Other points West of Chicago are reduced in proportion; make inquiries of your local station agent.

Begin to plan. Mark down the dates—November 29, 30 and December 1 and 2.

GLASS MARKING INK WITH SIMPLE GLYCERINE FORMULA

When an ink-marking on glass is desired, an effective ink for this purpose is easily made with the following formula:

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All parts by weight. The viscosity may be adjusted with water. Use the mixture in a hood or a well ventilated room. To speed the action, up to 5% of sodium fluoride may be added.
Pirie's Select Barre Granite quarries have been yielding an ideal memorial granite for more than fifty years, and hundreds of designs have been created by manufacturers to portray all the finest qualities in color, tone and texture of Pirie's Select. Two recent creations are shown on this page. The Willis memorial was manufactured by the E. J. Batchelder Co, and the Bolton memorial is an exclusive design of Battruna & Sons.

Inquiries can be sent direct to these manufacturers at Barre.
In all life, business or organic, growth is accompanied by changes. Whether this evolution is progress or retrogression is debatable, but none can question the necessity of adjustment to meet these changes, for too many of us already know that the compassion of the banker in business hours is nature's only rival. That the Monumental business is no exception to natural laws, is obvious; that our industry is suffering from natural indigestion of adjustment is also clear; that our retail members, obviously by far the most important element in the industry, are as yet the least adjusted in a transition from making to selling is not so generally recognized.

The Memorial Craftsman of Yesterday is becoming the Memorial Architect of Tomorrow, and in the process he is having to lighten his heavy and expensive gearing to effect the Chrysalis.

What is this burden? Primarily it is Idle Overhead. Particularly in smaller communities where even the finest of creative selling has practical limitations. There the general practice is to either hire a man or two and work oneself part time at least in manufacturing to cut down this overhead. Often one has too few men in the Spring and too many the rest of the year. And even where the retailer is an accomplished designer and salesman, he still finds himself and his employees, craftsmen or salesmen, with limited opportunities. Do Side Lines offer any great hope?

For some time we have investigated this problem and we are inclined to believe that the opportunities are larger than might be thought. We do not believe that like the old Apothecary we can become the Modern Druggist—The General Store of the 20th Century, but we do believe that we can develop a considerable amount of business in lines not strictly monumental, until such a time as the 'Build While You Live Idea', with proper and intelligent promotion, becomes an actuality.

Several months ago we asked our readers to send in stories with pictures, if possible, of their successful efforts in sidelines. We offered and still do a year's subscription (extension or additional copy) for any published article. We asked Supply firms, portable and stationary Compressor and Sand blast manufacturers to write those they have sold. We are now contacting Bronze and Statuary firms, cleaner manufacturers, and many others. We expect some worth while results. In the meantime won't you, who have been successful in these lines, share your experience with the rest? The dividends should be handsome.

We hear stories of retailers who have doubled their Monumental cleaning by promotion; we hear of portable compressors and idle workmen kept busy by a blind ad in local papers on painting houses, whitewashing barns, etc. (all done with a $4.75 spray gun and a portable compressor). We hear of those who have sold iron fences and gates, bird baths, fountains, garden furniture, etc., we understand that several have been successful as landscape architects, even as consultants where Cemeteries insist upon doing the work; we know that many have done well with religious statuary (the most unusual avocation we've encountered is the selling of non-monument Cemetery lots, which we found were taken in payment for the entrance, but we pledged secrecy on this). It would seem that selling lots in privately owned cemeteries might work in some cases, however. This month on another page we feature our first Side Line Story of how the pioneer firm of Haldy Memorials, founded in 1845, sandblasted a Linoleum frieze for a new high school, which proves here's one old dog that can be taught new tricks.

Won't you write us your story?

Elsewhere in this issue that eye-opening revelation of the No-Monument Cemetery Racket, which appears in a recent issue of "Ken", is reprinted. Elsewhere this month a respected member of our craft urges letter to the "Reader's Digest" suggesting "Gold in the Graveyard" as worthy material to counteract "Light Like the Sun" and the Bruce Barton article. We pause to wonder whether or not such a reprinting will really help us. Isn't it just possible that our innocent feathers may be tarred by the same brush? Isn't it just possible that the good suffers with the bad in such exposals? We don't know, but we're still wondering. As we go to press Labor storms resound from the many production centers and everywhere labor clouds are ominous.

As near as we can determine and analyze at this early date, the impetus came from the building trades depressed for many years into a less than one hundred day work-year, and now it looks like we're taking the rap as the Building Tail wags the Monumental Dog, virtually Hijacking the Industry by playing districts against one another. Of course when you read this all may be bright and sunny. And that's that until next month.
Gold in the Graveyard

By ARTHUR BARTLETT

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FOR thirty-two years the two maidsens had kept house for their three brothers, there in Dayton, and life had been placid and uneventful. Then, one by one, the brothers had died, and now the last one was gone, and their entire life savings of $5,700 were tied up in the Building and Loan—and only worth about half the face value—and they hadn’t even been able to pay the undertaker for Brother’s funeral. And then this nice man had come.

The way they understood it there was some new ruling by the Governor, or something, and this nice man was going to get them the full face value of their Building and Loan certificates within two years, and pay them $10 a month on it in the meantime. But he talked so fast that, land sakes, a body couldn’t get it all straight at once. They didn’t know... They weren’t quite sure... He was so nice and sympathetic that he decided to make a special arrangement whereby they would get an immediate check to pay the undertaker’s bill of $482.98. So Miss Sarah and Miss Mary went upstairs to get their Building and Loan certificates from the back of the bureau drawer. It wasn’t until several days later, when a niece came to visit them and began reading the fine print on the official papers, that the old ladies realized that they had exchanged their Building and Loan certificates for 22 lots in a cemetery called Crown Hill Burial Park.

The cemetery was real—quite a beautiful park, indeed, of 256 acres, between Cleveland and Akron, with an imposing entrance gate, a funeral chapel, and even some people buried in it. But the Misses Palfrey didn’t want any cemetery lots. And because the nice salesman hadn’t said anything about a special arrangement whereby they would get an immediate cash return, it was just a surplus over the regular price of the lots. Certainly that showed how sure the company was of reselling within a couple of years, at the outside. Why, they’d be practically forced to sell at handsome profits? People had to die, didn’t they?

And so the graves were sold, and the salesmen took the stock, and the buyers got impressive contracts with phrases like “Guarantee to Purchaser” and “Full Amount” in big letters. The contracts, sure enough, authorized the company as the sole reselling agency—but didn’t say anything about when, if ever, the reselling was to be accomplished.

Anyway, the salesmen got the Building and Loan certificates, and took them to local brokers to be converted into cash, at the market value; and if, as in the case of the Misses Palfrey, it had seemed wise to offer an immediate cash return, it was just a matter of mathematics to figure out the deal so that there would be a surplus over the regular price of the lots.

For two or three years, the 50c a month on each lot (amounting to 6% interest on the investment) came in; but the number of lots resold was only about big enough to supply the salesmen with a dossier of testimonial letters to show to other prospective customers. And then the owners of graves were notified that it would be impossible to pay interest any longer. (If the customers got the impression that this was because of some new state law, as many of them did, it made them all the more amenable.) And they were presented with new contracts to sign, which would relieve the company of continuing to pay the 50c a month on each lot. Instead, the company proposed to boost the reselling price 25%, thus getting the customer a “bonus”—when the reselling was accomplished.

High pressure promoters discovered an easy-to-sell item in the bronze-markered “democracy in death” Memorial Park. Folks with money tied up in depreciated securities are first on their sucker list. They trade cemetery lots for whatever you have, promising to pay full value plus profit on your securities when and if they sell a flock of graves for you. Meanwhile cashing in your securities and pocketing the market value. You wait for graves to sell, ignorant of the fact that the promoters have provided our cities with enough cow-pasture Memorial Parks to inter two centuries of not-yet-born.
Shortly after that, dissatisfied customers began bringing lawsuits, and a Grand Jury investigation got under way. That was bad for business, and the Crown Hill Development Trust quietly folded up, turning the cemetery over to another outfit. At the same time that the Crown Hill boys were working Dayton, salesmen for at least three other cemeteries, one in Cleveland and two in Cincinnati, were also mopping up. And the same thing is still happening with only minor variations in detail, all over the country.

Up to the early 1920's, the real estate sharks and the high-pressure promoters had overlooked God's Little Acre. Then somebody conceived a new kind of cemetery: a Memorial Park, with no old-fashioned monuments and gravestones, but instead sub-dividing it into a few dozen house lots, you sub-divided it into thousands of grave lots. As the money came in, you paid off your mortgages and development expenses, and cleaned up. Accordingly, Memorial Parks began to blossom all over the country, complete with roadside billboards, neon lights, and free public concerts to bring in the customers. A Detroit promoter installed an organ loud enough to justify his boast that “anyone driving within a radius of four or five miles of our Park hears this beautiful music floating through the air”; and as a result of this and other promotional activities he was promptly folded up, turning the cemetery over to another outfit. The most of these cemeteries were operated for profit—most of them having been non-profit institutions—they rated second only to pawn-broking as a safe, profitable investment. Obviously, it was time to muscle in.

As a promotion, the Memorial Park was a natural. In the first place, being a cemetery for the motor age, it was situated out on a highway, where land was cheap. All you had to do was to buy options on an old cow pasture or woodlot, and instead of sub-dividing it into a few dozen house lots, you subdivided it into thousands of grave lots. As the money came in, you paid off your mortgages and development expenses, and cleaned up. Accordingly, Memorial Parks began to blossom all over the country, complete with roadside billboards, neon lights, and free public concerts to bring in the customers. A Detroit promoter installed an organ loud enough to justify his boast that “anyone driving within a radius of four or five miles of our Park hears this beautiful music floating through the air”; and as a result of this and other promotional activities he was able to boast further that the cemetery “has received more publicity, week after week, than any other Detroit institution with the exception of the Detroit Tigers.”

But promoters are impatient fellows, as a class—much too impatient to rely on the old-fashioned method of selling graves only to people who are interested in a place to lay their weary bones. Not but what they are willing to sell them for Utility, as they delicately put it. Oh my, no! Obviously, if you are selling graves, families that have sick people in them, or people so old as to be contemplating eternity, are better prospects than those full of health. That’s where the men known in the trade as “bird dogs” come in. They spot the about-to-be-stricken homes by various means: neighborhood conversation, contact interns, nurses and doctors’ receptionists. After the “bird dog” has reported to the Home Office, the salesmen lose no time in following up the tips.

The smart promoter, however, sees no reason why even the healthiest families shouldn’t help put his project over. Or, as the beautifully illustrated brochure of Restland Memorial Park in Hanover, New Jersey, puts it: “A happy sense of peace and security comes to him who has provided thoughtfully and well for the future of his loved ones. The ownership of a burial plot, in advance of need, is as wise and thoughtful as the purchase of life insurance, the making of a will or other forms of family protection. Nothing can be gained by delay, and much may be lost.”

If you have followed the signposts to the cemetery, from the big billboard advertising it on the highway, and gone in past the sign that says, with gross understatement, “Public Welcome;” the salesman meets you at the little entrance cottage with “Information” over the door. He takes you over the grounds and to inspect the chapel—“inspired,” as the brochure points out, “by the St. Giles Church at Stoke Pogis, England, immortalized by Thomas Gray’s Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard.” Inside the chapel, he points with particular pride at one modern touch which is absent in the Stoke Pogis church: a yawning grave in front of the altar, with “a special lowering device which permits one to have the entire funeral ceremony in the Chapel itself, even to commitment”; after which, of course, the corpse can be taken out and put in his own grave before the next one arrives. He shows you, outside, the formal garden, and the little fountain-statue of Pan, and shows you a picture of the Tower that is to be built. He expands on the theme of bronze markers versus gravestones, pointing out that in old-style graveyards “the rich are still rich and the poor are still poor,” whereas “Restland Memorial Park with its uniform markers of imperishable bronze fully exemplifies the ‘democracy of death’ and is more in keeping with the Christian philosophy of life and the hereafter”; and then hastens practically to point out that: “These tablets make possible perpetual care at minimum cost because they lie flush with the lawn, permitting one man to cut 31 acres of lawn in a single week.” If a funeral procession arrives while you are there, the salesman calls your attention (quite needlessly) to the funeral music flooding the Park, and explains that it comes from a loudspeaker in the studio, where a record is being played. But by the time the funeral party has settled down to burial exercises, and the loudspeaker is giving forth Beautiful Isle of Somewhere, the salesman is pretty sure to have you in a little office, with the door closed, and to be talking more and more in terms of finance, rather than sentiment. He is willing to admit that the cemetery business is just about the most lucrative business in the world, and that the company is in it to make money—but is willing to let you make some, too.

Then, with pencil and paper, he gets to the figures. Here’s the way they go at Restland: "Four graves in an ordinary cemetery will cost you about $600. Then you’ll have to pay around $500 for a modest monument. For perpetual care, you’ll have to put down $300 more. Total, $1400. Now the total cost of 16 graves in this Park, with perpetual care, and with no monuments allowed, at our Pre-developed price, is $900. So you save $500 right off the bat. But you don’t want all these graves. So you let us sell 12 of them. Now when this Park is completed, say in a couple of years, those graves in a beautiful spot like this are certainly going to be worth as much as graves in the old-style graveyards. So let’s say $500 for each of the three four-grave plots you don’t need. That’s $1500. Less $75 selling commission, $1425. Subtract your original $900 from that and you have made a profit of $525. And you have your own plot free.”

The salesman is always conveniently ignorant about the actual number of lots that have been resold; but he has a sheaf of glowing testimonial letters. And he points out, persuasively, that when you invest in graves, your demand is assured by law—the law of nature that says people must die.

The only question seems to be: When will the demand catch up with all these magnificent new cemeteries? Around New York City, which Restland aims to serve, there is enough cemetery space so that the New York state legislature has put severe restrictions, amounting almost to a prohibition, against the establishment of any more cemeteries within a radius of 75
miles—which explains why Restland and several others have been built in nearby New Jersey, within the radius, but outside of New York jurisdiction. And out in Cleveland, which Crown Hill aims to serve, a banker put his statistical mind to work several years ago and figured out that the city had adequate grave space, in its established cemeteries, to take care of all the people who would die there in the next 200 years. It begins to be easy to see why so many smart promoters have preferred to sell their graves for Investment rather than for Utility—and let somebody else wait for the prospective tenants to die.

Mr. Christian William Beck, the smart man who promoted Crown Hill, is only one of many throughout the country, but he will serve as an example. Mr. Beck, before he turned his benevolent interest from the living to the dead, was the promoter of a huge home-building project in St. Louis, which failed, with losses of $242,000. As a result of this enterprise, Mr. Beck was obliged to spend considerable time in court, and was even ungratefully sentenced to three years in the federal penitentiary on a charge of using the mails to defraud; but the Court of Appeals upheld his contention that he had been misjudged, and acquitted him.

After this disillusioning experience with houses for the living, Mr. Beck's imagination was caught by the possibilities of beautiful homes for the dead; and proceeding west, he created his first memorial park outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The next year, he moved on to Oklahoma City, and another mortuary garden spot took shape under hisegis, with only minor legal run-ins.

Ready for bigger things, he headed east, settled on Cleveland and began to plan Crown Hill. He found his site on the Akron road, near the little town of Twinsburg. The 256 acres cost approximately $180,000. Then Mr. Beck proceeded to do some organizing. In Ohio, and many other states, cemeteries must be non-profit institutions, under the law. If you are a salesman, selling for Utility, you stress that point. But there is nothing in the law to prevent the cemetery from letting a separate corporation sell the lots—and make the profits. So Mr. Beck formed two corporations, Crown Hill, Inc., the cemetery, and Crown Hill Development Trust, the money-making organization. Mr. Beck started by selling his $180,000 property to the Development Trust for slightly more than $500,000. That made it, of course, $500,000 property. Then his Development Trust deeded the property to his cemetery corporation in return for an agreement whereby the Development Trust became sole selling agent for grave lots in the cemetery, and would receive 60% of the selling price of all lots sold. The other 40% was to go into development of the cemetery and a perpetual care fund. The cemetery was then laid out in 35,000 lots, marked at prices which would bring in a total of $4,375,000. But, of course, the Development Trust was to get a mere 60% of this, or $2,625,000. Out of that, it would have to get back the $500,000 that it had paid for the $180,000 property, and pay its salesmen, to say nothing of the expense of running classes in salesmanship, getting lists of likely prospects, and advertising for new salesmen whenever alumni got pinched, went over to other cemeteries, or otherwise faded.

Apparently the necessity of turning over 40% of the money received to the cemetery corporation was somewhat irksome, because when a lot owner brought suit a few years after the Park started, and the books had to be produced in court, it appeared that instead of putting cash into the perpetual care fund, the trustees had been putting in their own land contracts. The court decided this was not cricket, and ordered a full 40% in cash turned in, as advertised.

But there is more than one way to skin a cat. Shortly after the issuance of this court order, two new organizations came into being. One was the First Commonwealth Trustees of Chicago, with one Mr. Ralph Stickney as head man. Mr. Stickney had formerly been one of Mr. Beck's associates in Crown Hill. The other was the First Refunding Company of Cleveland. Oddly enough, the chief business of both these high-sounding companies turned out to be the selling of graves in Crown Hill Burial Park. It seemed that they were able to buy the lots from the Crown Hill Development Trust at considerably reduced prices (which, of course, also considerably reduced the 40% to which the non-profit cemetery corporation was entitled and could then resell to the general public at the old scale of prices—and still hold out bright hopes of later resales at double-the-money, or better.)

The First Commonwealth Trustees concentrated on the states west of Chicago; like the Crown Hill Development Trust, it aimed its efforts at people with depreciated bonds and other negotiable paper. Large numbers of bondholders in western states received this cheering letter to sign and return:

"Yes, Sir! I certainly would be interested in a plan designed to get me out without a loss on securities now selling at around 50% of what I paid for them.

"Since it does not obligate me in any way, you may send me full information about your plan.

"You may also furnish prices, and any other data you may have available, on the issues I am listing on the back of this letter."

A nice, compact letter, which had the virtue of coming right back to the writer, if his prospect was ripe, with a good and authoritative estimate of the prospect's ability to buy lots in Crown Hill.

Just to show how salesmen can sometimes muff sure things: out in Omaha, Salesman Albert Deutsch, got securities with a face value of $1700 and a market value of $300 from a cook. He learned she had more money, went back to try again. But by then she had learned about cemetery sales; he got arrested for obtaining money on false pretenses, to which he pleaded guilty.

But when, in 1936, with lots amounting to about $2,500,000 in selling price having been sold, one of the customers brought suit against Mr. Beck and Crown Hill, charging fraud, the troublesome customer was promptly bought out. And when another litigant took up the torch, and was followed by a Grand Jury investigation, Mr. Beck quietly withdrew from the whole business, to take a try at oil. Crown Hill was taken over by one Emery Komlos, who had promoted the competing Sunset Memorial Park. Mr. Komlos also took over a third cemetery, Whitehaven Memorial Park, and welded them all together in the Metropolitan Memorial Parks. But, alas, Mr. Komlos soon ran into difficulties because of his Bond & Share Corporation, which had been selling stock in Sunset Memorial Park and which the Federal Securities & Exchange Commission charged with fraudulent use of the mail. So Mr. Komlos discouragingly turned the whole business over to a Cleveland attorney for refinancing. A few months after that, Mr. Komlos jumped out his hotel window and killed himself. Fortunately, he had been thoughtful enough to provide himself with plenty of resting place.
AN ACHIEVEMENT
IN COMMEMORATIVE ART

The Shattuck Memorial in New York City Strikes a New Note in Significance and Architectural Beauty.

"FINE ART," said Ruskin, "is that in which the head, the hand and the heart go together." Since the heart plays a rôle so important in memorial art, it remains only for the designer to use his head and hands skilfully that we may attain the heights of fine art in what is perhaps the oldest of the arts and crafts. Fortunately for the future of the memorial idea in America, this fusion of head, heart and hand in the creation of significant beauty is rapidly becoming more general in the craft. Notable among the recent examples of appealing significance and beauty—a product of heart, head and hand—is the superb Shattuck memorial in the Cemetery of the Gate of Heaven in New York City.

Artist-architect, sculptor, client and craftsman collaborated in the creation of this unique memorial in memory of the family that heads the famed Schrafft candy stores and restaurants. Erected in a Roman Catholic Cemetery, the impressive monument is an admirable combination of architectural beauty and significant sculpture. An attenuated Latin Cross, diamond shaped on plan, is flanked by elongated screens, the composition tied together by a resourceful setting of trees and shrubs.

At the Crossing, architect and sculptor have featured symbols of the four Evangelists and the Sacred Monogram of Our Blessed Lord. The allegorical figures, used as terminals for the screens or tablets, symbolize Adoration and Humility. The figure at the right holds in her hand the lamp of Eternal Life, while the figure at the left holds the Cross and Orb symbolizing the triumph of Our Saviour over the sins of the world.

Designed in three units, a significant note, the memorial features an inspiring Biblical quotation which beautifully sustains the ecclesiastical theme of the memorial. Spanning two plots occupied by two branches of the family, this unique memorial is but another example of the contemporary memorial art in America which is rapidly establishing a standard of architectural beauty and significance unrivalled anywhere in the world.

A noteworthy feature of the memorial is the warm toned and richly textured material which was selected for a medium. Quarried in North Carolina, the material used in the Shattuck memorial is known as Carolina Pink Granite. Designed by Presbrey-Leland Studios, the Shattuck memorial was carved in the shops of the Harris Granite Quarries Company at Salisbury, North Carolina. The sculptured bas-reliefs and symbols are the work of Rene Chambellan, one of the foremost architectural sculptors of our time.
TWO BEAUTIFUL MARBLE VASES
ERECTED IN THE SOUTHWEST

No Monumental form is more venerable than the Urn. In the history of all peoples we find early evidences of a human hunger for beauty, often before more basic needs of food and shelter have been satisfied. It is not strange that the domestic receptacles of early peoples were the first mediums of artistic expression. From this homely beginning, the Vases of every advanced civilization such as the Egyptians, Grecians, Romans, Chinese, Indians and others were works of exquisite beauty.

The Urn Memorial stands alone in the realm of pure Aestheticism and its fitness as a memorial theme, both by heritage and present-day appeal stands unchallenged. Here are two fine examples that grace and enhance the beauty of their cemeteries. Their origin is from the votive pedestal Vases of classical times. Each has a charm all its own despite the close relationship. The Schultz vase was designed by Ed Cody of Ed Cody Memorials, Clay Center, Kansas. The Ashby is a copyrighted work of Roberts Memorials, Inc., of Dallas, Texas. The Schultz Monument was manufactured by the Vermont Marble Co., finished in their Crystone treatment. The Ashby is a product of the Georgia Marble Co., of their polished Etowah Pink.
HERE is a Monument of distinction and yet well within the means of the average client. While there is some extra expense involved in the cap treatment, the fact that it is a six-piece monument greatly reduces the material cost. Particularly noteworthy is the restraint and simplicity of this appealing design of Herbert I. Berger of St. Louis, who erected this work. Marr & Gordon of Barre were the manufacturers—Wells-Lamson the Granite.
A STUDY IN MODERN RENDERING

By EMILIO POLITI

THE monotony of rendering in the Monumental field was dramatically shown in the last Select-Barre Design Contest. Contributions from contestants outside the Industry displayed a wide variety of interesting background treatments, while those of our own people were for the most part quite similar in conception if not execution. That we can improve our presentations by a wider variety of background treatments was a valuable lesson.

In this frankly experimental study talented Emilio Politi was inspired by the rendering of the Rutherford second prize winning design in the recent Barre contest. India black ink and Chinese white on gray craft paper were employed in this interesting treatment to gain the effect of a moon light scene. A survey of modern art work in National Advertising will reveal other possibilities in this treatment.

As for the design itself Mr. Politi states, "It was merely an experimental study in asymmetry to indicate that even the extreme in this promising realm of modern design can be balanced into harmonious composition".

This design has been copyrighted by the Peerless Granite Company of Barre with whom Mr. Politi is now associated after a fine record as a designer with several of our largest retail firms as well as a few years in his own retail studio.
NO EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Memorial Craftsmen of America, it was decided to hold no exhibit as a feature of the 1938 convention at the Stevens Hotel, November 29, 30, December 1 and 2.

Some of the reasons which the Committee regarded as pertinent, and sufficient to justify this action, were, statements of members of the Association at the business sessions of recent conventions that exhibitions should not be held each year—that one every eighteen months or two years would be productive of better results insofar as the exhibit itself was concerned and in a far greater attendance.

A number of concerns, regular exhibitors at these events, have repeatedly stated that they would welcome a change of policy regarding this subject so that they would be relieved of the burden of exhibiting each year; also, that they would like to cooperate with the officials of the Memorial Craftsmen of America in fixing the time and place of future exhibits and in the planning thereof.

The Committee was also influenced to a great degree by the necessity of building up the membership of the Association and devoting, this year, the time usually expended in planning an exhibit, to that purpose.

The fact that the depression in business might seriously affect the success of the 1938 exhibit would seem sufficient in itself to justify the action of the Executive Committee and when coupled with the reasons above stated, their determination of the matter seems basically sound and business-like.

PRESBREY-LELAND CO. SIGNS

Brattleboro, May 24: The granite cutters union announce the signing of a contract with the Presbrey—Leland company, Brattleboro, Vt., calling for an $8.25 daily wage until October, and $8.50 from then until next April. The present wage is $8.

The agreement would call back to work 60 men who had been out 10 days.

REDSTONE, N. H., GRANITE TO BE USED FOR NAVY MEMORIAL

Washington, May 21: A House committee approved a bill to appropriate $189,000 to complete a navy memorial here. Representative Jenks (R-NH) said granite for the memorial would be purchased at Redstone, N. H., and would provide employment there for more than 100 men for about six months.

MINIATURE MEMORIALS

Although miniature granite memorials have been constructed in many different methods, a display in the C. W. Averill Company, Barre, Vt., store window reveals another unique technique of making miniature granite memorials, that is, from wood and granite dust. A. Magne, photographer of the Barre Design company, constructed the models, which are all hand-carved. Pine and veneer wood is used and the granite dust is blown on, giving a marked likeness to the Barre granite color. It requires approximately a week to make one of the models. In the display, which is attractively presented in the window, there are nine monuments, consisting mainly of vertical and horizontal tablets, Celtic crosses.

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The obituary record of George Gray Barnard in the April issue of MONUMENTAL NEWS refers to The Cloisters in Fort Tryon Park, New York City.

The granite used in the construction of this building was supplied by the Millstone Operating Corporation, Millstone, Conn., and made from Millstone Granite.

Other buildings recently erected and on which Millstone Granite was used are as follows:

Keating Hall, Fordham University, New York City. (This is the new classroom building)
St. Stephens Church, Arlington, N. J.
Academic Building, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.
Cadet Barracks, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.
Gymnasium, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.
Filtration Plant, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

It is interesting to note that these quarries were opened in 1830, 108 years ago.

OFFICE HINT

If the front office or reception room rugs curl at the corners, you can obviate this annoyance by applying a simple glycerine mixture to the back of the rug. Using 5 parts of glycerine to 3 of starch, mix the starch with water to form a smooth paste and add the glycerine gradually until it spreads easily before applying. Let the rug dry thoroughly. This treatment will not stiffen the rug or make it less flexible.

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NEW MEMBER JOINS MEMORIAL EXTENSION COMMISSION

Maurice Kelley, President of the Memorial Extension Commission, announces the application and acceptance of the Harmony Blue Granite Company of Elberton, Georgia to membership in the M.E.C.

This marks the first Southern Granite Producer joining the northern and western producers in working for the principles outlined in the program of the Commission.

AIR TAKE OFF VALVES

By substituting Mount’s patented Air Take Off Valves for any two spark plugs and starting the Auto engine, a most efficient air compressor and engine are combined in the same unit. This combined auto-air unit is capable of delivering up to the compressing ratio of the particular auto used. In most cars this pressure is close to 100 pounds of air. A small utility sandblast was further developed that would hold sufficient sand for sandblasting several regular sized letters in granite. A regulation shape carving nozzle of small aperture was used. By another arrangement no sand was lost.

This can be utilized in a “Side Line for Profit,” as in painting with a spray gun, fire proofing rugs and draperies, painting, waterproofing and cleaning memorials, stone in buildings, etc.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES

Norton Company of Worcester, Massachusetts announces the appointment of Milton P. Higgins as Resident Manager of the Chippewa, Ontario electric furnace plant, the position held by the late John B. Glaze.

Mr. Higgins, who will assume his new duties about May 15, 1938, has been with the Company about ten years and has had experience in both sales and production. Lately he has been Manager of Sales Research. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Norton Company.

Magnus Chemical Company, Inc., Garwood, N. J., manufacturers of cleaning materials, industrial soaps, metallic soaps, sulfonated oils, emulsifying agents and metal working lubricants announces three appointments as follows:

Carl Geyer as sales representative in Ohio and West Virginia.
Ralph Neely becomes a resident sales representative in California.
Carl Steinberg will represent Magnus in sections of Pennsylvania.

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Trade News

RANDOM NOTES
By J. C. Brewer
The C. D. Smith Monument Company of Canton, Ohio, has an unusually attractive outdoor display. They carry a large stock of fine monuments.
W. W. Boyd is operating the Delaware Monument Co., successor to J. J. Shea, established in 1859 and located at 26 Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio.
C. R. Mauer recently purchased from Mr. Fuller, The Fuller Monument Works, at Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Fuller being seventy-nine years of age has retired. Mr. Fuller was very artistic and had painted murals on the walls of his shop.
Karl W. Konkle is now operating the Konkel Monument Co., at Marion, Ohio, succeeding his father. Reports Spring business slow in starting, but has improved recently.
Geo. A. Fisher of Wooster, Ohio, reports sales good, he has a very completely equipped shop and does work for many dealers in his section of the state.
Mr. Burke of P. J. Burke Monument Co., Washington Court House, Ohio, is one of Ohio’s leading dealers, established business in 1868, does practically all his own designing. He has two branch offices, has enlarged his stock and reports a very good business in past two years.

NEW LOCATION
Monahan & Sons, Little Rock, Arkansas are now located at 915 Broadway. Edwin Wells and J. W. Hutton are the present owners of this business.

STONE CLEANING HAND BOOK
In line with our urging “Side Lines of Profit” as a panacea to our present condition, the Stone Cleaning Hand Book has just been received from the Magnus Chemical Company of Garwood, New Jersey.
This book will be sent you on request. It explains and illustrates methods of cleaning stone, markers, memorials or buildings, explains how to remove various stains, gives advice regarding method of developing a profitable business in such cleaning service.

CONDOR V-BELTS
Technical details of the functions and construction of the V-belt are described in a form that will be clear to the layman in an attractive four-page bulletin (#6868) describing Condor Whipcord V-Belts which is being distributed by The Manhattan Rubber Mfg. Division of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Passaic, N. J. Several interesting photographs of Condor V-Belt installations, as well as list prices and a V-belt comparison table, are included. Copies of this bulletin may be obtained on request.

Novelty for the mere sake of novelty is undesirable in memorial art; but this does not mean that originality and creative design should be restrained, or confined to traditional forms. There can be no progress without the courage of those who make bold to experiment with the new and to explore untried realms. Not all new ideas can be adopted, but even if new ideas accomplish no more than to move us a step away from old ideas, they have done much. Somewhere between the extremes of conservatism on the one side and freakish originations on the other, there is a wide field for self expression—and experiment.—EMILIO POLITE, Designer for the Peerless Granite Co., Barre, Vt.
LEFT FUND FOR BARRE CHILDREN

Louis Joseph Brusa, granite manufacturer at Barre, Vermont, who died December 13, 1937, provided for a trust fund of at least $50,000 for the use and benefit of the poor children of Barre City.

The appraisal statement filed in probate court in Montpelier lists the estate at $59,225.40, of which about $50,000 is in savings accounts.

According to the will, the provision for the fund will not be in actual operation until the death of the wife, Mrs. Mary (Buzzi) Brusa, of Barre. Deane C. Davis and Americo Dernavich who will be trustees of the estate upon its settlement, will have full control of the trust fund, subject only to the orders of the probate court.

Children who will be eligible for the benefits of this fund must be under 18 years of age and shall be under one of the following designations:

First, orphan children residing in Barre city who have lived there for at least two years and are without fund or property in their own right and who have no kin obligated by law to support them and financially able to provide for their reasonable support and education.

Second, poor children residing in Barre city and have resided for at least two years whose father is dead or unable by reason of physical disability and financial condition and earning capacity to provide for the support of the children and whose mother, if living, is by reason of financial condition and earning capacity unable to provide for them, and who have no kin obligated by law who are financially able to provide for them, and which children do not have funds or property in their own right sufficient to provide therefore and who are not self-supporting.

The third class of children are those whose parents are by reason of physical disability and financial circumstances both unable to provide for their reasonable support and education with the same restrictions mentioned in the other two cases.

The will provides that "trustees pay out of the income of said fund such amounts thereof as shall be necessary to provide reasonably but frugally for the necessary support, graded school and high school education of said poor children until they reach the age of 18 years or become self-supporting or are provided for from other sources; and I direct that my said trustees shall have full power, authority and discretion to determine which children shall come within the class hereinbefore described and to determine the amount of money necessary to fulfill the purpose herein set forth in each individual case."

Another clause in the will makes provision to have the fund turned over in part or in whole to an orphan's home, if such a home is constructed in Barre city, providing that the trustees deem it advisable and for the best interests of the poor children.

Questioned as to why Mr. Brusa made this clause in the will relative to the poor children, Mr. Dernavich declared that as far as he knew no one was aware of Mr. Brusa's intentions of having such a fund. He said that Mr. Brusa never had children but that he had a deep liking for children.

Mr. Brusa was born in Brenno Useria, Italy, on October 20, 1886, the son of Ernesto and Maria (Malnati) Brusa. He came to this country when he was 16 years of age after having learned the stone cutting trade there. About 32 years ago, he and his brothers, John and Caesar, started a granite business, known as Brusa Brothers. He continued cutting stone until 1921 but he did not retire from active business until last June.

On August 12, 1911, he was married to Miss Mary Buzzi of Barre. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen, Italian Independent club, and Granite Manufacturers' association.

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MORE GALL

Freshman (preparing an essay): "What do they call those tablets the Gauls used to write on?"

Roommate: "Gaul stones." —From Travel Magazine.
## Obituary Record

**William Pirie**

William Pirie, president of the Washington Granite Monumental Co., 448 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., which he helped found in 1883, died May 10, 1938 in Emergency Hospital after an illness of about three weeks.

Mr. Pirie, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, would have been 91 next October. He began his career by serving an apprenticeship as a granite cutter in Scotland, with the famous firm of MacDonald & Fields.

Coming to the United States in 1872, Mr. Pirie worked on most of the large Government buildings being erected at that time. He also worked on the Washington Monument when work on it was resumed in the seventies, continuing until it was nearly completed.

During the construction of the Library of Congress he was engaged as inspector of granite works at the various quarry centers where granite was being prepared for the building. He also was employed in a similar capacity during the construction of the new National Museum Building.

For some 55 years he had been a member of the Lebanon Lodge of Masons and also was a member of the old Masonic Relief Association, both in point of age and the centers where granite was being prepared for the building. He also was employed in a similar capacity during the construction of the new National Museum Building.

For some 55 years he had been a member of the Lebanon Lodge of Masons and also was a member of the old Masonic Relief Association. At the time of his death he was said to be the oldest living policy holder of the Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Co., successor to the relief association, both in point of age and the length of time he had held the policy. Mr. Pirie had remained active as head of his firm until his illness.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nellie Pirie; three sons, Harry J. Pirie, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Washington Granite Monumental Co., Louis A. Pirie, Secretary of the Company, and Raymond M. Pirie, an administrative officer of the United States Public Health Service, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held in Gawler’s Chapel, 1756 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W. Burial in The Glenwood Cemetery.

**Michael J. Mahoney**

Michael F. J. Mahoney, aged 69, a native of Cork County Ireland, and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina since 1896 died at his home. He was confined to his bed until his death.

He had been actively engaged in the Marble and Granite business for over fifty years, and for the past twelve years he had been a partner with Angelo Fasoli of the MEMORIAL ART MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS of Charleston, South Carolina.

Surviving are his widow who was before marriage Miss Alma H. Roessler; four sons, Michael F. J., Jr., William J., Harold F., A. Anthony, all of Charleston, South Carolina and a daughter, Miss Octavia M. Mahoney, of Charleston, South Carolina; four sisters, Mrs. Julia Couglin, Mrs. Kate Manning, and Miss Hannah Mahoney of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. J. J. Cronin, of Montgomery, Ala.

His youngest son, A. Anthony (Tony) Mahoney will continue the business with Angelo Fasoli.
TY-SA-MAN MACHINE CO. of Knoxville, Tenn., Designers and Manufacturers of Stone, Marble and Granite Machinery for Years, announce the new Type G-666 for the Granite Monumental Trade.

This new machine is used in the cutting of straight, serpentine and oval tops, and also various straight and curved sides. It will also do the margin lines and moulding work.

The main motor driving the abrasive wheels is 40 H.P. The feed, which is 22 feet per minute, is driven by a 7 1/2 H.P. motor, and the raise and lower is powered by a 1 H.P. motor with magnetic brake, making a total of 48 1/2 H.P. on the machine.

Grinding and moulding wheels up to 16" dia. x 4" face may be used, and abrasive saws up to 30" dia., which will cut 11" deep. When equipped with a special type arbor, cuts as deep as 24" may be made.

The machine will take work up to 16' in length by 20' wide, and is equipped with a profile attachment for cutting various types of tops and sides. The profiles themselves are made from hard maple, faced with steel, and cost but $10.00 up to 5' in length, with proportional prices for longer lengths. No machine changes are required to change from straight to profile work.

The machine may be had either with manually operated switches for the reversing and down feed, or with automatic switches so arranged that the machine reverses automatically at the end of any given length of cut, and automatically feeds down before the next cut, stopping when cut is completed.

In test runs at the TY-SA-MAN machine company's plant in Knoxville, where they have one of these machines set up for actual demonstrations, the serpentine top and straight sides of a monument 4' 0" x 10" x 2' 2" were cut complete in 1 hour 20 minutes, the serpentine top requiring but 30 minutes. The average amount of stock removed was 15/16" and the finish was a beautiful hone finish with all corners sharp. There was no chipping or breaking down of the corners.

It is stated by many who have seen this machine in operation, that it is the finest new type machine for the monumental industry brought out in many a day. The weight is approximately 10,000 pounds.
HARMONY BLUE GRANITE CO. OF ELBERTON, GA., JOINS M. E. C.

Of great interest to the entire memorial industry was the announcement made June 8 by Maurice L. Kelley, president and chairman of the executive committee of the Memorial Extension Commission, Inc., to the effect that the Harmony Blue Granite Company, Inc., of Elberton, Ga., has applied for and been admitted to membership in the M. E. C.

The announcement that the Harmony Blue Granite Company has applied for, and been voted to, membership in the M. E. C. is of great importance to the memorial industry in general because it marks the first time that a southern granite producer has joined with northern and northwestern producers in working for the principles outlined in the program of the M. E. C.

(Complete Report of M. E. C. Meeting will be in our next issue)

Labor Agreements at Production Centers

The Barre Branch of the G. C. I. A. almost unanimously voted June 3 to accept the bill as previously agreed upon by conference committees of the Union and the manufacturers. As a result whistles blew Monday morning, June 6, and all plants began operation.

The bill as accepted was practically on terms suggested by Gov. George Aiken of Vermont in his successful effort to break the deadlock which resulted in the so-called "holiday." The new bill provides for an eight-hour day and a five-day week and runs to May 15, 1940. Minimum wage scale remains at $8 until July 1, 1938, $8.25 to January 1, 1939, then $8.50 to May 15, 1940. Wage negotiations may be opened in 1940 from February 14 to April 15 or earlier. "Any change in the wage scale shall become effective ninety days after negotiations are opened, but in no case to take effect prior to May 15, 1940. It is understood that if no agreement is reached by May 15, 1940, they have the right to cease work."

Cutting plants at Rion and Columbia, S. C., are still negotiating with the Union branches in both places. Brattleboro, Vt., and Waterford, Conn., have settled by new bill providing $8.25 to run to October 1, 1938, when the minimum scale is to be $8.50 to April 1, 1939.

Settlements have also been reached in Mt. Waldo and Stonington, Me., Milford and Concord, N. H., and surrounding districts—$8.25 to October 1 then advanced to $8.50 to April 1, 1939; from April 1, 1939 to April 1, 1940, $9.

The New York City bill has been accepted and the plants again working on the basis of $9.50 minimum wage with a seven-hour day.

The cutting plants at Elberton, Ga., are still operating under the old agreement with negotiations under way and extensions granted until July 1, 1938.

At the office of the Quarry Workers International Union the information was given out that in Barre the quarries of the J. K. Pirie Estate and the Littlejohn Milne Quarry Co. will go to work under a new bill as agreements have been reached. The other quarries are favorable to settlements and friendly negotiations are in progress to work out certain technical details. All Barre quarries are operating.

With the exception of five, all quarries in New England, outside of Barre, have made settlements.

Quarry workers bill at the quarries of the Coggins interests, Elberton, Ga., ran out June 1, but this has been extended to July 1, pending negotiations. The other quarries in Elberton are holding elections under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board. No action will be taken in these quarries until after the results of these elections are known.

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