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More and more our leading families of the Roman Catholic faith are responding to the idea of erecting religious Shrines as family memorials. In a sense, of course, every cemetery monument is a religious shrine, "dedicated to the Glory of God" in memory of . . . but in cases similar to the Michalski Shrine to "Our Lady of Fatima," the "Shrine Idea" itself was the first consideration, and properly so. There are many Catholic families of wealth, who might think of family memorials involving considerable expense as being too ostentatious for their own modest manner of living, but who would readily respond to the Shrine Idea as a proper testament of their Faith and a contribution toward the beautification of their cemetery . . . a contribution to be shared by all who see it.

It is significant that once more Smith-Barre, the "Medium of the Masters," was the specified material.

The Michalski Shrine was erected by the American Monument Corp., of New York City in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn, N. Y. It was designed by talented James Canzoniero, former student at the Barre School of Memorial Art, son of Michael Canzoniero, president of this well known monumental firm. The exquisite sculpture was done in their shops in New York City. Hoyt & Milne, Inc., of Barre, Vt., manufactured the screen and pedestal base.
DEDICATION

It is with pleasure that we dedicate this space to the late Mr. Lawrence Foley, Past President of the G. C. I. A. who was a friend of both all employees and employers throughout our industry.

Mr. Foley's monument was erected by the G. C. I. A.—W. C. Canniff & Sons, Quincy, Mass., handled the manufacturing. Mr. Manuel Peral, President of the Quincy Branch, did the cutting and Mr. Lino Quintiliani, Corresponding Secretary, did the sandblasting. The granite is Sullivan Blue-White Westerly.

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Americans throughout the land and abroad were given stimulating news in "The New York Sunday Times," August 9, 1953, about a unique monument to be erected on top of Pine Mountain, Georgia, not far from Warm Springs, Georgia, so well known to millions of Americans of the Roosevelt era. The caliber of the planning committee, including such distinguished figures as Judge Learned Hand, Milton Eisenhower, Eleanor Roosevelt, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, General Lucius Clay, and John L. Lewis is indicative of the assured success expected in raising some $25,000,000 in the next ten years, during which the History of the United States from 1492 through 1918 is to be commemorated for posterity. Full details announcing the project will be found in our "Monuments Make News" feature, this issue.

Architect Eric Gugler's beautiful drawings will stagger the imaginations of all of us in the monumental field. His plans call for a roofless granite structure 247 feet wide, 418 feet long, and 90 feet high, with the History of the United States told in high relief sculpture on the inside walls. Later generations will add to this, their evaluation of the story of our time.

It is, of course, much too early to weigh public reaction to this impressive idea of Mr. Gugler's, whose reputation in his field is of the highest. Nevertheless, up to our press time several newspapers had commented upon the project with favorable editorials, and the very fact that "Time Magazine" saw fit to withhold any snide remarks in telling the story in its August 17th issue (also reproduced in our "Monuments Make News" section) is indeed welcome news in the light of several of their past reports on monuments and our industry.

As an industry there is perhaps little we can do other than lend financial support as individuals and every cooperative effort asked for as producers, but it takes little imagination, indeed, to visualize the great importance of this project to all of us. Here is a Monument that is a Monument, not a swimming pool, nor an auditorium, nor any other functional structure. Strangely enough up to press time, we haven't had any complaints from the Utilitarians, and only a few from those "Liberals," with little or no understanding of the South and its problems (and no appreciation of the vast progress being made there in the improvements of racial understand-

ing), who question the location of the monument. But, in as much as the site selected was the unanimous choice of this distinguished committee, it is doubtful if the few dissenters will carry much weight. For our part, we consider the location (which we have seen) an excellent one.

The following New York Times Editorial (August 9, 1953) is an inspiring tribute to traditional commemoration:

THE "HALL OF OUR HISTORY"

We like to think of history as the record of man's achievements, of his courage, of his hopes, not as the sad story of his defeats. Defeats, of course, there are and will be, but on such an edifice as the "Hall of Our History," which is to be built on Pine Mountain in central Georgia, and which is described by drawings and by the text of Judge Learned Hand in today's New York Times Sunday Magazine, it is the victories that will be recorded. These victories, of course, are not always, or even often, those of one army over another or one nation over another. They are more often the expression of ideas which bear fruit in human happiness and progress. It is the idea that lives forever if it is good and true—the idea often wrought in pain and sustained in courage. This lesson it is easy to forget. We need reminders in granite and in bronze of the pains endured and the sacrifices made by men and women of flesh no more enduring than our own.

Judge Hand wisely tells us that "the use of history is not to teach us to deal with specific occasions as they arise" but rather "to tell us what we are." What we are is measured in tradition and in the values we give to the things of life. "It is our hope," writes Judge Hand, "that these walls by their beauty and splendor will reaffirm in those who visit them the faith of their predecessors and inspire them with a resolve not to prove truant to their example."

Ten years will have gone by and twenty-five million dollars will have been spent before this monument is completed. But it should stand forever, as human beings measure time, and we may hope that the blank spaces on these walls will be enriched over the generations by new records of human valor and enduring wisdom.

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"The GOOD SHEPHERD"

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Memorial Motif

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Emphasis on Dealer Problems
NOTES FROM A DESIGNER'S SKETCH PAD

GENIUS AT WORK

One of the more pleasurable diversions of the designer's craft is the opportunity for daydreaming. We see the artist bent over his drafting board in an attitude of profound contemplation and naturally one assumes that this has something to do with the masterpiece he is creating. Quite the opposite is true. Designs come mostly from the subconscious. Meanwhile, his active mind, if such it may be called, is happily engaged with the most inconsequential trivia. Just for the hell of it I jotted down my impressions is I labored over a drawing which, for me, was as good as any design I ever made. Let's see what the great man was thinking about.

Ice cream doesn't taste like it did years ago. Come a rain and poof! the bridal wreaths are gone from the lawns for the summer. Wish our neighbor across the street would settle on a trim for his house. Before I get accustomed to a new color scheme he changes it. Wonder why fancy olives always look larger in their bottles. Fabian Monfils would know. He used to import olives.

The Titanic was a hundred miles at sea before it was discovered that they were short of binoculars. Under maritime law I suppose the captain could requisition the passengers and supply glasses for his lookout but it would have been an unprecedented procedure — as if the Waldorf Astoria borrowed soap from the guests. If I had salesmen I would make Mr. Leland's "Case Histories" required reading.

Modern cocktail bars remind me of caverns under the sea. I might patronize a well lighted, gaudy saloon of the pre-prohibition era if I knew where to find one. India ink is about the same price it has always been. What is Dr. Einstein talking about when he implies that our government has no right to inquire into the political hallucinations of its educators. The pedagogues were hired to extol the virtues of a Republic — not to preach sedition. It is as if the Holy See had no right to inquire into the conduct of a priest who had turned atheist and was instructing his congregation that the surest way to life eternal is to burn down the church. One might plausibly argue that the professors themselves have contributed very little to our modern way of life. Henry Ford, John D. Rocke-feller, Thomas Edison, if it may be said of giants, had only the most meager schooling. And there were hundreds of others who went out into the world to make life more pleasant for the rest of us. Not one of them, so far as is known, had any truck with Marx.

Much of the world's unhappiness comes from people trying to be something they are not. To recognize our limitations and live within these boundaries must be close to the source of wisdom. We have the best informed charwoman in the block. There is no phenomena in nature for which she hasn't a ready explanation. "It's the atom bombs that make all the tornadoes." When I made no reply she persisted: "Don't you remember how it always used to rain on the fourth of July?" She is a good woman and gives, so she tells me, a tenth of her income to the Lord. It is odd in view of such a sacrifice that the Bible has so little to say in praise of work. The books of the Old Testament are almost unanimous in regarding labor as a scourge, or at best a sort of penance.

The telephone rings. An eager teen-age voice comes over the wire.

"How deep is the ocean?"

"It's pretty deep. Three or four miles in spots. If you'll wait a minute I'll get my encyclopedia."

"I don't mean THAT!" she answers impatiently.

"What about my prize?" "What prize?"

"The — prize — for — naming — the — record — you're — playing."

"Oh, that! Well, let's see what prizes we have on tap for today. There's a 1982 convertible Buick. A constellation airplane trip into outer space, doesn't say when you'll return. Or we can move your house to any lot you desire."

"Saay! you don't sound very bright to me."

"You don't sound very bright to me either, honey. The Bell Telephone Co., just spent over a million dollars to install a dial system in Rockford that is virtually fool proof. All you have to do—"

Ouch! I am gradually growing deaf as the result of people banging the receiver in my ear. As I implied at the beginning of my discourse appearances can be deceptive. Anyone observing that artist pick up the phone and listen intently might reasonably conclude that the ensuing dialogue would be intelligible but it rarely is.

Carl Kastrup
CASE HISTORIES in Personalizing MEMORIALS
NUMBER XXXVIII
With Sketches by Ernest Stevens Leland

The CASE of the "$1000 MARKER." Trust officers, attorneys and officials of the probate courts are valuable friends to cultivate, as all memorialists well know. As executors, administrators or counsel for estates, they are frequently called upon to provide a monument, under terms of a will, or to act in an advisory capacity so far as the expenditure is concerned. All of which explains my rather wide acquaintance in the legal profession, aside from the specialists in bill collecting!

Anyhow, this case history is concerned with an elderly jurist who had been, since youth, a friend of my parents. I had not seen the judge for several years when a letter came from him. I quote in part:

"... The will provides for a memorial to cost not less than $500 or more than $1000. Miss Shaw, an elderly spinster, somewhat eccentric, wealthy and artistic, requested that burial should be made in her home town here, beside her parents. The cemetery rules, however, permit but one monument on the lot, markers to be of uniform size and design ... Several of the monument people who have come to see me say that it is impossible to spend so much money for a duplicate stone which they call a 'hickey marker' ... It seems a shame that such a gifted artist cannot have something distinctive at her grave ... We have been wondering if you might in some way solve the problem for us without infringing upon the cemetery regulations ... It has been a long time since you paid us a visit. Why not spend a day or two with us when you are in this section of the country again ..."

And so it came to pass that on a trip west, several weeks later, I spent a pleasant week-end with the venerable jurist and his charming family. On Saturday afternoon we visited the picturesque cemetery. As I had anticipated, the rather large family monument was typical of the 'Chester A. Arthur period' of memorial art and the markers were, as the judge had mentioned, large 'hiccies.' It all seemed very hopeless until I saw that one of the many markers bore a bronze seal of the DAR and on another was the seal of the Grand Army of the Republic. This, naturally, induced an idea. And the idea became a reality when we arrived at the old mansion where the Shaw family had lived for several generations.

After taking me through the stately residence, the judge said: "Now we come to the part of this house that will interest you; Miss Ann's studio and library in the north wing. She had not used the studio for many years, doing most of her work in New York and abroad. The place is in somewhat of a mess since they brought all her things here from her New York studio.

When the judge opened the door to the spacious room, the answer to our problem came when I saw both finished paintings and charcoal sketches. With few exceptions, all the pictures and studies has one dominant theme: Angels.

Noting my surprise, the judge said: "Yes, ever since she was a youngster Miss Ann seemed to be fascinated by angels and cherubs ... I suppose you knew Daniel Chester French?" To which I replied that my work in both writing and design had brought me to the studios of many famed sculptors.

"Well, then you will understand why Miss Ann has so many pictures of his work here; and so many sketches adapted from his favorite theme: Angels." Yes, I knew Mr. French and his predecessor Augustus Saint Gaudens. Hence came the "hook."

The judge led me to a table stacked with sketches Miss Ann had made, all angels, in various poses. I selected some four or five of these sketches. The judge watched me, as I sorted the drawings. Then he asked: "Why are you picking out some of those drawings? For Miss Ann's stone You know ..." Yes, I knew, I knew that nothing but a marker was permitted; but I also knew that the cemetery had permitted those two bronze emblems.

The judge looked at me for a moment then he exclaimed "Well I'll be darned. Never thought of that!" All of which proves that experience is the best teacher: I had been through similar experiences in the past.

As we drove back to the house I asked the judge if he thought the probate court would allow more than $1000 for the marker. He looked at me, with a smile on his kindly face, and he said: "I guess it could be arranged. But Mr. Daniel Chester French is dead." To which I replied: "True, but his daughter carries on; and so do several of his famous pupils ..."

That night, when the family had retired, I experimented with the several drawings I had borrowed from Miss Ann's studio. On the opposite page I have drawn from memory some of the sketches which I left with the judge on Sunday when I went on my way ... Sketch "A" indicates the marker for 'Miss Ann.' The bronze angel, in silhouette, is an adaptation of a study found in the collection of drawings and paintings in the studio at the Shaw residence.

Why was the angel, indicated on 'B,' my choice among all the figures I found in 'Miss Ann's' collection? The answer is obvious if we note that of all the figures indicated on the opposite page, 'B' was the only study which faced forward with wings outspread toward the graves of both parents. In other words, the back is not turned against either of the beloved parents.

Sentimentality? Maybe so. But it may also be so that more sentiment, or sentimentality, is what we need to regain in memorial art.
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The inspiring story on this page was written by Anton Bohm, owner of the Apex Monument Works of Denver, Colorado, and one of America's finest memorialists. Praise from such a man is indeed an honor, which in this case seems richly deserved.

When Mr. Dominick Deorio of the Retail Monument firm of D. Deorio & Sons, Denver, Colorado passed away in 1951 he left besides his widow, a daughter and two sons, Ralph and Charlie. The sons who are twins were at that time 17 years old and in as much as their father had been in bad health during the preceding year of his death had been a great help in carrying on the various activities of their modest firm. When their father had been laid to rest, they continued carrying on the business and one of their first projects was to make as fine a memorial for their father as they were able to accomplish. They ordered a two sides polished slab of Dark Red Ribmountain Granite and the stock for a suitable base and two all polished urns — all in Dark Red Ribmountain Granite.

To the amazement of the local dealers and the various wholesale representatives who call on them, these two 17 years old youngsters began fashioning the large slab into as fine an all polished memorial as has ever been erected in Mount Olivet Cemetery. True—it took them a long time to cut the die into shape and then enter into the laborious task of polishing the sides, top and various members. But they were determined to produce as fine a finish as could be achieved, no matter how much time was consumed.

In this they were entirely successful, because not one flaw, such as stuns etc. mar the brilliant polish which they produced. When finally the heartbreaking task of cutting the die and polishing the same was completed—and please remember the memorial, was cut out of one of the hardest granites—they designed and carved the beautifully executed cross with floral ornamentation and also the lettering. To further individualize the memorial, they carved on the urns the tools of the trade which their father used. All this work was done entirely by the 17 year old boys, Ralph functioning as the designer and cutter and Charlie as the sandblast artist. However, both collaborated on the polishing of the die.

The memorial which stands 7 feet 4 inches high and is about 8 feet long is not merely a memorial to their father, but it stands forever as a monument to two boys whose devotion to the Memorial Idea and their father overcame their inexperience by dogged persistence. It is truly an inspiration to every one who knows the inside story and particularly it should be to the entire Memorial Trade. It is without a doubt the finest Memorial which has been erected by any monument dealer in Denver, Colorado to any member of his own family.
Both the Thomas and Chambers designs appeared several months ago in this magazine detailed for axed work. Numerous requests for these designs with polished surfaces brought forth these renderings by Mr. Comi, which we think are particularly appealing. In view of our present emphasis on sculptured memorials, we are repeating these designs in the polished versions.

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Barre, Vermont

The above memorials were produced in our plant for Mohawk Valley Monument Works, Utica, New York. They are erected in Calvary Cemetery, Utica. The material is Smith-Barre granite.
On July 6th, Ed Warner, formerly in charge of field service for the American Monument Association, took over the job of Executive Vice President of the Monument Institute of America. He reports that membership is increasing rapidly and at the time that this letter was received, which was the second week in August, the Institute was a few members over the goal of 600 retailers and wholesalers as regular dues paying members.

The Institute has already sent out two brochures, one the first of July and the other the first of August, covering separate phases of a merchandising plan for dealer members. Each of these brochures were sent to all monument dealers in the United States. However, the second one is the last that will be sent to any dealers other than members of the Institute. Later in the fall a binder will be furnished to members in which they can insert and permanently keep this expert treatise on the merchandising on the local level which is so essential to the successful national marketing program.

In addition to this continuous merchandising service, national advertising will get underway at the earliest possible date. Moreover, all of the material previously developed by the American Monument Association is, effective August 1st, available only to Institute members or for cemetery use through Institute members.

Americans will continue to buy the product that they want or are caused to want, but the battle for the consumer's dollar will become more and more intense. People will be influenced to buy goods and services through more and more advertising, attractive displays, and better sales methods. M.I.A. is set up to accomplish just such a program for our industry. That is why hundreds of manufacturers and dealers who are determined to go ahead in this highly competitive era have joined. Let us all join together in this all-out effort.

Unit One and Two of the M. I. A. Merchandising Plan, from which we reproduce typical pages in smaller scale, were mailed to every memorialist in America. Future brochures will be sent to M. I. A. members only.
COLUMBIA MARBLE COMPANY
QUARRIERS AND MANUFACTURERS
MARBLE, NORTH CAROLINA

45 Years' Experience
Manufacturing Barre Granite
in Quality Monuments—Markers
polished, steeled, axed
Sand Blast Engraving • Lettering
Duplicate Work and Slabs
PROVOST GRANITE COMPANY, INC.
RIVERTON, VERMONT

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS!

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Adjustable Dash Ends included with each set

SPACERITE COMPANY
56 Berlin Street WOLLASTON 70, MASS.
The Michael S. Milner design is an ideal example of the best in modern memorial design. Mr. Schorr's long experience as a commercial memorial designer has given him a thorough knowledge of production machinery and techniques, but has in no way lessened his feeling for the "custom touch," nor has it prevented him from adding an offset or band where he thinks it improves the idea. We are all too aware (as is Mr. Schorr, you may be sure) that the offset at the footing of the tablet will generally be omitted for economy's sake, but in as much as it adds greatly to the beauty of the creation, Mr. Schorr details it as it should be, and lets "the butchers cut where they may." Note how he carries the carving around the ends and rounds his reeds to soften the harshness so characteristic of much of our mechanical modern design. Mr. Schorr's Studio is located at 2009 Mulberry Street, Rockford, Ill.
THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT

Yet the motion picture industry is going all out with third dimension to combat the competition of TV and other entertainment.

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COMOLLI'S
PEERLESS EXTRA BLUE
and
DARK ROYAL BLUE GRANITES

Yet, every day more dealers all over the country are relying on these unequalled, beautiful granites to successfully combat their ever-increasing competition. Inquire today.

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USLE & PEROJO GRANITE CO.
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The Home of
FINE MATERIAL
FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP
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PROMPT SERVICE

"Supreme Quality Memorials"
Manufactured in
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SPECIFY . . .
"FRENCH CREEK" the Extra Dark Monumental Granite.

RECEIVE . . .
Quality merchandise... unsurpassed contrast... dependable workmanship... exclusive designs prompt shipment... less competition... better profits.

At your SERVICE since 1910 with our own quarry and complete finishing plant.

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When you display...Garand-teed Markers

THESE POLISHED THREE BARRE GUILD MARKERS . . . WESTERN STYLE SLANTS . . . BENCH STYLE MARKERS . . . ARE MASS PRODUCED WITH NO LOSS OF TRADITIONAL BARRE QUALITIES.

YOUR CUSTOMERS WILL FIND THEM ATTRACTIVE! THEY WILL BE READY TO BUY AT THE REALISTIC RETAIL PRICE YOU CAN ATTACH TO THESE MARKERS AT AN UNUSUAL PROFIT TO YOU! WORTH LOOKING INTO?

Polished Slant Face

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Polished Rounds

Polished Back

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GARAND-TEED MARKERS, INC.

S. L. Garand & Co., Inc.

Montpelier, Vermont
More and more memorialists throughout the land are getting away from trite corner ornamentation on polished work, as well as "court plaster" inscriptions. For at least two generations in the field of memorial design, it has been recognized that the polished surface should be as "unbroken" as possible for maximum appeal. For this reason, if no other, the outline letter has become increasingly popular. Unfortunately, this letter is seldom as readable as a letter in a panel. In the Charmon design Mr. Kenerson shows us how we can have both legibility and beauty in a typical "stock" design. This interesting work is the first of a new series by Mr. Kenerson featuring name panel ornamentation on production type polished memorials.
Owing to many requests by his clients talented Mr. Kunz is now preparing a portfolio of mausoleum designs along with complete working plans to be available around the end of the year. According to his prospectus the emphasis will be on smaller buildings, although there will be several suitable for eight or more interments. The Sargant design is to be included in this series and is indicative of the originality and practicality of this projected portfolio.
TWELVE KEYS

to PROFIT

The SIMONS DESIGN is particularly suited for stock. With the present swing toward sculptured memorials, you'll find our superb rendition of The Holy Mother and Child a worthwhile addition to your display as well as a certain profit-maker.

We introduced these 12 copyrighted designs created by Ernest Stevens Le land and rendered by Kurt Kunz at the Cleveland Convention. These twelve outstanding designs are available in a handsome portfolio cover. They are beautifully reproduced as embossed sepia prints (10"x13") on heavy Andorra art paper.

This impressive Portfolio of Designs is available to established retail memorialists only at the nominal price of $5.00, and this amount is deductible when you order any of these designs.

The quality of our Carrara-produced work has long been the standard of comparison, and we are pleased to be able to offer these outstanding modern designs in this most beautiful of all monumental materials.

Write today for your Portfolio of sales-compelling designs at prices that insure a proper mark-up for real profit.

W. C. TOWNSEND & CO.

Importers of Granite-Marble-Statuary Since 1865

ZANESVILLE, OHIO

That's Right, Folks!

for the top quality memorials you'll need for your Fall display . . . and no hunting for the prompt service you'll need to keep your sales volume up. Here at Modern you'll always find the highest standards of workmanship and the service that is so important to you.

And don't forget, folks,—this is the home of "ROSE ART", the new rose carving that can mean quicker sales and more profits for you. If you haven't inquired about this outstanding new development, exclusive with Modern, it will be to your advantage to do so today.

Best regards,

Hoody

MODERN GRANITE CO.

INCORPORATED
BARRE, VERMONT
By LEARNED HAND

The use of history is not to be limited in its scope to the study of specific periods or events that marked history as so likely to mould society. On the contrary, we must consider history in all its aspects and use it in all fields of human activity in order to understand the principles which have evolved from our past experiences. History is our heritage, our tradition, our culture, our civilization, the accumulation of experiences and achievements of past times. It is our duty to learn from its lessons and apply them to our daily lives.

The history of the world is rich in examples of how history can be used for the betterment of society. We must learn from the mistakes of the past and avoid repeating them.

In conclusion, we must recognize the importance of history in all areas of human activity. It is a tool that can be used to guide us to a better future. We must be guided by history, but not be confined by its limitations.
8. Carry on an active promotional program for the use of industry products by assisting the promotional organization—M.I.A.

9. Assist a competent monument designer or group of designers in writing a book or manual on practical monument designs with instructive literature to assist salesmen in selling better designed monuments.

10. Collect statistics from members of the industry relative to costs, maximum investment for profit in comparison to volume of business (percentage-wise), etc.

11. Encourage better sales methods and assist in creating sales courses for salesmen.

12. Provide members with assistance in their personal problems whenever practical.

Now that is a big program. But not greater than can be accomplished if every dealer who will benefit by such a program will join his Association. And it should in no way interfere with the National Advertising and Promotional Program of M.I.A. Actually it supports and supplements their program.

_Let's not kid ourselves._ If our industry is to maintain a satisfactory position among other industries, we must be as well organized as other industries. We have the advantage of a product which is not substituted by synthetic products to any noticeable extent. Perhaps that has caused both retailers and producers to drag along instead of having real progressive organizations for the protection of the industry.

I would like to quote from an article "HOW SHOULD A BUSINESSMAN EVALUATE HIS TRADE ASSOCIATION?" by Minita Westcott, Managing Director, Venetian Blind Association of America, in which she writes. "The trade association fits into the pattern of a successful business operation just as do the services of a lawyer, banker, auditor, insurance consultant, business management counsellor or advertising counsel—and just as uniquely!" "The trade association—the joining of forces within industry—gives power greater than that of the individual, or the individual business firm, to fight inimical or hurtful elements not only from without, but also from within industry. And of course, there is more to it than just belonging to a trade association. During my 28 years of trade association experience," writes Minita Westcott, "The only people whom I have heard express doubts as to the value of the association to which they belonged are those who have never served on committees, never occupied offices, nor ever invested any of their time and thought in the program of the association. Those who get the most out of an association, of course, are those who put most into it. And their returns and interest in the association are usually in direct proportion to the amount of time and thought invested therein."

The trade association is not for the purpose of solving individual business problems for its members, and it should not be condemned because some member, or competitor belonging to the association has pulled what seemed an unethical trick. After all the association has no policing power.

Dr. Arnold Toynbee said: "Ease is inimical with Civilization." We can revise that statement to apply to business and how could there be a more truthful statement than "Ease is inimical with success." I remember well a poem by an anony-

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Another WAR MEMORIAL

We manufactured this War Memorial for A. R. Woods of Phoenix, N. Y., using Pirie's Select Barre Granite. Once more, we are humbly proud to have had a part in helping another community to commemorate their war heroes with a fitting, lasting tribute. This memorial shaft stands next to the district high school in Lynn-court, a suburb of Syracuse, N. Y.

If you have a War Memorial or Honor Roll problem, you will do well to consult with us. We have produced many of these, both large and small, during the past eight years and our experience will work to your advantage.

LAWSON GRANITE Co., Inc.

ALBERT GERARDI, Proprietor

Barre, Vt.
Convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga., February 3, 4, and 5th.

At President Henley’s request, we had invited Fred Plimp­ton, President of A.M.A., and Tom Rankin, their executive Vice President, Hoyt Holton, President M.I.A. and Ed Warner, their newly appointed executive Vice President who, with Mr. Henley, and myself, met jointly and considered what we believe will be the greatest educational program ever presented at a National Convention of our industry. It will be headlined the Monument Industry Educational Conference, combined with the annual meetings of M.B.A., A.M.A., M.I.A., and the South Eastern Monument Builders Association.

Panel and group discussions of the problems of personal interest to the dealer as well as the industry, will be held under the supervision of a professional panel leader. Speakers dealing with specific problems such as salesmanship, showroom lighting, decorating, etc. are contemplated. The program will be concluded with the presentation of the projects in which M.I.A. will actively engage. If those attending, take home one good idea and apply it in their business, it may repay them many times the cost of membership in the Monument Builders of America and the trip to the Convention.

There is no conflict between the programs of M.I.A. and M.B.A. The Monument Builders of America is a retail dealers association and will retain all the functions of a good association, and one of those functions is to promote the sale of industry problems, which we are doing by assisting in the promotion of M.I.A. The monthly sales bulletin each member will receive should be of great value if the ideas they contain are studied and applied.

I believe you will readily agree that we in M.B.A. are earnestly striving to give a “down to the roots program.” Your state has always given support in memberships in M.B.A. for which we wish to thank you. We invite those of you who are not already members to join your neighbors in M.B.A. membership. Tell us how we can serve you and, if within the functions of our office, we will do our best.

PHILLIPS-PATRICK NUPITALS

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at White Oak, Winnsboro, S. C., was the scene of a beautiful wedding on the evening of July 1st. Hannah Brown Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Killough Henry Patrick of White Oak and Herman Grady Phillips, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grady Phillips of Winnsboro (Phillips Granite Co., Rion, S. C.) spoke their vows in the beautiful old church, quiet in its setting of immemorial oaks. The wide interest aroused by this marriage was attested by the presence of friends and relatives from the Carolinas, Connecticut, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The Patricks, in and of Fairfield county for generations, the Browns (the bride’s mother’s people) from various Western States, the Phillips clan of Georgia were everywhere in evidence. The scene was cosmopolitan, so to speak, and yet peculiarly Southern. The bride was given in marriage by her father and the ceremony was performed by Dr. R. C. Grier, president of Erskine College, an uncle of the bride. The groom’s best man was his father, Mr. Herman Grady Phillips, Sr.

After the ceremony a reception was held on the lawn of the spacious home of the bride. Relatives and close friends of the Patricks assisted the hostess in entertaining the guests.

Following the reception, the happy couple left for a wedding trip to Miami, Puerto Rico, and other Caribbean points. On their return they will be at home to their friends in Winnsboro.
THE WALLACE COLUMBARIUM

Designed, Sold and Erected by
THE LLOYD BROTHERS CO.
TOLEDO, OHIO

Here is a substantial and beautiful cemetery memorial which provides a permanent resting place for the cinerary urns of the Wallace family. Cremation should not necessarily mean loss of business to the monument dealer. Initiative and good salesmanship can develop a desire in the prospect for adequate and proper commemoration.

This has been done with notable success by Pres. Hoyt Holton of Lloyd Brothers in the sale of the Wallace Columbarium. The interior space, visible through the bronze door, is lined with polished red marble on which inscriptions and the Lord's Prayer appear in gold leaf lettering. The urn receptacle is deeply cut in the floor and sealed by a countersunk block of marble over which is a bronze cover.

The exterior, measuring 8 feet square at the base and 13 feet in height, is constructed of Imperial Danby Vermont marble.

HAROLD J. ASHE . . .

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times'' or ''unfair competition'' or numerous other handy excuses.

Another cogent reason for business modernization is the need for arousing the dealer, himself, from the lethargy into which he may sink as his business becomes obsolete. That is, an obsolete business may have a devastating effect on its owner, coloring his thinking, warping his judgment and weakening his business aggressiveness.

This is a rather subtle psychological consideration. But, times without number, dealers have taken on a new lease on life, coincident with modernization. New surroundings, better equipment and more efficient tools and machinery are likely to be reflected in a new attitude by ownership.

While in the long run any intelligently conceived modernization program should more than pay for itself, nevertheless care should be exercised in not plunging. Particularly if funds must be borrowed to finance modernization, the size of the outlay should be kept within manageable bounds. Even though the objective of modernizing a business is to increase volume and net earnings, such anticipated additional earnings should not be counted on to retire the loan. Sound management dictates that such a loan should be carried out of present business earnings. Otherwise, the loan may be too great a burden. It may overtake management before the full benefit of modernization can be felt. Such caution suggests the wisdom of holding down the modernization outlay if necessary, and modernizing over a period of years.

In modernizing, a monument dealer should almost immedi-
ately reap some benefits, income tax-wise. The annual deprecia­tion charge traceable to such improvements will reduce his net earnings by the amount of the charge. This, in turn, will represent a tax saving.

For example, if a dealer does certain modernizing at a cost of $3,000, and a 15-year depreciation schedule is set up, this means an annual write off of $200. If he is in the 30 per cent tax bracket, the tax saving will be $60 a year. This makes the net cost of the improvement $2,100 (15 times $140). If, as a result of the modernization his earnings rise (as he expects when making the improvements) his net earnings after payment of income taxes will be still greater. And his tax savings traceable to new depreciation charges will be increased.

COLOR REPRODUCTION INACCURATE IN CORAL PINK ADS

The Editors of MONUMENTAL NEWS-REVIEW take this space to inform the trade that, due to errors in printing experimentation in trying to match a granite sample, the color reproduction in the Coral Pink advertisements of the J. A. Logan Granite Co., Faith, N. C., appearing in the June and July 1953 issues were both inaccurate. In overlaying the color on the black, justice was not done, in the final result, to the beauty of this fine granite,—in fact, the results were misleading.

We extend our profound apologies to the J. A. Logan Granite Co., and the manufacturing firms handling Coral Pink and hope that this inaccuracy has not jeopardized their sales program too greatly.

In the Arabian Pink ad, however (which appeared in these same issues and in earlier issues this year), the color reproduction is very close to the appearance of the actual granite.
Dealers everywhere have expressed complete satisfaction with the memorials manufactured by Minnesota Granite Industries. Their satisfaction results from superior memorials — superiority in materials, design, and craftsmanship. And they have reason to know that the same high quality will continue to be the distinguishing mark of every memorial produced at Delano.

MINNESOTA GRANITE INDUSTRIES

Variegated Agate Imperial Mahogany

DELANO, MINNESOTA

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MORE SALES FOR YOU

The Dramon design is one of our new series created especially for your "stock" sales program. Our new, varied selection of designs in this field will mean more sales for you.

Zampieri & Buttura

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THOMAS I. RANKIN JOINS ROCK OF AGES STAFF

It was announced Aug. 20th, (just as the last pages of this magazine were going to press), that Thomas I. Rankin will become a member of the Rock of Ages organization in September with the title of industry representative. For the past five years, Tom Rankin has served as executive vice president of the American Monument Association, Inc., and when the Monument Institute of America was created last January, he served...
on a temporary basis as executive vice president of that association during its formulative period and until the recent appointment of Edward M. Warner as its executive vice president. Rankin's resignation as executive vice president of the American Monument Association, which has been pending several months, becomes effective September 1.

The "Barre Daily Times" stated: "The addition of Tom Rankin to the Barre granite industry is viewed as an important step in strengthening the industry of this area on a national basis. He will serve as consultant on industry and national association affairs and be available for national association work when required. His many years of experience and extensive knowledge of the monument business will be directed toward increasing market coverage and assisting in solving granite industry problems.

"Within the Rock of Ages, Mr. Rankin's position will be one of staff capacity. Though his work will bear both directly and indirectly upon markets and sales, these will not be his prime functions. His perception and understanding of the history and future of the granite business will make his services and activities extremely valuable in broader areas of operation.

"Originally a native of Philadelphia, Tom Rankin is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Finance and Commerce where he majored in merchandising.

"After graduation he was employed by the Abram Cox Stone Company and served successively in its cost, credit, advertising, and sales departments and later became the sales and advertising manager. In 1929 he was asked to serve as treasurer of a cemetery being organized by a group of business friends. From that period he became deeply interested in the economics of cemetery administration. He has taken a leading part in combating the growth of government cemeteries, serving for many years as chairman of the committee set up for that purpose. In 1946 he became associated with the monument industry as a consultant on public relations by the American Monument Association and in that position sought to develop a better understanding between the various interment services and the public which they serve. For the past five years he has been executive vice president of the American Monument Association, Inc.

"Mr. and Mrs. Rankin make their home in Buffalo, N. Y., and though he will continue to make his headquarters there, a large portion of his time will be spent in Barre and in the field."

BUTTURA-GERHARDI WEDDING
Miss Dorothy Mae Gherardi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gherardi (Lawson Granite Co., Inc.), Barre, Vt., became the bride of John V. Buttura, (Buttura & Sons), Barre, Vt., at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, August 8, 1953. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Paul Bouffard in St. Monica's Church. Albert Gherardi, Jr., brother of the bride, served as best man. Ushers were Francis Zorzi, Brent Buttura, John Franco and David Pirie.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a full length gown of white portrait lace with pleated tulle front.

Miss Gay Buttura served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Norman Warson, Mrs. Donald Taylor, Miss Anita Gherardi and Miss Valerie Buttura. Lynda Taylor and Pamela Buttura, the flower girls, carried multi-colored colonial bouquets.

Following the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was held at the

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DAKOTA MAHOGANY MONUMENTS

AMERICAN ROSE MONUMENTS

From our Famous Quarries of South Dakota

To make room for expansion at our quarries we must move 150 random saw blocks of Mahogany granite. These blocks are utility and building blocks free of seams and priced to move quickly. We will saw them, if desired.

DAKOTA GRANITE COMPANY
Quarriers and Manufacturers of Dakota Mahogany and American Rose Monuments
MILBANK, SOUTH DAKOTA

Member of the American Monument Association

BUTTURA-GERARDI . . .

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Barre Country club for friends and relatives. The Misses Marlene Webster and Angela Buttura presided over the punch bowl and Miss Cynthia Buttura had charge of the guest book.

The bridal couple then left for a two weeks wedding trip to an unknown destination. Upon their return, they will reside at 15 Highland Avenue, Barre.

The bride is a graduate of Spaulding high school with the class of 1951 and of Bryant college in Providence, R. I., early in August this year.

The bridegroom was graduated from Spaulding high school with the class of 1945, after which he served in the U. S. army for 18 months. At present, he is associated with his brothers in the granite firm of Buttura and Sons.

1st LT. PETER HASLAM RETURNS FROM KOREA

First Lieutenant Peter Haslam, son of Mr. Daniel B. Haslam, (chief designer of the Rock of Ages Corp.), Barre, Vt., has just returned from Korea, according to the Barre Daily Times, Aug. 20, 1953.

Twenty-five-year-old Haslam, who left Korea three hours and one minute before the official signing of the peace truce, stated that every G. I., sailor and Marine is more anxious than ever to be rotated home because none is convinced of its finality. Rather, he said, they fully expect the North Koreans to attempt to again over-run South Korea and that the United States will once more intervene.

"Everyone wants to come home while the coming is good," he said.
Haslam, who served in the engineer corps, said he never was on the front lines, since he was in the supply end of the army.

Haslam, who spent 13 months in Korea, returned home via ship. "It was wonderful to see that Golden Gate," he said. Arriving in San Francisco August 9, Haslam received his discharge at Fort Devens, Mass., August 18th. His plans for the future are indefinite.

CASEY JONES HONORED BY MONUMENT

Casey Jones’ beloved whip-poor-will whistle echoed once again across Mississippi while a monument was unveiled in the village of Vaughn, Miss., where the famed train engineer died in the blinding crash of the “Old 382.”

Casey’s 83-year-old widow and Sim Webb, the Negro fireman to whom he yelled “jump, Sim, jump!” just before the crash 53 years ago, attended the unveiling late Friday, July 24th, in this whistlestop on the Illinois Central line.

Mrs. Jones rode into Vaughn on the IC’s crack streamliner, train No. 1. The train that Casey rode to his death at almost the same spot also was the IC No. 1, “the high rightwheeler he rode to fame.”

Casey’s spry little widow now lives in Jackson, Tenn., and reared two of Casey’s sons to follow in their father’s footsteps on the railroad.

Some 2,500 persons, the largest crowd in the history of the village community 35 miles north of the Mississippi capital of Jackson, gathered from the valleys that flank the IC’s tracks and jammed Vaughn’s one street to pay tribute to Casey’s memory.

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News From Our Advertisers

ROCK OF AGES NAMES NEW PURCHASING AGENT

J. Clifton Coates of Montpelier, Vt., who has been an active figure in the granite industry for the past 30 years, has been appointed purchasing agent for Rock of Ages, Barre, Vt.

Coates is a native of Montpelier, graduating from Montpelier high school in 1921 and St. Michael's College in 1923. From St. Michael's, he went with the Wetmore & Morse Quarry where he worked until Wetmore & Morse was taken over by Rock of Ages in 1947. That at time Coates was office manager of the quarry, continued on. In 1950, he was transferred to the sales department, attendant with which duties he functioned as purchasing agent for Wetmore & Morse operations.

This appointment of purchasing agent establishes a new function in Rock of Ages, one which will coordinate the purchasing activities with the division managers, providing a service which will permit more freedom of operation to each manager.

Coates' headquarters will be at the Rock of Ages main office in Graniteville, Vt.

GRANITE CITY TOOL CO. ACQUIRES RIGHTS TO DALLETT LINE

It is reported by Mr. H. G. Cumming, owner of the Granite City Tool Company, that his company has acquired all rights to the Dallett line of stone working tools from the Cleco Division of Reed Roller Bit Company, Houston, Texas, who had bought out the Dallett Company a few years back.

The Granite City Tool Company will continue to market the 1¼", 1", ¾" and the ½" carving tools, the Handfacer, Plug Drills and Surfacer Heads with the Dallett trademark.

Mr. Cummings says that the same care and attention to fine detail will be devoted to the manufacture of these pneumatic tools as has been shown in the past.

The Granite City Tool Company will be the only distributor of the Dallett line to the granite and stone industries through their Barre, Vermont; Elberton, Georgia, and St. Cloud, Minnesota outlets.

DAWSON-MACDONALD NOW STOCKING LITHICHRONE PRODUCTS IN BOSTON

In a recent letter from Charles R. Dawson, president of the Dawson-MacDonald Co., 141 Pearl St., Boston, Mass., he states, in part, "... the licensed Lithichrome users in the east will be pleased to know that we are now carrying in Boston a very complete stock of all C. E. Cleveland Co. products ... I am also sure the trade will be glad to learn that the price on tin oxide has been reduced drastically ... pure tin oxide is at the lowest price in nearly 25 years."

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ROBERT GILLETTE NATIONAL LIFE DIRECTOR
Deane C. Davis, president of National Life Insurance Company of Vermont, announced, on July 31, 1953, the election of Robert S. Gillette, an official of Rock of Ages Corp., Granitville, Vt., to the board of directors to fill the unexpired term of Hall Park McCullough, New York lawyer, who resigned.

KENERSON APPOINTED DESIGN CONSULTANT
Governor Emerson has approved the appointment of Conrad Kenerson, Barre, Vt., as consultant industrial designer for the Vermont Development Commission. Kenerson will serve in an advisory capacity.

"By providing helpful additional service, the appointment will be a big help to the commission in our program to aid present industry to expand in Vermont as well as attract new industry to the state," Clifton R. Miskelly, managing director, said.

"A native of Barre, Kenerson was educated in the schools of Rockford, Ill., and worked as a designer and illustrator in New York for five years. During the past 10 years he has been a successful designer of wood and plastic products, serving manufacturers in the New York and New England areas.

"At present Kenerson operates the Kenerson Design Studio in Barre. Currently he is doing a series of Vermont contemporary casual furniture for a Vermont manufacturer as well as designing for the wholesale and retail memorial industry throughout the United States and Canada."

MEMORIAL TO ORIGINATOR OF HILLBILLY MUSIC
A unique ceremony took place in Meridian, Miss., on May 26 (Memorial Day in the South), with the dedication of a marble memorial to Jimmie Rodgers, "the singing brakeman," who is generally regarded as the progenitor of hillbilly music. The memorial is recessed at the upper part to show a relief bust of Jimmie with his guitar. The memorial was designed and executed by McNeel, Inc., Marietta, Ga., in consultation with Ernest Tubb, "The Texas Troubadour."

Jimmie Rodgers was born in 1897 and died of tuberculosis in 1933. He worked as a brakeman on a number of railroads in the south and mid west and then became an entertainer. His greatest fame came through his recordings. The first record he made of "Sleep Baby Sleep," sold more than a million copies, and he went on to make about sixty records in all, with a total sale of about 20 million.

—The American Cemetery, July, 1953
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CELENTE & BIANCHI BUILDS LARGE ADDITION

One of the largest additions to a granite plant in Barre, Vt. during recent years is being completed at the Celente & Bianchi Company plant at 27½ Flint Place. Adjoining an older building of the firm, the new structure extends northerly parallel to the river for a distance of 140 feet. The addition is some 60 feet in width and stands about 25 feet high under a pitched roof. Attached to the large building is a lean-to measuring 50 feet by 22 feet. Of wood and heavy timber construction, the addition has a novelty wood siding on exterior walls and will have an asphalt paper roof. The interior walls are expected to be finished in fiber board-like material. Under partial construction, the addition looks like an airplane hangar. The floor will be of cement. According to the building permit application, the addition will be used as a polishing mill. Sometime in the future, the firm owners plan to extend the addition 20 or more feet in a northerly direction.

Barre Daily Times, July 27, 1953

MEMORIAL DRAFTING SERVICE MOVED

The Memorial Drafting Service, Barre, Vt., owned and operated by Charles Giannoni and James Broggini, which has been located at West Second Street, recently moved to larger offices on Circle Street above the Associated Memorial Products, Inc., it was announced by Giannoni on Aug. 3, 1953. With more space and better equipment, it is hoped to give even better service than in the past, he said.

CORRECTION!

In our July 1953 issue, we wish to rectify two errors, one of commission the other omission. Due to our failure in proofreading we incorrectly stated in our article on “Sculpture,” page 26, that the “Ferrara” memorial is a copyrighted design of Buttura & Sons. This same error was committed in the Buttura advertisement on page 12. The “Sigiano” memorial, also pictured is a copyrighted Buttura & Sons design, but not the “Ferrara” monument.

In the same issue, we failed to note that the “Petricca” and “Mavigliano” memorials, which appeared in the Wetmore & Morse Quarry advertisement, page 2 and in our article on pages 22 and 24 respectively are copyrighted and designed by the Venetian Monument Co., 523 N. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.

We apologize for these errors and hope that any misunderstanding that may have arisen from them is now resolved.
MISSOURI TO ERECT PERSHING MONUMENT


The governor signed an act passed by the recent assembly after a survey by legislators revealed there was no monument anywhere in the nation honoring the World War I leader.

An appropriation of $25,000 was provided for the monument which is to be placed on the capitol grounds.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER MONUMENT DEDICATED

Dedication at Diamond, Missouri of a national monument to George Washington Carver, Negro scientist, July 14, 1953, was described by Interior Secretary McKay as a demonstration that there "must be no second-class citizens in this nation."

The country's first such tribute to a Negro, McKay said, "should be a striking object lesson to those at home and abroad who in their reckless desire to destroy liberty, preach racial hatred and encourage discrimination."

McKay spoke on a platform only a few yards from the site of the log cabin where the noted agricultural scientist was born in slavery during the War Between the States.

PUBLICIST SUES OVER MONUMENT TO McCARTHY

Temus R. Bright, used car dealer and Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland, was sued for $15,000 on July 28, 1953 by Douglass Hall, a publicist.

Hall said he conceived the "unusual and novel idea" of having a monument erected July 4 to Senator McCarthy (R-Wisc) in front of Bright's used car business after the city had refused it as a gift.

Hall charged Bright owed him $15,000 for his public relations work.

PERON TO ERECT 460 FOOT HIGH MONUMENT TO EVA

On July 26, 1953, President Juan D. Peron of Argentina unveiled the model of a monument to his wife, Eva—who died just a year ago—which is designed to be one of the tallest structures of its kind in the world.

The huge mausoleum, topped by the gigantic figure of a "Descamisado" (shirtless one, the name Evita gave her followers), would rise 460 feet into the sky, taller than the pyramids or the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

Evita's body would lie in a glass casket covered with a silver reclining statue of her. Above the vault would be a marble statue of her, just over life size.

The monument is to be erected with public donations on the grounds of the presidential residence in suburban Palermo. The unveiling was part of a nationwide day of mourning.
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"The constant growth and advancement of Hoover Granite Company is made possible by excellent quarrying facilities, modern finishing plant, and of equal importance, capable and efficient personnel. A recent development of interest to the trade and particularly to the retail dealers of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania is the announcement that Mr. C. S. Metz has joined the ever growing sales and field service staff of this organization.

"Mr. Metz, with some thirty-eight years experience in selling fine granite monuments, lives with his lovely wife at Canton, Ohio. They have one son and one daughter and six grandchildren, which makes one big happy family. 'Pappy', as Mr. Metz is known to his many friends, is an active sportsman. His favorite sport is hunting deer, pheasants and squirrels. He has an interesting collection of guns which is an inspiration to any gun lover and is admired by all who have seen it. Mr. Metz considers as his most valuable asset the great many friends which he has made during his travels through the East and Midwest.

"In addition to supplying the better dealers of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania with 'Hoover Granite,' Mr. Metz represents the genial Jim Biggs and Waldron Shield of Barre.'"

OPENS TAFT MONUMENT DRIVE
On August 3, 1953, George Papanicolas, director of the Greek-American committee of the national Republican party, offered to subscribe a "substantial amount" to begin a drive for a national monument in Washington, D. C., to the late Robert A. Taft.

PACETTI - STEWART WEDDING
Miss Janet Morrison Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stewart of Barre, Vt. (Mar & Gordon, Inc.) was wed to Edward Louis Pacetti at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, July 18th in the First Presbyterian church. Dr. Eugene C. Carder of Greensboro, Vt., officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Pacetti also of Barre. The lovely bride was given in marriage by her father.

Robert Guiduli served as best man. Ushers in the church were Robert Stewart, Roland Pacetti of Burlington, Peter George and Lawrence Reilly.

More than 300 friends and relatives attended the reception at the Barre Country Club, which followed the ceremony.

After the reception, the bridal couple departed for a ten-day wedding trip to Lake George. They will reside temporarily at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of 41 Garden Street until mid-September, when the bridegroom will report for duty as a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga.

MONUMENTAL NEWS-REVIEW
**"LARGEST CEMETERY"**

Calvary Cemetery, Queens, New York City, is now estimated to be the largest cemetery in the world. On Feb. 21 the cemetery had its 2,000,000th burial, thus surpassing the claim of a cemetery in Russia. Established in 1848 the grounds now cover 560 acres, crowded with memorials.

—The American Cemetery, July, 1953

**JOHNSON & GUSTAFSON HONORS WORKERS**

Employees and owners of the Johnson & Gustafson granite plant, Barre, Vt., gathered at the Country House restaurant on the evening of Aug. 1st to honor a retiring worker. Gustaf F. Hagelberg was congratulated by Aron Gustafson, owner of the plant, upon having completed more than 40 years of employment.

Fellow workers sat with Hagelberg over a bountiful dinner of chicken, mostaccioli, and steaks. During the course of the evening, Erik Hagelberg, son of the honored guest, served as master of ceremonies and called on several for impromptu addresses. On behalf of the group, Mr. Gustafson presented his retiring foreman a handsome wrist watch, suitably engraved for the occasion. In making the presentation, the plant owner paid tribute to the cooperation in leadership in production and faithfulness so rendered by “George,” as Hagelberg was known throughout the granite plant. In response the honored guest stated that credit for the cooperation should be shared with his fellow workers. He was extended many well wishes for happiness in the following of his chosen hobbies upon retirement.

Some 20 or so others have also been employed at the Johnson & Gustafson granite plant for periods ranging from 10 to 40 years.

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**CHARLES R. DAWSON**

A report of the sudden death of Charles R. "Chick" Dawson, popular president of the Dawson-Macdonald Co., Boston, Mass., was received on Aug. 20th just as the last pages of this issue were about to be printed. No further details were available at that time. A complete obituary will appear next month.
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Obituary Record...

ANTONIO BONACORSI
Antonio Bonacorsi, 57, retired granite manufacturer and
longtime respected resident of Barre, Vt., died on Aug. 13,
1953 at the Vermont Sanatorium at Pittsford. He had been
in failing health for the past four years and was a patient at
the sanatorium one week.
Born at Parvullo, Province of Modena, Italy, on Oct. 29,
1895, he was the son of Raffaele and Maria (Caselli) Bonacorsi. His early years were spent in Italy where he worked as a
farmer in his youth. Coming to this country in 1913, he first
settled in Waterbury, Vt. He learned the granite trade there
and was employed for several years at the modern Union
Granite Company. In 1921 he returned to Italy for a visit. He
was married there on May 19, 1922, to Maria B. Olivari. The
couple returned to this country in August, 1922. They resided
for a few months in Waterbury, then moved to Barre and have
since lived there.
After having worked in Barre granite plants for several
years, Mr. Bonacorsi joined with others in forming the Modern
Granite Company. He served as president of the company for
many years and was actively employed there until his retire­
ment in 1949. Those associated with him in the granite indus­
try respected Mr. Bonacorsi as an efficient and hard working
craftsman.
A veteran of World War I, he was called into military
service several years after coming to this country in 1913. He
was stationed with an infantry unit at Camp Devens, Mass.,
from where he was honorably discharged.
A home-loving man, the deceased had been a member of the
Men's Club of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal)
before his illness. He was a member of the Modern Wood­
men of America and of Barre Post No. 10, American Legion.
Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs.
George H. (Lillia) Holmes, presently residing at Suncook,
N. H., and Mrs. Edmond G. (Diana B.) Roussee of Barre; two
sons, Vergilio L. Bonacorsi of South Barre, and Anthony O.
Bonacorsi, at home.

MRS. KATHERINE COWIE
Mrs. Katherine Cowie, Syracuse, N. Y., died as a result of
an automobile accident June 7. She was the mother of Walter
Mrs. Cowie was thrown from the car operated by her son
on Route 20 when it collided with a car entering from a side
road. Mr. Cowie was dazed but uninjured.

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JOSEPH C. SANBORN
Joseph Cyrus Sanborn, 88, president of the Sanborn Granite Co., Syracuse, N. Y., died recently at his home following a long illness.

Born in 1864 at Chichester, N. H., Mr. Sanborn was the son of Cyrus and Sarah Wells Sanborn. He was a direct descendant of Lt. John Sanborn who came to this country from Somersetshire, England, in 1632. He was also descended on the maternal side from Gen. McClary who fell in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Mr. Sanborn established his granite company at Utica. In 1901 he opened the Syracuse office of the company. In 1924 he took his son, the late George Sanborn, as a partner in the business and later his grandson, Robert J. Sanborn.

A 32d degree Mason, Mr. Sanborn was a member of Central City Lodge 305, F&A M, the Shrine, and Scottish Rite.

Surviving are his son, Edwin L. Sanborn, and two grandsons, Robert, Syracuse, and Raymond Clarke Sanborn, Ocean-side, Calif.

UNMARKED GRAVES HARM CEMETERY SENTIMENT
By William C. Henning
Executive Secretary, American Cemetery Association

It would be interesting to know how many family lots and individual graves are unmarked in the Cemeteries and Memorial Parks of this nation. Memorialization has always been fostered on the belief that "Sentiment Lives in America!" Yet as one passes through the many fine burial properties of this country, it is easy to see that a sizable number of our former citizens apparently have been forgotten.

Cemeteries which have encouraged lot purchases in-advance-of-need have likewise frequently been able to minimize the number of "forgotten personalities," for as a rule these families have similarly arranged for their memorials, whether of bronze, granite or marble, or a combination of both, prior to actual need. When the selection of the memorial is delayed until the loved one has departed this earth, it is easy for the family to forget and to procrastinate until the memorialization which once might have been axiomatic, is not even desired.

Cemeteries and Memorial Parks of our land have long been considered as shrines of memories for our beloved dead. They are also an inspiration to the living when the natural beauty of the property combines with the memorial tribute paid to the deceased to render comfort and encouragement to those who revere them. Omission of the memorial is therefore, by its very nature, a severe blow struck at the lifeline of our burial properties. From the time a stone was placed at the tomb of Christ to mark the Sepulchre, it has been the custom of Christians everywhere to pay respect to their loved ones. This custom, in fact, was common practice among the Jews, as recorded in the Old Testament.

A periodic check, perhaps once a year, of unmarked lots and graves, and a followup contact of all known living survivors might reduce this threat to Memorial Sentiment. In many cases it can produce income to the Cemetery or foster more friendly relations with Memorialists. The more frequent placing of memorials need not become a maintenance problem if properly planned and financed. The future standing of American Burial Properties is firmly rooted in the belief in memorialization.

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THE BOY SCOUT STATUE OF LIBERTY MEMORIAL
Readers of this column may recall our comment in 1952 on a "Time Magazine" report of the furor raised by many a purist on the Statue of Liberty Monuments to be erected in many American communities by means of collections sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. It will be remembered that the program was instigated by a "Whitaker" (no relation, he's a millionaire) and that through his efforts the mass-produced, prefabricated statues were made available at a very nominal cost. The plans for these memorials called for low cost production featuring concrete bases and pedestal. In illustrating the memorial above, the only one we have seen, we assure our readers that if the others are as well done as this one (in Utica, N. Y.), the Memorial Ideal has nothing to fear. Of course, how durable they will prove to be is another question.

ORIGIN OF "POTTER'S FIELD"
There was in olden Jerusalem a guild of potters, and from their employment in a certain place the field became known as the potter's field. And when Judas repented of his betrayal of Christ and cast down the thirty pieces of silver at the feet of the chief priests, "the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, 'It is not lawful for us to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.' And they took counsel, and bought with them the potters' field, to bury strangers in." (Matthew xxvii: 6 and 7.) And from that, the name commonly has been given to a piece of ground reserved as a burying place for strangers, the friendless and poor.

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