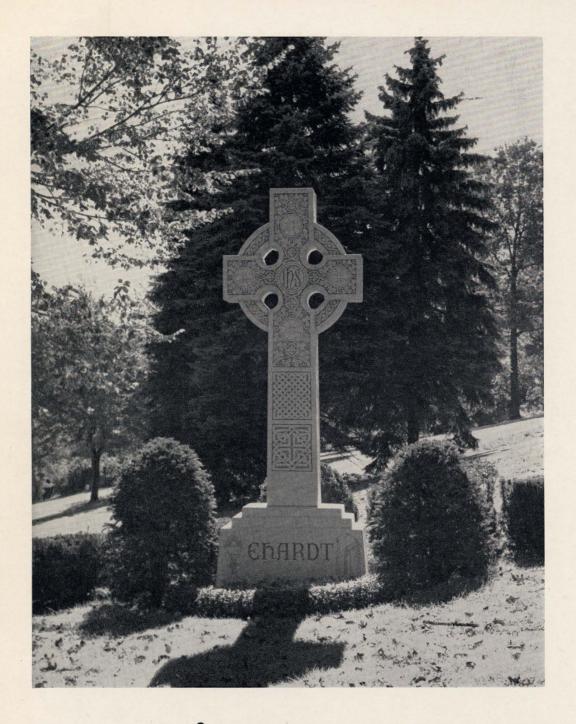
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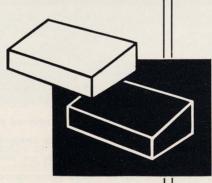


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Wm. Henry Deacy, Executive Director, New York City; Robert Graham, Alliance, Ohio; Harold Schaller, New York City; Peter Troost, Hillside, Ill.; Aubrey Cody, Clay Center, Kan.; Morton R. Cree, Clay Center, Kan.; Ernest Hammaker, Thurmont, Md.; Claude W. Brown, Florence, S. C.; T. W. Moose, Florence, S. C.; Carl Faehnle, Columbus, Ohio; C. A. Bone, Xenia, Ohio; Ralph Ardolino, West Long Branch, N. J.; Gene Long, Pleasantville, N. J.; Roy Bloom, Omaha, Neb.; Fred Davis, Boston, Mass.; Almon D. Olsen, Duluth, Minn.; Harry McColm, Huntington, W. Va.; James Knobloch, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. C. Shearer, Lexington, Ky.; Joseph Carabelli, Cleveland, Ohio; Everett N. High, Cincinnati, Ohio; Esther McDade Ford, Braintree, Mass.

In the absence of President Frank McNeel, Marietta, Ga., Vice-president Robert Graham presided.

Mr. Deacy presented a detailed report on conditions of the [Continued on Page 70]

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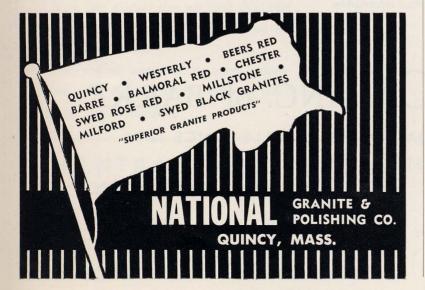
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Miss Julia Mischanko, able and attractive assistant to Mr. Green in the Chicago Office of the M.B.A., was kind enough to forward a few notes to us on the ladies activities and some of the other social high-lights of the Convention. We quote excerpts from her entertaining report:

"TUESDAY AFTERNOON found all the ladies in the party over at Higbee's Department Store for a luncheon and style show. The food was excellent and the style show impressive. Some of our ladies even went away with new ensembles. Hope the husbands didn't mind the added expense to the convention budget. Mrs. A. L. Green and Mrs. Hoyt Holton did the honors of distributing little plastic sewing kit favors to each of the ladies present—ideal for use in traveling.

"CULTURAL TOUR OF EAST SIDE OF CLEVELAND was arranged at the instigation of Mr. L. W. Stolz for his lady, Mrs. Stolz, a charming Texas Belle, and two busses took off to show the dealers the sights after close of the business sessions on Wednesday afternoon. Did the 34 people in the first bus know that there was a bus following very soon after with only three people in it? How royally those three must have felt to have a private bus to themselves. We took the bus man aside and asked him to take our tourists around a couple of cemeteries so they wouldn't forget about business entirely, but we never did find out if he complied with the request. Oddly enough, we didn't hear a thing about the tour. What happened anyway?

"THE CLIMAX AND END, of course, came at the banquet Wednesday evening. Voicing the opinions of our members the program was a huge success. But, here too we had a touch of the novelty to start the evening off. We loaded our guests into busses and whisked them off on a little joy ride to the Statler Hotel where this Main event was held. The food (filet mignon) was deliciously prepared and appetizingly served and to throw a bouquet to the waiters, they did a neat and fast job of it.

"We had a pleasant surprise for Mrs. Holton, wife of the outgoing president, when our effervescing maestro, Vinnie Carothers, Chairman of the Registration and Attendance Committee, and re-elected director of M.B.A., presented her with a lovely silver tray, and after a simple and gracious 'Thank You,' she quickly stepped down from the platform and like a dutiful and loving wife promptly presented it to her husband. But, he was in store for his own token of appreciation from the monument dealers in the form of the traditional watch as a memento of the many long months devoted to leading the retail dealers in developing a more progressive program for our industry. George Kellogg did the presentation in this instance, and despite the fact that he was coached in more than one unconservative fashion of making his speech, George came through in his own undeniable, charming manner.

"Registration prizes and attendance prizes were given away at all sessions of the convention and the grand prizes were drawn at the banquet . . . 1st prize—Deep Fry-Well, a beautiful Wall barometer, a carving set and a lovely candelabra contributed by Sheidow Bronze Co. Sorry we didn't get the names of the winners.

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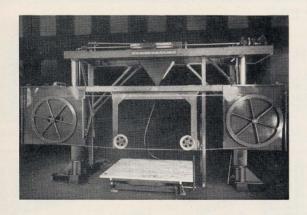
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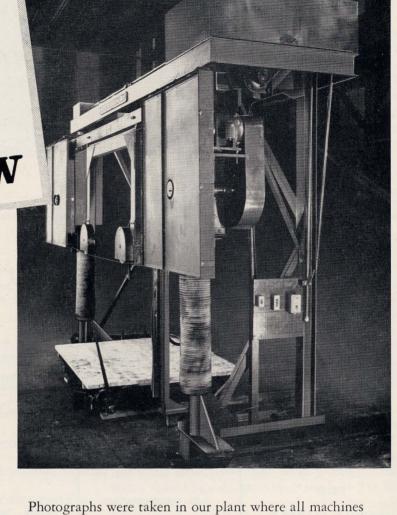
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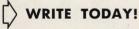


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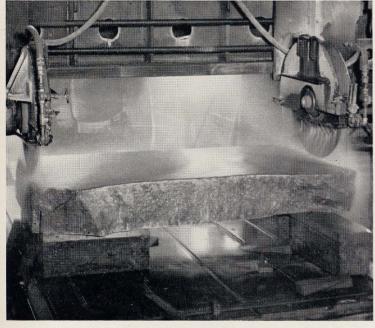
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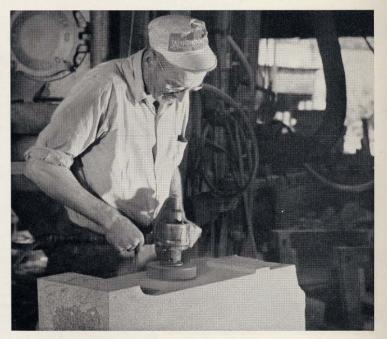
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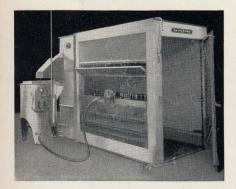
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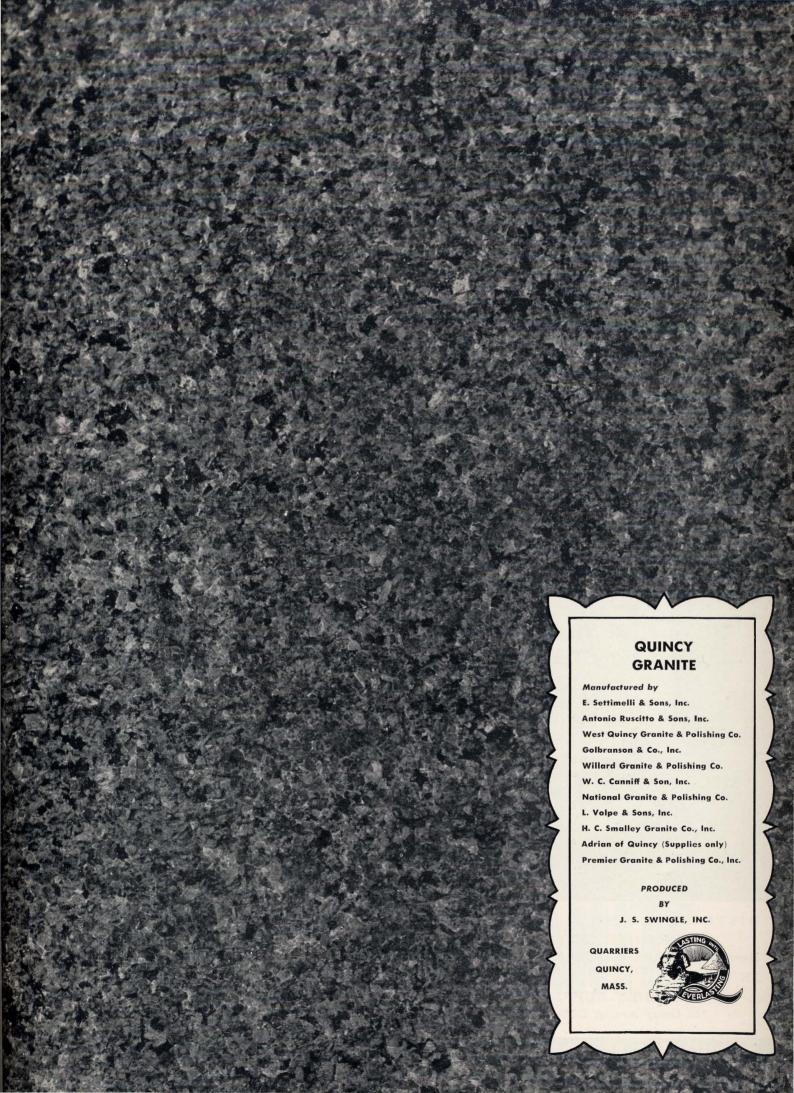
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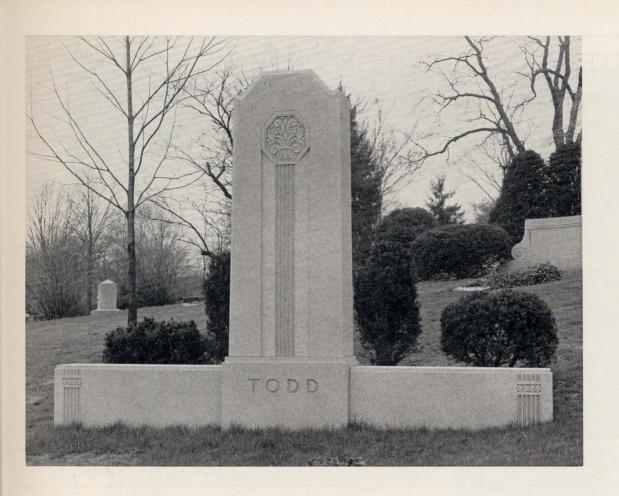
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The Babyland Feature Memorial, exhibited at the recent AMA-MBA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, is but one more example of effective dealer group activity at the expanded local level. The Northern Ohio Monument Institute merits great commendation in this, as well as their comprehensive association program.

This beautiful memorial was one of the most admired at the MBA-AMA Convention in Cleveland this year. It was donated by the Northern Ohio Monument Institute to further the principles of the "Memorial Ideal." It will be placed in the Baby Section, presently being developed in Highland Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Alex Freed, Commissioner of Cemeteries of the City of Cleveland has made extensive plans for the landscaping for this new section, which may well lead to duplication in the several other cemeteries under his management. Formal dedication of this memorial and the new section will be held on Mother's Day this coming May.

Designed by well known John Jamieson in collaboration with several other of his fellow memorialists in the Association, it was manufactured by The Salisbury Granite Industries, Inc., of Salisbury, North Carolina of their Salisbury Pink Granite.

Here is another example of effective regional association activity. From a purely monetary standpoint this memorial represents a comparatively small investment when shared by some fifty memorialists with the unreported but undoubted cooperation of the producer. It would seem that the newspaper publicity already received has proved its worth, and we may be certain that the publicity on its dedication this coming May will be extensive. But there is far more to this than advertising value present and future. There is the matter of Cemetery Good Will, which will always be beyond any price label. Nor is the matter of dealer morale to be undervalued. Here is one example of group activity that takes the edge off understandable competitive friction and proves that success cannot come primarily at the expense of our fellow memorialists. But above all it illustrates the all-important opportunities in Regional Associations at the local level.

In industry as in war, the organizational chart is a matter of great importance, and should be continually subjected to the closest scrutiny for maximum effectiveness. The triangular Armored Division of World War II is a far cry from the World War I square division. In industry too, perhaps even more so, we cannot afford to stand pat on outmoded organization. In our own industry we are in the process of organiza-



tional changes, which seem to offer more value for the money and energy expended. Quite naturally the emphasis for the next several years must be placed on the Monument Institute of America and the synthesis of the present MBA and AMA. In the light of experience we must carefully weigh the emphasis to be placed on State and Regional Associations to eliminate undesirable and expensive duplication of effort. In the past twenty years two developments in association activity seem to us to be all to the good; the New England Retail Association and the Tri-State Meetings of the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland Associations are typical of desirable State consolidations; the Northern Ohio Monument Institute, the dealer group of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and environs, and the dealers of Greater New York are examples of effective regional organization. This type of consolidated State activity and regional district organization requires study now. It must be realized that no matter how good our National Marketing Program may look on paper, it will be no better than its application at the local level. We must not end up with an army of generals and sergeants. Neither can we afford to spread our resources too thin, but whatever the extra demands of the National Association, we must not lessen our regional activity. The Northern Ohio Monument Institute and the "Capitol City" group in Albany are excellent examples of forceful, efficient organization that is paying dividends. In relations with cemeteries alone these organizatons have proved themselves invaluable, and the broadening of purely local groups has multiplied their effectiveness many times more than mere numbers.

Yes, it may well be that study will show that future emphasis must be placed on regional local groups. It has been suggested that even joint State groups meet every two years in their own territories with their alternate meeting at the National Convention of the Monument Institute of America.

There is certainly much to recommend this plan.

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AM I A BUILDER?

By ARCH GREEN

Executive Vice President

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(A talk which Mr. Green gave at the many State and District Meetings this winter.)



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Elbert Hubbard, the great American Novelist, who was born in 1859, in Bloomington, in the state of my newly adopted home, Illinois, and who lost his life with the sinking of the Lusitania May 7th 1915, wrote, and I quote: "The world bestows its greatest prizes in wealth and honor, but for one thing, and that is initiative. What is initiative? I'll tell you. Intiative is doing the right thing without being told." I have a feeling that we, in this industry, have let that most cherished asset, initiative, pass into the hands of others who are using it in a manner displeasing to us, to say the least, and in many instances in promotions of doubtful integrity. I believe it is high time we do something about it.

Uppermost in the minds of most people connected with this industry, is the question—"where are we" and "which way are we headed?" and that is what I want to discuss with you today. I believe most of you can answer the first part of that question, "where are we" by analyzing your own business and then visiting a few cemeteries. When you compare the quality of material and artistic value in the present trend in design with that of the monuments erected some twenty to forty years ago, you can readily see where we are, unless you are totally blind.

The well-known and prominent architect and monumental designer, William Henry Deacy of New York City, in his article "Putting Old Wine Into New Bottles" in the September issue of Art in Stone writes: "Today it is generally agreed that this is a machine age—that the machine is master when men should be the masters of the machine."

Many of the diligent men in the cemetery field also view with considerable apprehension, that trend as evidenced in that masterful article "Sunshine or Shadows" (which has been widely publicized but is worth repeating) by Richard Allison, president of the American Cemetery Association, in which he is very considerate of us but has pointed out, in a friendly manner, an existing condition that disturbs the thinking of all who are interested in the true meaning of proper memorialization. I quote in part:

"While I do not concur with those who have adopted this no-monument policy, I must admit, that sometimes I have been tempted to agree with them in their philosophy. Now please do not misunderstand me—I do not oppose monuments; on the contrary, I am a staunch supporter of the memorial ideal. But I do raise my voice against poor quality, stereotyped monuments, fabricated from materials which should have gone on the grout pile. Some monument dealers today are their own worst enemy. Many dealers are striving

honestly to raise the standards of excellence in their products. These should be heartily encouraged by every device at our command.

"We all know individuals who are in the monument business, who know little of balance and proportion, and less about design, finish and quality of stone. They sell monuments as the grocer sells beans across the shelf, with just about the same artistic result. Only by educating the dealers and the public at large, can we develop personalized and inspiring monuments, worthy of their enduring nature. The quarry-producers and the dealers themselves, must assume the bulk of the responsibility, if they are jointly to survive."

Mr. Allison also mentions the possibility of the producers giving educational corrections to their dealers. While some producers have constantly spent their efforts towards elevating the industry, others are more guilty than their dealers, as evidenced by the essence of the material they broadcast through the mail.

This is not a story of condemnation, but rather of pointing out the errors of our tactics. I believe my remarks are sufficient on the first part of the question "where are we." Now "where are we going," and I am reminded of the story about the early pioneer who was out one dark night and was trying to get home in a storm. It was so dark he couldn't see the wagon he was riding in. The clouds rolled and tumbled and the thunder roared and the rain poured down as though the bottom had fallen out of the clouds. Suddenly there was a deafening blast of thunder just over his head that was more terrible and deafening than all the rest, and that was all he could take. He fell to his knees, and with his hands clasped together he turned his face into the downpouring rain, and toward heaven, and said, "Oh Lord, if its all the same to you, would you give me a little less noise and a little more light?"

So instead of continuing with the well-known and too often publicized problems of our industry, I am happy that I can bring you some light, for I believe I can see some light on the horizon, but before we can induce the public to better memorialization, both our producing and retailing divisions must start sweeping our own doorsteps and make them respectable and acceptable to the public.

Practically nothing of consequence was ever accomplished by mere chance. Success is rarely achieved without first having a clearly defined goal. The best marksmen in the world must have a target to shoot at. Perhaps our targets are fewer so our aim must be better.

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This industry must have a predetermined series of objectives on which to concentrate its efforts. We cannot proceed on lackadaisical and empirical methods but must have policies and procedures to follow that will lead us to a definite goal, and then proceed with all the initiative and energy our industry can engender. Our sales policies and monument production must characterize the Memorial Ideal in substitution for the present day price cutting and production line tactics. Only when our salesmen endéavor to sell artistic representatives of the better thoughts, deeds and characters of the deceased, will our industry regain the desired respect of the public.

There are additional ways to accomplish this, as evidenced in other businesses. A notable example is the real estate business, and the application of their code of ethics and principles as applied in many localities.

From the mercenary point of view, the yearly cash volume of sales can be increased noticeably if each salesman will endeavor to sell a better monument than his competitor instead of singing that sparrow song "cheap-cheap-cheap—."

Let's try to lift the thoughts and ideals of our prospective customers, instead of trying to tear them down. You need not be an artist or designer to accomplish this, but cultivate your sales force in the appreciation of good design and proper memorialization.

There are many good books on monument artistry that can be obtained through your trade magazines. These magazines also edit many fine articles of educational value. Read these articles and apply the knowledge they convey, in every sales interview. Knowledge is of no value unless used. The amount of education you have is not important but the important thing is what are you doing with what you have. I do not care what a person's present station in life is, the important thing is—which way is he headed?

I have seen men who were proclaimed brilliant and graduated from college with honors and got nowhere in life. They just seemed to let that knowledge drain out for lack of application, while others with very few years in school, realized they must apply all their knowledge to succeed, and slowly but surely climbed the ladder of success. School is but the apprenticeship to knowledge. Study, read and continually try to sell a better monument with each sale, and you will slowly but surely climb that ladder of successful monumental merchandising, and better monuments will be evidenced in your cemetery, and you will help to lift the industry with you. Constantly strive today to improve on yesterday and remember that man is never more a man than when grasping beyond his reach. If this industry is to succeed, every man in it must strive beyond his capacity to raise its standards of ethics. Men are not failures because they are stupid, but because they are not sufficiently impassioned with their work.

Walk into a monument dealer's showroom and go to his cemetery and the monuments he displays there, are mirrors reflecting his true thoughts and ideas relative to his business.

If a lady wishes to purchase a nice coat or garment, she visits a store that displays what she considers the best for her and they show her something better than she had expected to buy. As a result, her appreciation for better things is cultivated. I ask you, does the average display of monuments in the dealers' showrooms today, cultivate the customer's appreciation of finer and better memorial art? Does it thrill him with its beauty and command his respect for our creations? Then

how in heaven's name are we going to satisfy the desire for better monuments once it has been created? We must assume the *initiative* and display and create better monuments if we truly and honestly believe in the memorial idea.

Perhaps some of you might think that is useless, for your competitor might put in a cheap line of merchandise and just use the price argument against you. But remember, it is a small percentage of people who are sponsors of many important movements in your own community. It is a small group who sponsor civic affairs for the betterment of that community. And usually in your church it is a small group who really do the work and finance the improvements while the rest just ride along.

Do you realize that during the Revolutionary War less than 25% of the colonists actually supported Washington and his army, and the other 75% just stood by waiting to switch to the winning side, and a very small percentage of the colonists actually fought in Washington's army. When he was at Valley Forge with neither food nor clothing for his soldiers and it seemed that most everything was lost, a friend of his by the name of Tom Paine came to visit Washington. And when he saw Tom Paine he grasped him by the shoulders and told him he would rather see him than a regiment of soldiers, stating that the men were about to desert, and asked Tom Paine to talk to them. Mr. Paine laid his manuscript on a drum out in the field in the snow and wrote his speech. In it he said, "These are times that try mens souls. The sunshine patriots and the summer soldiers fall by the wayside."

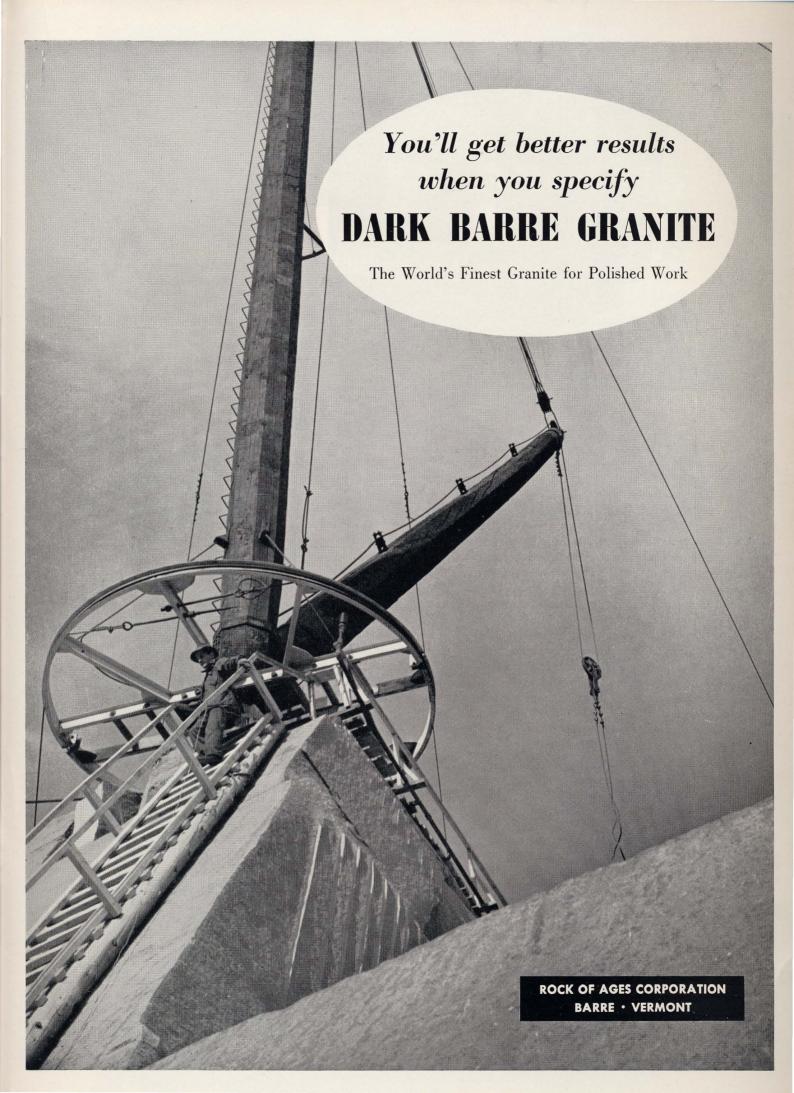
I am wondering if this industry would not be better off if some of these fair-weather salesmen and monument dealers would fall by the wayside, and the really sincere and capable soldiers of this industry would remain. Perhaps this Marketing Program will have a tendency to weed out those who are not willing to contribute to this industry.

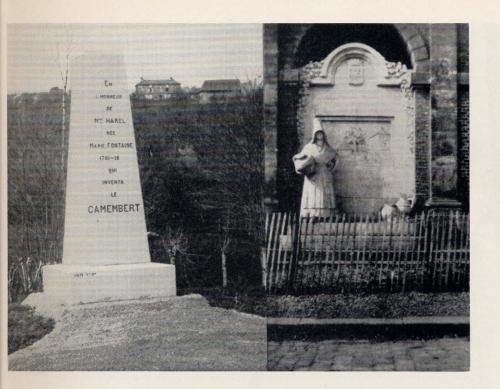
Do you like the monument industry? If you don't like it, and I say this kindly, go right home, and start getting out of it. You travel this Highway of Life but once and it is too short to spend it in an industry you do not like. You are not only unfair to the industry but unfair to yourself and your family, for no person can be a good companion in life who is unhappy in his work. Not all are suited to this work and you might be very successful in some other enterprise. I know a successful young doctor who worked for hours operating on an elderly lady who had mashed the ball of the femur, and he replaced it with a synthetic ball so that old lady could again walk and enjoy the few remaining years of her life, and he knew she could not even pay for the synthetic ball without thinking of paying for the operation. He likes his profession.

Just how much service are we willing to contribute for the betterment of this industry? I know some men in both the producing and retail divisions who have contributed not days, but weeks, this last year for the betterment of this industry. If we are to succeed, we must assume a helpful and cooperative attitude. No football team ever reached the goal line by each man running separately and in his own direction. Only teamwork will win and to be on the team is not enough. It requires training, work, sacrifice and above all, initiative. In this controlled economy rugged individuals can no longer, by their own ability and power, stand alone.

We have an organization, which with the support of every monument retailer, could foster promotions and render service that would be of tremendous value to each of you and

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A Most Unusual Memorial

By Francis Dickie of Heriot Bay, B. C., Canada

This interesting story by well-known free lance writer and author, Francis Dickie, embraces a monument in France erected by a New York doctor, paying a moral debt to Marie Harel, a French peasant woman who died more than a hundred years ago. It is, in effect, a monument to a now famous cheese, a legacy left to Marie Harel by a priest whom she protected during the French Revolution.

Since before the dawn of history men built monuments of many kinds. As civilization developed, more beautiful things were raised in stone, wood and metal. Today in Europe, at least, there is hardly a village that has not a memorial, usually recalling some great man.

In France, however, there is a figure in stone, unique, strange, of a country woman in the costume of a Normandy peasant. Her name was Marie Harel. Even throughout her own land the name conveys nothing to most citizens; beyond France few have ever heard it. Yet the commodity which she promoted made France as well known around the world as many of her scientists and writers. This stone reminder of Marie Harel is also the world's first monument to cheese.

The facts behind this unusual memorial are equally bizarre. Yet the woman's recognition, as is often the case, came long after she was forgotten. Even more surprising, she was only honored, at last, because of the gratitude of an American, a gratitude caused by the strangest circumstances.

One morning some years ago the little town of Vimoutiers, in Normandy, was stirred by the arrival of a very voluble little man who could not speak French. He repeated the words "Marie Harel, Camembert," and "New York." At least these were the only ones the hotel keeper understood. The hotel keeper, concluding the visitor was an American, sent for Dr. Dentu, the mayor, who spoke English.

The little man said: "I am Doctor Joseph Knrim from New York. I came to see the home of Marie Harel, maker of Camembert cheese because I have a sanatorium where I cured many people of stomach trouble with a diet of only Camembert and warm beer. Because of her invention, I owe a great debt to her, and I want to see a monument raised in her honor."

These were strange words to the mayor of a little remote town, particularly coming from a man arriving from a land 3,000 miles away; yet a statement so remarkable as to bear the unmistakable stamp of truth. The Mayor knew of the Harel family home near Vimoutiers, but that Marie had actually been the creator of the famous cheese he had no certain knowledge. The New York doctor assured him he had read of it in an old book.

So the mayor dug into the archives in the ancient town hall. Many ponderous tomes bound in pigskin, printed in old French on paper and parchment, were consulted without result. Unrewarding days were spent before a diary was finally found. This had been written by an aristocrat of the region who had the good fortune to escape being beheaded, and returned to the region after the end of the Revolution, 1789-93.

He wrote of Marie Harel, her farm, Beau Moncel, in Camembert. According to the diary: At the end of the Revolution in 1793, Marie began bringing to the market at Vimoutiers little round cheeses the size of a bun. They had a distinct new flavor, different, wonderfully delicious. No one had ever tasted a cheese quite like it, quite so good. Within two years the new product was in great demand, not merely locally but in all the neighboring towns. Marie had to hire assistants, buy additional milk from surrounding farms.

Soon many shrewd people tried to get from Marie her so successful secret formula. Wisely, she kept it to herself. Yet she often told friends how the secret process was given her, how she was taught to make the cheese.

During the days of the Terror she was awakened one winter night by a knock on her farm house door, where at the time she was living alone. During the Revolution people feared visitors, particularly late at night. Marie was a brave one. Armed only with her candle she opened the door to admit an aged man, cold, faint with hunger. He was a priest from a distant parish, weary from days of evading bands of Revolutionists. She sheltered him.

Disguising the priest in the peasant clothes of her brother who was away in the army, she had him help on the farm. Thus, when several times little bands of Revolutionists, seeking so called 'refugees,' came to the farm, the apparently old peasant, milking cows or at other chores, escaped attention."

For several months the priest helped on the farm. During this time he made some little cheeses. To his own astonishment they tasted even better than those he had made experimenting in his parish, and even there they had a new, exceptionally fine flavor. It cannot now ever be known if the real inventor

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CASE HISTORIES in Personalizing MEMORIALS With Sketches by Ernest Stevens Leland

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The CASE of the WHITE HOUSE CUSTODIAN. My work as a "designer-salesman" took me to the White House in Washington on numerous occasions. Among the various projects was the Tomb of President Harding; the memorial to the father of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in Burlington, Vt., and the monument which Col. Coolidge erected on the family plot at Plymouth, Vermont. All of which explains how I became acquainted with "Ike" Hoover, who had been the "major domo" of the White House for more than

The autobiography of Irwin ("Ike") Hoover was published by the Saturday Evening Post following his death. It was later put in book form. The story of his career in the White House is a fascinating document. With discrimination and good taste, the story reveals the home life of the nine Presidents (Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, and Herbert Hoover) he served as custodian and chief usher at the White House. His major assignment was to protect the privacy of the Presidential family, and to identify and usher all the friends and dignitaries received at the Residence. He was beloved by them all.

Not long after Mr. Hoover died in 1933, I received a

letter from his son, James Hoover, who was then on the staff of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The letter explained that a modest monument in memory of "Ike" Hoover was under consideration by the family, and that any suggestions would be appreciated. The letter further explained that we have been besieged by letters

and solicitations"

What would have been your solution to the problem of commemorating this man whose life work, as a major functionary of the White House, had brought him into constant association with all these Presidents and their

world-famed guests? I give you a clue.

When you enter the residential quarters of the White House you are met by uniformed servants. But before you are announced to any member of the family your identity and appointment is carefully verified. This is protocol; and this was the important and vigilant office that "Ike" Hoover conducted during his long career at the White House. His "post" was near the doorway, and beneath the beautiful portal of the White House. Does this give

you a clue for a motif in designing his memorial?

Forty years in the White House! Forty years at the portal of a structure that is virtually a symbol of America! Forty years under the portico of a Residence that is a prime example of Early American architecture! Forty years of American history! Surely you, too, would have seen the one and only theme or *motif* for the "Ike" Hoover memorial. And yet, believe it or not, of all the mass and mess of ideas submitted to the Hoover family, not a single suggestion conveyed the slightest association with the White House

or the life work of the man!

True, it was to be a very modest monument; a simple tablet. The plot was not large, but adequate. The site and the probable appropriation would, ordinarily, not have justified the amount of time and money that so many memorialists spent in trying "to make the sale". But the prominence of the man was the incentive. And so, with some misgivings, and my inherent antipathy toward "commercial competition in commemorative art", I replied to the letter from the Hoover family.

It was not until several years later, when I had become a personal friend of the family, that I learned just why the Hoovers had decided to entrust me with the design of the memorial to "Ike" Hoover. There is an important and timely moral to this "case" history.

Why did all the dealers, and their designers, "miss the boat" on the Hoover memorial? Why did they fail to see

the obvious idea or motif for the monument? Why do so many memorialists forget or ignore the fact that sentiment, and sentiment alone, is the sole support of the entire "monument industry"?

Why are we on the defensive today in upholding the traditional idea of commemoration against the regimentation and lack of sentiment that is giving so wide an appeal

to the no-monument cemeteries?

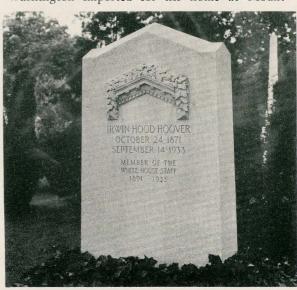
May it be that we ourselves are lacking in sentiment? May it be that both memorialists and the traditional cemeteries are guilty of commercialism, regimentation, standardization at the expense of the personalized memorial?

It would take a book to answer these potent questions. But they are questions which urgently need an answer. The late Father Casey of Chicago foresaw the menace of all-out commercialism in both cemeteries and memorialization. His philosophy of commemoration was reviewed in the February, 1953, issue of this magazine. In some way the master minds of the memorial "industry" must restore significant art and sentiment to the modern memorial. Perhaps this "case history" may be a donation to the program.

Why did the Hoovers turn to me for help while others were trying to "sell the job"?

Certainly it was not because of my "reputation" as a designer; there were many others on the "case" whose professional training would have made me look like a scrub on the varsity team. Certainly it was not the reputation of the firm with which I was identified; several other competitors rated with us so far as prestige was concerned. And certainly it was not a "kit of designs" because I have never carried a "kit" in my hands. No, it was a *letter* and not a design that caused the Hoovers to entrust me with their problem; it was not a picture but a simple and obvious idea which earned their confidence. From memory I quote a portion of the letter I sent to Mrs. Hoover and her son, following my first interview with them in Washington:

... It seems to me that the three of us can in some way arrive at a design that will imbue the memorial with both sentiment and historical interest, no matter how modest it may be in cost or size. . . . I am thinking of the White House portico, the entrance-way to the residential quarters. . . . I am thinking also of the greenhouse where Mr. Hoover loved to linger in his leisure hours. . . . I am thinking about that ivy in the greenhouse and on the White House grounds; the English ivy which has been propogated there from plants which George Washington imported for his home at Mount



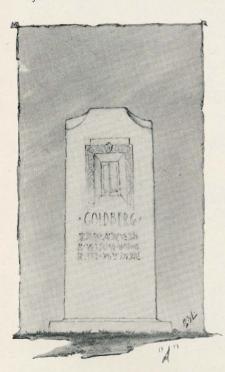
Vernon.... I venture a suggestion. I propose that we symbolize his unique career by reproducing, in miniature scale, the cornice of the White House portico. The original drawings, I learn, are available in Government files. And we could festoon this pediment with the Mansion ivy, this plant being a traditional symbol of Memory and Love. ... The carved pediment and ivy could be done in small scale on a modest monolith such as we discussed and within the appropriation you mentioned. . . ."

"Ike" Hoover died twenty years ago in 1933; and this is the twentieth anniversary of his death. It seems to me altogether fitting that his monument should be featured in this issue because it is a timely and factual "case history" and one which indicates how important and easy it is to personalize a memorial if only we use more imagination and less "merchandising". The White House ivy around the footing of the Hoover Memorial was rather high grown when the photograph was taken, and the actual proportions of the monolith are obscured, but surely this simple solution to a problem in commemoration should prove how simple it is to personalize a memorial. The idea of using the portal of the White House, as a motif for the Hoover memorial, could be adapted in an infinite number of ways for the decoration of the personalized memorial, however inexpensive it may be. Invariably there is some sentimental "association of ideas" which can suggest the ornamental motif for a memorial.

It might be the doorway to the home; it might be the fireplace; it might be the portal or a window in the church where the family worshipped; it might even be some architectural detail from the factory, store or bank where the deceased spent his effort. It might be simply the helmet and torch used by a coal miner, whose hazardous labor made possible the existence of his family. But certainly we must all concede that these "personalized decorations" are infinitely more significant and inspiring than the stereotyped tulips, wild roses, and hybrid flowers that prevail in the design of our memorials today for the small-plot sections.

Perhaps we have spent too much time and money on merchandising and too little time on sentiment, the expression of sentiment. I do not know. But this I know. I know that if the traditional commemoration of the dead is to be saved from the standardization and regimentation of the no-monument cemeteries, and sections, then our sole answer is to personalize the memorial; and it can be done with a single spot of ornament on the most inexpensive monument or marker.

The pity of it all is that the solution is so simple. We need more *soul* and less "selling" in our approach to the public. We need to restore *sentiment* to the monument or marker; and to restore the dignity of commemoration as a vital factor in the spiritual and sociological life of the community. Failing this, then what is wrong with regimented grave-plates or "stuck" design in no-monument cemeteries and sections?



Editor's Note: Here are several "thumbnail" sketches by Leland in which he jotted down various ideas for using the "portico idea" as the ornamental motif for a simple monument:

"A" — The portico of a bank or store is indicated as the significant ornamentation in commemorating a business man whose career centered in the structure where he conducted his affairs. Leland discussed this theme in a previous case history. Note the unique splayed treatment of the upper contour of the tablet.

"B" — The doorway to an old homestead, as a motif for the memorial, is by no means a new idea. Leland, in his case histories, has touched on this theme several times. Here he indicates a Colonial cornice, above the family name, on a modern adaptation of the Colonial headstone. Note that he has again indicated the splayed technique, as in sketch "A", for the crest of the monolith.

"C" and "D" — The portal of a church, or some detail of the structure where a family has worshipped, is or should be a prime source of ideas for personalizing a memorial. These two sketches might be mistaken for mausoleum ideas, but they are, in fact, studies for two small monuments of the tablet type, both adapted from the portals of old English chapels; both indicate the contour of the church portico and the design of the doorway. Fantastic? We do not think so. In fact, we think that Leland is on the trail of an idea in his effort to lead us away from the "serpentine top" and the "wild-rose-and-tulip era of memorial art in America".









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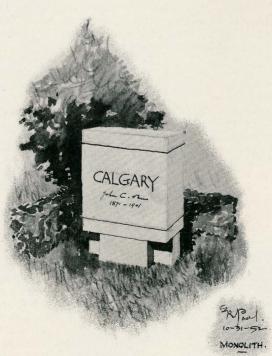
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This month we see further evidence of why those many memorialists who know Mr. Pool will never forget him. The several designs illustrated carry Mr. Pool's own comments, which we will not embellish.



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NOTES FROM A DESIGNERS SKETCH PAD



LET ART SPEAK FOR ITSELF

When students ask me to recommend books on art I never know what to say. With few exceptions, all the genuinely interesting books are biographies and these are not excessively concerned with the technical problems that confront the artist. When the artist himself drops his brush, or his chisel, or walks away from his drafting board to explain what he or one of his contemporaries is up to, he becomes so enmeshed in hyperbole that it is like listening to some unearthly foreign language spoken through an echo chamber.

I think the old masters were wise in abstaining from the practise altogether. None of them left any clues as to what made them tick. Even the writers of their period politely ignored them and all their works. Plato had a lot to say about virtue, but next to nothing about the buildings in his home town. Millions of Athenians lived and died without once suspecting that their city was beautiful. There was nothing to compare it with. They had never seen South Chicago, East Dubuque or Hammond, Indiana, yet it doesn't seem possible that they could have been completely impervious to their surroundings. Lovers strolling through the Acropolis on a moonlit night were undoubtedly moved by the sight of the Parthenon, but probably no more so than an Iowa couple, taking an amorous spin after twilight, are moved by the silhouette of a grain elevator.

Calicrates, Ictinus & Co., of Athens, erected some magnificent structures, but it no more occurred to them to write interpretive essays on architecture than it would occur to a Pennsylvania farmer to write a treatise on his neighbor's barn. These men were exacting and dynamic as became sound builders and if it took a very high order of intelligence to create what they were doing, as it certainly did, they never said anything about it. It wasn't until twenty centuries later that their work became the main occupation of pedagogues to expound. If one happened to be a Ph.D., with a "practical" turn of mind, he was sure to try and reduce the whole business to a mathematical formula that could be taught in the classroom like double-entry book-keeping or, if he had literary aspirations, he would take off in a flight of rhetoric, emulating Mr. Ruskin, and was soon lost in the stratosphere, leaving the casual reader grounded.

Even such a prolific note writer as Leonardo Da Vinci talked mostly about his inventions. He left a memo about an experiment he was conducting distilling certain herbs — a failure, by the way — in the ground-colors he used in painting "The Lord's Supper", but not a word about the grouping of the figures, the most perfect composition in the whole history of religious art, so flawless in design that all subsequent efforts to portray this event have failed ignominiously. There will never be another "Lord's Supper".

It is hard to believe that an artist who painted his own portrait eighty-four times would have nothing to say about himself. Rembrandt seemed totally unaware of the fact that he was creating a style that would profoundly influence all portrait painters and photographers ever after. Artists have tried to interpret Rembrandt for the benefit of the uninitiated but they do it rather heavily.

These things are much better done in narrative form like Irving Stone's biography of Van Gogh. But was Van Gogh

really an artist? He used the tools of one of the arts, namely, a paint brush, but he used it so crudely that one wonders if his work would attract the attention it does were it not for the fact that Van Gogh himself was such excellent copy. In an era of unprecedented schizophrenics he was the craziest of them all. He was in and out of asylums like an inhabitant of skid row is in and out of the bridewell. His family refused to let him sit at the same table with them and he ate in a corner all by himself. He never earned so much as a florin from his painting. He was supported by his brother. His crowning achievement in depravity was the slashing off of his ear and presenting it to a prostitute. He might have topped even this, but he had become obsessed with the idea that he was being pursued by blackbirds and took to carrying a revolver for protection. One day the blackbirds attacked in such numbers that he flew into a panic and shot himself. Nevertheless, we are given an insight into what impelled the man and the depressing tale is sure to elicit a certain degree of sympathy and understanding of his work. His passion was sunlight and he perceived it with an intensity that the normal mind cannot grasp.

I thought I had the answer to my students' queries when I spotted a treatise called "Genius and Mobocracy" by the eminent architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Here is a man in the very front rank of his profession talking about a fellow architect whom he knew intimately. If Mr. Wright has anything to say, I thought, it will be clear, persuasive, and at once understandable. I reeled through the pages like a punch drunk prize fighter. It was the opening salvo in Chapter 4, "OF THE GROUND, NOT ON IT", that sent me to the capyas for the count

sent me to the canvas for the count.

"In any honest search," says Mr. Wright, "for an ideal to stand against the 'classic' (or 'exterior') ideal — that inspires the super-elegance of Greek art by aiming at contrast to nature and becoming the servile pseudo-classic of our day — we were to search among the expressions of the interior (or organic) ideal as anciently set forth by Laotse, Mott, Jesus, and the Buddha (more recently by poet-philosophers like Shakespeare, Cervantes, Unamuno, Whitman, Emerson, Thoreau, Nietzsche, Goethe, Rousseau, Mark Twain, Melville, Lecomte du Nouy, and so many others), a high place in modern times should inevitably go to Louis H. Sullivan."

Now, all this may be true, though I don't quite see how Mark Twain and Melville got in on it, but it finished Mr. Sullivan for me. It bears out my contention that the old masters were pretty smart in letting their art speak for itself.

CARL KASTRUP.



This is number 83 of a new series of designs by Carl Kastrup 1705 Aubnrn St. Rockford, Ill.

Let There Be Light—

We have about decided not to be concerned any more with what monuments cost. There has been too much talk about economy of production by designers. Henceforth we are dedicating this page — for a time at least — to sketches of memorials that run all the way from a few thousand to upwards of half a million dollars. Why wouldn't this be a good idea to carry out in national advertising instead of always featuring the commonplace stock monument? It is as if The General Electric Co. was opposed to selling any illumination brighter than a 20-watt bulb.

CARL KASTRUP.

EFFECTIVE NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

by BROWN & RAISCH COMPANY of DETROIT, MICHIGAN

With a few rare exceptions newspaper advertising by memorialists leaves much to be desired in the way of "idea" appeal. For the most part the bulk of our news clippings of memorial advertising are either in the "Rockdale" (\$9.95 and up) category or the nameplate on the obituary page, which incidentally is more often than not fairly well done from both an artistic standpoint and copy content. When we speak of newspaper advertising we do not refer to "anniversary" advertisements or other "specials"; we refer to "campaigns". One of the few exceptions to the rule is the advertising of Brown & Raisch Company of Detroit, considered by many, in a position to know, the most progressive memorial firm in America. There is ample evidence to endorse this opinion. Although Albert Raisch, president of this outstanding organization, is versatile indeed, with an exceptional knowledge of people, human nature, design, selling, materials, business procedures, etc., his forte is hiring experts for highly technical knowledge and injecting their work with his own particular "atomic" power. These examples of typical Brown & Raisch advertising bespeak the expert, but they also have the "elan vital" of Mr. Raisch. They are well worth study. Some of the obvious points of value are continuity, trade-mark identity, inviting state-wide business, exceptional copy interest, and an occasional request in smaller space for "won't you phone TWinbrook 2-6200?". From a practical side, note that he gives his complete address as well as location, office hours, date of founding, and eliminates any possibility of scaring people away with his "Monuments From \$250 — Markers From \$45".

Editor's Note: Mr Raisch has long been selected for a feature article in this magazine as a 'Master of Commemoration'. This is presently a most embarrassing matter for your Editor. It seems that there is so much material available that our "staff critic" has found it very difficult to condense into our editorial space limitations. The story has been "processed" several times, delayed by sickness, etc. In fact, as soon as we defeat some unexpected production problem which developed with the year's beginning, it will become our number 1 project. It will be worth wait-

ing for.



"It is Better to Light One Candle than to Curse the Darkness"



This is the appealing motto of the nation-wide Christopher movement, which has for its purpose the enthronement of Christ in the hearts of men. The little candle symbolizes the illumination of the spirit with the light of Divine Truth, and the warming of hearts with the glow of Divine Love.

Drawing upon this great reservoir of moral power with generous enthusiasm, each Christopher, or Christbearer, seeks to make the world a better place in which to live.

The Christopher movement appeals for individual action—"What One Person Can Do"—believing that each individual is called to be and can become another Christ, bringing Christ's spirit into everyday life.

The Christopher believes that each good deed, like the lighted candle which symbolizes Christ the Light of the World, does its part to focus the rays of Divine Truth and the warmth of Divine Love upon the minds and hearts of men in a sin-darkened world.

Do your part and light one little candle this Christmas!

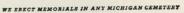
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What is a monument but the lovely frame of a picture in which memory sees the living image of a loved one ever-present though absent in time. The memory stone and the cemetery are the truest of biographers. For though hearts are dust, hearts' loves remain—and eternity bids you never to forget!

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Simplicity, which is the essence of beauty, stands midway between too little and too much. It is not the ornate—not art for art's sake that captures the memorial ideal. It is the kind of art that thrives best in earnest religious sentiment that can best portray the deepest of human emotions. Why not let Brown and Raisch artists and craftsmen help you plan and build a worthy family memorial, adding to product-quality the beauty of simple and original design?

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The Cemetery Is The Truest Biographer



The traditional cemetery is more than a last resu-The traditional cemetery is more than a last resing place. It is a record and a memorial, a consolation for the living and a heritage for posterity. It is silent but eloquent—common but unique because its sculptured and inscribed monuments honor individuals and unite families who might otherwise be put to rest almost unknown with only a tiny bronze plate for identification.

The traditional cemetery observes your right to honor your loved ones as you see fit, giving your hallowed sanctuary perpetual care without extra charge. This is the Christian tradition which must survive if human dignity is to be preserved. We do not sell cemetery lots but we will gladly counsel you on this important purchase without obligation.

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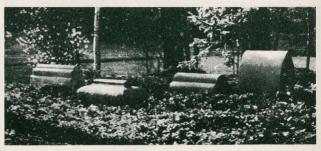
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"DER NATURSTEIN," an outstanding German Monumental Magazine takes on a New Editor and a New Cover



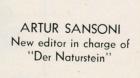
With the year of 1953 Der Naturstein, Ulm, Donau, Frauenstrage 77, Germany, one of our most valued exchange publications, announces the selection of Artur Sansoni as "Editor in Charge". In sending his photograph and "collegial greetings", Mr. Sansoni compliments us and notes that he also presents a "new cover". On this and the adjoining page are illustrations reproduced from this stimulating magazine.







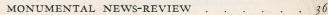
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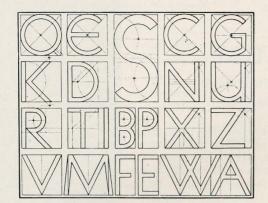


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Schüler selbst gewählten Thema (St. Georg). Gips.



Freiburg Gedenkplatte nach einem geforderten Motiv. Muschelkalk. Schüler Jakob



Geplante größere Arbeiten: Nach Einrüstung der Hahnentürme am Freiburger Münster interessante Aufgaben, ebenso für ein neues Schulgebäude der Gewerbeschule I.

Könighiluter v. Eim, Maisterschule für Sieinmetzen und Steinhaltdhauer. Wintersemester vom 1.9, 1932—254, 1933 um in diesem Zeitraum alle Lehrlinge aus Niedersachsen und Schlewsig-Holstein schulen zu können. Im Sommersemester laufen 2 Lehrgünge nur für die Techniker und Meisterschüler, im Wintersemester 2 Lehrlingsklasser und eine Technikerkalsse nebennianader, 4 Lehrkräfte da. April 1933 wieder 3), ca. 190 Seinmetzlehrlings, 11 Technikerschüler. Der Umbau ist abgeschlossen mit Gewin eines geräumigen Treppenhauses und zweier neuer Räume 1. Mödellieraum wird noch eingerichtet. Größere ausge ihrte Arbeiten: Verschiedene Wegweiser, ein Brunner und ein Wasserspehler sind noch in Arbeit. Pälne: Gesere Versellingen und erhorte in Brunner und ein Wasserspehler sind noch in Arbeit. Pälne: Gesere Versellingen der Schullasten und engere Zusammen

Mayen i. Rhid., Steinmetzfachschule des Kreises Mayen Meisterschule für Steinmetzen und Steinbildhauer. Lehr kräfte wie bereits früher mitgeteilt. Wintersemeste 1.0. 1932 begonnen mit 30-Voll- und 3 Gastschülern. Voll schüler; 25 Steinmetzen und 5 Steinbildhauer, davon 18 in ersten, 6 im zweiten und 6 im dritten Semester, In den Berichtszeitraum fiel das dreißiglährige Schuljubiläum Am Musterfriecht der GRUGA in Essen Tellnahme mi 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck des mit 10 Arbeiten. Ein Wettbewerb für den Schmuck den ein Schweizer Schüler gewann, unter Erhalt des Auf trages. In einem meu entstehenden Friedhofstell wird Ge legenheit sein, in einem Gräberfeld einen Musterfriedho zu gestalten.

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München, Gewerbeschule für Bau- und Kunsthandwerkt,
Misterschule für Steinmetzen. Beginn des Wintersemesters am 1. 10. jedes Jahres, in Sonderfallen Aufnahme bis
1. November meglicht. Von den insgesamt 30 1ehrkräften
Abteilung ca. 40 Mann, je zur Hälfte Meister- bzw. Gahlifenklassen, Am 20. 10. 1952 Grundstein gelegt zu einem
neuen Werkhaltenbau für den praktischen Unterricht,
Auch für den gestaltenden Unterricht mit Modellieren und
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Winsiedel, Staalitche Fachschule für Steinbearbeitung.
Wintersemester hat am 1. Oktober 1952 begonnen mit
einer kleinen, musikalisch umtahnten Feier und mit einer
Ausstellung der Aufnahmen aus dem ersten Praktikum
in Sommer. Zwei Kurze mit 26 Schülenr, 7 Haupt- und
nebenamtliche Lehrkräfte. Die Verstaatlichung brachte mit
dem neuen Namen nede Lehrziele und einen veränderten
Schulplan (nicht mehr Bildhauerei, auch kein Freihandzeichnen, noch Anatomie. Dädir ausgedehntet Unterrücht
und in den technischen Fächern). Die Einführung einer
staatlichen Abpchulbgrüfung für Steintechniker steht um
mittelbar bevor.

A. S.

Freiburg fänzungsstufe zu einer mittelalterlichen Wendeltreppe, Sandstein, Meisterstück R.Pohl















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Abb. 2: Ausgeführte Platte, Solnhoiner Schiefer, Größe 100×150 cm









Typical Memorials

in PINE RIDGE ANIMAL CEMETERY

of The Animal Rescue League in Dedham, Massachusetts

The monuments illustrated on this page are a few of the many that F. P. Davis Monumental Works, Inc., of Roslindale, Mass., has erected in Pine Ridge Animal Cemetery in nearby Dedham, Mass. The sentiments expressed on these simple stones prove once again that there are still people who believe in monuments. Perhaps the most notable of the animal cemeteries is Hartsdale Cemetery in Westchester County, N. Y., which is well worth a visit by any memorialist.

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There is a tremendous latent demand for animal cemeteries, and it would seem to us that in view of the potential commercial possibilities for both cemetery organizations and memorialists, there should be more burial grounds for beloved pets. When we realize that the family dog population has more than trebled in this country in the past twenty years, we gain some idea of the potential market for plots and monuments. Here we are not faced with a declining market. While we realize that there are many esthetic as well as legal objections to pet sections in traditional cemeteries, it would seem to us that many of our larger established cemeteries operating as mutual or stock companies would find it profitable to establish an animal cemetery in another location to serve a large number of their own plot owners. To our knowledge no pet cemetery promotion which reached the operational stage has ever failed to be a success. Might it not be advisable for the A.M.A. or the Monument Institute of America to furnish suggested plans and specifications for such cemeteries? In our office alone we have had several requests for such information in the past year.









1933" LADDIE 1943 DEARLY BELOVED AND SADLY MISSED, GOD BLESS YOU LADDIE BOY. MIZPAH

A MOST UNUSUAL MONUMENT . . .

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ever found the explanation of this. Residents of the small Camembert region *today* claim they have the answer.

Gradually the ferocity of the Revolution waned. At the end of 1793 life began returning toward normal. The priest went back to his own parish. Yet, during the months while Marie shielded him, he gave her a gift that was to make her independent and, 150 years later, cause a monument to be raised in her name, and the WORLD'S ONLY MONUMENT TO CHEESE. Strange irony, the priest, whose name is nowhere mentioned, really deserves the honor. For he was a chemist. Experimenting in an amateur way in his own parish, he told Marie he had developed the little bun-sized cheese. He gave her the formula and taught her to make that which is today known around the world as Camembert. The only improvement was that those Marie made had an even better flavor.

Due to the visit of the doctor from the United States, a monument was erected with funds contributed by Dr. Knrim, the mayor and people of the region. It shows the farm where Marie was born, lived, gave refuge to the priest, and Marie in the costume of the day.

While the original formula for Camembert cheese remained her secret, chemists later succeeded in producing what is eaten today. Yet, with Camembert cheese made today in many parts of the world, connoisseurs claim none taste as good as that from the limited region near Vimoutiers, its original home.

Why?

The explanation of people in that district is that there grows a special kind of grass found nowhere else which gives its flavor to the cheese, a better flavor than cheese made elsewhere.

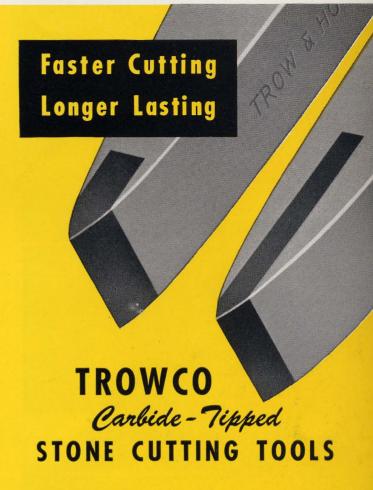
Whether or not this be true, the world owes the creation of a delicate food to a simple country maiden aiding an aging man in the troubled days of the Revolution.

THE SOCIAL SIDE . . .

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and still have a lot of fun and enjoyment from it.' For the benefit of our Wild and Woolly West brethren we had a boy from Texas M.C. the show. There was audience participation in two of the acts which made it more hilariously funny. Picture our newly elected M.B.A. President, L. C. Henley, Don Davis, and one of the McHaney boys in a diaper tying contest and the results of their labors when the doll babies are held up for inspection. How their poor darlings must have suffered in those trying days. All our contestants came away with some small prize in one form or another to assuage their pride somewhat if not completely. Even I went away with a paddle to which was attached a ball with a rubber string. Wonder if I'll ever master the art of hitting the ball more than once. But then again, I can use it for hitting something else. Do any of you have children that need disciplining? Send them around. Your national office is always at your service.

"With our stomachs full and our humor restored, we departed to dance. Seems some people got lost in the shuffle for when we found ourselves in the Blue Room where the dance was held, there weren't many folk around. But we had a grand time anyway; the music was easy to dance to, and we didn't have to worry about bumping into people."



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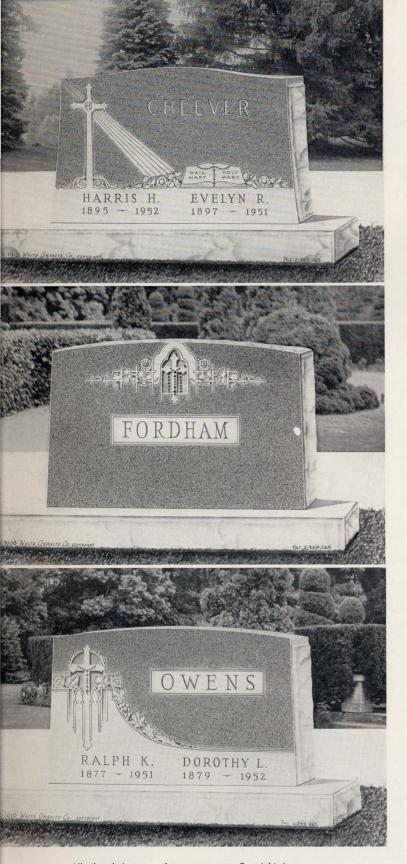
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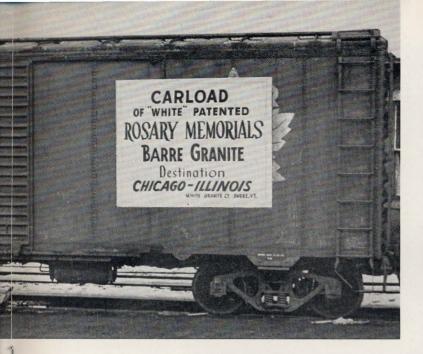
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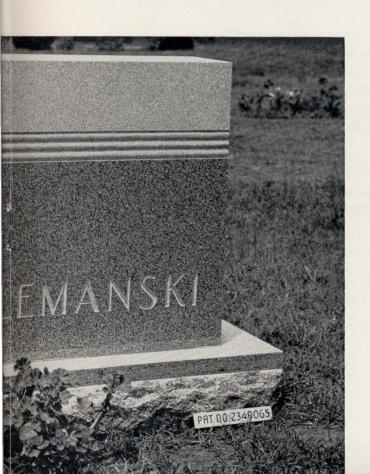
Early in March, this year, we shipped memorials to Chicago, Illinois, one of has the largest cemeteries in the world! such as this insist on *more and more* family monuments, they do so with go nificance that your clients have been learned to promptly.

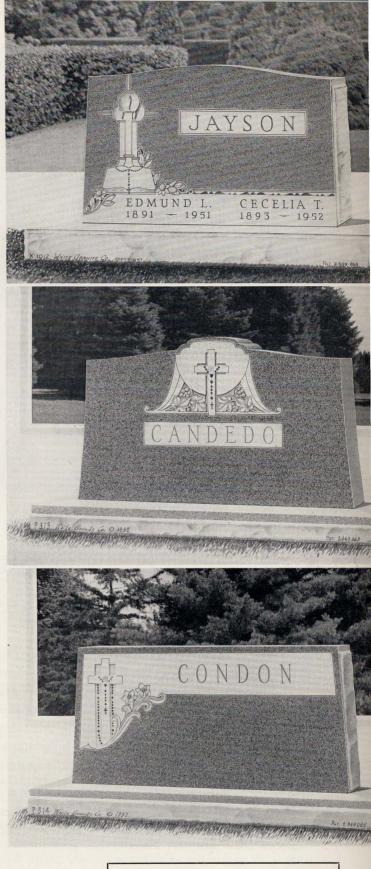




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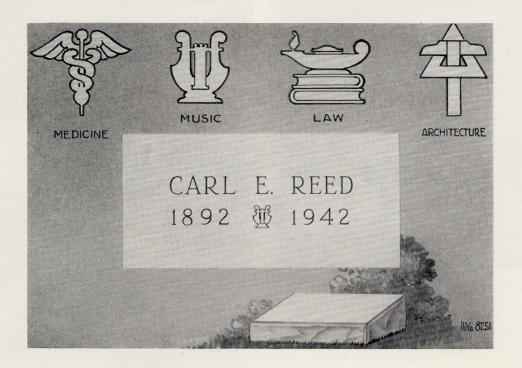




Our Patented Rosary is a reproduction of an actual Rosary, permanently embedded in stone.

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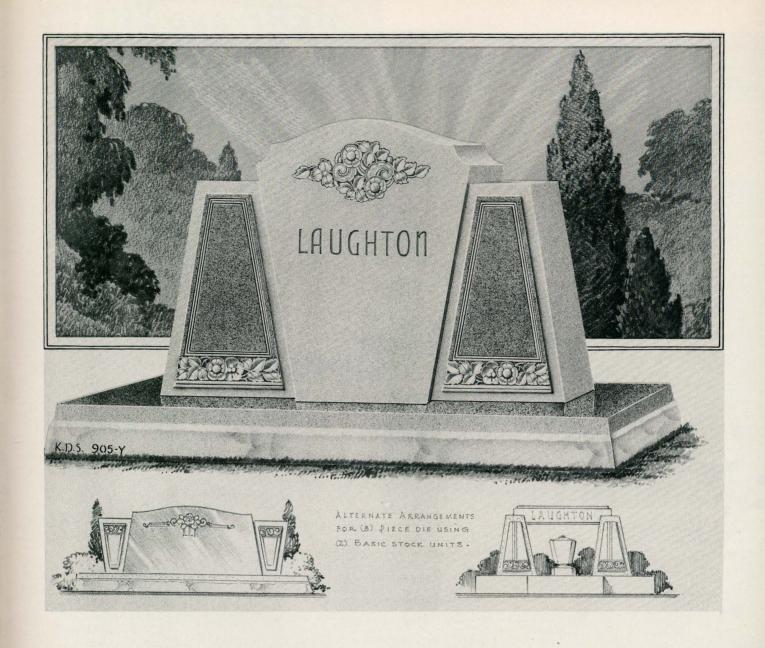
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Personalizing Even the Smallest Marker

The Reed design here shown is our number 8251 and, while we readily admit its simplicity, we feel that it to be worthy of note to the trade. Throughout the industry personalization has been a major topic and rightly so. The difficulty in applying this all-important personalization to the smaller markers has made many memorialists overlook this feature completely. It would often appear to be economically unsound to attempt anything individually symbolic with such small surfaces (and cost margins) to work with.

That is why we have created these simplified symbols that may be used without undue expense and still fulfill the ideal of personalization. The above emblems are symbolic of Medicine, Music, Law and Architecture.

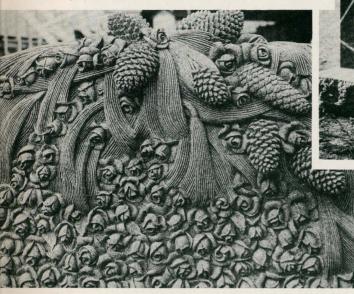


Interchangeable Units

In the January issue I explored the possibilities of "interchangeable units" with little expectancy of any great response either by mail or word of mouth. Strangely enough the idea interested several of my manufacturer clients who often find themselves with slab ends similar in shape to the units shown this month. (It will also be noted that similar end units could be cut economically from a single slab with little waste and considerable saving.) So at the risk of being accused of "playing with blocks" and infantilism I offer these three suggestions for what they may be worth. Incidentally it has been pointed out to me that the large design and the one at the lower right might solve the problem of the granite imperfections that sometimes come to light when the slab is being finished.

KENNERSON DESIGN STUDIO Barre, Vermont INTERESTING PERSONALIZED MEMORIAL. We are indebted to Edgar Krauch of the Amherst Memorial Co. of Williamsville, N. Y., a Buffalo suburb, for these fine photographs of a monument he designed and erected in Sarnia, Ontario. The tragic story of this popular Canadian youth is fully told on this interesting memorial, which was produced by the Melrose Granite Co. of St. Cloud, Minn.

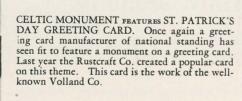
ORNATE CARVING FROM THE McNEELS OF MARIETTA, GA. This unusual carving combining the Southern Long-Leaf Pine burrs and needles with 168 American Beauty Roses (count them) was sent us by Frank McNeel with justifiable pride.



GREETINGS

St. Patrick's Day

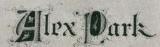
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ALEX PARK HONORED AT NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION. The New England Association placed their "Man of Distinction" label on Alex Park with this handsome testimonial suitable for framing in Alex's California Dream Ranch House, when, as, and if the industry can spare him.







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This honor bestowed by unanimous vote of the

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ARCHIE GREEN MAKES THE CIRCUIT. Here we see Archie Green at the right in earnest conversation with Archie Buttura of Buttura & Sons of Barre (left) and Michael Pitassi of Donaelli Granite Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the January Tri-State Convention at Atlantic City, N. J. We trust that the popular M.B.A. Executive Vice-President was as fresh at the last convention as he seems at this one. He probably is because we remember that when we "hit the harvest" several years in the early twenties, South Dakotans thought nothing of driving 100 miles to a dance after a 70-hour work week or for that matter after any given 12-hour work day and a 4-0 clock breakfast call.



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MODERN MACHINE TECHNIQUES

By Al Comi

Barre Design Service Barre, Vermont In presenting the "CONTOUR DESIGN", Mr. Comi chooses an apt name. Here we see "contours" indeed. The top, ends, and face of the tablet, as well as the front of the base are all the product of our contour machines. The ornament and reeds are, of course, detailed for modern production. Here is another good example of designing for our modern machines and techniques, and not trying to do "old fashioned" work with modern machines and methods. If we consider the contour grinder and the wire saw simply as machines to save time on standard cuts, and do not explore the tremendous possibilities of new designs made feasible, we are missing an important opportunity.

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MONUMENTS make NEWS in the NATION'S PRESS

Somebody Always Gums Up Mr. Slye's Monumental Work





When we initiated this feature about a year ago, it actually was a "fill in" for a two-page article from one of our staff writers which hadn't arrived a week after press time. Frankly it was and is a pleasure to select these items. It is also very easy. We were frankly surprised at the subscriber reaction and response, not only by unsolicited remarks at the several state conventions we attended the following months, but by mail as well. We now find that this "substitute" has made the team and has become a star. We now no longer depend on our own and agency clippings. We have had as many as thirty clippings a month from our subscribers with as many letters from others requesting information on individual clippings. We welcome this valuable assistance. In view of the projected activity of the Monument Institute of America, it should now be obvious to even the worst of our "defeatists" that the public has at least a latent interest in monuments and that we enter a field that is fertile indeed and ready for cultivation.

BOSTON TRAVELER, THURSDAY,



On the site of the home where Washington was born on Feb. 22, 1732, is a thoughtful reconstruc-tion of a Colonial house of the period. Fire de-

stroyed the actual home of his birth and building plans for the house have never been found. The new house is built on foundation of the old one.



Tourists get a close-up look at mor ment erected at the grave of Washington's mother, Mary, in Fredericksburg



NEW HAMPSHIRE SEEKS STATESMAN'S REMAINS—Small cemetery at Franklin, N, H., where the parents of Daniel Webster are buried and where, if a movement now underway succeeds, the remains of the statesman will be buried. Richard H. Moulton of Webster, N, H., has started a move to have the remains of the Granite State's formous son mode from Marshfield to Franklin. Headstones of the parents of Webster are at either side of the picture. Local folks don't know how rock got atop the common marker to Ebenezer and Abigail in foreground,

Dispute Over Statesman:

Webster Reburial in N.H. Sought But Marshfield Asserts 'No'

WEBSTER, N. H., Jan. 28-Massachusetts and New Hampshire have more than just Henry Long's Battle of the Bottle to fight. Now it's the War over Webster—Daniel, that is.

Webster—Daniel, that is.

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Atty. Richard H. Moulton of Webster recently suggested in a letter to selectmen of Marshfield, Mass., where the statesman-orator lies buried, that it would be appropriate to move his body to his native Old Elin Farm in Franklin. Webster speat most of his adult life in Marshfield.

Robert Boles, chairman of Marshfield selectmen, replied hufflij todgay that "if Black Daniel Webster's body is moved, it will be over our dead bodies. His grave here has become a national shrine that is visited by thousands of people from all over the country every, year."



Famous Landmarks Honor Washington



TOMBSTONES AND CITY LIGHTS

The pulsating sky line of Manhattan forms the horizon for a nocturnal view of the vast expanse of Calvary Cemetery in Queens, where genera-tions of New Yorkers lie in their last resting place.

Wealthy Widow Would Beautify Potter's Field, Be Buried There

Interest the Briefs of States of Sta

The Mayor said he did not know why the condition was imposed but he would recommend to the Board of Aldermen on Monday that the offer he accepted.

The proposal was made by Mrs. Anna Fitch Ardenghi, sixty-six, whose first husband was the let William W. Farnam, former treasure of Yale University. She made the offer during an extended visit on New Haven which ended Thurston of the Control of the Albert home near Paris. She has maintained her main residence there since her marriage in 1930 of the most proposed of the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption of the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper's burial ground on the northwestern outsirts of the city adoption to the condition of the pauper of the co

Garden," and the building still is use.

In use.

France Since '30

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Mrs. Ardenghi hired an archi to make plans for the ceme-and a month ago made known offer, the Mayor said.

The Mayor said Mrs. Arderight romised to set aside a fund large nough to provide interest pay-tents adequate to maintain the meters.

Records Available
Under her plan, the city Parks

Chesapeake Country

monument. erected in 1907, commemorates the Jamestown settlement of May 13, 1607.
Williamsburg is a story in itself. There you find the most perfect restoration work ever achieved. It reflects nearly all aspects of Colonial Virginian life after the capital was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has devoted many years and millions of dollars to Williamsburg's restoration. You can many years and millions of dollars to Williamsburg's restoration. You can visit the restored Capitol, the Gov-renor's Palace with its beautiful gar-dens, the Public Gaol, the Raleigh Tavern, the Ludwell-Paradise House, the George Wythe House, and nu-merous other reconstructed buildings that have been resurrected from our historical past. Williamsburg is one of the most rewarding attractions the history-minded traveler will find any-where.

The Yorktown Battlefield, where The Yorktown Battleheld, where American and French allies carried out a siege of 1781 that forced the surrender of Lord Cornwallis' British army, is probably the most interesting site at Yorktown.

You will find historic sites too nu-

merous to mention scattered over the fingers of land that jut into the Chesapeake Bay to form the Tidewater Region. Not only were various campaigns of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 waged here, but it is

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MISSOURI

Here at the "birthplace of mirth", Hannibal, the statue of Mark Twain looks down on his

ed Mississippi

VACATION

A spring holiday in the "Show Me" state



PAST REVEALED AS CEMETERY IS EXHUMED

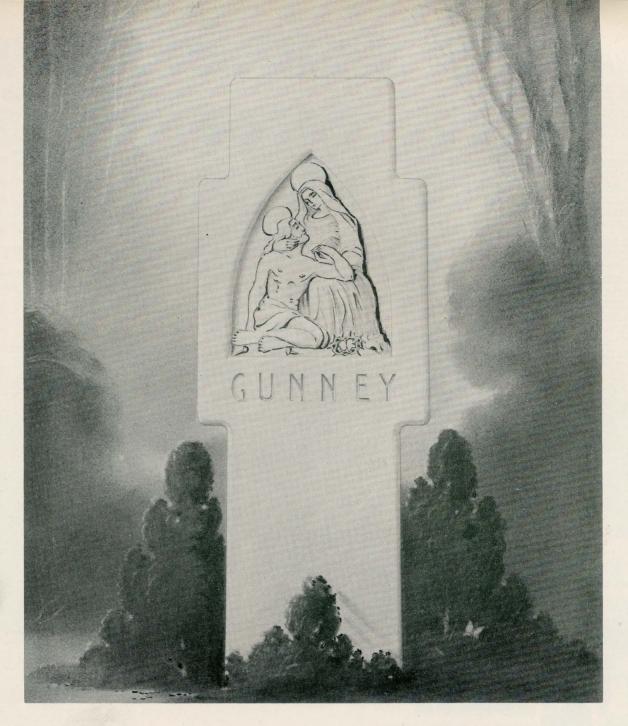




King, nine-year-old Collie, with a spot of Shepherd, rests on grave of young Angelo Del Plato, Batavia, N. Y., durting his annual visit at St. Joseph's cemetery. The boy's family says the dog hasn't missed a daily visit in eight years to the grave of his former playmare.

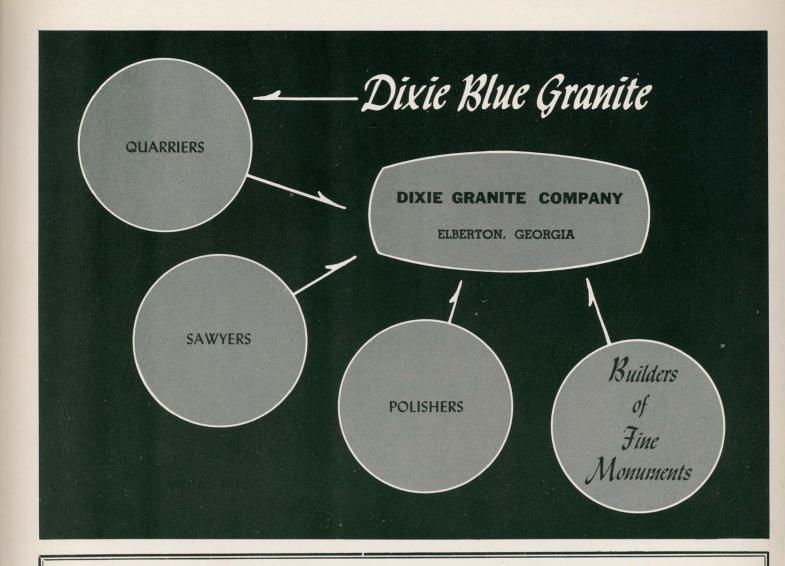






Modern MONOLITHIC CROSS by KURT KUNZ

As readers of this magazine and his many clients know, Mr. Kunz is one of our truly outstanding designers and delineators. Particularly gifted in figure work, Mr. Kunz's extensive art training serves him in good stead in both detailing and rendering. His always dramatic presentations should not obscure the fact that in all his work there is a single strong motif, generally subject to more traditional applications. The Gunney design is an example of this. It is admittedly modern, perhaps extreme; it is presented in an ultra-dramatic setting, perhaps to its own detriment; but if one studies the theme and the basic composition, he will readily see variations of the basic idea more in keeping with the accepted norm. If one visualizes this design superimposed on a plain rectangular tablet, or as a ledger, or even in small scale, he will readily see our point. And, after all, isn't it all important that the artist stimulate thought and imagination?



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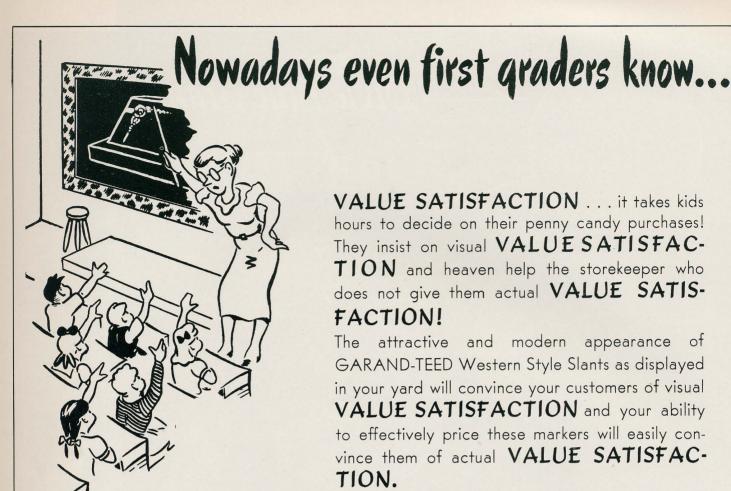
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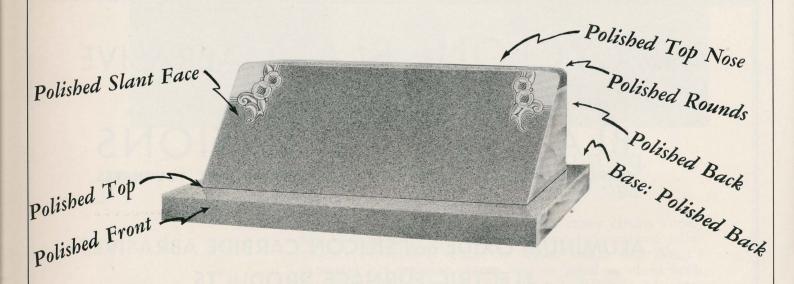
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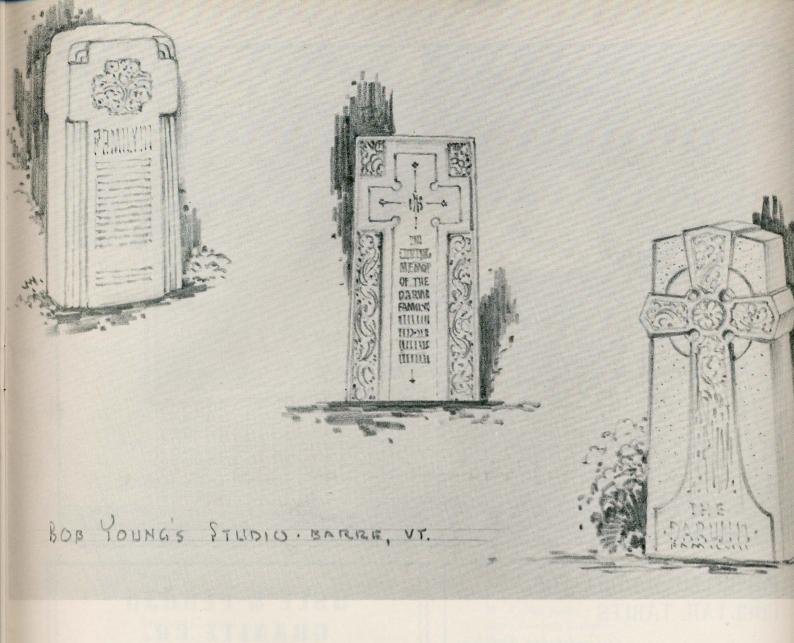


VALUE SATISFACTION . . . it takes kids hours to decide on their penny candy purchases! They insist on visual VALUE SATISFAC-TION and heaven help the storekeeper who does not give them actual VALUE SATIS-FACTION!

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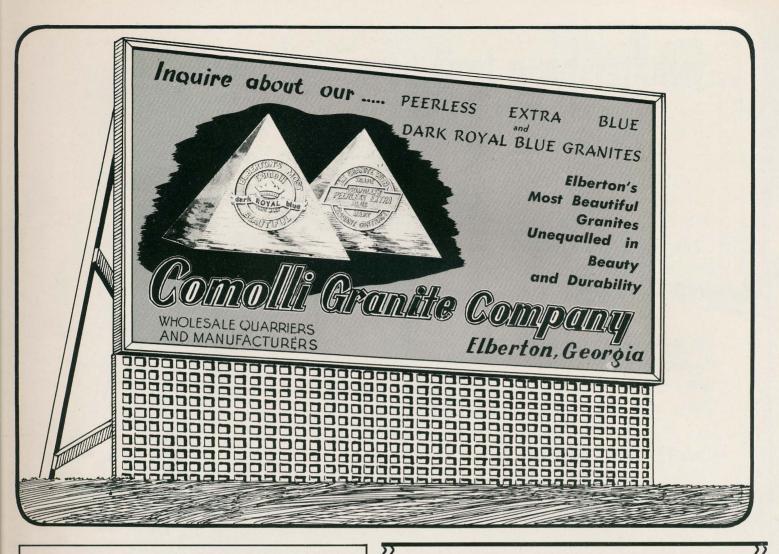
CROSS TABLET MEMORIALS

In presenting these three rough sketches, Mr. Young notes that the designs are equally suitable for machine or hand work. We have often wondered why the cross

tablet is not more popular.

When a memorialist is faced with the not uncommon problem of the affluent client with the restricted plot, the hand-carved cross tablet is an ideal solution to the problem. Contrawise the client with artistic tastes and a limited purse can also be satisfied. The center sketch which appeals to your editor the most is a particularly good example of a cross tablet idea suited to both expensive and economical production.

> by Bob Young's Studio Barre, Ut.



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(Editor's Note: A photo of Donald J. Bohmer, 1st Vice-President, was not available at press time.)

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GRANITE SAILS THE SEA

As contracts for granite began to flow toward the early quarrying firm of Webster & Bodwell, a new prosperity came to the Vinalhaven area of Maine. But available transportation was still the ox team and the sailing ship. Under contract, shipments were made by schooner for the Pensacola Navy Yard, a dock at Fort Norfolk, Va., and for strengthening gun platforms of several fortifications located throughout eastern U. S. A. Block by block, the granite was hauled to dock, stored aboard ship and unloaded at destination. The men and ships have gone their way; the granite still exists as a monument to successful endeavor.

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to the industry as a whole. I am referring to the MONUMENT BUILDERS OF AMERICA, your National Association, with which I am now acting in an executive capacity. Our possibilities are unlimited. We can be of continued service to every dealer in America.

In the short period I have been in the office, I have been able to help some of our members with various questions. For example, where to purchase certain types of material. A dealer wanted someone in a distant state to set a monument for him. A member asked about the reciprocal trucking agreement between his state and a neighboring state. I am of the opinion that you could all use your National office more and I will welcome the opportunity to serve you. We will endeavor to add to our services as we anticipate their usefulness.

My many years of experience in operating my own business is extremely valuable to me. I do not know all the answers but will know where to find them. The whole industry has benefited by the efforts of their National office during its existence and one of the recent examples was its part in helping to decontrol this industry from price regulations.

Through Mr. Morris, our attorney, we can give you legal opinions. Through Mr. Whitney, our traffic director, and our service in checking freight bills, more cash has been returned to many dealers than their annual dues, and his work establishes the correct rates to save you money in the future.

Your officers and committees have worked untiringly and without compensation, many times under criticism from those who did not understand the situation. They have unselfishly labored to foster in the industry the greatest single effort we have ever undertaken, in uniting Producers and Retailers in the Marketing Program, and at great expense to our association. That effort alone warrants your membership in the MONUMENT BUILDERS OF AMERICA. We need members! We must have members! And each of you can assist by not only reinstating your membership but by enlisting

Everything may not suit you, but be an optimist. I read the other day that an optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty and a pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity.

This is your Association and can serve only in proportion to the number of members we have and within our financial limits. It is my firm conviction that under our present economical system, organized effort has become an absolute essential. We must organize strong local associations which with the help and assistance from the National office, can often combat problems and lend assistance to worthy causes successfully.

The item of dues to your State and National Associations should be the first item of your annual budget. They are of equal importance to the items such as insurance, rent, heat. light and taxes. Point out an industry that is successful and you will find that practically every eligible dealer in that industry is a member of the industry associations. It is like insurance that offers protection, which is a necessity, and yet you do not always receive financial returns from your insurance. I pledge you my full time service, my very best, and with your membership and support we can grow and develop into an organization strong enough to wield influence for the monument industry.

I have faith in the monument industry. I have faith in you [Continued on Page 62

REPORTS from the STATE and DISTRICT MEETINGS

NEW ENGLAND MONUMENT DEALERS CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of New England Monument Dealers Association held at the Hotel Kenmore in Boston, January 18, 19, 20, 1953, lived up to all previously established standards. It was well organized, well publicized and well run.

On the evening of January 18th a heartwarming reception was held in the Embassy Room of the Kenmore Hotel. The convention committee extended the hand of fellowship to members and visitors alike and everyone present had a fine time.

On Monday morning President Deane called the meeting to order with appropriate remarks and Earl C. Richardson, chief designer, Vermont Marble Co. discussed "Angles of Designing." (See MONUMENTAL NEWS-REVIEW, Feb. 1953) Always a valuable adjunct to a convention, Mr. Richardson handled his subject very well.

The next speaker was Archie L. Green, executive vice president of MBA, who spoke on the subject, "Where are we and which way are we heading." Elsewhere in this issue we print Mr. Green's topic under the title "Am I A Builder." Mr. Green was well received in this, his first appearance at a New England Convention. In addition to stressing the values of MBA Mr. Green urged participation by all retailers in the marketing project which is being handled by the recently formed Monument Institute of America. The New England Association voted \$1,000.00 to M.I.A., to aid in the organization activities and many individuals pledged substantial funds for its operation.

Mr. John S. Bridges, third vice president of the First National Bank of Boston, spoke on "The Monument Industry and the Banker."

The opening speaker on Monday afternoon was the everwelcome Herbert C. Philpott, superintendent of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Philpott gave a clear delineation of present day problems of cemeteries and expressed a hope that cemeteries would be permitted to participate in the promotional program of the M.I.A. This suggestion has come from several quarters and may be well worth looking into.

Mr. Don C. Davis, representing A.M.A., reported on the Cleveland convention and M.I.A.

Mr. Harold J. Schaller, representing American Institute of Commemorative Art spoke on: "Design and the Salesman."

Then came an unusually fine New England banquet—fine food, fine floor show and the dancing. A good time was had by all.

On Tuesday much of the activities were confined to association matters and the following new officers and directors were elected:

President—Thurston H. Jordan, Ellsworth, Maine; Vice-President—Gordon D. Carr, Quincy, Mass.; Chairman of the Board of Directors—Frederick A. Davis, Roslindale, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer—Evelyn M. D. Vasoli, Rochester, N. H.; Honorary Chairman—Charles A. Berry, Portland, Maine.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—Maine,—Ernest P. Belisle, Lewiston; Thurston H. Jordan, Ellsworth; Donald T. Page, Bath. Connecticut,—Anthony Giordano, West Haven; Arthur C. Keith, Putnam; Charles C. Piola, Waterbury; Milton W. Slade, Bristol. Rhode Island,—Maurice L. Caron, Pawtucket; A. DelGiudici, Providence; Harold J. Graham, Pawtucket; A. DelGiudici, Providence; Pawtucket; A. DelGiudici, Pawt

tucket. Vermont,—Thomas J. Adams, White River Jct.; Ernest H. Javery, Bennington; John R. Temple, Rutland. New Hampshire,—Arthur E. Howe, Claremont; C. Wesley Lyons, Rochester; William H. Perry, Concord. Massachusetts,—Gordon D. Carr, Quincy; William Deane, Forest Hills; George B. McKenna, Lowell; Roscoe Sylvia, Roslindale

"TRI-STATE" MONUMENT BUILDERS CONVENTION

The opening meeting on January 26, 1953 of the "Tri-State" Monument Builders Convention (Md., Dela., Dist. of Col., N. J., Pa.) held in the Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, New Jersey, was called to order at 10:40 A.M., Mr. Nicholas Christopher presiding.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Edward C. Miller, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Earl C. Richardson of the Vermont Marble Company then gave an illustrated talk entitled, "Memorial Design."

In the absence of Mayor Altman the "Official Welcome" to Atlantic City was extended by Mr. Robert Shrague, followed by a few remarks from Miss Ada Taylor of the Hotel Claridge.

Mr. Donald C. Davis of the American Monument Association then gave an address entitled, "The National Marketing Program."

Mr. Archie L. Green, Executive Vice President of the Monument Builders Association, then discussed the program of the Monument Institute of America and urged all present to subscribe. He further stated that the emblem might have to be changed to read, "Monument Institute of North America" in order to include Canada. In answer to questions he explained the assessment basis of M.I.A. (see MONUMENTAL NEWS-REVIEW, Feb. 1953), and other important facts regarding the new organization.

Due to the advanced time the address of Mr. Barton Stephens was postponed to the afternoon meeting.

Following the awarding of attendance prizes the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:25 P.M. by Chairman Nicholas Christopher, after which the attendance prizes were awarded.

Chairman Christopher announced that Mr. Doss, of the Georgia Marble Company, scheduled to address the meeting that afternoon, was unable to attend.

Mr. Barton Stephens, Secretary of the Elberton Granite Association, was next introduced. He discussed the advertising and promotional program of the Elberton Granite Association. He also had on display a Projectograph Machine, with 14 continuous slides, which could be obtained through the Association at slightly above manufacturer's cost. He also urged membership in the Monument Institute of America; and that there must be concerted effort in regard to the national marketing program for the good of the industry.

Next was the Barre Annual Report given by Mr. R. T. McBride of the Barre Granite Association.

Mr. Archie L. Green, Executive Vice President of the Monument Builders Association, then gave an address entitled, "Am I A Builder?"

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Mr. Richard J. Clark, Assistant Secretary, Smity-Austermuhl Company, in Camden, N. J., introduced by Mr. Gene Long, then discussed the "Insurance Needs of the Monument Builder.'

The final subject on the program, "Memorial Designs and Symbols in Salesmanship" was presented, with illustrations, by Major John K. Shawvan, Washington, D. C.

Following the awarding of attendance prizes the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEETING AT TRI-STATE CONVENTION

The Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Monument Builders of Pennsylvania, held in the Solarium of the Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, New Jersey, was called to order at 10:30 A.M., January 27, 1953, President Bronne Bruzgo, Jr. presiding.

The Secretary, Mr. Allen L. Cullis, then read the minutes of the last meeting and motion was duly made, seconded and carried that they be accepted as read.

President Bruzgo then gave his report on the National Convention at Cleveland.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

President Bruzgo gave a report on the Board of Directors meeting as follows:

At a Board of Directors meeting Sunday night it was unanimously agreed that the Tri-State Convention should be carried on. Last year 21 from Jersey, 51 from Pennsylvania, 17 from Maryland, and 69 Manufacturers were present. A total of 200 meals were served at the banquet.

As a result, it was agreed that three members of each association will act as a Board of Directors and the President of the host association will be the President and Chairman of the convention. For convention purposes only they will be permanently organized. This all has been agreed upon by the Board of Directors of the other Associations at a joint meeting to discuss the next annual Tri-State Convention.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Cullis, then made his report stating they would have a balance of approximately \$2500.00. A short discussion followed in regard to its distribution, and a suggestion was made that \$500.00 be contributed to MIA. (Further discussion was postponed until after the presentation of the other Reports.)

The following is the Report of the Nominating Committees made by Mr. C. D. Cushman, Chairman;

President: Frank Tarantino, Quakertown; Vice-President: Charles Glaeser, Philadelphia; Secretary-Treasurer: Allen L. Cullis, Chester. Directors: Bronne Bruzgo, Jr., Summit Hill; George Booth, Braddock; Clark Gladfelter, Manchester; William Gray, Johnstown; Leonard Kelly, Jr., Altoona; Arch Buono, Dravosburg. State Representatives: Harry Bevis, Lancaster; David King, York; Bronne Bruzgo, Jr., Summitt Hill; C. D. Cushman, Chairman; Arthur Luckenbill: David P. King

Luckenbill; David P. King.

Mr. Harvard Wood moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of Officers, Directors and State Representatives. It was seconded by several and carried unanimously.

Mr. Harry Bevis, Chairman, made the following report of the Auditing Committee: They had examined and audited the books and found them to be correct.

(Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.)

Mr. Harvard Wood, Chairman made the following report of the Resolutions Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Monument Builders of Pennsylvania endorse the M.I.A. and recommend that each member of the Monument Builders subscribe and support the M.I.A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each member of the Monument Builders especially support the quarriers, manufacturers and others who are subscribers to and supporters of the M.I.A.

Mr. Wood moved the adoption of the resolution, it was seconded by Mr. C. D. Cushman and carried unanimously.

There was further discussion about the Government supplying veterans' Markers valued at \$25.00. Mr. Archie L. Green stated he had been in Washington and talked with Senator Francis Case who said a bill would be introduced in the Senate—S-622, in regard to the Government making an allowance of \$25.00 in lieu of a marker.

The matter of the distribution of the Fund was brought up again. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. C. D. Cushman that the Pennsylvania share of the Tri-State Convention profit, plus \$500.00 from the Pennsylvania Association Fund be donated to promote the organization of M.I.A.

(The motion was seconded by Mr. David P. King and carried unanimously.)

Mr. Charles Glaeser suggested that a copy of the resolution which was passed be sent to the Georgia Industries and the Barre Granite Association, and the Secretary stated this would

Following a discussion on weights and cubes a motion was made by Mr. J. Gibbons of Williamsport that the Secretary mail to all members on record the Harmony Blue Granite Company's booklet containing weights and cubes.

(The motion was seconded by Mr. William Gray and carried.)

At this point the meeting was turned over to the Incoming President, Mr. Frank Tarantino, who stated the Convention would be held in Washington, D. C., sometime early in January, 1954, and appointed the following Tri-State Convention Committee; Mr. Harvard Wood, Philadelphia; Mr. Charles Glaeser, Philadelphia; Mr. Leonard Kelly, Altoona. He also said he would call a meeting of the Board of Directors within the near future and would notify them by letter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

MONUMENT BUILDERS OF NEW JERSEY MEETING

The following report was received from Thomas P. Goffredo, Secretary of the Monument Builders of New Jersey:-

"We are pleased to enclose herewith a list of the Officers and Directors of the New Jersey Monument Builders for the year 1953.

"With reference to a report on our own state meeting, we wish to advise you our last meeting was held during the Tri-State convention in Atlantic City on January 27, 1953. The main purpose of the meeting was to elect the officers and directors. Our state organization endorsed the Monument Institute of America and recommended each member subscribe and support the MIA. Our state association voted to contribute \$333.33 to the MIA along with the other two associations which form the Tri-State organization each contributing a like amount. Therefore a check for \$1,000. was given to the MIA from the Tri-State organization. It was also voted at the state meeting that our annual dues be reduced from \$20. to \$10."

Officers, Directors and State Delegates elected into office at meeting of January 27, 1953 at Atlantic City, N. J. Term of office-1 year:-

Ralph Ardolino, President, Long Branch Monument Company, West Long Branch, N. J.; Mrs. John F. A. McGovern, Vice-Pres., 485 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.; Mr. Virgil J. Zucchi, Treasurer, New Jersey Marble & Granite Co., Crescent Blvd. & King Ave., Merchantville, N. J.; Thomas P. Goffredo, Secretary, Thomas Meloro & Son, 271 Ridge Road, North Arlington, N. J. DIRECTORS: Mr. John Dickson, Dickson Brothers, 303 Ocean Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Mr. Al Forti, Hollywood Monumental Co., 1618 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, New Jersey; Mr. Peter J. Malnati, Arlington Monument Wks., 30 Prospect Place, Arlington, N. J.; Mr. Gene F. Long, Long Brothers, Verona & Palermo Aves., Pleasantville, N. J.; Mr. Nick Christopher, Paterson Monument Co., 317 Totowa Ave., Paterson, N. J.; Mr. Louis Pompilio, Guarantee Monument Wks., 565 S. Orange Ave., Newark, N. J. STATE DELEGATE: Mr. Gene F. Long, Long Brothers, Verona & Palermo Aves., Pleasantville, N. J.; Alternate—Mr. Nick Christopher, Paterson Monument Co., 317 Totowa Ave., Paterson, N. J. TRI-STATE CONVENTION, NEW JERSEY MEM-BERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mr. Nick Christopher, Paterson Monument Co., 317 Totowa Ave., Paterson, N. J.; Mr. Peter J. Malnati, Arlington Monument Wks., 30 Prospect Place, Arlington, N. J.; Mr. Gene F. Long, Long Brothers, Verona & Palermo Aves., Pleasantville, N. J.

NEW YORK STATE RETAIL MONUMENT BUILDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The annual Convention of the New York State Retail Monument Builders Association was held January 29th and 30th in the Hotel Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y. The meetings were presided over by Pres. Carroll A. Gardner of the State Ass'n. The Convention got under way with Registrations, under the direction of Frank Fleming, Albany, at 9 A.M. on Thursday. The registrations were the largest that the New York State Ass'n has had since it's beginning, with about 110 in attendance. The morning was taken up with two very interesting talks by Mr. Louis A. LaCross, a director of the Barre Granite Ass'n and by Mr. Don Davis of the American Monument Ass'n. Mr. Davis spoke on the Monument Institute of America which is being formed. The interest with which Mr. Davis' talk was received can best be illustrated by the following Resolution which was passed, by unanimous vote of the members, at the business meeting held Friday morning: Be It Resolved That: The New York State Retail Monument Builders' Association, in Convention assembled at Albany, New York, this 30th day of January, 1953, do hereby endorse the program of the Monument Institute of America, and urge every Retail Monument Dealer to support it, and give support to, and purchase from, the producers, suppliers, and design studios, who, by their membership in the Monument Institute of America, are cooperating for the betterment of the industry.

Luncheon was served in the hotel with Mayor Erastus Corning 2nd welcoming the Convention to his City of Albany.

The afternoon session was taken up by talks by Mr. Adam M. Strack, Assistant Director of New York State Division of Cemeteries and by Mr. Archie Green, new Executive Vice President of the Monument Builders of America. Both of these talks were very interesting and educational. All the dealers present expressed the same view, that the MBA had secured a very capable man in Archie Green.

During the evening a get-acquainted party was held in the Rose Lounge, of the Ten Eyck, with an excellent orchestra, under the direction of Frank Fleming, one of the Schenectady dealers, providing music for dancing.

The business meeting was held Friday morning. During the meeting, George Kellogg, a director of M.B.A. and a N. Y. S. dealer made a plea on behalf of the M.I.A. The sum of \$500.00 was voted by the members to help in the promotion of this excellent program. Mr. Vito Martinello, Pres. of the Associated Craftsmen's Guild of New York City, spoke on the possibility of his organization joining with the State Ass'n. He stated that his Guild, plus the Westchester County Ass'n and the Nassau-Suffolk Ass'n were interested in joining with the State Ass'n into one strong group. It was voted to accept these groups into the N. Y. S. Retail Monumental Dealers' Association. This move gave the State Ass'n a membership of about 200 members which will make a very strong organization. The following officers were elected for 1953: Pres., Carroll A. Gardner; V. Pres., Fred J. Eagan; Sec'y, Frederick G. McFadden; Treas., Mrs. Lucille Hart Barry; Directors: Walter Nickie, Leslie Derrick and Karl Lutz. Anthony Minozzi was elected State Delegate to the National Convention.

The Friday afternoon session included the following excellent speakers; William Patton, Cook, Watkins & Patch, a talk on "Symbolism and Designs," John F. Walrath, General Electric Co., lecture on—"How to Set Up Your Overhead, and Figure Appropriate Cost." Robert F. Quinn, Sales Engineer of General Electric, spoke on "Justification of Price"; Donald E. Voorhies, Engineer of Lighting for General Electric, gave a demonstration and lecture on "Interior and Exterior Lighting"; Conrad Kenerson, Kenerson Design Studio, Barre, Vt., spoke on "Designs and Designers."

The Convention closed with the Annual Banquet held in the Main Ballroom of the hotel. The speaker of the evening was the Hon. Harold G. Hoffman, former Governor of New Jersey.

All the members in attendance at the Convention were in accord in congratulating Anthony Minozzi, Convention Chairman, and his Committees, for putting on the best convention that the New York State Retail Monument Builders' Association has yet held.

FREDERICK G. McFADDEN, SEC'Y.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MICHIGAN DIVISION OF M.B.A.

The Michigan Division of the M.B.A. met on January 29, 30 and 31, 1953, at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. January 30, by President Wayne Vandercook, with twenty-two members in attendance.

President Vandercook introduced Mr. George H. Flynn, Legal Counsel for the Monument Builders of Greater Detroit. Mr. Flynn mentioned the legal defeat in Flint and then advanced his theories regarding the possibilities of having the New York Cemetery Law enacted in Michigan. Mr. Frederickson told the meeting about the good things which Mr. Flynn has been able to accomplish for the Monument Builders of Detroit.

President Vandercook next brought up the matter of the time of year for the Michigan State Meetings due to the change of time of the National Meetings.

The new district plan of electing National Directors was explained.

Committees were appointed as follows:

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Nominating: Arthur Bauer, Alton Simpson, Al Raisch Auditing: Reg Chadwick, Bob Butts, Fred Marsh

Membership: Mike Allen

Resolutions: Victor Ferguson, Mrs. Petty

Place of 1954 Meeting: Hans Frederickson, Pete Fletcher, Bruno Nowicki.

A subscription to AMERICAN ART & STONE was won by Carl Schmidt, Redford, Granite Co. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Door prizes were drawn as follows: MONUMENTAL NEWS - REVIEW subscription donated by Monumental News was won by Dick Knapp. MONUMENTAL NEWS - REVIEW subscription donated by Anderson Brothers and Johnson was won by Leonard Engquist. Subscription to ART AND STONE was won by Pete Fletcher.

Following these prize drawings President Vandercook reviewed the activities of the Michigan Monument Builders for the past year.

The president then introduced Archie Green the new National Executive Vice-President. Archie gave an excellent talk on what can be done by dealers as individuals to better the monument industry. He spoke of some of the instances where M.B.A. has been of aid to individual members. Archie also mentioned the House Bill Number 1302 which has been introduced and Senate Bill 622 both in regard to a money allowance in place of government markers.

President Vandercook next introduced Hoyt Holton, President of M.I.A. to speak about the new marketing program. Mr. Holton gave the history back of the M.I.A. and also the present status of the program. He pleaded for full cooperation with the M.I.A. He then answered all questions regarding the program.

After a short recess, President Vandercook introduced Frank Staffan, President of the Funeral Directors of Michigan. Mr. Staffan explained what their group is planning and suggested that the allied industries in Michigan get together to fight the Gold Cross Plan and related ideas. He suggested that two representatives be appointed by the Monument Builders, Florists, Vault men, Funeral Directors and legitimate cemeteries to meet as a group to do something about this. A question and answer session followed.

Door prizes were drawn at this time as follows: One gallon of Tremco donated by A. T. Wagner Co. was won by Al Raisch. A subscription to MONUMENTAL NEWS - REVIEW was won by the Secretary, Fred L. Arnet. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

President Wayne Vandercook called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 1953, in the English Room.

Door prizes were drawn as follows: One Belingham marker donated by United Granite Co. was won by Hans Frederickson. One gallon of P.D.Q. donated by Adrian of Quincy was won by Mrs. Petty. One roll of stencil donated by R. A. Knapp was won by Wayne Vandercook.

President Vandercook introduced Ed Warner of M.I.A. who gave a complete resume of the program.

The Annual Business session started at 11:45 a.m., with President Vandercook calling for committee reports.

Arthur Bauer, chairman of the Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President: Reg Chadwick
Vice President: Mike Allen
Secretary-Treasurer: Fred L. Arnet

State Representatives:
Board of Directors:

Len Braun, Fred Arnet Don Patten, Fred Marsh

It was moved by Arthur Bauer and seconded by C. L. Bendle that nominations be closed which was passed by the members.

It was then moved by Hans Frederickson and seconded by Alton Simpson that a unanimous ballot be cast. This was also passed.

Reg Chadwick reported for the Auditing Committee that the balance on hand is \$1,092.25 and stated that the books were found correct.

Mike Allen reported for the Membership Committee that all were in attendance. There are now 45 paid members of the Michigan Division Monument Builders of America.

Hans Frederickson reported regarding the 1954 Meeting that if it is a summer meeting it might be held in Bay City or Pentwater. If it is a winter meeting it will be in Grand Rapids.

Due to the absence of Victor Ferguson the Resolutions Committee report was given by Mrs. Petty. They are as follows:

"A committee consisting of Victor Ferguson of Benton Harbor and Mrs. Petty of Kalamazoo drew the following resolutions which were unanimously passed at this convention.

"1. We wish to express sincere appreciation to the Monument Builders of Detroit headed by Mr. Hans Frederickson for making detailed arrangements for this convention and for the fine entertainment provided.

"2. We appreciate the excellent work done by Mr. Fred Arnet, our Secretary and Treasurer, who has faithfully conducted his duties for the past 15 years.

"3. The work done by Mr. Wayne Vandercook, the President of the Association, during 1951 and 1952 has resulted in splendid activities of the association and an ever-increasing membership. He has had a great record and his efforts are indeed of much value to the members of M.B.A. of Michigan.

"4. We wish to extend our thanks to the speakers at this convention:

(a) Attorney George H. Flynn, Legal Counselor of Monument Builders of Detroit.

(b) Mr. Archie Green, Executive Vice President Monument Builders of America.

(c) Mr. Hoyt Holton, President Monument Institute of America. (d) Mr. Frank Staffan, President Michigan Funeral Directors

Association.

(e) Mr. Ed Warner, Representative American Monument Association.

"5. We are happy to have so many wholesale representatives with us during the convention. They always add greatly to the convention activities.

"6. We wish to acknowledge with pleasure the presence of so many ladies at this convention.

"7. We are saddened in the loss of a number of our associates who have passed on since our last convention and we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to their families:

Mr. John Ironsides, Hastings, Michigan Mr. Leo Kane, Sturgis, Michigan Mr. A. B. Cummings, Caro, Michigan

Mrs. J. E. Mortinson, Mother of Arnold Mortinson, Detroit, Michigan

Mr. Norman Rentner, Saginaw, Michigan Mr. John Thom, Kalamazoo, Michigan

"8. It is suggested that the secretary of this association mail suitable letters or a copy of these resolutions to the families of all persons mentioned herein and to the speakers."

President Vandercook called for new business, and it was moved by Bruno Nowicki that the Michigan Division, assembled in Convention at Detroit the 31 day of January, 1953 does hereby indorse the Program of the M.I.A. and urges every retail dealer to join and support it. Also to give support to and purchase from the producers, suppliers and design companies who by their membership in the M.I.A. are cooperating for the betterment of our industry. This was seconded by Alton Simpson and passed by the membership.

Alton Simpson moved that Len Braun and Fred Arnet be [Continued on Page 66

PUBLIC RELATIONS

By H. W. Hopwood

Excerpts from a talk by H. W. Hopwood, a member of the Republic Steel Corp., public relations staff, given at Cleveland, Ohio on January 12th.

H. W. Hopwood, told those who attended the convention of the monument industry that "actions speak louder than words." Unless the deeds of an industry back up all the fine phrases concocted by public relations people, Hopwood said the publicity wouldn't do much, if any good. With the various media of communication available today, public opinion changes rapidly and those who are alert to this constant change will find the going easier and most profitable. We quote from the address:

The birth of the present era of freedom has made a king out of each man and endowed his opinions almost with the force of law. In this country, particularly, we are aware of public opinion as a social, political and economic force. Its effect on our national political pattern is decisive. Its effect on social, ethical and moral matters confronts us every day. Its effect on your business and my business cannot be discounted.

But human opinions are as fluid as the sands of a desert which shift and move with each change in the direction and intensity of the wind. And just as the shifting of a sand dune by the wind is accomplished by moving one grain of sand at a time, public opinions are changed one mind at a time...

. . . You may well ask: "What does a public relations man do; what talents and skills does he possess?"

The first qualification a man must have who is seeking a living in this business is experience and familiarity with media of mass communication. He must know the pecularities of each and the audiences or groups they reach. He must understand the mechanics of newspapers, of radio stations, magazines, public speaking, etc. He must clearly understand the difference in impact between information disseminated through commercial devices such as advertisements and billboards and that conveyed by more subtle means such as newspaper articles, speeches and the like. He must particularly be able to judge which medium can best be used to reach a specific audience. Obviously, information aimed primarily for middle western farmers should not be directed through television or appear in an ad in the Wall Street Journal. Neither would an experienced public relations man attempt to reach a group of prospective investors in a new business by directing news releases to a series of college papers.

Another qualification of a good public relations man is the ability to put together words and pictures to convey an idea. Briefly, he must be a skillful writer and journalist. Ideas are primarily transmitted by reading, listening and seeing. In the great competition for the attention of the reading and listening public these days, a poorly presented message gets little attention.

Still a third qualification of a good public relations man is detailed knowledge of the cause he is pleading. In any industry, association or company, the man charged with developing and executing a public relations program must have an intimate knowledge of all phases of the business of the organiza-

tion. He must know its shortcomings as well as its virtues and know why they exist. But beyond that, he must have a voice in determining those actions of his organization which effect the public. He is well aware of the truth of the adage: "Actions speak louder than words." If the actions of his company or client are taken in disregard of the public's best interests, it will be a pretty difficult job for him to compose soft words and sweet music that will win a friendly audience for the products or the services or the ideas his organization is endeavoring to sell.

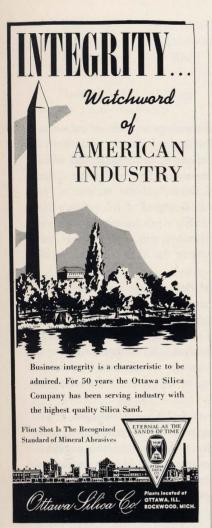
The function of public relations in any organization has been summed up briefly in these words: "Living right, serving the public's interest, and letting people know about it." A public relations man does not subscribe to the familiar saying: "Good deeds speak for themselves." To him, telling people about the actions of an organization which have been taken in the public's interest is just as important as the taking of those actions in the first place.

A public relations man may find himself engaged in developing favorable public opinion for a product, such as paint or petroleum; or a service, such as a consulting engineering business or a school or college; or an idea, as in governmental or political affairs. Let me give you an example of a typical problem public relations has been asked to solve.

Not too many years ago, the manufacturers of machine tools found themselves confronted by increasing public belief that the mechanization of industry was a major factor in creating unemployment. Obviously, most mechanical improvements in industry are aimed at greater production with less labor. During the 1930's, this opinion prevailed to such a great degree that industry was discouraged from progressive mechanization. A proposal to install a labor saving machine generally met union resistance. If such a machine was installable, let us say, to be operated only by one man, yet producing at the equivalent rate of three men, it was not unusual to find the machine deliberately operated at far less than its capacity. Efforts to fully utilize the capacity of the machine frequently resulted in strikes or major slowdowns which generally were supported by public opinion. As you can appreciate, this situation became a matter of tremendous concern to the makers of machine tools, but they were not long in taking action. Through their national association, they called on the head of a Cleveland Public Relations agency and laid the problem before him. He immediately suggested a research program to confirm the claim of the manufacturers that machine tools, by increasing and expanding industrial production, actually created jobs rather than unemployment and at the same time resulted in the production of more and better goods and lower prices. Statistics were readily obtained to support this contention, although it was necessary to admit that in most instances mechanization resulted in some temporary dislocation of employment.

The public relations agency then went to work. In articles and advertisements, booklets and pamphlets, in speeches and forums, these statistics were set forth and the contention that

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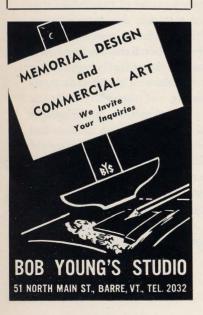


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the monument dealers or I would not have accepted this position. I have some plans for the future of this organization and if you will join with me in the MONUMENT BUILDERS OF AMERICA we can work together for the betterment of the industry and will benefit thereby. It appears to me that we are either helping to build our industry by our cooperation, or by our indifference we are tearing it down, which reminds me of a poem that I found many years ago and framed and hung it above my desk. Whenever I was tempted to avoid payment of dues or refuse my talents to my trade associations, civic organizations, community chest, or any like cause, or when I was tempted to buy some cheap merchandise to compete with a competitor who was selling that type of merchandise, I would read that poem and could arrive at but one answer. I want to close by quoting it to you.

The title is — "Am I A Builder?"

I saw them tearing a building down, A group of men in a busy town, With a Ho! Heave! Ho! and a lusty yell, They swung a beam and the side walls fell. I said to the foreman, "are these men skilled? The kind you would hire if you were to build," And he gave a laugh and said, "no indeed, Common labor is all I need, And I can wreck more in a day or two Than builders would take a year to do." And I thought to myself, as I went my way, Which of these roles am I trying to play, Am I a builder, working with care, Measuring life with rule and square, Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan, Patiently doing the best I can. Or am I a wrecker walking the town, Content with the labor of tearing down?

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machines make jobs pounded home over and over. Every time a booklet was produced, copies were distributed widely to editors, writers, educators, and public officials. Every speech was printed and circulated to mailing lists of thousands of thought readers. The change in opinion began slowly, as it a'ways does. It might still be progressing slowly except that the defense production of World War II virtually eliminated unemployment and forcibly called to the attention of the public the tremendous importance of highly mechanized mass production industry. Ultimately, union leaders began to understand the matter more clearly and today some contracts include reasonable provisions allowing for technological advancements which may cause some temporary dislocation of employment. You seldom hear it argued today that mechanization is an evil which creates unemployment. More people realize that it is extensive mechanization that has taken us out of the Model T. era, into today's high production, high wages and short work week. This was a public relations achievement of top quality . . .

I am not familiar with your problem. One of them, I am told involves the practice of numerous cemeteries in recent years of prohibiting monuments or other grave markers other than those flush with the ground. I have no other information as to what effect this trend has had on your business, but I [Continued on next page NEW

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presume it must be a matter of some concern. In contemplation of this problem, I have several bits of advice to offer. If they don't fit the situation, please excuse my lack of detailed information.

First: Yours does not appear on the surface to be primarily a public relations matter. The public relations aspects are undoubtedly present, but are secondary to others. The refusal of some cemeteries to permit monuments does not imply that the monument dealers and manufacturers have ever, or are now, conducting their business in a manner alienating the public. It is also probably true that you enjoy about the same degree of esteem with the trustees and managers of cemeteries as in the past. I doubt if the public as a whole has any strong feelings one way or another about cemeteries which permit monuments and those which prohibit them. But my first advice is this-if you have not conducted some manner of investigation or survey of the attitudes of the public on these questions—consider doing so at once.

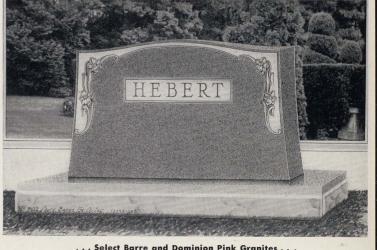
Secondly, also conduct independent research into the obvious factor in this problem—the economic one. Undoubtedly the high cost of land for cemeteries in metropolitan areas is requiring smaller cemetery lots. At the same time, the maintenance cost undoubtedly has risen to a great extent. My recommendation—find out all you can about these factors. This is important for the greatest influencing factor on public opinion is the pocketbook—and its contents.

Having done these two things-and perhaps you already have, you should have a pretty good idea exactly what your problem is. I think you will agree you should know exactly [Continued on next page

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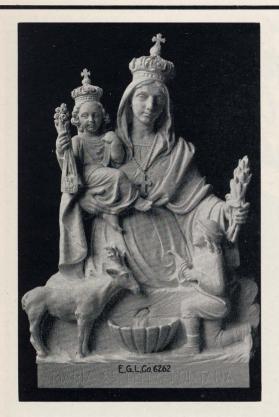
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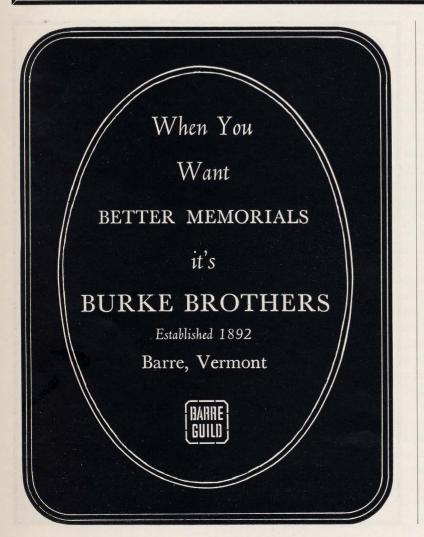
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where you are before you decide in which direction to move.

Thirdly—presuming you establish that the problem is primarily an economic one. (It is a fair bet that is what you will find.) Your next step is counter action. You cannot fight economic battles with words alone. You must take positive steps to meet the conditions you find. There must be many things you could do. For example, you might design and press the sale of smaller monuments in better general relations to the size of present lots. You can use your ingenuity to design markers that will permit closer mowing and less general attention from caretakers. A monument with a three or four inch shoulder at ground level would not require close clipping, for example.

Your public relations men should be consulted on every move up to this point, for there is little they can do until the problem is completely diagnosed and some corrective measures started. But at this point, they should be in a position to begin to lay out a program of action. Such a program should be set forth in detail and budgeted carefully . . .

. . . Your program might be one executed entirely by your national or state organizations. On the other hand it might be one handled entirely by the individual members of your association, at a local level-or it might be a combination of both. The analysis of your problem will determine that.

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You should also align yourselves, I would think, to some of the many groups, advocating a return to religious fundamentals, for a life close to the church inevitably ends with traditional burial rites, including grave marking.

Your business has undoubtedly earned most public ill will as a result of the bad taste some families have shown in seeking ostentatious display. I think you all know of such cases. You must find ways of discouraging that. You have much to gain by a program of public education which will encourage quiet dignity and good taste in the selection of monuments.

In all these matters the advice of your public relations consultant will be paramount. He will find the ways and means of interpreting your actions to the public so they may better appreciate and desire the product and the service you provide for them. As I said earlier, it is the public relations man's job to know how to get your story across. Work with him closely so together you can develop a good story for him to tell.

I have two last words of advice.

First: Plan your public relations program with some means of measuring your progress. A study or a survey will assure you of staying on the right track and will be worth many times its cost.

Secondly, and finally: keep yourselves informed on your public relations program and give it your undivided support. No situation is more pitiable than the plight of a public relations man seeking to satisfy two opposite viewpoints. Have your differences of opinion *before* you arrive at a program. After a program is launched, forget your differences, and give it every bit of support you can.

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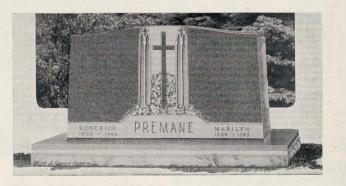
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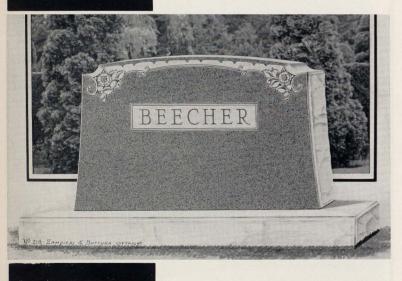
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named as a legislative committee to represent the Michigan Division of M.B.A. with the Funeral Directors which was seconded by Mike Allen and passed.

It was decided that the State Representatives as elected will represent the Michigan Division if a caucus is held in their district for the purpose of electing a National Director.

It was stated that it looks very much as if the National Conventions will be held in the winter hereafter and, therefore, the Michigan Association should hold its meeting in the summer. Final decisions were left to the Board of Directors.

The past President, Wayne Vandercook thanked everyone for their help and then turned the gavel over to President Reg Chadwick. The new President asked everyone to work in increasing the membership in the Michigan Division. He then introduced the rest of the newly elected officers and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

KENTUCKY MONUMENT BUILDERS CONVENTION

Aroused as to conditions in the Monument industry, a goodly number of Kentucky Monument Builders gathered at Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 11 and 12 for their annual convention. Purcell Lee of the Shelbyville Monument Co., president of the association, presided and there was a straight-forward discussion of many subjects affecting the industry.

J. Y. O'Bannon of Paducah told of the organization of a Monument Dealers association in the First Congressional District of Kentucky. Every Monument Builder in the district is a member and much good has been accomplished through the

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get-together meetings.

M. C. Shearer of the Lexington Monument Co., spoke on salesmen and salesmanship. He gave some very interesting facts as to how the monument sales field is being invaded by others.

Charles E. Riehm of Riehm-Gerlack Memorials, Inc., Louisville, secretary of the association, presided at a conference, when Edward W. Warner, Columbus, Ohio, field man for the American Monument Association, Inc., spoke on "How the Monument Institute of America Will Help You." Another very interesting address was given by A. L. Green, Chicago, executive vice president of Monument Builders of America. His subject was "If Something Isn't Done, You Will Be Done." Mr. Riehm displayed slides showing the good and the bad in monuments and their locations in cemeteries. A talk was to have been given by a representative of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Assn., but a misunderstanding as to dates made it impossible for him to attend.

It was decided to attempt to form a local association in every section of the state and a legislative committee was named, composed of M. C. Shearer, Lexington; C. E. Riehm, Louisville, and Purcell Lee, Shelbyville, to study the drafting of legislation to correct conditions in the cemetery and Monument business in Kentucky.

The following officers were elected:

M. C. Shearer, Lexington Monument Co., Lexington, president; Walter L. Beasley, Beasley Marble & Granite Co., Paducah, vice president; Charles E. Reihm, Reihm & Gerlack Memorials, Louisville, secretary; P. B. Holland, Muldoon [Continued on next page]

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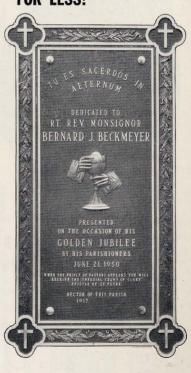
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Directors are: Robert Fairleigh, Hopkinsville Monument Co., Hopkinsville; Purcell Lee, Shelbyville Monument Co., Shelbyville; E. W. McKinley, McKinley Monument Co., Campbellsville.

Herbert A. Zenker of Columbus, Ohio, invited the Kentucky group to attend the convention in Dayton, Ohio, March

Those attending the convention were very hospitably entertained at an open house given by the Keith Monument Co. in Bowling Green.

ANNUAL MEETING MONUMENT BUILDERS OF AMERICA, WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION

The meeting was called to order on Friday, February 13, 1953, at 9:45 o'clock a.m. in the Lotus Room of the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

President, Anton Knuppel welcomed members and guests and expressed his pleasure in having such a fine attendance.

The president then gave an outline of the activities of his office during the past year. Visits were made to many nonmember memorial craftsmen to whom he extended an invitation to join our ranks and help us in the work confronting us. He attended the Cleveland Convention and reported the enthusiasm expressed to adopt the "MONUMENT INSTITUTE OF AMERICA" as a unit of "MONUMENT BUILDERS OF AMERICA."

Thanks were expressed by the assembly for president Knuppel's valuable efforts in behalf of the association.

So that all present might become acquainted with one another, the president asked each individual to arise and introduce himself to the assemblage.

The following committees were then appointed: Auditing, Art Jones, Ollie Benzing, John Marsh.

Nominating, Walter Kuebler, Gus Reinke, Robert Manthey. Secretary-treasurer, Merrill W. Schaefer, reported on the operations of his office during the past year. He expressed his thanks for the fine cooperation extended to him by the members and his fellow officers. The cash on hand was reported as increased again during the past year and finances in sound condition.

A comprehensive, educational and well delivered report on the Barre District as it affects the monument industry was delivered by Mr. R. T. McBride, field representative of the Barre Guild.

Fabian Monfils of Kenosha, delegate to the National Convention, talked on the high lights of the Convention at Cleveland, his coverage was compact and complete, a fine service to our association.

Mr. Frank Foster of A.M.A., gave an illustrated address, stressing the need for all memorial craftsmen to sanction and support the "Monument Institute of America." The open discussion which followed was ably presided over by Mr. Arch Green—all questions were clearly and fully answered.

The noon luncheon was well attended by 51 members and guests. Immediately upon completion of the luncheon, president Knuppel and past president, Walter Kuebler conducted the drawing of prizes.

The afternoon session started with a report of the auditing committee who proclaimed the books in order.

The nominating committee presented their report which was accepted;—a motion was made, seconded and carried that the rules be suspended and Carl Manthey cast a unanimous vote for the slate as submitted by the nominating committee, thus electing the following officers:

Anton Knuppel, Appleton, president; Bill Cerutti, Dodgeville, 1st vice-pres.; Fred Kannenberg, Schofield, 2nd vice-pres.; Merrill W. Schaefer, Milwaukee, Secretary-treas.; George Mauerman, Monroe, director—3 yrs.; E. C. Block, Watertown, director—2 yrs.; Ollie Benzing, Milwaukee, director—1 year; Walter L. Kuebler, Burlington, director, ex-officio; Robert Manthey, Green Bay, director, ex-officio.

Fabian Monfils was appointed delegate to the National Convention and Charles Madson was appointed alternate.

The meeting was again turned over to Mr. Arch Green, executive secretary of the M.B.A., who continued the discussion period on the Monument Institute of America and then gave a masterful lecture on the needs of the industry.

The assemblage was then asked to rise and stand in silence for one minute in memory of one of their deceased associate members-H. H. ARONSON-who during the past year was called to the great beyond.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers, directors and committee members for their excellent work.

The Monument Builders of Wisconsin offer a resolution regarding State Representatives to the Monument Builders of America By-Laws:

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consin, assembled in Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 13, 1953, offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that Article 8 of Section 1 of the By-laws of the Monument Builders of America be amended as follows: Delete the first 8 lines until the words, 'only regularly paidup members etc.' Substitute instead, the following:

"'Each State shall be entitled to one State Representative. Each State shall also be entitled to one additional State Representative for its first twenty-five (25) paid-up members in the National Association, or major fraction thereof and one more State Representative for each additional twenty-five (25) paid-up members in the National Association or major fraction thereof."

This resolution was duly presented, seconded and approved unanimously and the Secretary instructed to forward this resolution to the office of the Executive Vice-president of the Monument Builders of America, to be presented for due consideration at the next National Convention.

After the adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were served and a pleasant hour of friendly discussion was enjoyed.

A.I.C.A. MEETING . . .

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Institute, listing unfinished orders and possibilities for Institute income in 1953. He made the suggestion that dues of \$250 a year be the only assessment in 1953 with all other income coming from design service, sale of brochures, etc. Mr. Deacy again offered his studio at 5 East 57th Street, New York, free of rent, for Institute headquarters and stated that he would be willing to go along as Director without salary, taking income only from design services. He urged all members to pay their dues and any unpaid 1952 assessments as soon as possible so that there would be no lack of funds for secretary's salary.

It was voted to accept Mr. Deacy's offer with the understanding that members would make wider use of design service, and that dues be continued at \$250 per year.



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At the Thursday morning session, presided over by Mr. Graham, various committee chairmen gave their reports. These included:

Membership: Three new members, The Joseph Carabelli Co. (J. Carabelli, Jr.), Cleveland, Ohio; E. Nelson High & Son (Everett N. High), Cincinnati, Ohio; and Chas. N. Gardner & Sons (Carroll Gardner, President), Schenectady, N. Y. Also two resignations, Emanuel Neubrunn, "too busy" and Arch Green, because of a new position.

Design committee chairman Harold Schaller made the following proposal:

"In order to have a design service available to the membership on a pay as you go basis the following suggestion is offered:

"The members will just pay in their dues for the exclusive use of the name of the Institute and this will pay for the secretary and running of the office.

"Any member wishing to make use of the design service will be obliged to pay for the preliminary sketches and, if he should make a sale from these, it is mandatory that he has the working drawings and the details prepared through the design service.

"Now, if it is necessary to have the design consultant meet with the client and thus aid in the sale, it is understood that his expenses are to be paid by the member requesting this service—and then a satisfactory arrangement can be made with each individual case at the time—as to the financial arrangement for the consulting and the design service. If the case does not materialize the member is only obliged to pay for the travelling expenses of the consultant."

Mr. Graham appointed the following chairmen who in turn will name their members: Membership, Claude Brown; Design, Harold Schaller; Ideas, Peter Troost; Advertising and Publicity, Carl Faehnle (suggest Mr. Ardolino on this committee); Public Relations, Robert Graham.

Mr. Graham appointed Almon Olsen, Carl Faehnle and Claude Brown the Nominating Committee. This committee submitted the following names for 1953 officers: President, Robert Graham, Alliance, Ohio; Vice-president, Peter Troost, Hillside, Ill.; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Schaller, New York City. Directors: Frank McNeel, Leonard Braun, Aubrey Cody, Peter Troost, Harold Schaller and Robert Graham.

Mr. Olsen made a motion that nominations be closed and the new officers be elected by acclamation, seconded by Aubrey Cody.

A motion was made by Mr. Shearer that the time and place of the next meeting be designated after the dates and meeting place of next M.B.A. meeting are decided. This was seconded by Mr. Brown and so carried.

Many expressed their preference for a meeting in June or July. New York, a summer resort, Cleveland were all mentioned as preferred locations. Mr. Cody extended a most cordial invitation to hold the summer meeting in Clay Center, Kansas.

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Mr. Bonazzoli, in accepting his new responsibilities, states that he will assist manufacturers and retailers on all traffic problems. Bonazzoli further states that he would welcome the opportunity to assist members of the Barre Guild on both outgoing and incoming traffic problems. He emphasized his job is to assist members and their customers whenever possible, on all shipping problems which would include consolidation of supplies and equipment to Barre as well as the finished product from Barre to various points throughout the country.

CARBORUNDUM CO. RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT

The Carborundum Company and its U. S. and Canadian subsidiaries had sales of \$70,173,250 with net income of \$4,782,503, or \$3.12 per share in the year ended December 31, 1952, compared with sales of \$78,500,449 and net income of \$6,461,426, or \$4.23 per share for 1951, according to the Company's Annual Report released recently by President Clinton F. Robinson.

Sales volume in 1952, second highest in Carborundum's history, was 10.6% lower than the Company's record high in '51 largely because of the prolonged steel strike, Robinson said. In addition to the reduction in income resulting from reduced sales, he reported increased costs of labor, material and services contributed to lower income for the year.

The payment of \$1.40 per share in 1952 marked the 31st consecutive year that Carborundum had paid dividends, Mr. Robinson observed. The Company paid \$1.25 per share in 1951.

Stockholders' equity at December 31, 1952 amounted to 72.3% of total assets of \$63,358,589 compared with 71.5% of total assets of \$60,225,588 at December 31, 1951, an increase of \$1.70 per share to \$29.89. The long-term debt was



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reduced from 19.1% of total assets in 1951 to 16.6% in 1952. Total inventories were reduced in line with sales activity and at December 31, 1952 amounted to \$17,463,447, compared with \$18,202,415 at the close of 1951.

Provision for estimated United States and Canadian income taxes for 1952 was \$4,473,330 compared with \$7,543,115 in

In 1952 Carborundum oganized a new subsidiary, The Carborundum Metals Company, Inc. which entered into a long-term bank credit agreement with a group of banks for \$3,500,000 to construct a plant for the manufacture of zirconium and hafnium sponge metal for the Atomic Energy

During the year the Company created a trust known as The Carborundum Charitable Foundation, for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. Mr. Robinson said that \$250,000 was deposited in the trust.

During 1952 investments in new facilities totalled \$5,404,585 compared with \$2,968,925 in 1951 and \$1,660,606 in 1950. The new facilities program includes expansion of the production capacity of the silicon carbide furnace plant in Vancouver, Washington, and expansion of the Globar Division's facilities in Niagara Falls, N. Y. for the manufacture of heating elements and electronic resistors. The Carborundum Metals Company, Inc. is building a plant in Akron, New York. Canadian Carborundum Company, Ltd. completed the installation of new furnaces at Niagara Falls, Ontario and built a new warehouse and sales office in Toronto.

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Obituary Record

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Mr. Stevenson was born December 30, 1868, in Shelby County, Missouri, the fifth of eight children born to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Stevenson.

After completing his schooling, Mr. Stevenson worked for Charles Hollyman, who had purchased a monument shop in Shelbina. This was in 1889. He remained in the business from that year until ill health caused him to curtail his activities in

On April 1, 1895, Mr. Stevenson went to Moberly, succeeding the English Brothers. In the first years he worked alone, going out with horse and buggy to take orders, then returning to his shop to make the monuments by the hammer and chisel

The firm today has branch houses at Columbia, Salisbury and Macon. Then in addition to the display room in Moberly, the firm has a plant, and warehouse for cutting, carving and

Paul Stevenson, son of S. C. Stevenson, became a partner in the business in 1912, and in the last few years has had charge of the business due to the ill health of his father.

A granite plaque under a picture of S. C. Stevenson in the showroom window reads:

"Founder of this firm entered this industry at Shelbina, Mo., Nov. 19, 1889. He established this firm in Moberly, April 1, 1895."

Mr. Stevenson was active in community affairs in Moberly. He was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and for years had been either on the board of trustees or a member of the board of stewards of that church. He had been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for years and before the organization of this group was a member of the Commercial Club. He was a noble grand of the Odd Fellow lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Irene Martin Stevenson; a son, Paul Stevenson; a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

DAVID CLAY SWISHER

Long time MBA member and successful monument retailer, David C. Swisher, owner of Clarinda Monument Works, Clarinda, Iowa, passed away at his home, January 17, 1953. Evangelist Winford Lee conducted funeral services and interment took place in Clarinda Cemetery.

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WILLIAM J. INGLIS

William J. Inglis, 65, native of Barre, Vt., and long-time respected resident of that community, died suddenly March 14th at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Bedell of Hardwick, Vt. He had been in ill health for about a year but had been able to be about.

Born in Barre on Aug. 18, 1887, he was the son of George and Annie (Kennedy) Inglis. He had lived in Barre all of his life, until he moved to his daughter's home in Hardwick last summer. Until last August he had been a salesman for the Trow and Holden Company of South Main street, Barre. In earlier years his work involved considerable travel about the country. He had been a salesman for the past 20 years or so.

He was married on Nov. 27, 1912 to Eleanor Cole, at Barre. She died on Dec. 7, 1952.

Mr. Inglis was a former member of several clubs and organizations in Barre. Considered a fine singer, he had been a member of the Green Mountain male quartet which entertained throughout the state in earlier years. He also sang with other groups and choruses.

Survivors include a son, George O. Inglis of Barre; two daughters, Mrs. Almon (Henrietta) Bedell of Hardwick, and Mrs. Sheldon Owen of Northfield. Other survivors include two brothers, Fred A. Inglis of Barre, and Douglas Inglis of Worcester, Mass.; and four sisters, Mrs. George Benware of Newport, Ethel Inglis of Boston, Mrs. Howard Wheeler, and Mrs. Ernest Dubie of Barre. Several nephews and nieces, in this country and in Scotland, also survive.

JOSEPH BANKS

Word has been recently received from Roy F. Young, The Georgia Marble Co., of White Stone, Va., of the death of Mr. Joseph Banks. We quote from Mr. Young's letter:

"Mr. Joe Banks, salesman for the Lawson and Newton Company of Norfolk, Va., died suddenly at his home on Friday February 13th, age sixty-one years.

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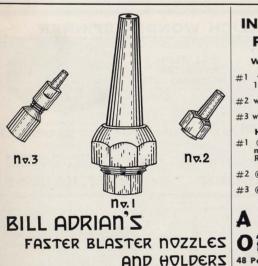
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JAMES FINDLEY BOOTH

James Findley Booth passed away on Feb. 7, 1953. He had been sick in bed for sixteen months following an operation. He was the owner of the Copeland Granite and Marble Works at Braddock, Pa.

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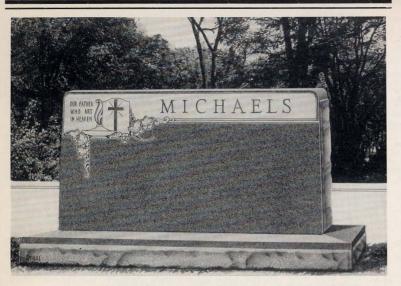
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It may well be that psychologists of the various schools will see matters of moment in the intelligence that Herb Shriner, currently America's number one TV & Radio comedian like his worthy confere, Bob Hope, is a son of a gravestone maker. It may well be that there is some deep Freudian plot in all this and that the epitaph-makers of yesteryear were simply TV and Radio humorists born before their time. It may well be that talent scouts should look for their comedians of the morrow among the sons and daughters of the Memorialists of America. Frankly, we're not sure how far we can go with these theories, but it is no doubt true that we have more than our share of jokers in the industry, and we are pleased to note that in Hope and Shriner we have at least two scions who are being well rewarded in reputation and coin of the realm for their significant contributions to The American Way of Life. This may also explain why Hope and Shriner are among the few comedians of the day that we've always appreciated. Anyway, we welcome Mr. Shriner to the illustrious group of F. S. & D. of T. M. (Famed Sons and Daughters of Tombstone Makers), numbering such personalities as the late Thomas Wolfe, considered by most critics as America's finest novelist; "Eddie" Rickenbacker, our leading aviator and auto racer; "Ed" Sawyer and "Wes" Westrum of baseball fame, etc. In contemplating the seeming affinity for humor in our work, let us not forget that Arthur Godfrey once sold cemetery plots and that Edgar Bergen also served a short apprenticeship in our field Sic Semper Something or Other!

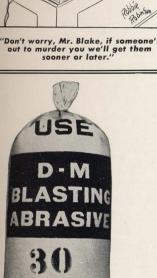
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Far be it from us to inject an unpleasant reminder of the annoying Ides of March and the perennial Internal Revenue tag day, but it might be well to study the income tax picture and see why our most important market today is in the lower middle brackets and not the "big money" set. It will be readily seen that most of our \$200,000 a year men and up often spend more than they make to "keep up with the Joneses." There are, however, many American families, presently in the \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year categories adjusted to a \$8,000 to \$15,000 living scale, who are literally and figuratively better able to afford a \$5,000 monument than many of our "paper" millionaires. An even larger market today is that of the so-called "lower middle classes." Composed of skilled craftsmen and tradesmen, these people have long been the backbone of America, but only recent years have brough them comparative wealth. Plumbers, steel workers, carpenters, masons, electricians, machinists, plasterers, etc., were \$40.00 a week workers in the early thirties. Now paychecks of \$125 to \$175 a week are common in this "class." True the cost of living has risen, but not to that degree. These people are generally home owners with frugal habits and large families. They formerly bought markers or small stock monuments. Now they represent the bulk of our \$1,000 to \$3,000 sales. And this is the reason we have never been overly impressed with the surveys made of the retail monument in dustry. True, many of our old line firms have skidded down the sales ladder, largely due to a "carriage trade" complex plus a certain "good old days" fixation.

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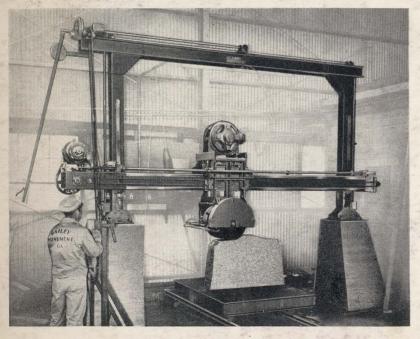
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