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The several design competitions, sponsored by the Barre Granite Association for Barre Guild Memorials, still exert a tremendous influence toward finer commemoration. Not only have many of these design awards proved their worth as beautiful and significant memorials, but also of equal importance has been the recognition of the designer's place in the industry.

> The Hess monument was manufactured of Pirie's Select Barre Granite by Anderson-Friberg Co., Inc., of Barre for their popular Ohio representative, Bert Hess, who chose the Selby design for his own family memorial in Belleville, Ohio. This monument was featured in the Barre Guild Exhibit at the 1946 National Convention in Cleveland.



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THE "PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL"

Monumental News-Review, Inc.:

I am enclosing a couple of pictures of the oddest memorial in our city's cemeteries and which is a perfect example of a personalized memorial.

It stands in Mound Cemetery of Racine, Wisconsin, on the grave of Alvin H. Mead who died in 1867. The memorial is cut from a solid piece of marble to represent the box in use by the American Express Company in the latter century of which Alvin H. Mead was an employee.

The epitaph on the front reads:

"All is not here of our beloved and blessed leave ye the sleeper with his God to rest."

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Very cordially yours,

IMPERIAL MEMORIALS JEROME KONICEK

Racine, Wisconsin

AN APPRECIATION FROM TEXAS

Monumental News-Review:

We wish to express our most sincere thanks for the story and pictures published in the January issue of the Monumental News-Review concerning the cenotaph recently erected by us on the grounds of Sidney Lanier High School here in San Antonio. The article is the best we have ever read on this subject and we are certain it will prove of benefit to all who read it. We showed your article to the principal of the school and he was most pleased with it and in fact requested us to get him several copies.

> Respectfully yours, Rodriguez Bros. LOUIS RODRIGUEZ

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Monumental News-Review, Inc.: Gentlemen:

Congratulations on the several recent issues of the News-Review, the trade can be proud of such a wide awake magazine. Keep it up!

Enclosed is a laugh if there ever was one! A snapshot I took in the cemetery at McKnightstown (Adams Co.) Pa., along the Lincoln Highway (near Gettysburg, Pa.) It isn't any relation of mine and I just happened to see this sight while locating another lot there.

You may use it in a future issue of the News-Review if you choose.

I am the third generation of the Shulls in the business. I have two sons Robert F. (17) and Richard Carl (10) so there may be another to carry on.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT S. SHULL Chambersburg, Pa.

THE LINCOLN PLAQUE IN CONNECTICUT

Monumental News-Review, Inc.:

Gentlemen:

We wish to thank you millions for the splendid article on page 26 in the January issue 1949, reference to the Lincoln Plaque at Meriden, Conn. Same is a very fine likeness of Lincoln the Great Emancipator. The country needs a few more of his kind right this minute. We took great pains with same, as we are great admirers of that great President and in doing so we wanted to show the public that Memorial Dealers are capable of doing work in stone that would show up better than bronze. Too little sculpture is executed in granite, and we were out to educate the public on the idea . . . We think we put the idea across here in this territory.

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A LETTER FROM REVEREND CASEY

Monumental News-Review:

This is an unpardonably late date for me to acknowledge with my deepest appreciation your publication in the October, 1948 issue of the Monumental News-Review of the talks I gave at the A.C.A. Convention in Boston and the A.M.A. M.B.A. Convention in Chicago. Since last summer, however, I have been battling an infection which for the past several months has lodged in my larynx making even dictation extremely difficult, and as a result I have neglected many responsibilities.

Even in view of this situation my thanks to you for devoting so much of your October issue to these talks and for your very favorable editorial comment seems hardly adequate despite my genuine sincerity.

I hope you will understand the circumstances that prevented an earlier acknowledgement.

With best wishes to you and the Monumental News-Review in its important work.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Casey

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January 22, 1949

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FRANK E. MOBRY Akron Lapidary Company Akron, Ohio

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

February 23, 1949

Mr. C. R. Dawson Dawson-MacDonald Company 141 Pearl Street Boston 10, Massachusetts My dear Mr. Dawson:

At a Director's meeting of the New England Monument Dealers Association which was held at Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Massachusetts yesterday afternoon, it was the unanimous vote of the Directors that I convey to you our deep and sincere thanks for your undivided cooperation which you so generously gave, not only by providing the fine entertainment and orchestra, but also by your personal interest which was greatly responsible for making our 12th Annual Convention an outstanding success.

With the good wishes from the members and Directors of our Association for the continued success and prosperity of your Company and for your personal welfare, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Evelyn M. D. Vasoli Secretary-Treasurer

New England Monument Dealers' Association EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter above, a copy of which was forwarded to us for publication, refers to the four-hour floor show, featuring top notch professional entertainment, which has been sponsored by the Dawson-MacDonald Co. the past two years at the Annual New England Meeting.

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A REPORT FROM BARRE By Richard T. McBride Excerpts from an address delivered at many of the winter conventions by the field representative of the Barre Granite Association

As you know, we are a trade association and our prime purpose for being in existence is to render service to our members in the district, and one of the things that we have entered into is an apprentice training program. Now, there are approximately, I think, 210 apprentices in the district. I would say about 180 of them are apprentice stonecutters, with the second greatest number in polishers. Most of them are in the last stages of training. We graduated 27 this past summer and their effect is now being felt. They are in a three year program and finally their effect is being felt in the field this past year because they are becoming journeymen stonecutters.

Our national advertising program is continuing. This past year we have advertised in 16 national magazines with a combined circulation of approximately 15,000,000 and a readership, we are told, of approximately 45,000,000. All of our ads are what are known as "humanity ads." They consist of a picture of an outstanding monument with copy, and they all suggest that the prospective monument purchaser deal directly with his local builders, and advertise the value of the Barre Guild Seal and Certificate.

In answer to requests that we receive as a result of our advertising, I'd like to tell you a change that has taken place in the past year which wasn't in effect when I spoke to you last year. Now, every request that [Continued on page 14



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we receive in the Barre district for a copy of our booklet "Monument Ideas" is followed up. That is, if the request comes from Minneapolis, we take the name of a dealer, who has in the past purchased Barre Guild Monuments, and send him the name of the person who has asked for our booklet; and if there are five Barre Guild dealers in the Minneapolis area, then we rotate them alphabetically. We feel that is a fair and impartial system. It's covering all our requests. Although we know that, in many cases, the requests might be from children or people who send for anything free in a magazine, we are attempting to follow up every request we get, passing them along to a retail monument builder.

Last year our outstanding production, as far as advertising of merchandise was concerned, was the Barre Guild advertising and merchandising booklet, which I think many of you have seen by now. It consisted mostly of local newspaper ads, radio material, suggested directmail pieces, and a suggested sales letter.

Last year we sent out approximately 45,000 pieces of literature from the Barre Guild district.

As far as inspections themselves go for Barre Guild monuments, I think you are all pretty familiar with the way that works. When you request a Barre Guild Monument, an inspector—a representative of the Guild—goes into the plant of the manufacturer who is to cut it and, when it is finished, inspects it on the wash stand. If he approves it, the manufacturer is given the right to blow our seal on and issue a certificate of guarantee from our office.

Last year our three inspectors inspected 3,024—an increase of about 100 per cent over 1947.

On credit, I will just mention that very briefly. That is one of the services that we give to our members, and during the past year we sent out approximately 400 credit reports to the members of our association. Last year when I talked to you I was rather pessimistic regarding the probability of our obtaining five Italian carvers. You probably



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Ethics, Advertising and Service (Editorial)

EDITOR'S NOTE: From time to time in the past, we have used "Guest Editors" on this page, a practice you will see more of in the future. This month's Editorial features excerpts from an important address by Mr. Schwartz at the recent Obio Monument Builders' Convention in Columbus, Obio.

HARRY C. SCHWARTZ Harry C. Schwartz Memorials Lebanon, Ohio Vice-President of the M.B.A.

"In bringing before you the ethical standard of activities and practices in our industry, it is my thought to bring something other than just my own ideas, so I have appealed to two good friends for their viewpoints on this question.

"It was, first, my privilege to appeal to a member of the A.M.A., and my inquiry directed to Fred J. Plimpton, representing the Vermont Marble Company on the Committee of the A.M.A., brought a kind response.

"The Memorial Ideal should be the heart of every planning and every thought there expressed should be helpful and reflect the spirit of gratitude and of commemoration. Every Monument Builder should desire to have good public relations and, in that manner, to be closer to the public, whom he is striving to serve. Among the elements of better relationship in this connection, Mr. Plimpton has stressed, first, the personal appearance and the attitude of a firm's personnel. Then, running parallel to this is the appearance of the place of business, the neat and orderly arrangement of their exhibit or display and the condition of shop and grounds surrounding it. The importance of this, the American Monument Association has realized. It has done much to place with the Monument builder opportunities for studying better arrangement of display, more modern office and shop facilities and to set up a more up-todate plan of merchandising of Monuments and cemetery goods.

"Mr. Plimpton stresses that the place of business or the display is only the primary part and *that far more essential is the good appearance of the Memorials which you place in the cemetery.* They should bear out all of the things you claim for them.

"Next, advertising must be kept on a high plane and you should be sure that it encourages the public in the appreciation of, and the desire to own, a Memorial for the cemetery lot.

"Publicity by your firm is also very helpful. In addition to your local advertising—whether by mail, by newspaper, or radio, there is always the advantage of association with your neighbors and fellow townsmen, taking some local responsibility, possibly in connection with a bond drive, with the Red Cross or any service to your community.

"Going back for a moment to the nature of the Memorial, itself, perhaps design is one of the foremost essentials, and from the simplest headstone to the imposing Monument or mausoleum, a broad study of possibilities and a wealth of information is available. Many concerns employ designers; others will have to look upon some service outside for their preparation of special designs, which are so frequently necessary and so very often the means of making that Memorial more personal and more significant.

"It was also my privilege to call upon Fred Benner, the

immediate past president of the A.C.A. Mr. Benner has responded with a most gracious letter, in which he outlines a number of the things that appear to a cemetery official as being the means by which each Monument Builder can best serve the family who calls upon him.

"Mr. Benner stresses that it is a great mistake in selling or explaining the possibilities to each family to deviate in any sense from the highest standard of quality and to allow one's presentation to be lowered by the thought of price competition. This leads to that common term, 'chiseling,' and quickly takes away all of the dignity that should go along with the planning of this really sacred installation. A proper regard for quality need never fear price merchandise for we have in every city the large merchandisers whose appeal to the public is upon a basis of quality, dealers whose goods are known and depended upon for just that certain thing. These merchandisers face competition all around them, but it is unlikely that any individual or family ever desires to build a cheap Memorial.

"In the Monument industry, I believe, the efficiency of our super-salesmen has sometimes influenced people to accept less in this regard than what they had really wanted.

"Mr. Benner stresses the need of having each Monument builder and his representative work in every way harmoniously with the cemetery to a proper understanding and observance of the regulations in effect and for the Memorials in order to bring to each family the best possible planning that can be arranged for the development of the cemetery lot and the manner in which it may be decorated. The size of the plot in the cemetery, the number of grave spaces and an understanding in detail of all those possibilities should be studied by each salesman before his call upon a family. Following this rule will make for more pleasant relations and not create ill-will between the lot owner and the cemetery officials.

"Mr. Benner stresses good design in Memorials and the abstaining from that line of least resistance where price, quality and merit all slip down the ladder of our aspirations until we find there is little left to recommend us. We certainly can see no dignity in our service when we look at the picture a great many cemeteries present.

"Mr. Benner makes reference to the many sales helps and information that can be secured through the American Monument Association, and the material that can be supplied by the Monument Builders of America. With a proper understanding of one's own responsibility, proper ethics can be adhered to and the Monument Builder will find that more than ninety per cent of the cemetery executives are willing to cooperate with him if he combines his efforts within the right limitations.

"Are we as Monument Builders going to cater to that standard of 'machine and mass production,' which will make our offerings follow just one or two lines of standardized production, or are we going to draw upon the ability of our designer to create for each family something really personal and distinctive and to breathe into that Memorial something of the life-work of the one for whom it stands? Just what do you think?"



Commemorating the War Dead with a Plea for Peace

By the Staff Critic

This World War II Cenotaph, enshrined in a garden-like setting, is reminiscent of the armillary sun-dial and dial-stone. It was designed by Daniel Milton, sculptor and art teacher who practices and teaches on Staten Island, New York. Commission for constructing the memorial was awarded to the J. L. Wegenaar Company, Inc. of Brooklyn, New York. The Cenotaph was produced by Marr & Gordon, of Barre, in Smith-Barre Granite. The bronze was produced by the Sheidow Bronze Company of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Cenotaphs commemorating the War Dead afford all of us an opportunity, a privilege and the responsibility of focalizing attention upon both the spiritual and sociological mission of Commemoration, the memorial idea.

There is something awesome about a Cenotaph. Unlike the permanent Honor Roll, a War Cenotaph lists only the names of those who died for us in the service of their country.

Many examples of World War Cenotaphs have been illustrated and reviewed in these pages. Impressively unique among these tributes to the War Dead is the Global War Cenotaph recently erected by citizens of Travis, on Staten Island; a small community on the historic island which is a borough in the Greater City of New York.

The Cenotaph at Travis is appropriately modest in scale; but it is singularly impressive in both sentiment and significance. Situated in a garden-like setting, enclosed by a fenceway, the Cenotaph at Travis on Staten Island commemorates the eight War Dead of the community; and it perpetuates a plea for "A World United For Peace."

The four-square pedestal of the Travis Cenotaph implies the Four Freedoms; the surmounting armillary bronze representing the world, inscribed with the plea for Peace, tells its own story. Yes, here indeed we have an inspiring example of War Dead in a small community. The symbolical "globe" on the Cenotaph at Travis may have been adapted from the ancient *armillary* sun-dial. This type of dial, which deserves wider use in both our cemeteries and gardens, is formed by concentric rings of metal designating the equator, the tropics and other major divisions of the celestial globe, together with signs of the zodiac; the gnomon being usually in the form of an arrow which, like all sun-dial gnomons, points to the true North; and the metal rings are tilted at an angle corresponding to the inclination of the Earth.

But the global bronze symbol on the Cenotaph at Travis is not a sun-dial. It is purely symbolical; unconcerned with the passing of time. Like the *armillary* dial, the metal rings represent the man-made divisions of the Earth; but they serve no function in marking the march of time. They symbolize the immortality of the eight War Dead who are infinitely beyond the influence of man-made time.

The story of this unique and unpretentious Cenotaph at Travis can best be told by extracts from a letter written to Monumental News-Review by Thomas Paul of the J. L. Wegenaar Company, Inc., of Brooklyn, New York, who were commissioned to erect the memorial. The Wegenaar organization was founded in 1872. Their patronage, while centered in the metropolitan area of New York, extends far beyond the [Continued on page 36



The Exedra as a Two Family Memorial

By Conrad Kenerson of Kenerson Design Studio Barre, Vermont

In this modern variant of the seat or exedra, Mr. Kenerson illustrates an interesting answer to the two family monument problem.

Although the problem of the two family monument admits of many solutions, no other design type answers the problem quite so well as the exedra, particularly the rectangular variant which provides terminals for significant and focalized inscriptions. In the Scott-Cook presentation, Mr. Kenerson accentuates the width of his terminals and, using a minimum of ornamentation, relies upon his lettering for well balanced decoration. Also worthy of note is the fact that the rectangular variant greatly lessens the manual carving and cutting so necessary on the traditional seat memorial.



POLISHED MEMORIAL Designed for Machine Production

The "Rhupert" memorial designed for machine production, is extremely simple in composition and economical to manufacture.

The unusual treatment of the ivy ornament, which forms a continuation of the end contour of the die, is an interesting feature of the design and adds variety to an otherwise plain memorial.

This is No. 91 of a monthly series of designs by Glen I. Lammers, President, Bliss Design Co., Rockford, Ill.



Inasmuch as these notes, on today's page, have to do more with granite cutting than designing it might be well to state that I went all the way thru the granite trade as a boy learning to carve and letter. I had served less than six months of my apprenticeship when I began howling for more money. My employer was acquiescent but the union had a scale of wages for apprentices as rigid as the pay in the army. I harangued so bitterly on the injustice of a system that permitted no one to advance faster than the slowest dullard that they finally called a meeting, and buried somewhere in the archives of the union—if they keep any records—it will be recorded that an exception was made in my case.

Back in those days it was a test of skill to raise the petal of a flower to such a dangerous height that it appeared almost certain to fall off—and sometimes did. In which event the carver usually packed up his tools, waved jauntily, and departed. Life gets softer, and the workman of today experiences few such hazards. With the influx of modernism in architecture much of the excess weight of the carvings disappeared. Given a good layout, anyone who can handle a pneumatic tool and cut a stencil can do beautiful carvings. The wonder is that we have so few of them.

CARL KASTRUP

A STORY of SENTIMENT and SCULPTURE in MEMORIAL ART

By the Staff Critic

This is a true story concerning a truly impressive cemetery memorial. It is a story concerning that fusion of art and articulate sentiment which alone assures the destiny of memorial art. Before venturing any comments let me quote from a letter written by Archie Parzini, the sculptor. It gives us the story in a few words:

"... Mr. and Mrs. Schwerin, of Tucson, Arizona, were in France in 1908. They visited the Louvre. There they saw the 'Winged Victory,' formally known as the 'Nike of Samothrace.' Mrs. Schwerin was so impressed by the statue that she made her husband promise that if she died first, he would arrange to have a memorial with this motif on her grave.

After 38 years, Mr. Schwerin gave us his requirements. We went to work on the drawings, the scale models and, after approval, on the full size model. The Winged Victory was cast in bronze (by the lost wax method) in the Modern Art Foundry, in Long Island City, New York. The polished 'Swedish Carnation Red Granite' was furnished by the International Granite & Marble Corp., of New York City. The replica of the 'Nike' stands in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Needless to say, our client was deeply grateful and gratified. We feel that the work was successful because of the study we devoted to the scale and the detail of this world famed masterpiece!"

It has been well said, in these pages, that sculpture is the most articulate of all permanent media we can use in expressing the sentiment which motivates all of us in commemorating those we have loved and forever lost. A work of art in sculpture tells a story which all people can understand, whatsoever language they speak.

Unlike the language of symbolism, and the subtle refinements of architecture, the beauty and the significance of a pictoral representation—be it in sculpture, glass or engraving can convey a story which all can see and feel. The Schwerin Memorial, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, is an object lesson for all of us.

We should all endeavor to make our cemeteries shrines in which notable works of sculpture can be preserved. Whether these sculptures are reproductions of ancient art, or the work of contemporary masters, these memorials bring to any cemetery a human appeal which architecture cannot rival. A classic example is the Adams Memorial in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington. Millions have visited Rock Creek to stand before this statue of Saint Gaudens which easily takes front rank among the commemorative sculptures of all time. So likewise sculptured reproductions, like the Schwerin Memorial in Elizabeth, will attract the public. The educational value of this unique memorial, aside from the sentiment which inspired



the reproduction of the "Nike," may well give our traditional cemeteries, and the memorialist, an object lesson in bringing cultural interest into the cemetery art of our country.

The Schwerin Memorial, as Archie Parzini explains in his letter, is a meticulous reproduction of the immortal "Nike of Samothrace." Like the "Venus of Melos," which is likewise housed in the famed Louvre, the "Nike" ranks among the preeminent achievements in the art of sculpture, ancient or modern. In his book, "Modelling and Sculpture," Albert Toft, the eminent English sculptor wrote this commentary on the Winged Victory:

"This may be called the Victory of Victories, for no greater Victory was ever achieved than the making of this great work. One almost hears the wind blowing the soft, thin drapery up against the beautifully soft, rounded form of this graceful figure. Note how the form of the figure is traced through and under the drapery, only lost to be found again the next moment."

The sublime statue reproduced on the Schwerin Memorial at Elizabeth is a thoroughly studied reproduction of the priceless "Nike of Samothrace" in the Louvre. The original statue, in marble, was unearthed by French archaeologists during the middle of the 19th Century. It was unearthed on the Island of Samothrace in the Aegean Sea, hence the name with which the "Winged Victory" is popularly designated: "The Nike (goddess) of Samothrace."

The Schwerin Memorial is a typical example of the sculpture produced by the Rochette & Parzini Corp. in New York City. [Continued on page 62



This is No. 36 of a new series of designs by Carl Kastrup, 1705 Auburn St., Rockford, Ill.

GRACEFUL TREATMENT for a **STANDARD DIE**

T his is one of a new series of stock designs we are rendering for one of "my Vermont Clients." I can't say that this is the best of the lot but it was the only one we had finished in time for publication. Material for a monthly magazine must be in the hands of the publisher weeks before it appears in print.

It would be interesting to know who quarried—and finished—the first granite monument in Vermont. That was a long time ago, but it wasn't so long after that, as time flies, that "my Vermont Client" appeared on the scene. They were doing business before the turn of the century. Before the days of the electric light, the telephone, the motion picture, the automobile, the airplane, hoop skirts, big Berthas, radio and jazz. They were an old concern when the income tax was introduced, followed by two chickens in every pot, chain letters, radar, PT boats, the atomic bomb, jet engines and bubble gum. Through it all they have managed to maintain the highest quality of workmanship. In all those years they must have completed tens of thousands of orders. Friends of "my Vermont Client" are in every state in the union, in every city and in almost every town.

Carl Kastrup

EDITOR'S NOTE: In Carl's original letter "Vermont Client" is mentioned by name, a matter frowned upon in the best editorial circles. Dealers interested in the identity of "Vermont Client" may write Carl.

PERSONALIZING the CEMETERY MEMORIAL

By Ernest Stevens Leland

EDITORS' NOTE: All names and places mentioned in this article, and those to follow, are fictitious; but the essential stories are based upon factual experience.

If I had the ability in design and the gift of commentary, with which my good friend Carl Kastrup is blessed, these "case histories" would be far more helpful and interesting to the reader. But I am not Carl Kastrup. My crude sketches, together with the factual stories, will not rival the work of Carl Kastrup in reader interest; but I pass them along for what they may be worth.

In my over-long experience as a memorialist, I have confronted innumerable problems in design; in helping the bereaved to commemorate their dead; in churches, cemeteries and civic centers. Too often I have failed in my mission. But in justice to myself I can state that my failures were not the consequence of a "merchandising" attitude toward my clients.

I have known sorrow. I know what suffering the bereaved endure. And that is the reason why, throughout my career, I have consistently endeavored to *personalize* any memorial I have been called upon to design. My failures have not been the fault of inadequate sympathy; they have been the consequence of my inability to adequately express, in stone, the emotions and sentiment of the bereaved. But like so many memoralists, I have tried to attain this basic mission and this cardinal function of the memorial idea.

The "problems" and "solutions" which will appear in these pages, from time to time, are recorded from a life-time of experience in the commemorative arts. The sketches or "trial studies" are in no sense intended to be "designs." They are reproduced from note-books, or from memory, illustrating actual or proposed solutions to the memorial problem confronted by families whom it has been my privilege to help, or to endeavor to help.

As a memorialist, I was fortunate to have been born in a family which in England and America has been identified with both ecclesiastical and commemorative art for more than three generations. Naturally, I have absorbed a wealth of information, ideas and ideals from my elders; and from the architects, sculptors, memorialists, clients and clergymen I have met during these many years. Hence it is that the design ideas-"solutions" or "case histories" appearing in these pages, from time to time, are not the product of "genius" or "talent"; they are reflections of ideas prompted by the comments of clients who were seeking an "idea"; a theme or motif for the memorial. In arriving at the solution of their problem it was merely a question of correlating their ideas with my experiences, travels, study and observation which, like a catalog, give all of us a source of information which, now and then, brings forth a "hunch" or an idea.

We do well to emphasize the truth that *imagination*, like draftsmanship, is cultivated only by study and practice. Indeed, I sometimes think that a developed imagination or resourcefulness in finding an idea for individualizing a memorial with some *personal sentiment* or *association* is more important than the design or detail of a monument.

It is the sole purpose of these articles on "Personalization"

From his note-books, and recollections, Ernest Stevens Leland illustrates and describes some "case histories" in what the Editors hope will be a long series of similar articles.

to indicate how the memorialist can approach the problem of individualizing a memorial; whether it be a "stock" monument or a "custom" made design. Credit for many of these "solutions" belongs to memorialists, designers and cemetery officials, with whom I have discussed this all important problem of restoring *sentiment* to the cemetery memorial. And be it remembered that *sentiment*, with rare exception, is the sole motivating emotion which prompts people to erect memorials.

Let us now consider a typical problem in *personalized* design: No. I COMMEMORATING a CLERGYMAN

The problem and solution described in this case history is interesting because it involved an unusual situation.

Ordinarily, in commemorating a clergyman, we first think of the Cross as the most significant and appropriate *motif* or theme for the memorial; be it a freestanding Cross, or a Cross featured on the surface of the monument. But it so happened that this venerable minister retained the early Puritan aversion to the Cross as a relic of Roman Catholic, and Anglican (or Episcopalian) ritual. And so it was that the family of the deceased clergyman did not want to use the Cross in any form; and yet they wanted the design to emphasize his brilliant career as a pulpit orator; and a Christian who believed in "applied Christianity."

Pulpit orator!! Why not adapt the *pulpit*, or the *Bible Desk*, as a theme for the proposed monument? Some of the studies blocked out for this possible solution of the problem are reproduced and described in this article.



Sketch A: A vertical tablet, the crest treatment of which is an inclined surface, enriched with mouldings, and recalling the "Bible rest" in the pulpit. The inclined surface is adorned with the Open Book and the Lamp of Knowledge. The panels which flank the Book may be appropriately decorated with the Bay Laurel which, since ancient times, has been an accepted symbol of Distinction in Literature. Since Oratory is a high form of literature, it is obviously fitting to employ this plant form as a symbol of distinguished service as a pulpit orator.

Sketch B: Another possible solution of the problem was suggested by the architecture of the church in which the clergyman had spent his last ministry. The cemetery site provided ample area for an elongated tablet or screen. Hence the idea of -using the "pulpit-desk" motif as a central feature to be flanked by low wings or walls. But despite the fact that the gifted clergyman had served his last pastorate in a church of Gothic source in design, it was decided that the "Colonial" architecture of the New England meeting house would be more appropriate and significant because the minister had spent the larger part of his career in the picturesque and beautifully designed churches in the New England of yesterday. This obviously suggested an experiment with the Colonial, or Georgian architecture, indicated on sketch "C."

Sketch C: The essential quality of the best Colonial architecture in New England is a chaste neo-Classic simplicity in both conception and detail; this and superb craftsmanship. The church and residential architecture of New England, and the Eastern coastal states of the South, are unrivalled examples of exquisite taste, appealing dignity, and perfectionism in both design and construction. In Study "C," the Bible Rest, together with the wings or flanking walls are of Georgian source in detail. It was this solution of the problem which was unanimously approved by the family, and developed into a final design.



(EDITORS' NOTE: In the "Letters to the Editor" pages of the November 1948 issue of Monumental News-Review, Carl Kastrup wrote: "For my money Mr. Leland's drawings make the most valued contribution I've seen in many a moon. If you can persuade him to keep it up, then in no time at all everyone can have a portfolio of sketches unequalled for references purposes." Ernest Leland, in his self-styled career as a "ham artist and back writer" is unpredicable; but we agree with Carl, and with readers here and abroad, that the "notes" which Leland has assembled in his career, give us a wealth of ideas for creative and personalized design in memorial art. Nevertheless Leland in turn contends that the "cartoonographplates" by Kastrup, currently appearing in these pages, are "worth more than the verbiage of the pedantic essayist or the experimental designer." Anyhow, come what may, the Kastrup charts, and the Leland "case histories" will give us all the benefit of ideas and suggestions born of long years in the field of memorial art.)





YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE IT

An address by Almon D. Olsen, well-known President of The Monument Builders of America, delivered at The Northwest Monument Builders of America Convention, early in February this year.

Almon D. Olsen

The ramifications of your national association are such that it would be entirely impossible to give a detailed report of its activities in anything like the time allotted to me. Having been chosen as president of M.B.A., at the national convention in Chicago some six months ago, it has become my responsibility to attend several executive committee meetings and in that way become familiar with the great extent of the work which confronts a national association, if it functions properly.

Many of you will recall my having spoken here last year and at that time it was my pleasure to give you a rather broad outline of the functions of our association, but on this occasion it is my privilege to go into the details of more intimate activities which, because of the very nature of them are not publicized and are spoken about very little.

Of course, we as members of the national association get reports of various activities but they are brief, to the point and, generally, give the bare facts.

For instance, all of us here learned some months ago that the railroads of the Western Trunk Lines and Southwestern Lines had published new tariffs to become effective soon thereafter for the discontinuance of store door delivery on LCL shipments. And in this connection I would like to give you a rather intimate picture of the extraordinary details involved in persuading the railroads concerned to drop their proposed new tariff.

Immediately upon learning of the intention of the railroads to discontinue store door delivery, the national association through its executive secretary and traffic manager, personally contacted traffic executives of the leading railroads in Western Trunk Line territory and Southwestern Line territory.

It would have been a simple matter involving a great outlay of money had we protested directly to the Interstate Commerce Commission, but experience proved conclusively that a much more effective method of approach was through personal contact, with the result that a meeting was called in Chicago to be attended by the traffic managers of the Western Trunk Lines and Southwestern Lines to hear a plea on your behalf, by your national representatives that store door delivery be continued.

Men from every part of the country came to this meeting which was held in Chicago and your national association was represented by former president Braun, traffic manager Whitney and executive secretary Park. The records of that hearing will reveal that those men did an excellent work in seeking to convince the railroads that they should voluntarily continue store door delivery without an I.C.C. ruling.

The first meeting was unsuccessful. The traffic managers of

the railroads did not see fit to agree to the suggestions of your national representatives.

Immediately, our Chicago office got on the telephone and called many of the leading producers in the United States, asking for their support in another plea to the railroad people. From the Northwest, from Vermont and from Georgia the cooperation was complete and many shippers wired the Western Trunk Line traffic managers as well as the Southwestern Lines traffic men, urging that the plea of Monument Builders of America be reopened so that store door delivery should continue.

Immediately following this deluge of telegrams to the railroads, in which nearly 200 retailers joined, we filed with I.C.C., calling for a hearing but at the same time, hoping to avoid the expense of an I.C.C. meeting, we again appealed individually and collectively to the railroad traffic managers with the result that a second meeting was called for in Chicago and, voluntarily, the railroads represented, agreed to suspend their own new tariff which would have suspended store door delivery.

Application was then made to the I.C.C. to make the suspension official and a discontinuance of the whole matter was granted for a period of seven months.

Before the termination of the seven month grace period the Western Trunk Lines and the Southwestern Lines sought the cooperation of Monument Builders of America in a plea to I.C.C., to make the suspension official without an I.C.C. hearing. It goes without saying that we immediately joined with the railroads in this plea to the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the result that store door delivery continues as it has for the past several years.

Perhaps your national association spent a thousand dollars on this campaign but had we followed the advice of certain traffic people we would have ignored the personal contact and we would have gone directly to the I.C.C., with the result that had a hearing been held it might easily have cost your national association ten to twelve thousand dollars. And, according to sound advice from outstanding traffic counselors, those figures are a low estimate.

In giving you the details of this particular phase of our activity, I admit frankly having taken much time but this is merely a tip-off as to the details of many other phases of our activity which perhaps in good taste should not be reported publicly, aside from the actual results.

Let's look now at another activity which the national association has been carrying on for the past five years. This started [Continued on page 38

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This impressive shrine recently erected in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass., illustrates the important mission of sculpture in our cemeteries. It is good to know that many of America's leading clergymen are staunch proponents of beauty and significance in cemetery art. This work was commissioned and dedicated by The Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, who is contributing so much to American life.

ECCLESIASTICAL SCULPTURE in **COMMEMORATIVE ART**

By the Staff Critic

Two Impressive Catholic Memorials. Featuring Effigies of St. Joseph, Prompt This Commentary on the Mission of Religious Sculpture in Memorial Art.

As all Catholics well know, "St. Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin, and the foster-father of Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ." Which explains why so many hospitals, charitable institutions and cemeteries are dedicated to St. Joseph of Nazareth, who should not be confused with St. Joseph of Arimathaea.

The foster-father of Jesus is usually depicted with the Holy Child in his arms. But there is no ecclesiastical dictum concerning any representation of the Saint. To be sure, the sculptor

"... behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt and be thou there until I bring thee word." (Matthew 2, 13.)

or the painter should introduce one or more attributes of the Saint so that he may be identified; and St. Joseph had numerous identifying attributes: the rod or staff with blossoming lilies and almonds; these together with any of the implements used by a carpenter because Joseph was a carpenter and mechanic by trade.

Two cemetery memorials featuring effigies of St. Joseph are here illustrated; one depicts the Saint holding the Holy Child, the other introduces only the blossoming rod as an attribute

with adoring angels flanking the figure. The sculpture on both of these memorials is obviously the work of able artists; sharp in contrast to the commercial type of statuary with which so many Catholic cemeteries are burdened.

The Shrine of St. Joseph stands nearby the entrance of St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. It was erected under the sponsorship and supervision of The Most Reverend R. J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston. The architects were McGinnis & Walsh, recognized here and abroad as outstanding masters in ecclesiastical architecture.

Cathedrals and churches by McGinnis & Walsh are landmarks and works of art in hundreds of American cities and communities. The architecture and the sculpture of the St. Joseph Shrine exemplifies their mastery of architectural design.

On the West Roxbury shrine St. Joseph, the "patron saint of carpenters and mechanics" surmounts the rear wall of the exedra and fountain. The superbly modelled statue is flanked by two Adoring Angels. The "Fountain of Living Waters," symbolical of the Blessed Virgin, is fed by a sculptured spout representing the Lamb. Here, indeed, we have a notable example of ecclesiastical sculpture and impressive architecture in the design of a cemetery Shrine.

The monument is the work of The Giarrusso Granite Co. of Quincy, Mass. using Sullivan's Westerly Granite.

The Statue of St. Joseph on the Imperatrice Memorial depicts the traditional representation of St. Joseph holding the Holy Child in one arm and the Annunciation Lilies in the other. The effigy is modelled and carved with the artistry and technique typical of the work done by A. Ottavino of Brooklyn. Smith Westerly Granite was used in this outstanding monument erected in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.



The Imperatrice family monument in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., indeed portrays the Memorial Ideal . . . "Symbolic in design and reverent in purpose . . . a tribute to respect and honor to the dead, a constant source of inspiration to the living."

TRADE NEWS

MONUMENT PLANNED FOR LT. GEN. LONGSTREET

The Civil War general, James Longstreet, scorned for generations in the South as "the man who lost the battle that lost the Civil War", is to be honored by a monument in his memory. Heirs of the Confederate tradition are reported to have again launched a drive to erect such a monument on the Gettysburg battlefield.

A site for the monument was donated on the famous battlefield by federal authorities and dedicated before World War II. The war halted the work before the statue got past the model stage.

The reopening of the Longstreet Memorial Association's drive for funds to complete the project was announced recently by the peppery widow of General Longstreet, Helen Dortch Longstreet of Marietta, Ga.

The finished statue, she said, is to stand on ground where Longstreet directed his tragic battle of the right wing on July 2nd, 1863, the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Longstreet campaigned from the first battle of Bull Run to the last line at Appomatox in the Civil War. But later, as a New Orleans businessman, he accepted a local federal appointment from the reconstruction administration of his old foe, President U. S. Grant. Southern reaction to Longstreet's burial of the wartime hatchet was immediate and violent. It wiped out his business and followed him to his simple grave on a North Georgia hillside. On his death in 1904 several United Daughters of the Confederacy chapters passed and published sharp resolutions urging that flowers not be sent.

Even today, with dozens of memorials standing to Robert E. Lee, to his commander of the Second Corps, Stonewall Jackson, none stands anywhere to James Longstreet, commander of the First Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia.

THE WELLER MONUMENT COMPANY A NEW FIRM IN CARLINVILLE, ILL.

Announcement has been made of the opening of a new monumental establishment in Carlinville, Ill., the Weller Monument Company.

To introduce the new firm, Don Weller, the proprietor, held open house March 4th and 5th. The public was invited to call at the new business place and inspect the display of monuments, the new building, machinery and other facilities.

Mr. Weller is a veteran of World War II, having served four years in the Army with a year and a half in the Philippines. He and Mrs. Weller, with their four year old daughter, moved to Carlinville last November.

The Legal Department ...

COST OF REPAIRING DAMAGED MEMORIALS

Where one is chargeable with the expense of making good damaged memorial work, he is apt to argue that it can be repaired. But the owner of the memorial is equally apt to insist that replacement is necessary. (It is to be understood that this discussion does not embrace cases where a buyer has not accepted a memorial as being in compliance with the seller's contract. In such cases, the buyer may have broad right to refuse to accept a damaged memorial and content himself with a repair of the same. But the discussion does cover a case where, after acceptance, defects attributable to the seller's fault develop.)

A study of the decision rendered by United States District Judge Porterie, Western District of Louisiana, in the case of Tupper v. Continental Oil Co., 73 Fed. Supp. 4, is illuminating, on questions as to when cost of repair and not replacement determines the amount of damage properly awarded.

In that case, plaintiff sued the oil company for injury to a \$17,000 mausoleum due to earth vibration caused by explosives used in exploring adjacent land for oil. The court had less trouble in determining that the company was at fault, than in determining whether the damage could be repaired for \$750, as claimed by the company, or would require replacements that would cost \$3,500. Judge Porterie appears to have followed the example of Solomon by "splitting the difference." He awarded \$1,750 as being a fair compromise; \$1,000 therefore being allowed for flaws remaining after repairs. The court said:

"Before ascertaining just what the law is on the point, we have come to the conclusion that the mausoleum, as it stands, damaged and without any repair at all, would be as useful as it has ever been before. The strong preponderance of the evidence from all experts is that this structure would be there as it stands for thousands of years. The safety is in the sheer weight . . .

"The evidence preponderates on the point that grout (soft or liquid cement) may be pushed and forced from the outside, through the old cement where cracked and that this would be a good job, both as to appearance, support and solidity

"It is true that there is an air space (cavity) in the wall of the mausoleum and that the inside surface of the heavy marble wall is not visible. The cement forcing would be from only one side of the wall. It would be a great and prohibitive cost to take down and put back all the thin slabs of polished finishing marble on the inside. But, if taken down, one could see the heavy marble wall inside and force grout in the cracks (if any) from the inside, too, but the evidence is clear and preponderant that this is not necessary. The cement cracks are fine. The old cement has remained in place and the new cement will cork itself when pushed from the one side. There is no need of working from both sides.

"However, over the whole structure the first remedial work would be to cut out the mortar for a depth ranging from one to one and a half inches and repoint it-put fresh mortar back and shape it. This type of repair is included in the aggregate of \$750. However, to make it the safer, this should be done to a depth of two-thirds of the outer 11 inch marble wall, that is,

Conducted by A. L. H. STREET Authority on Cemetery Law and Legal Editor of the Monumental News-Review.



seven inches deep. Some addition of the sum of \$750 should be allowed for this contingency.

"Then the defendant's experts say that upon the spending of \$750, the chippings of the granite, called 'spalls," not being deep or thick, could be chipped off and well replaced. The monument has rough stone on the exterior, as a whole, and the repair work in this roughness would not be noticeable. This chipping could be repaired so that it would not be visible and only an expert could locate it. It would seem to us that with the repair of the mortar joints that are cracked and with the repair of the chipped granite blocks, and, then, substituting a new piece at the northwest corner of the mausoleum, the structure would last indefinitely and would look closely as it did before the injury. But, it would still be true that the plaintiffs, knowing where to look, could see and locate the marble injuries, not only on the outside but, also, on the insides . . .

"On the question of the cracked granite slab to be repaired with granite dust, presumably mixed with cement, the statement of the expert was: 'The marble mechanic can patch that up with a material that you would never be able to see.' And in answer to the question: 'That would be a lasting job?', the answer was: 'As long as the marble (granite) lasts.' ...

"The amount of \$750 would, to any and all practical purposes, makes this monument as serviceable and as durable as ever, and but for these imperfections the structure exteriorly would be as attractive and as beautiful as ever. The interior, however, will not be the same in appearance.

"We arrive at the sum of \$1,000 to compensate the plaintiffs for these imperfections, particularly the flaws on the inside, and for the general fact that the structure will show that it is a repaired one-making the total award by us of \$1,750. . . .

"The sum of \$750 would place the monument, from the utility viewpoint, to what is was before the injury, but from the artistic viewpoint it will not be the same monument. There will be exteriorly the jarring effect of some small piece of bright new stone next to the weathered stone. There will still be the fact that the repaired spallings may not last as long as the original stone, or, as the record shows, may show discolora-



tion or stain in a few years, as compared to the unrepaired virgin stone. The mausoleum was built in 1937-1938. The amount awarded here is a reparation of the injury in all of its phases. We can not, in justice, conceive that this whole structure should be taken down and built anew. This would be an injustice to the defendant. The defendant company was never malicious in this matter; the injury was not intentional."

The court attached importance to the fact that top-heaviness of the mausoleum contributed to its injury by lateral movement of the earth caused by the explosions, and said in this connection:

"You may well imagine the power, at rest, of this twentyton roof, acting at the end of a lever of nearly twenty feet. This caused the 'chipping' or shearing of the stone at the corners of some of the lower slabs. Is this poor construction contributory negligence by the plaintiff? We can not rule affirmatively in the instant case because the erection of the structure antedates the general use of such shooting for the discovery and location of oil. But what would be the rule if such a mausoleum were built now, when economically and scientifically such shooting is generally accepted and is necessary for the common good?

"Though the formal plea of contributory negligence has not been filed, the above paragraph is placed in this opinion to put builders of future mausoleums on notice that they are not free to build without restraint and without consideration of the rights of others."

W. R. WILEY, SOLE OWNER WILEY BROTHERS MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS

By mutual consent, J. E. Wiley and W. R. Wiley, doing business as Wiley Brothers Marble & Granite Works, York, S. C., dissolved partnership. Effective February 11, 1949, W. R. Wiley assumed all the rights and liabilities, etc., of the former partnership.

In the many years which this firm has been in business in York, it has built up an enviable reputation for fine memorial work, according to all reports.

The continued ill health of J. E. Wiley necessitated his retirement from the firm, and his brother, W. R. Wiley, is now sole owner.



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COMMEMORATING THE WAR DEAD

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city and the state. Here are some salient lines from the letter which Thomas Paul wrote to Monumental News-Review concerning the Cenotaph at Travis on Staten Island:

".... Travis is a small town on Staten Island. Eight boys from this town lost their lives in the Second World War, dating from 1942 to 1946 inclusive.

The War Memorial Committee considered the matter for a long time. They were not satisfied with the ordinary type of War Memorial submitted by many monument dealers. They wanted something original and something that would convey an inspiring message.

They finally consulted a sculptor and art teacher on Staten Island, Mr. Daniel Milton. Mr. Milton prepared a plaster model to give the Committee a general idea of what he would suggest. The Committee approved of his idea and then we were called into the picture to work out the idea along practical lines and within the cost limitations set by the Committee.

By using the four-sided pedestal Mr. Milton was able to place two names on each surface, starting with the name of the boy first killed in 1942 and continuing around the pedestal. The names were continued in the sequence of the dates of death.

Mr. Milton is very enthusiastic over the idea of world peace and felt that a bronze open-work sphere, symbolic of the globe, with a band of lettering circling it, reading




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The Cenotaph at Travis, on Staten Island, should be an inspiration to all of us who continually search for an unusual theme or *motif* in commemorating those who died in the War. This modest but impressive and significant Cenotaph proves that the artist can help any community, how ever small it may be, to erect a distinctive War Memorial. It should likewise demonstrate the importance of genuine collaboration between the memorialist and local artists—be they sculptors, art teachers, architects or critics—in commemorating the War Dead and in pleading for "A WORLD UNITED FOR PEACE."

DESIGNERS ACCOMPANY C. F. DAVIS ON SOUTHERN TRIP

Harold Schaller and Stephen Espie, designers with H. K. Peacock Memorials, Inc., New York City, are reported to have recently made a trip to southern quarrying centers. They accompanied C. F. Davis, wholesale salesman of New York, on this extended automobile trip.

PEEBLES MONUMENT COMPANY OPENS OUTDOOR DISPLAY

In West Union, Ohio, the Peebles Monument Company of Peebles, Ohio, is reported to have opened an outdoor monument display recently. Having secured a prominent corner in West Union, it is expected that the display will attract considerable attention and lead to a wider field of service.

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with the introduction of what was known as the Rowan Bill, asking the Federal Government to allot a specific sum toward a monument, cemetery plot and funeral service for each veteran.

The funds which we asked were modest and would actually have cost the Government no more than the money they are presently paying for similar service to veterans.

The facts are, this legislation had a double purpose, we were seeking to stop the regimentation of memorialization for veterans and we were seeking a specific sum for a cemetery plot to eliminate the necessity for additional national cemeteries. And, let it be said here, that we are of the same opinion today as we were five years ago when the appeal was originally introduced by Representative Rowan.

It became obvious that having monuments, cemetery plot and funeral directing service all wrapped up in one piece of legislation would not win ready favor and so a year and a half ago Congressman Ramey of Ohio was encouraged to present House Resolution H.R. 4647, which would have allowed a veteran or his family the sum of \$25.00 to apply toward a monument or headstone of his own choice. Again, we were up against a stone wall because it is our opinion the chairman of the committee having to do with such matters did not favor our idea.

Another phase of our activity which is giving us much attention at the present is reclassification of railroad freight rates, which in many instances would classify granite and marble so high that the freight rates would be extravagantly out of proportion.

A meeting was held in Chicago two weeks ago by your executive committee and attended by our traffic counselor and Mr. Rankin, executive vice-president of A.M.A., with the result that a meeting of traffic managers representing A.M.A., the Barre Granite Association, the producers of the Northwest, the Vermont Marble Company, the Coggins Industries and the Georgia Marble Company will be held in our office in Chicago on February 22nd for the purpose of exploring all the possibilities of our industry appealing directly to the railroads for a reclassification which would reduce, rather than increase, freight rates in our industry and it is our opinion that a program will be prepared on February 22nd which will enable our industry, for the first time in history, to go to the railroads with a sound and logical proposal for commodity rates in every part of the United States rather than a conglomeration of class and commodity tariffs, which is doing much to stultify a vigorous competitive market in the monumental field.

With freight rates as they are now and with increases which are probable, unless we, as an industry, do something through our national activities and with the collaboration of all producing centers, results appear to be that every producing center will be practically confined to a limited area within its own immediate territory.

You will likely hear little of our activity on this score until a program has been mapped out, but when that has been done every man and woman engaged in the monument industry in the United States will be appealed to to lend a vigorous support to the program.

Already, I have consummed much of your time but I would like to point out a fact that only recently I have learned to my own satisfaction, and that is that the monument industry on the whole has enjoyed two great periods of prosperity during the past thirty years. Peculiarly enough and unfortunately enough, those periods of prosperity were during and immediately following great World Wars.

An investigation in our national office reveals that the work of your association during the first World War through the employment of Mr. Hollaster Jackson, a young attorney of Barre, Vermont, caused a luxury tax to be removed from monuments and caused a ruling by the Baruch Committee the equivalent of our War Production Board—to grant the monument industry cement to prepare foundations for monuments, without which our industry would have closed down completely during those years of World War I.

It was out of the employment of Mr. Jackson, whose pleas were rejected by the Baruch Committee and by the Treasury Department that Mr. Jackson was forced to seek and was granted, an interview by President Wilson and it is presumed that during the course of that interview the late president of the United States made the statement that "monuments depend on sentiment and without sentiment a nation cannot live," because immediately following the statement by President Wilson an order was issued by the Treasury Department removing monuments from the list of luxuries, and an order was issued by the Baruch Committee to grant monument dealers the right to use cement for foundations.

It is not necessary for me at this time to go into the activities of your national association during World War II, most of you are familiar with the fact that ours was the only industry allowed to erect a construction of a value up to one thousand dollars without seeking permits, all other industry in America was circumscribed to a limit of \$200.00.

Ours was the only industry in America who could load a truck half full of monuments and markers, take them to a cemetery anywhere in the United States and return with an empty truck. All other industries had to have a 70 per cent load on their trucks upon their return journey.

In view of the fact that our executive secretary is scheduled to speak this afternoon and in view of the great amount of time that I have consumed, let me say in conclusion, that the splendid cooperation of the retail monument dealers of the Northwest during the past few years with the Monument





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I enjoy-

a high standard of living which capitalism makes possible, the pride of individual accomplishment,

the satisfaction of knowing I can go as far as my ability and ambition will take me,

the security of justice,

the joy of knowing my son can go even farther than I have gone.

These are some of the glorious privileges which I enjoy in my town and you enjoy in your town because we are a part of the grandest nation on the face of the earth.

Under our system of government we have come in forty years from \$2 a day for ten hours' work to \$9 and more for eight hours' work for the typical American. This is because

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some men chose to save their money, invest it in machinery, and from the profits of these efforts, investments, and ingenuity invested in more machinery; and in the process, they have furthered the cause and welfare of their employees. Because they succeeded, these men were able to spend eight hundred millions of dollars between 1930-1936 keeping thousands on payrolls and off relief rolls. Under our system, it is the opportunity and responsibility of the workman to help assure profits to his employer by more efficient production. He will benefit by lower prices, by more stable employment, and by sharing in the greater production which he creates.

It has been said that the greatest crime against working people is a company which fails to operate at a profit. In these United States 63.9 per cent of the entire nations' income is paid to workers while 4.9 per cent is paid to owners as dividends. This goes on in view of the fact that 80 per cent of all businesses fail within ten years. This goes on because industry and business in America is owned, managed, and staffed by free men, who, because they are free produced more in three war years than all the other nations of the earth combined, who, because they can produce more are the only hope of the rest of the world.

You have a greater responsibility today than merely making your own business succeed. You must alert yourselves to a condition which from observation is undermining the very foundation of our way of life. I say alert yourselves to the privileges which are yours to aid in the preservation of our system of government.

I suggest that you take an analysis of your own accomplishments today. How have you accepted the community challenge which comes with this right of freedom and life? Have you been coasting along on the receiving end just looking busy? Does your community life exemplify the motto of Rotary: "He profits most who serves best." Let us recall those memorable lines from Shakespeare, "The fault is with us, dear Brutus, that we are underlings."

The time hallowed tradition of memorialization is the proud heritage of our people today. You are building tokens of memory and love. It is imperative, therefore, and you are charged as a member of this craft to devote yourselves to a diligent study of the art, that these might be symbolic in design and reverent in purpose. When you have accomplished this with a part in the preservation of this blessed democratic way of life, then you can say, "I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday, and I will do my best today."

JOHN D. STRONG BUYS OUT PARTNER

Recently, John D. Strong of the Lowry-Strong Memorial Works, Asheville, N. C., bought out his partner, Edward Lowry, and is now in full control of the business, according to reports.

Mr. Lowry, who before the war was employed by the Georgia Granite Corporation, Elberton, Ga., as foreman of the finishing plant, was called to take a responsible position with that firm again.

The Asheville firm was purchased by Mr. Lowry and Mr. Strong in 1945, from G. B. Nix who had been in business at that same location for 20 years.

A \$2,000 war memorial was recently contracted for by Mr. Strong. It is for the Beacon Manufacturing Co., Swannanoa, N. C., producers of Beacon blankets. Two bronze plaques are to be used, one for World War I servicemen and the other for World War II veterans. Georgia granite is to be used for the die which will weigh 10 tons.



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Announcement was recently made that the corporate name of Meehan-Weld, Inc., Union & Clark Streets, New Britain, Conn., has been changed to Weld, Carey & Scheyd, Inc.

Mr. F. Phillip Carey will serve as president, Mr. A. J. Scheyd, vice-president, and Mr. Gardner C. Weld as secretary-treasurer and general manager.

In reporting the change, Mr. Weld stated that the new corporation will continue to operate the same business and with the same policies as the previous corporation, the only change being in the name and the two new officers.

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION FUND FOR PAMPERL MEMORIAL

The Barre Memorial Art Society, Barre, Vt., is reported to be sponsoring the project for the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Charles Pamperl.

An instructor in art in the Barre Evening Drawing School and for a time in the public schools of the community, it is estimated that Mr. Pamperl had instructed some 3,000 students. Although a man of simple ways and unostentatious demeanor, Mr. Pamperl gained a strong hold not only on his students but on the people of the community as well.

In planning for the memorial the organization felt that the popular subscription method would be the best as it would give many people an opportunity to share in honoring this friend of individual and community.

The amount of approximately \$1,000 was decided upon for the cost of the memorial.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As we go to press it is reported that over \$700 has been raised already.



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know by now that they are in the United States, have been in the United States, have been with us since July 29. They started to work August 1.

The two biggest problems we have with them, or have had, they arrived here and none of them could speak English and all of them were marble workers so our problem was two-fold: teaching them English two nights a week, and also working on granite, day in and day out, learning the working ways of the tools and equipment. They are, all five of them, a very high type of individual, and I think if they can remain they will make fine citizens.

Within the past week they, all five of them, are now instructing in modeling and sculpturing in the towns in which they live.

Just briefly I'd like to mention our art school-the Barre School of Memorial Art-it is in its third year of operation. It's a G.I. Bill approved school. The tuition is \$350 a year and I think, as you know, its purpose is to provide designer salesmen for the retail field. It's now in its third year, and during the first two years, we were able to get some "bugs" out of the program, and we think it's doing a pretty good job.

After the boys would leave the job after two years, we would run into them at conventions and ask them what they thought of it and how it could be improved, and we found that one of the things that is lacking is a course in salesmanship. They were getting enough design but were somewhat lacking in salesmanship. We are giving about two and a half hours of salesmanship a week. Last year Mr. Park, your executive secretary, came up and gave his two-day course, and we hope to have him back again this year.

For about the past six months our association has been investigating the possibility of setting up a consolidated shipping service, that is, run by the Barre Granite Association; and, as a matter of policy, we are going to do that. That has been decided. The purpose of it, of course, is to take advantage of the lower carload rate, and we are going to attempt to set up many more points than are served by pool cars when we take it over.

We had many problems confronting us when we started this. We are a trade association, tax exempt, and we couldn't enter into any service that would affect our tax structure; but, as I say, as a matter of policy, we are going ahead with it, and we think it will effect fairly large savings for all retail monument dealers who are buying Barre granite by the use of pool cars into every district in the United States.



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SCOGGINS MEMORIAL ART SHOPS AWARDED WAR MEMORIAL CONTRACT

The Mecklenburg Gold Star Mothers' Club of Charlotte, N. C., has been working and planning for the erection of a monument to the memory of the men and women of the county who gave their lives for their country while serving in the armed forces in World War II.

Recently the order was placed for the granite to be used in this shaft. The contract for construction was awarded to the Scoggins Memorial Art Shops, Charlotte, N. C., by the club, and the work of erection is expected to start promptly on delivery of the granite. According to present expectations, the work will be completed about September 1st.

Mr. Scoggins in describing the memorial stated that it would be one of the most outstanding memorials in the general area, one in which they would take justifiable pride. A vast amount of intensive planning and creative effort on the part of the Scoggins staff, in collaboration with the officials of the Mecklenburg Gold Star Mothers' Club, is represented.

The project represents a cost of \$12,000, of which a total of \$9,700 has been collected.

Long a cherished plan, the leaders in this promotion now hope for the realization of their dream at an early date.

THE RAISCHES IN GUATEMALA

A trip to Guatemala is being enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Raisch of Brown & Raisch Company, Detroit, Michigan. They plan to spend several days at Havana, with a number of other stops enroute.

AUTOMATIC GRANITE CUTTER PRODUCED IN ST. CLOUD

During recent years a new industry is reported to have been growing in St. Cloud, Minn. In this active granite center something new in granite-finishing machinery has been produced.

Manufactured jointly by the Granite City Electric Company and the Granite City Iron Works, the machines in question are known as Carbo-Guide machines. They are huge, powerful units which automatically grind granite blocks into almost any desired shape. They are used extensively to grind tops and sides of monuments and they transform rough stone surfaces into smooth, symmetrical contours in as little as 17 minutes. It is described as almost magic in operation and is done by a rotating grinding wheel made of carborundum which travels on a huge steel carriage and is controlled by a complex electrical system. Four separate motors are used in the intricate controls for each unit.

John Ellenbecker of St. Cloud, developed the electrical "brain" of the Carbo-Guide. Experiments were conducted and trial installations made in St. Cloud granite plants before the machine was perfected and patented.

The massive metal framework, platforms and standards supporting the carborundum grinder were engineered by J. A. Allen of St. Cloud and local installations were constructed under his supervision.

The Carbo-Guide machines used in the St. Cloud shops speeded up the shaping of granite tremendously, and demand for the equipment began to come in from other centers throughout the country. This has resulted in the placing of Carbo-Guide machines in Wausau, Wis., Milbank, S. D., Montello, Wis., and Elberton, Ga., with orders on hand for a series of machines for a southern granite producer.

Each new installation requires a complete railway car for delivery, and each represents in excess of \$10,000 in local business volume.

CARL C. BRAUN ADDRESSES MEMORIAL ART SCHOOL STUDENTS

Carl Conrad Braun of New York City, American architect and industrial designer, as well as architectural consultant for Jones Brothers Company, Inc., Barre, Vt., and Boston, Mass., addressed the students at the Barre School of Memorial Art, Barre, Vt., on March 4th.

Mr. Braun commended the faculty and students for placing emphasis on the importance of drawing and for endeavoring to instil personalized sentiment in memorial design. The students responded with many questions pertaining to memorial art and Mr. Braun answered them with the counsel of one professionally trained in the arts and long experienced in the practice of both architecture and design.

F. J. A. Healy, superintendent of Jones Brothers Company, who also spoke to the students, introduced Mr. Braun.

Mr. Braun represents the third generation of his family in the memorial field. The Braun Memorial Art Co., Inc., of Joliet, Ill., is headed by his father, Conrad M. Braun, while his brother, Leonard H. Braun, Yunker Memorials, Inc., Lansing, Mich., is past president of the Monument Builders of America.

Following graduation from the University of Illinois, Mr. Braun filled the position of instructor in art at the university. He is at present an architect in New York City, and has written a book, "Modern Merchandising of Monuments," for the American Monument Association.

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NEWS OF THE WINTER CONVENTIONS

MONUMENT BUILDERS OF WISCONSIN GATHERED IN MILWAUKEE

Monument builders and guests, numbering seventy in all, gathered at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 8, 1949, for the annual winter convention of the Monument Builders of Wisconsin.

Greetings were extended by President Walter L. Kuebler together with his thanks for the support and cooperation given him during the year by the officers and members of the association.

The appointment of committees was the first order of business, with members as follows: Auditing—John Marsh, Fred Kannenberg and Ira Miller; Nominating—Charles Madson, and Fabian Monfils; Resolutions—Art Jones and John Woelffer.

The association's financial report was read by Merrill W. Schaefer, Schaefer & Company, Milwaukee, secretary-treasurer, which showed a balance in the treasury of \$1,428.64.

Richard McBride, field representative of the Barre Granite Association, Barre, Vermont, reported on the granite situation in Barre. In this he included up to the minute information on such subjects as the Barre School of Memorial Art, the pooling of carload shipments, and the advertising and other operations of the Barre Association.

Representatives of manufacturers and quarries from the various centers followed Mr. McBride presenting a resume of conditions which they described as having returned to normal. The newly elected executive vice-president of the American Monument Association, Thomas I. Rankin, so well known to the trade through his associations with the trade as consultant on Inter-Allied and Public Relations, presented an address which was inspiring but at the same time alarming. Nomonument cemeteries were his subject and with the aid of graphs he showed the inroads they were making in the industry. To make it as practical as possible, Mr. Rankin offered suggestions for combatting the dangers.

Representing the cemetery association was Herbert Gausewitz of Milwaukee, first vice-president of the American Cemetery Association, who delivered an address stressing the need for cooperation between the monument builders and the cemetery officials.

Following the traditional luncheon, Fabian Monfils, Kenosha Monument Company, Kenosha, showed his pictures of historic monuments throughout the world.

In the afternoon, Alex Park, executive secretary of the Monument Builders of America, told in detail concerning the activities of the national association.

A motion was approved by the dealers that the Wisconsin Association contribute the sum of \$200 to the Public Relations Fund of the Monument Builders of America.

A motion was also carried supporting an American Legion proposal that the families of deceased war veterans have the privilege of receiving, if they so wished, the sum of \$25.00 from the government in lieu of the regulation markers now supplied by the government.

Fabian Monfils and Vic Van Cemert were named delegates to the national convention, which will be held August 28, 29, 30 and 31 at the Congress Hotel, Chicago.

The following officers and directors were elected to serve the Monument Builders of Wisconsin during the following year: Walter L. Kuebler, Burlington, president; Gus Reinke, G. Reinke & Co., Inc., Oshkosh, first vice-president; Robert Manthey, Carl Manthey & Sons Co., Green Bay, second vicepresident; and Merrill W. Schaefer, Schaefer & Co., Milwaukee, secretary-treasurer. William Spellman, Spellman Granite Works, Sauk City, was elected to the board of directors for three years; Carl Manthey, Carl Manthey & Sons Co., Green Bay, was elected for a two year term; and Art Jones for one year.

NORTHWEST MONUMENT BUILDERS ELECT DON GILMER PRESIDENT

The retail monument dealers of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, held their 44th annual convention February 10th and 11th, 1949, at the Hotel Nicollet in Minneapolis, Minn.

This progressive organization presented a fine array of guest speakers during the two-day meeting, and in the business sessions members not only demonstrated their awareness of problems of the industry and of their association but also proceeded to take concrete steps to meet them.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to appoint a part-time executive secretary from without the industry. The new officers are looking for a man capable of filling such a position and guiding the association in a forward looking program.

A thought-provoking invocation was given by Rev. Darrel M. Farnham at the opening session. He was followed by Mayor Eric G. Hoyer of Minneapolis, who urged monument builders to remember their artistic obligation in creating memorials. [Continued on next page]



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His talk was quite a departure from the usual welcoming address, urging mutual discussion of problems toward better memorial art.

The executive vice-president of the American Monument Association, Thomas I. Rankin, another of the fine speakers, told in detail of the interests in competition with the traditional American cemetery and the nation's monument builders. He followed this with suggestions for meeting this situation, such as better merchandising and increased attention to public relations.

The president of the Monument Builders of America, Almon D. Olsen, Greene-Grignon & Peterson Company, Duluth, Minn., who is also a past-president of the Northwest Monument Builders, presented a detailed story of many of the recent activities of the national association that have materially benefitted all retail dealers. He also urged his listeners to study their art and in every way become leaders in preserving the American way of life.

Reports from different quarry centers held important places on the program. Carl Grewe, Grewe Granite Company, spoke for the St. Cloud granite manufacturers, telling how the severe winter snows had curtailed operations in the St. Cloud, Minnesota area. He was able to assure the group, however, that the manufacturers would be operating as soon as conditions permitted.

Richard T. McBride, field representative of the Barre Granite Association, Barre, Vt., reported on quarrying and manufacturing conditions in Vermont.

Alex Park, executive-secretary of the Monument Builders of America, with his national contacts and fund of information, is always an anticipated speaker at all conventions. Among other things he spoke of the plans for the 1949 national convention which will be held in Chicago at the Congress Hotel, August 28-31, 1949. One of the leading features is to be a design contest sponsored by the Monument Builders of America in cooperation with the Society of Memorial Designers and Draftsmen. There is to be a first prize of \$500, a second place award of \$300, with \$100 for third place, and twenty-five honorable mention awards of \$25 each. Rules and specifications will be ready about May 1st.

Another address received with interest was presented by York Langton, trade extension manager of the Coast to Coast stores, an independent chain. His topic, "Modern Techniques in Selling and Retailing," was of vital interest to all those in attendance. In this he stressed the need for closer cooperation between retailer, wholesaler and manufacturer, and the advantage of a well-kept, modern place of business.

The newly-elected president of the American Monument Association, Frank N. Yogerst, Liberty Granite Company, Inc., St. Cloud, Minn., emphasized the need for greater support of their national associations on the part of all individuals in the retail as well as the wholesale monument business. Only through the co-ordinated effort of the entire industry would it be possible to accomplish the program that the two associations have formulated, he said.

On the morning of the 11th, talks were given by two wellknown cemetery officials. Paul Daggett of St. Paul, Minn., urged the settling of disputes between monument dealers and cemetery officials through conferences and talks instead of by legislation and litigation. In his address entitled, "Are We Going Forward?" he stated that monument builders and cemeteries are not going forward when they take recourse to courts

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and legislation in resolving their differences.

Herbert W. Gausewitz of Milwaukee, Wis., first vice-president of the American Cemetery Association, brought out in his address that monument dealers and cemetery operators alike will lose the respect of the public if they fail to maintain high artistic standards.

Representatives from the Vermont Marble Company, the Georgia Marble Company and the Milbank, South Dakota granite center, were also heard at this session.

At the business meeting, officers for 1949 were elected, as follows: Don Gilmer, Delano Granite Works, Delano, Minn., president; Dave Wirth, Wirth Granite Works, St. Cloud, Minn., vice-president; and Ray Schoenrock, Jr., William Schoenrock & Son, St. Paul, Minn., secretary. John J. Flynn, Crookston, Minn., and A. L. Green, A. L. Green Monument Works, Sioux Falls, S. D., retiring president and secretarytreasurer, respectively, were elected to the board of directors for two year terms.

R. H. LITTLE AGAIN HEADS MONUMENT BUILDERS OF IOWA

Another state convention has been qualified as one of the finest ever held. There were eighty-one in attendance at this annual meeting of the Monument Builders of Iowa held at the Savery Hotel, Des Moines, February 16-17, 1949, as a result of tireless efforts to make it an outstanding event.

At the opening session greetings were extended by Heck Ross, Mayor of Des Moines. President R. H. Little, Iowa Memorial Company, West Liberty, also welcomed the attendants and after leading the group in song, appointed committees as follows: Ed Metz and E. Ray Hull were named to the Auditing Committee; Joseph Wostoupal, D. C. Swisher, and G. W. Timmins to the Resolutions Committee; and Walter Metz, Ira Cooley and J. A. Waddell to the Nominating Committee.

Richard T. McBride, field representative of the Barre Granite Association, Barre, Vt., reported on the progress of the association and the history of the Barre granite deposit. He also reported on a "Consolidated Shipping Service" to provide "pool cars" to all parts of the United States to save the high cost of freight by shipping LCL.

In the afternoon, Almon D. Olsen, Greene-Grignon & Peterson Co., Duluth, Minn., president of the Monument Builders of America, outlined the growth of the national association, stating that it had increased its membership by 600 per cent in the last ten years, and that while then it took a year to fill a file of correspondence at the national office, it now takes only six weeks; and while ten years ago, its newspaper releases numbered only about 24 to 40 clippings a month, they now run into the hundreds. He urged membership in the association with its opportunities for cooperation in the fight for the right to free enterprise and to aid in the preserving of our form of government.

By popular request, Ed C. Mims, vice-president of the Coggins Granite & Marble Industries, Inc., Elberton, Ga., addressed the group on the subject of "Salesmanship." One of his suggestions was that each individual analyze himself, his courage, confidence in himself and his optimism, which would in turn be reflected in the group. Then he outlined the various types of prospects and the method of handling each. For instance; with the friendly fellow, care must be taken not to let him get off the subject; with the quiet one, carry him along with straightforward argument; with the [Continued on next page]





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hurried one, have a concrete, concise plan, work it out fast and say, "I want this order, why don't you sign it now?" With the slow fellow, hard to pin down, he suggested helping him slowly, not rushing him, but creating goodwill, not exaggerating, for it is all-important to instill an air of confidence in yourself.

Mr. Mims also brought out the accepted fact that monuments are too much alike and urged that serious thought be given to design. For the future welfare of the industry he urged taking stock and changing ideas where it would be to the advancement of the trade.

The next speaker was Alex Park, executive secretary of the Monument Builders of America. He told of the successful fight the national association waged against the threatened legislation for the elimination of store-door delivery on LCL freight shipments, which if passed would have cost the industry from \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. He urged the fulfillment of "The Memorial Ideal" in every monument so that each one would be a thing of beauty. A dynamic speaker, Mr. Park presented a practical and constructive address.

During the open forum which followed, dealer relationships were discussed by Frank Betz, Betz Monuments, Cedar Rapids. He urged each dealer to sell on his own merits and not on the demerits of others. H. S. Beatty of Davenport, discussed no-monument cemeteries and defied anyone to find the markers of his loved ones when there was snow on the ground.

An illustrated lecture, "Building Mausoleums," by Virgil Winge of Des Moines, was a feature of the banquet, after which music and entertainment were supplied by the Charles Pray Music Center.

The morning of the 17th, Robert Phillips, Jr., of the American Monument Association gave a timely address on how memorial park cemeteries operate and how, by catering to pre-need business especially, and systematic follow-up of the office girls' phone calls to prospects, they succeed to the extent they do. He urged monument dealers and traditional cemeteries to get into this game and sell pre-need lots, and to use joint advertising for which mats, brochures, and other valuable aids are available free from the American Monument Association.

Sectional meetings held during the year created a spirit of friendship and were a great help in gaining the support and cooperation of more members. It was decided to continue this program during the coming year.

It was moved that the president appoint a committee of three to act as a relations committee between the monument builders and the cemetery associations and to try to get the cooperation of funeral directors as well. It was suggested that they discuss standard regulations as to stones, foundations and the matter of joint advertising between monument dealers and traditional cemeteries. Beautification of traditional cemeteries to compete with no-monument cemeteries is also to be brought up for consideration.

On the recommendation of the nominating committee all officers were retained, as follows: R. H. Little, Iowa Memorial Company, West Liberty, president; Earl Phillips, Boone Marble Works, Boone, vice-president; Mary L. Linnane, J. W. Hearshman & Sons, Des Moines, secretary-treasurer.

Executive Committee: R. W. Gauld, Phillips & Gauld, Inc., Des Moines; Virgil Winge, West Des Moines; and P. B. Sherriff, Glendale Monument Co., Des Moines.

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In Missouri, as in so many others, the report comes back that the winter convention of the Monument Builders of Missouri was the "best ever." Dealers gathered February 18-19, 1949, at the Hotel Phillips, Kansas City, for a most instructive and informative meeting. A fine array of speakers and interesting panel discussions highlighted the two-day meeting.

Opening Friday morning, the president, E. J. Kling of the Butler Monument Company, Butler, Mo., presided. To make it as informal as possible, there were short introductions of each member and representative present and in this atmosphere of friendliness the regular routine of business was begun. Reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer, and by old committees, followed by the appointment of new committees. The concluding feature on the morning's program was the report on the national convention held in Chicago last summer.

The dealers, their wives, and guests were luncheon guests of the J. P. Gilman Granite Company of Kansas City in the Windsor Room of the Phillips. A musical program followed the luncheon, given by Miss Doris Jean Gilman. The Rev. W. E. King, guest speaker, gave a stirring tribute to the GIs in his talk on "Giant Killers."

The field representative of the Barre Granite Association, Barre, Vt., Richard McBride, opened the afternoon session with [Continued on next page

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a report on conditions in the Barre district, telling particularly about the apprentice program being carried out in the Barre plants.

The American Monument Association was represented by Robert L. Phillips, Jr., public relations officer and field representative, who spoke on the ever-increasing problem of nomonument cemeteries. After outlining several methods of combating the problem he urged all monument organizations to take immediate action toward stopping the growth of this type of cemetery.

Next on the program, Alex Park, executive secretary of the Monument Builders of America, Inc., reported on the national organization and the services always available to members. Following, there was an open forum which developed into an interesting discussion of points brought out by the various speakers.

The evening banquet was highlighted by "Magic," and no after-dinner speaker. The program was put on by Miles Lytell and company, with Ad Lorenzon, Lorenzon & Son, St. Louis, acting as toastmaster. As always the audience was delighted with his entertaining remarks.

"Advertising" was the subject of a talk presented Saturday morning by Ronald Vance of the Kansas City Star. He showed monument dealers the need to do more newspaper advertising to build up their reputation and interest the public in monuments. Referring to a recent strike at the Star, he said there were more inquiries regarding deaths and obituaries than for any other item in the news. During a question and answer period Mr. Vance clinched his suggestions with statistics and results from consistent advertising.





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committee of eight legislators to study the means by which the cemetery situation in New York can be rectified. After conducting its inquiry the committee is to recommend that a commissioner, or a superintendent, or a commission group, be empowered to govern the activities of cemeteries. Mr. Callow pointed out however, that the resolution in its present form is of a rather broad nature, tending to affect the church and municipal cemeteries as well as the speculative cemeteries, and he felt that some changes would be necessary in this respect in order to assure passage.

As to the second question, Mr. Callow's answer was similar to that of the first, again stressing the fact that religious cemeteries were also here affected by portions of the resolution, and certain changes would be required.

Mr. Callow felt that the Pseudo-Corporation sham under which the no-monument cemeteries have labored so happily in many states was very definitely going to be affected in the State of New York, not only by the present legislative proposals, but also by the present Civil Court Action by Attorney General Goldstein. He pointed out also that should the court decide in favor of the State the Pseudo-Corporation will be a nonentity in New York.

Pointing out that it has always been the policy of his association to vigorously pursue friendly relations between New York memorialists and the cemetery officials, Mr. Callow stated that his group has utilized every conceivable means at its disposal to attain this objective and feels that the program has proven very worthwhile and successful.

A short talk was also presented by Erwin H. Lipstadt, Lipstadt Memorial Company, New York, secretary of the

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Greater New York Retail Monument Dealers Association. He commended the establishing and maintaining of harmonious relations between states, feeling that an active exchange of ideas would not only result in enjoyable friendships, but profitable ones as well. He suggested that the association attorneys establish regular correspondence.

This highly interesting meeting was held in the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

ALEX PARK VACATIONING AFTER WINTER CONVENTIONS

The winter convention circuit, while extremely interesting and worthwhile in results, is strenuous, especially for those who make it their business to attend each meeting.

So, it must have been with a sigh of relief that Alex Park, executive secretary of the Monument Builders of America, took the train from Chicago for the wide open spaces of Texas, to join Mrs. Park for a three weeks' vacation.

This year for the first time in twelve years, Mr. Park missed two conventions because of illness. A record of which to be proud! A vacation was certainly in order.

MONUMENT BUILDERS OF OHIO ANNUAL MEETING

The Monument Builders of Ohio, Inc., held their annual convention at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel at Columbus, Ohio, on February 27th and 28th. With an attendance of over one hundred composed of retail dealers, manufacturers, supply men, and members of the M.B.A. and A.M.A.,—a representative group of the monument industry presented a vitally interesting program.

Sunday afternoon started registration that continued throughout the convention. Sunday evening was a social event, the banquet given by the Coggins Granite & Marble Industries, Inc., Elberton, Ga., was enjoyed by a large audience. As the banquet guests assembled, all stood during the invocation given by Harry C. Schwartz, Harry C. Schwartz Memorials, Lebanon, Ohio. Following the banquet came an address by Roscoe R. Walcutt, member of the Ohio Senate. His talk, a mixture of humor and vital statistics of laws being considered and under discussion at the State House, was of interest to all. A social hour followed.

Monday morning's meeting was called to order by President [Continued on next page





Paul S. Larsh, The Merkle Company, Dayton, Ohio. Minutes were read and reports given and committees appointed.

Harry C. Schwartz, Harry C. Schwartz Memorials, past president of the Ohio Monument Builders, and vice-president of the Monument Builders of America, addressed the convention on "Ethics-Advertising-Solicitation." Do not put up mottoes proclaiming ideals, and turn away from it all in your daily life and acts. Advertise, work in harmony with your cemeteries, try to specialize in design, be it in a large or small monument, personalize it—be ethical in every act, thus raising the entire standard of our industry.

William Henning, executive secretary of the American Cemetery Association, traced its activities from its founding in 1888 to the present. He urged cooperation, try to understand the problems that trouble both the monument and cemetery man, be sympathetic, not antagonistic—all cemeteries working together are a powerful force.

Robert L. Phillips, Jr., of the American Monument Association gave the aims of the Association in working with cemetery and monument men to improve conditions and induce friendly cooperation. Discussion followed.

Edward N. Sloan of Green Lawn Cemetery Association, Columbus, advised putting rules and regulations in a drawer and talking over necessary methods with lot owners, with monument dealers; differences can be adjusted by getting together using reason and diplomacy.

"The Monument Builder's Place in the Community," was the subject given Robert Graham, dealer from Alliance, Ohio, Graham & Wagner, Inc., who has long been active in the civic, church, fraternal and business life of Alliance. With the manner and personality of "Churchill," he gave a talk enjoyed and appreciated by all. He said the monument business was an "enviable" one, be sincere and right in all your dealings. Be active in public life, church, municipal, clubs, fraternal orders,-get and deserve the friendship and good will of those with whom you work, be a contributor of time, advice and money to any worthy cause, such time given is not wasted, it enriches both receiver and giver a hundred-fold. Said Mr. Graham, "There is nothing improper in keeping one's name before the public, especially when the people know that one is not self-seeking, but is public spirited, and is willing to serve when duty calls. Let us bear in mind that 'He profits most, who serves best.""

At the noon luncheon meeting, Ralph E. Fisher, George A. Fisher Granite Works, Wooster, Ohio, a member of the House of Representatives spoke on bills before House and Senate, of interest to Ohio dealers.

Alex Park gave his usual witty and serious discussion of things in the past, present and future, saying, "the things bothering us today are the result of things done yesterday." He told of the Design Contest, to be an important feature of the 1949 Convention to be held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago. Five men will be chosen to select the thirty best designs from the hundreds that will, doubtless, be submitted. The designs are to be suited to a family of moderate means, with emphasis on beauty in proportion, and inscriptions beautiful in expression. Specifications will be announced later. \$1500.00 will be given in prizes, \$500.00 being the first prize.

Mr. Park announced that a Training Course would be held during the National Convention.

In discussing no-monument cemeteries, Mr. Park felt the monument dealer had something they could not supply to the bereaved, that instead of fighting them we should improve our



own approach and the opportunity to serve sincerely and beautifully.

At the afternoon session, Lester Meritt, Safety Adviser, Division of Safety and Hygiene of the Industrial Commission of Ohio told of "Silicosis in the Monument Shops of Ohio."

A member of the Allied Memorial Institute of Decatur, Illinois, described their work and accomplishments.

Officers were elected as follows: President, George C. Shaw, Logan Monument Company, Logan; vice-president, Paul H. Lambright, Danison Monument Company, Lancaster; treasurer, M. H. Morgan, Zenker Brothers Memorial Studio, Columbus.

Trustees: George A. Bone, The George Dodds & Sons Granite Co., Xenia, one year; Rudolph A. Oswald, Henry Oswald & Co., Cincinnati, two years; Carl G. Faehnle, Henry A. Mason Memorial Studio, Columbus.

National Representatives: Robert Graham, Graham & Wagner, Inc., Alliance; Frank Price, The Kenton Marble & Granite Company, Inc., Kenton; C. P. Smith, Findlay; and Paul S. Larsh, The Merkle Company, Inc., Dayton. Bert D. Strang, editor, Ohio Monument Builder, Columbus, and executive-secretary of the association.

Sales representatives were introduced. Gifts donated were drawn and distributed, and another successful meeting of the Monument Builders of Ohio became history.

The ladies were entertained by the Coggins banquet and social hour Sunday evening, and a luncheon and theater party on Monday afternoon.

DAVE WEST PRESS SECRETARY FOR NEW JERSEY

To place and keep the Monument Builders of New Jersey before the public eye, the association has secured the services of Dave West of the Trenton *Times*, who will act as Press Secretary for 1949. He will attend all meetings and members are requested to send him items which could be used for publication.

Efforts will be directed toward the use of news items in home town newspapers and the building up of a consciousness of the memorial industry.

REMOVAL OF TRANSPORTATION TAX PROPOSED

A bill was recently introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman James I. Dolliver (R.-Iowa) to remove the 15 per cent war-time tax now imposed on all transportation by the government.

Known as H.R. 1895, this proposal is of interest to all members of the monument industry and they are urged to contact their local representatives in Congress and advocate passage of this measure.

THE VAN WERT MEMORIAL WORKS CONSTRUCTING NEW STUDIO

Elmer Hisey and Doyle DeBout, who operate the Van Wert Memorial Works, 225 N. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio, are reported to have sold their building to George Sheehan, owner of an automobile agency.

In the meantime, a set of buildings is under construction at their new location on a five acre tract in Van Wert. The office will be 24×36 feet and will front and set back about 90 feet from Shannon Street. The sandblasting and carving shop for the monument business will have a dimension of 24×50 feet and will be located west of the office.



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One of the most famous of the Green Mountain State's attractions, this 40 acre man-made wonder greeted thousands of visitors last year from 46 states, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia. There were also many visitors from distant lands such as Australia, Brazil, Canal Zone, France, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Switzerland, a total of 16 foreign countries, as well as many from the Provinces of Canada.

A perusal of the quarry guest book reveals some of the individual testimonials such as "Amazing," "spectacular," "most interesting part of our New England tour," "truly educational."

Situated 1200 feet above sea level, this solid acreage of granite was formed over millions of years of nature's evolution. People voice amazement at the vastness of the quarry they marvel at the smooth running procedure of removing 30-50 ton blocks of granite from the quarry.

Courteous company guides, using a loudspeaker system, present a vivid narration of the entire spectacle. From a protected platform at the quarry's edge, tourists observe actual operations being carried on 350 feet below.

Rock of Ages is glad of the opportunity to greet visitors from all corners of the globe and to acquaint these tourists, young and old, with one of America's foremost resources— Dark Barre granite. From all indications 1949 will be the greatest tourist year high on "Quarry Hill." Free guide service is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Saturday from eight to 12 noon. Free souvenirs, postcards, booklets, and folders are available at the quarry to all. These may be mailed anywhere at no cost to the visitors. Registered tourists 1948 were 12,281.

ROCK OF AGES CORPORATION

MAURICE C. WATKINS ELECTED PRESIDENT SMITH, WHITCOMB & COOK

The annual meeting of Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Company, Barre, Vt., was held the evening of March 15, 1949, in Hotel Barre. Directors were elected and the reports on business for 1948 which were presented indicated a successful year.

Directors were named as follows: Frank Friberg, Anderson & Johnson, Inc.; Archie Buttura, Buttura & Sons; Donald Staples, Capitol Granite Co., Inc., Montpelier; Hugo Giudici, Giudici Brothers & Co.; Maurice C. Watkins, Cook, Watkins & Patch, Inc.; Leo Sanguinetti, Sanguinetti Sawing Co.; Herman Cross, Cross Brothers Company, Inc., Northfield; Libero Zampieri, Zampieri & Buttura Co.; and Wendelin J. Beck, Beck & Beck, Inc.

A meeting was held later by the newly elected directors when they elected Maurice C. Watkins, president; Hugo Giudici, vice-president and Wendelin Beck, treasurer.

BARRE MANUFACTURER IN MIDDLEWEST

Mr. Adam Podskalny of the Adams Granite Company, Barre, Vermont, with Mrs. Podskalny, recently combined an extended vacation and business trip to the middlewest.

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The circular states:

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Newman Brothers, Inc., 660-670 West 4th St., Cincinnati, reverted to the production of its regular line as quickly as possible following V-J Day. The company almost immediately resumed the making of Newman memorial plaques, grave markers and invertible cemetery vases in cast bronze.

The casting of cinerary (or cremation) urns, however, was held in abeyance until this month because of the scarcity of certain components. The complete line is now being offered, exactly as it was in pre-war days, by the Newman Company, whose new folder of designs and up-to-date price list are obtainable upon request.

TROW & HOLDEN MEN REJECT CIO UNION

Employes of the Trow & Holden Company voted at Barre, Vermont by secret ballot 18 to 11 against having the United Stone and Allied Products Workers of America (CIO) as their bargaining agent in dealings with their employer in a National Labor Relations Board representation election March 9.

Of the 29 votes cast, 18 were against participation in labor organization and 11 were cast for the union as a bargaining agent. There were no ballots voided and none challenged in the election held from 3:45 to 4 p. m. in the shipping room of the Trow & Holden plant on South Main Street.

J. WILSON FERGUSON PRESIDENT BARRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At the March 16th meeting of the directors of the Barre, Vermont, Chamber of Commerce, J. Wilson Ferguson was elected president. Mr. Ferguson is well known to the trade as manager of Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Company of Barre.

MARR & GORDON, INC. TO BUILD CUTTING AND FINISHING PLANT

A building permit has been granted to Marr & Gordon, Inc., Barre, Vermont, to erect a cutting and finishing plant off Willey Street. It is reported that the plant will have a main shed 45 by 208 feet with two side ells of 20 by 64 feet and 20 by 176 feet.

JOHN R. MILES ELECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER OF THE BARRE LODGE OF ELKS

At a recent election held in the club rooms of the Barre Lodge No. 1535 B.P.O.E. (Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks), John R. Miles, popular representative of Dawson-Macdonald Co., of Boston, Mass., in the Barre District, was unanimously chosen as the Grand Exalted Ruler. "Johnny" will serve in this position, as head of the Lodge, until April, 1950. Wellknown throughout the industry, he has been active in Elkdom, not only in Barre, but throughout New England for many years.

NEW YORK'S ATTORNEY GENERAL TAKES ACTION AGAINST "PROFITEERING IN SORROW"

Albany, Feb. 4 (AP)—"Many millions of dollars" are being "siphoned annually" from some cemeteries by those in control, says New York's attorney general.

Nathaniel L. Goldstein, who has said several times that he intended to eliminate "profiteering in sorrow," declared in a report to the legislature yesterday that a "shocking" number of cemeteries in the state were "lucrative" ventures.

His report reviewed recent actions taken against what he termed "so-called non-profit cemeteries operated by member-ship corporations."

"There were a shocking number of such cemeteries which, far from being non-profit, were actually the most lucrative sorts of real estate and commercial ventures," he declared.

He added that "many millions of dollars were being siphoned annually from these cemeteries by calculating individuals in control."

Goldstein told the legislature that "only a revision of the law which would provide regulation and supervision could end the multitude of existent abuses." He said he was preparing legislation for consideration later in the session.

"One, to stop the sale of part of a cemetery to a professional promoter who stands to realize about \$10,000,000 on the transaction;

"A second to oust a group of directors who drained more than \$2,000,000 in personal proceeds from a cemetery in a seven-year period;

"And a third to dissolve a high-pressure sales organization which grossed more than \$1,650,000 by retailing graves at 100-per cent markup."

The report did not identify the actions. Goldstein has started one in Albany, however, to halt the sale of a 17-acre section of Evergreen Memorial Park to Thomas F. Reilly of East Haven, Conn.

He also has begun two court actions to stop an alleged deal between Maple Grove Park, Inc., of Kew Gardens and the Maple Grove Cemetery Association, a membership organization operating a Queens cemetery.

Goldstein said when he began the two actions that a New York City firm had made a gross profit of more than \$1,000,000 through the sale of graves.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The quoted newspaper clipping above is one of many received on New York's Attorney General Goldstein's efforts to remove the "speculators" from the Cemetery Field in New York State.

GIFFORD MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

The Gifford Marble & Granite Works, 3300 North 11th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, is reported to have been purchased recently by Cleve L. Cotner and John J. Harper.

Mr. Cotner has been connected with the firm for several years, while Mr. Harper has been with a local furniture manufacturing company for the last 15 years.

W. N. Gifford, after 37 years in the monumental business, has retired. He started in the memorial field in 1912 at Stigler, Okla., and about seven years ago established the business in Fort Smith. Prior to that he had been conducting a monumental service in various other Oklahoma locations.

Mr. Cotner reports that the company has added a new designing department which is being headed by Mr. Harper.

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This organized group of sculptors, modellers and carvers was founded in 1904. The organization specializes in ecclesiastical and commemorative sculpture together with models of buildings, industrial products, monuments and mausoleums. Notable among their recent productions are to be found in models or carvings at West Point, Annapolis, Yale, Columbia, St. Patricks Cathedral, N. Y. (the new High Altar), the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the Roney-Plaza Hotel in Miami, the New York Stock Exchange, the St. Regis Hotel, Casino Nacional in Havana, the Library at Ponce in Puerto Rico, the Chicago Tribune building and countless other productions here and abroad. All of which explains why Mr. Schwerin commissioned Rochette & Parzini to reproduce the "Nike of Samothrace."

True, the Schwerin memorial at Elizabeth involved an expenditure far beyond the means of most people. But we should remember that these sculptures, in the round or in relief, can be obtained in small or even in miniature form; and whatsoever the size may be, these sculptures bring that element of fine art to our cemeteries which may deliver us from the menace of regimentation. The alert memorialist does well to explore the field of fine art in sculpture; he will be surprised to learn how much in beauty he can obtain at reasonable cost.

W. H. HOOVER FORMS NEW COMPANY

In a letter received recently from W. H. Hoover in Elberton, Ga., he announced that he has resigned, as of April 1, 1949 from the Harmony Blue Granite Co., Inc., where he has been Secretary-Treasurer for a number of years. Mr. Hoover stated in his letter that he had "severed all association in the active management and operation of that corporation" and that he would continue in the wholesale granite manufacturing business as an individual under the name "Hoover Granite Company." He stated that he has purchased a modern and efficient plant in Elberton and that there will be no interruption in the operation of the new plant.

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It was also stated that J. Searight Marshall, a highly respected business man in the community, would remain in active service with the firm.

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Obituary Record

R. H. LAIRD

On December 31, 1948, R. H. Laird passed on, in his seventieth year. Mr. Laird had been in the monument business in Carlisle, Pa., in the same location for about fifty years.

CHARLES POGUE

Charles A. Pogue, 71 years old, owner and manager of the Pogue Monument Company, Crawfordsville, Ind., died March 4, 1949, at his home in Crawfordsville.

Mr. Pogue, who had been in business in Crawfordsville for half a century, was born May 31, 1887, at Fairberry, Ill., the son of Andrew F. Pogue and Maria King Pogue.

As a pioneer in the monument business, Mr. Pogue erected the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument which was erected in front of the Montgomery County Courthouse. It is also reported that he designed and built many of the larger monuments in the city's cemeteries.

Mr. Pogue was a member of the Episcopal Church. He attended Northwestern University.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Charles Pogue, and a daughter, Marjorie Elyn Pogue, a student at Indiana State Teachers' College.

A. R. BAXTER

Mr. A. R. Baxter of Alexander MacDonald Company, Trenton, N. J., died at his home in Trenton on January 4, 1949, in his 78th year.

Always interested in association activities, Mr. Baxter had been a past president of the national organization and a life member of the Monument Builders of New Jersey.

The sole survivor is a sister, Miss Mabel Baxter of Quincy, Mass. Mr. Baxter was buried from her home with interment in Mount Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

JAMES A. SMITH

James A. Smith, 62, head of the Smith Monument Company, Toronto, Ontario, died February 26, 1949, at his home in Toronto, after a prolonged illness.

Born in Scotland, Mr. Smith had been a resident of Toronto for nearly 40 years. Together with the late Harry G. Smith, he founded the monument manufacturing business in 1921. He was a member of the Masonic Order and College Street United Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Helen Bisset Smith; three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Oggy of Montreal, Mrs. J. H. Gibson, Mrs. D. K. King; and one son, James Smith of Toronto.

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OBITUARY . . . (Continued) GROVER C. PIRIE

Grover Cleveland Pirie, formerly active in the J. K. Pirie Estate, died in the Barre City Hospital, Barre, Vt., April 7, 1949, having been cared for there since August 1947.

Born in Williamstown, Vt., December 27, 1888, he was one of eleven children born to the late James K. Pirie and Mary (Farnsworth) Pirie. One brother, Fred F. Pirie survives him. His brother, James G. Pirie, died in 1947.

A lover of the outdoors, Mr. Pirie spent many fall months hunting and fishing in Canada. Second only to his love of the outdoors was his fondness for books, having accumulated a considerable library during his lifetime.

During the First World War he served overseas from July 7, 1918, to May 15, 1919. He was a member of the American Legion, Summit Lodge, No. 104, F. & A. M., Williamstown, a Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner and belonged to Mount Sinai Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., of Montpelier. He was also a member of the Barre Fish and Game Club.

Mr. Pirie was buried with full military honors in the family lot in Elmwood Cemetery. An American Legion service was given at the home in the evening, and a Masonic service at the church.

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In olden times it was neither remiss nor unknown to express a bit of personal venom on the family gravestone. Comments on marital mates, marriage in general (and in particular), human depravity in general and in particular, often featured commemorative art in the days of our forebearers. "TO OUT-LAST THE BRITISH EMPIRE" is one of the few examples of "old fashioned feeling" in contemporary cemetery art we have seen. No, it's not in Boston, where they excommunicate anyone who loses his brogue in three generations; it's in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

MUTINY IN THE RANKS?

Perhaps familiarity does breed contempt. We note in a recent Barre Daily Times that one of the city's leading lawyers is a staunch advocate of a "Living Memorial" Promotion in a nearby town. From a clipping sent us from the Quincy Patriot Ledger of Quincy, Mass. we learn that all unmarked graves of Veterans of all Wars will be commemorated by Bronze Plaques to be furnished with city funds. It is estimated that some five hundred graves will be so marked. And all this in so-called "Granite Centers of the World." Do Westerly, Elberton, and St. Cloud report any Local Memorial Parks?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the above remarks were written, several month's ago, we have learned that the allusion to apostasy in Quincy is unfair. It seems that the "bronze plaques" are simply small metal lot markers.

TIME MAGAZINE:

Virgin of the Superhighway-When the old Havana-Guanabacoa road was converted into a superhighway, a venerable travelers' shrine known as the Virgin of the Road was destroyed. The Virgin's friends and neighbors, fearful of Cuba's frantic traffic, protested, and the government commissioned Sculptress Rita Longa to make a new Virgin. Still to be consecrated, the new Virgin has been a quick success. Even at night Cubans toss money in the pool, stuff currency in her hand. The money, collected regularly (\$112.28 last week), is given to an orphanage.

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