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The report of the 85th convention of the American Institute of Architects at Seattle shows that there are now 9,487 corporate AIA members in the United States, with at least one of the 108 AIA chapters in each state.

Among the many items of public interest in the convention report are news that architectural activity over the nation remains at a high level, with Texas architects from 20-30% busier on the average than a year ago; increased AIA activity toward eliminating temporary buildings from the Mall in Washington; accomplishments of a volunteer AIA committee which works with Atomic Energy Commission agencies on nuclear facilities; and cooperation with the Public Health Services to maintain the effectiveness of the Hill-Burton program of grants-in-aid to the states for the construction of hospitals and medical centers.

With home-building still near record levels, however, one facet of the AIA report is of particular interest to the general public: The AIA is actively engaged upon a program of acquainting the architectural profession with the opportunities and responsibilities involved in architecture for the merchant home building industry.

Large-scale home building is one of the areas wherein the talents of U. S. architects are not being used to full advantage, although it has long been recognized by builders, prospective home buyers, financial institutions and others that the services of an architect are valuable to all concerned.

To date, the AIA has completed a survey of the experiences of 54 architects over the nation who have worked with development builders. The results have been published in publications of the AIA, the National Association of Home Builders, and in the magazine House & Home. AIA committee members are participating in conferences with NAHB representatives which will result in a program of development houses built with architectural services. For the first time this year, development houses will be included as a category in the nationwide AIA Honor Awards Program.

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APPLICATIONS FOR TSA CHAPTERS IN WEST TEXAS, SABINE AREAS APPROVED

New Chapters Will Bring Affiliates To 12; Board Discusses Full-Time Office In Austin;
Indications Of Record Convention Attendance

The TSA board of directors, in a regular quarterly meeting at the Driskill Hotel in Austin July 18, approved applications for the establishment of new chapters in the West Texas and Sabine areas, discussed the possible opening of a statewide TSA headquarters office in Austin, and heard details of plans for the 14th annual convention in Austin November 4-6, including predictions that attendance may set a new TSA record.

Now San Antonio Chapter

The new West Texas Chapter would include San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Spring, and cities and towns in the general area. The Sabine affiliate is to take in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, and surrounding territory in deep Southeast Texas. As part of the proposed TSA expansion, the former West Texas Chapter has been renamed the San Antonio Chapter.

Addition of these affiliates is expected to boost TSA membership above the 650 mark and to make the organization more effective on a statewide basis. Since the TSA board has approved, applications can now be forwarded to the national board of the American Institute of Architects, asking for the chartering of the new chapters.

Appointment of a committee to study the possibility of opening a full-time TSA office in Austin follows informal discussion of this matter for several months. The committee was requested by President Albert S. Golemon to report back at the 14th annual TSA convention, scheduled for the Driskill Hotel in Austin next November 4-6.

Further discussion of the possible opening of TSA state headquarters in Austin will follow the convention, after the special committee on the matter has laid its report before the entire TSA membership.

Attendance Above 500 Seen

Representatives of the Central Texas Chapter appeared before the board of directors to report that plans for the three-day annual meeting in November are progressing satisfactorily and on schedule. The Central Texas group is preparing to entertain a record number, estimated in excess of 500 TSA members and guests, because Austin is centrally located and is accessible from all parts of the state. More than 200 were in attendance last fall at the TSA convention in El Paso, although this gathering was held at a point many hundreds of miles from other Texas cities.

Final action on the establishment of the new TSA chapters in West Texas and the Sabine area will await formal action on chartering of the affiliates by the American Institute of Architects. The national board of the AIA is expected to act on the applications in November.

Next Meeting At Convention

The next quarterly meeting of the TSA board will be held at Austin November 4, in conjunction with the Society's convention.
Arthur Fehr To Study German Reconstruction Problems
Austin Architect Invited On Tour
By Bonn Republic

Arthur Fehr, TSA-AIA, of Austin, left New York August 3 by airliner for Bonn, capital of West Germany, for a four-week tour of the German Republic.

Mr. Fehr is one of eight U. S. architects, all members of the American Institute of Architects, who will tour Germany in small groups to acquaint themselves and members of their profession with conditions there. He is a member of the special group on Local Planning And Reconstruction, part of 80 representatives from the U. S. invited under the American Exchange Program of the German Federal Republic.

The Austin architect will visit Bonn, Cologne, Essen, Hannover, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Darmstadt, and Frankfurt during the one-month period, attending sessions in each city at which local of-

Poland Claims Rebuilding Is In Progress

The Polish Embassy in Washington has mailed out reports of the "First National Conference of Polish Architects", one of the first such affairs reported from behind the Iron Curtain.

According to the Embassy, 300 Polish architects met in Warsaw recently for four days to review accomplishments to date and plans for the remainder of a 1950-55 "Six-Year Plan".

Jozef Sigalin, described as "chief architect for the City of Warsaw", reportedly told Polish architects that it is now feasible to expect rebuilding of "the entire historic area of Warsaw and three industrial sections" by the end of 1955.

Virtually all of the reports on the "National Conference" dealt with plans for the future, and comparatively little with any objective accomplishments since the Russians took over Poland and its capital city, described as "a huge ruin of some 650,000,000 cubic feet of rubble" after World War II. The release from the Polish Embassy did state that there had been considerable "industrial rebuilding and installation of new water and sewer facilities".

The Polish architects were told that the "focal point" of the "new Warsaw" is to be the 30-story Josef Stalin Palace of Culture and Science, a "gift of the Soviet Union." Target date for completing this structure was said to be July 22, 1955, "National Liberation Day". There was no report as to actual progress on the project.
NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS:

DALLAS: July 22 meeting was an informal, social get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corgan, a garden party and buffet supper for chapter members and their wives or dates. At the June meeting, the principal part of the evening was devoted to a debate on contemporary and traditional architecture, by Robert Goodwin (traditional) and Harold Prinz (modern).

PANHANDLE: The mayor of Amarillo, S. T. Curtis, spoke to the club on drought conditions, in a meeting held at the Amarillo Country Club.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Bartlett Cocke reported on AIA convention and architecture of the West Coast. Alex Woolridge presented a film on the restoration of Williamsburg.

FORT WORTH: Pictures of the Waco tornado disaster were shown. The main program was sponsored by John Floore, and consisted of a debate between Tay Thomas and Clyde Hueppelsheuser, for modern architecture; and Hubert Crane and Birch Easterwood for traditional architecture. Three new corporate members were introduced: Lee Stuart, Jr., Larry Gernsbacker, and Jay Teel Dunlap.

CENTRAL TEXAS: The Chapter met at a luncheon session with the TSA board during the July 18 board meeting in Austin, and reported on details of the November 4-6 convention.

ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION AT AHA CONVENTION: The American Hospital Association is asking architects to submit exhibits of hospital structures erected or under construction since January 1, 1948, to be received in San Francisco not later than midnight, August 26, for the convention opening five days later. More than 10,000 delegates and guests are expected to attend the AHA event.

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FACTS PACKAGE:
Some chapters have responded to the inquiry regarding how many of the new Facts Packages for personal distribution to newspaper and radio contacts in the Chapter area will be needed. More than half of the TSA affiliates, however, still have not sent on this information as requested. We ask that you do it before August 15, as the final order is being prepared for transmission to national AIA headquarters on that date.

HOUSTON SCHOOL BOARD RETURNS TO OLD BIDDING SYSTEM:
The Houston School Board has voted to return to the one bid and single contract system in awarding future contracts for public school facilities. Action came after the Mechanical Contractors' Association had requested the school board to revise its procedure from that of having the general contractor name the mechanical subcontractor and state the amount of the subcontractor's bid.

KANSAS CITY QUOTES NEUTRA'S REMARKS AT EL PASO:
When Richard Neutra was prevented by illness from speaking at a Kansas City Chapter banquet, the KC publication Skylines quoted at length instead Mr. Neutra's remarks at the 1952 TSA convention regarding how students are being prepared today for the practice of architecture.

COMPETITION GETTING TOUGHER FOR CONTRACTORS:
The authoritative Engineering News-Record reports at mid-year that contracting competition is getting fiercer by the minute. Findings of a coast-to-coast survey: Three times as many bidders on jobs as a year ago; exceedingly narrow spread on bids; contractors are spreading out into new fields, both in different types of construction and different geographic areas, in an effort to keep busy. Total volume, however, is reported to be 18% above first half of 1952.

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JOHNSON CORPORATION v. CITY OF NEW YORK IS CASE REPORTED BY CHAPTER CHATTER (West Virginia), on obligation of contractor: A building contract provided that the Contractors should check and verify all the dimensions on the drawings of a building. The Contractor built foundations for the building to plan dimensions without checking the dimension of the floor plans. He then discovered that there were inconsistencies between the dimensions for the foundation and those for the floor plans that caused him to perform additional work. The Contractor then brought an action to recover the increased cost of the work resulting from the irreconcilable dimensions.

The court held that the provision of the contract imposed a duty on the Contractor to check up the dimensions, also that party for whom the work was being done was not responsible for the cost of doing the additional work even though he had had plans prepared.

GEORGIA LAW ON SIGNATURE AND SEAL:

Georgia has a law specifying that "all drawings and specifications prepared in accordance with this Act shall be signed by the architect responsible for their production." It is further stated that "...such plans, drawings and specifications shall be prepared under the personal direction and supervision of such registered architects and bear their individual signatures and seals." The legal counsel for the GSA believes that this act clearly calls for both the signature and seal of the registered architect responsible on all plans and specifications. Here is a summary of a test suit which developed under this Georgia law:

"Acting for the Chapter, the suit was brought against the Rome firm of Montgomery-Turner and Associates by the Executive Committee alleging that neither Montgomery nor Turner were registered architects and were therefore ineligible to perform architectural services under the law. It was also alleged that the firm used the seal of Regis-

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SELECTING THE ARCHITECT:
The matter of selecting an architect and the procedure and conditions surrounding making the selection has again been highlighted in connection with the new Waller County Courthouse to be built at Hempstead. The commissioners' court issued a specific invitation to submit brochures and specifically stated that it would be required that the successful architect do certain preliminary work on a contingent basis, also, if the bonds were not voted the county would owe the architect nothing for the preliminary work done prior to the bond election.

The matter of ethics is involved in this instance in that the rules of practice set up by the American Institute of Architects do not, at this time, provide for this type of contingency. A great deal of objection was voiced to the Commissioners of Waller County concerning this stipulation but the award was made on this basis. The successful architect will no doubt proceed accordingly.

An effort was made to incorporate a provision for this type of agreement as part of Document 330 as submitted to the Seattle convention. The convention postponed action on the document, and previous rules are still in effect. Practically speaking, this is the type of arrangement that is being entered into on projects over the country both publicly and privately. There is a great deal of agitation by responsible architects for a change in the mandatory rules of conduct.

It is not the purpose of the editor to attempt to rule on the ethical issues involved but rather to point out this clear-cut case where by prior notice a Commissioners' Court has set up this condition as a basis and part of the agreement between the architect and owner. It is up to the profession to determine whether this is to be the future practice or whether this practice is to be ruled out as being detrimental to the profession.

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HE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

WHAT DOES THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS MEAN TO ITS MEMBERS: During my visits with the Chapters the first part of this year, I was surprised to learn that there are some members of the A.I.A. who question the necessity or belonging to the T.S.A. I believe this is caused by lack of knowledge of what the T.S.A. is doing.

In accordance with the by-laws of the American Institute of Architects, an architect must be a member and pay dues to his local chapter and state organization. Therefore, if an architect is a member of the A.I.A. he must be a member of his local chapter and of the T.S.A. But, there is a better reason why he should be a member of the T.S.A. which can be learned through a knowledge of the direct benefits to be received from the unified activity of the state organization. During the postwar period each practicing architect in the State of Texas has benefited from accomplishments of the T.S.A., whether he realizes it or not. He should, therefore, contribute to the activity of this organization both through his personal help and payment of dues.

Every architect was helped to some extent when the new recommended Minimum Fee Schedule was adopted at the Dallas convention in 1950 which established a statewide schedule of compensation for architectural services. It was a little higher than some architects had had the courage to request and now has become a recognized standard. The entire profession within the State was helped when the able work done by our Legislative Committee and Legal Counsel this year resulted in the State Legislature recognizing our Minimum Fee Schedule and changing the law in effect to conform with it. The old Fee Schedule passed by the State Legislature in 1951 was a threat to the schedule of fees being received on schools, other public buildings and private projects and was well on its way to causing a lot of damage. It was below the cost to the architect for complete services, making it necessary for him to reduce

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PHILADELPHIA APPLAUDS OPEN COMPETITIONS:
CHARETTE of the Pennsylvania Society carries a story in which members of the Philadelphia Chapter applaud their city government for holding open design competitions for new city facilities including a home for the aged. The competition apparently grew out of a series of meetings between representatives of the Philadelphia Chapter and Robert Sawyer, managing director of the city. Forty architects are submitting entries for the first competition, which will be decided by a jury of award. It is pointed out that the city not only hopes to select an architect for the particular project they now have in mind, but "hopes by this competition and perhaps by others to "establish a list of architects eligible to design other city buildings.

CHARETTE makes one error, however, in describing this as the "first time in which such method has been used in connection with municipal work." We specifically refer them to the Fort Brown recreation center competition staged by the City of Brownsville two years ago. There are many more such instances, also, on record over the country.

MASSACHUSETTS CODE:
The Bay State Architect reports on a new interprofessional code of practice recommended by the architect-engineer relations committee of the Massachusetts State Association of Architects and the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers. Main divisions of the code: field of the architect, field of the engineer, mutual relations, public responsibility, individual obligations, use of seal, and integration of practice laws.

MICHIGAN STUDIES LIFE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS
The College of Architecture and Design, University of Michigan, has underway a project to study factors which cause the obsolescence of school plants. Frederick Gutheim will supervise the study.

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his services. Calls for bids by the State on architectural services for State projects has from time to time been made and have been retracted through efforts of the T.S.A. The Texas Society of Architects is now consulted for appointments to the Board of Architectural Examiners and the newly created State Planning Board.

Therefore, every architect should attend his chapter meetings and state conventions to see, hear and participate in what is going on. In order to make this easier for some, the T.S.A. is requesting charters from the National Board for two new chapters, one to be comprised of the Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange area and the other to be comprised of the San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Midland, Big Springs and Odessa area. The National Board will act on these charters at their next meeting and if granted, there will be a total of 12 chapters in the State.

At its last Board Meeting on July 18, in Austin, the T.S.A. Board voted to employ a full-time Secretary-Manager with a State Headquarters Office in Austin. The details of this new step will be presented to the membership at the Convention in November. When this is accomplished, we will then have reached our goal of having a State Headquarters Office, a full-time Secretary-Manager, and a Legal Counsel to assist us in practicing our profession on a highly respected plane.

We would like for every registered architect in the State who is not already a member of the American Institute of Architects to attend a meeting of the nearest chapter as a guest with the idea in mind of becoming a member. There is no reason why he should not become a member unless he deliberately wants to violate our Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

ALBERT GOLEMAN, President TSA

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tered Architect Clarence H. Glass who, since otherwise employed full-time in Atlanta, could not personally direct and supervise the volume of architectural work under contract by the firm, particularly that being performed for the State School Building Authority.

"Meeting during a court recess on May 6, opposing lawyers agreed to a dismissal of the action with a mutual understanding that Mr. Glass, after resignation from his present position, would, as a partner of Montgomery-Turner and Associates, personally supervise the preparation of plans and specifications upon which his signature and seal appear.

(In part, the Act governing practice states that no firm, company, partnership, association, corporation or other similar organization shall be registered as an architect, but that such organizations may perform defined architectural services provided that at least one of the chief executives of the organization are registered architects in the state and that the services are performed under their personal supervision.)

ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE:
The Board of the Institute in reorganizing the committees has provided that those which are of interest at the regional and chapter level be supported by regional and chapter committees. The regional member of each of these committees will be requesting that each chapter in his region name a representative to the regional committee and also that this chapter representative be made the chairman of a chapter committee. This may necessitate the revision of some of the chapter by-laws in the Texas region but should result in a much closer coordination from Institute headquarters to the regional through the chapters on many of the activities of the Institute.

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Expanded Shale Institute Furthers Research

Non-Profit Organization Aims At High Standards, New And Improved Methods And Uses, Cooperation With Other Technical Groups In Industry

The Expanded Shale Institute, founded in 1952, has made rapid strides in furthering research aimed at improving and extending the uses of expanded shale, a processed lightweight aggregate produced by expansion under careful control.

Texas officials of the Institute include George Bickel of the Featherlite Corporation of Dallas, and Alex R. McVoy of Texas Industries, Inc., also of Dallas.

Cells Provide Great Strength
Expanded shale is produced from raw shales, slates, or clays which have suitable characteristics, at temperatures between 1900 and 2200 degrees. Gases formed within the shale expand at high temperatures, forming thousands of tiny air cells. When the product cools and solidifies, an aggregate is obtained that has great structural strength, that is made up of cells surrounded by a hard, vitreous and waterproof membrane.

Expanded shale has been recognized since 1917, when the process was first perfected in Kansas City, as a high grade building material. Continued research has greatly improved the aggregate and increased its use where high structural strength, relatively light weight, durability, chemical inertness, insulation against heat and sound, and waterproof qualities are desired.

Aims of Institute
The Expanded Shale Institute will work to (1) improve and extend the uses of this material by scientific research and experimentation (2) cooperate with other technical organizations in the field of concrete (3) maintain standards of uniform high quality among the various manufacturers of expanded shale aggregate and (4) develop new and improved methods and promotional and educational efforts in the industry.

Typical of the Institute’s programs is one now taking form at the University of Toledo, where work is underway to establish a standard method of preparing specimens and tests on aggregates produced by all Institute members. From this experimentation, valuable data will be presented to engineers, architects, and to the construction industry in general.

Featherlite In Republic Bank Building
Among notable uses of expanded shale aggregate in Texas recently has been the 600-foot Republic National Bank Building in Dallas. This building, now rapidly nearing completion, used Featherlite aggregate, supplied by the Featherlite Corporation of Dallas, for all structural concrete and fill. The full list of uses for expanded shale aggregate is growing almost daily, and included lightweight concrete masonry units, tilt-up wall panels, precast floor and roof slabs, piers and superstructures of bridges jet plane runways and aprons, culverts, decks, and roofing tile.

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Combined with other facing materials, such as the mahogany-toned marble base and aluminum trim in the building above, Cordova Shell Limestone contrasts beautifully for a commercial building with unusual character and modernity.
The Trane Company, manufacturers of air conditioning, heating, and ventilating equipment, have announced the appointment of A. James Hackl as manager of their Dallas sales office. Mr. Hackl, a graduate of Georgia Tech, had been with Trane's Jackson, Miss. office from 1947-51, prior to being recalled to active duty with the U. S. Navy.

The Southern Pine Association has announced a free consulting service for architects, engineers, and others interested in timber construction. The Association, in the National Bank of Commerce Building in New Orleans, La., is making available several publications on grading Southern Pine, laminated pine, heavy duty flooring and roof decking, and standard wood construction and timber engineering.

L. W. Stitt has been named appliance division sales manager for Rheem Manufacturing in the Houston region.

Detroit Steel Products Company, said to be the nation's largest manufacturers of steel windows, has opened a Houston warehouse and office at 1525 North Post Oak Road.

John Armstrong, president of Armstrong Brothers Lumber Company, San Angelo, has been named president of the Lumberman's Association of Texas for 1953-54.

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Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company, makers of Azrock, Azphlex, Vina-Lux, and Duraco flooring, has produced a new multi-color brochure showing 26 color variations now available in Azrock, the asphalt tile product which can be used over any smooth, firm wood subfloor and over concrete subfloors as well.

Truscon Steel Company, which 50 years ago pioneered the development of reinforced concrete for construction, is now marketing pre-stressed Stresssteel concrete reinforcing bars.

The Flintkote Company has announced new “weathered” asbestos-cement sidings in green, coral, and brown, to meet a demand for lighter colors in siding shingles. The sidings are produced under the trade name Stri-Color.

Civil Service Posts Open For Architects In Washington, D.C.

An examination for architect has been announced by the Civil Service Commission, to fill positions paying from $3,410 to $10,800 a year in various Federal agencies in Washington, D.C., and vicinity.

No written test will be given. To qualify, applicants must have had appropriate education or experience.

Applications will be accepted until further notice and must be filed with the Executive Secretary, Central Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D.C.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from most post offices or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C.

Nolan E. Barrick Named Head Of Department Of Architecture At Texas Tech

Nolan E. Barrick, TSA-AIA, associate professor of architecture and planning at the University of Texas, has been appointed professor of architecture and head of the Department of Architecture and Allied Arts at Texas Technological College. Mr. Barrick will also serve as supervising architect for the school.

Mr. Barrick, a native of Pearland, near Houston, holds three degrees from Rice Institute, including the M.A. in architecture. He is serving for the second term as national president of Tau Sigma Delta, honor society in architecture. In addition to teaching experience at Texas University and Iowa State College, Mr. Barrick has practiced architecture in Houston, Texas City, and Austin.
Waco Rebuilds, Repairs
Areas Smashed May 11
In $50,000,000 Loss
Waco is going quietly but with great
determination about the task of rebuild-
ing four square blocks smashed in the
$50,000,000 tornado of May 11, and
the area's architects are playing key roles
as repair and rebuilding goes ahead. The
final toll will apparently stand at
113 dead, 503 injured, almost 200 buildings
destroyed, and 1850 other buildings and
homes damaged.

Homes Still Uninhabitable
Now, throughout the downtown sec-
tion where tornado winds ripped up a
harvest of death three months ago, you
see buildings without roofs, naked steel
beams against the sky, entire walls pulled
away to bare the inside of buildings.
Great stacks of brick, stone, and wood—
some of it burned and smashed—are
found throughout the district centering
upon the ruined R. T. Dennis Building,
where most of the tornado's victims lost
their lives. Hundreds of homes are still
uninhabitable, but repairs are progressing
rapidly.

Many times, an old two or three-story
structure has been examined, partly
pulled down, checked for stability and
safety, and then rebuilt as a modern one-
story place of business. In other loca-
tions, demolition is complete, and new
structures will take the place of storm-
racked buildings that were damaged be-
yond repair.

There is no estimate of when the
great damage will be repaired and re-
placed, but much of Waco's business life
has resumed — as much as it can — a
normal pace. The Waco Voluntary Re-
building Committee, composed of busi-
ess leaders, architects, bankers, and
citizens from many walks of life, works
on toward the day when the city's wounds
are healed, with new and remodeled
structures to replace the scars of May 11.
University Of Houston
Students Announce
Lecture Series

The TSA-AIA student chapter at the University of Houston has announced a series of six architectural lectures for the 1953-54 school year.

According to the announcement, six speakers will be chosen from among the following: Marcel Brewer, Charles Eames, Buckminster Fuller, Harwell Harris, Henry R. Hitchcock, Philip Johnson, Louis I. Kahn, Morris Ketchum, William Lescaze, Mies Van Der Rohe, Richard Neutra, Alfred Roth, Eero Saarinen, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Subscriptions to the series, priced at $10 per person, may be obtained through the University of Houston Architectural Society.

Featherlite Adds Five Plants, Moves Headquarters

Jack Frost, president of the Featherlite Corporation, has announced that Featherlite has added five plants to its operation: expanded shale aggregate producing units at San Antonio and Ranger, plus concrete masonry plants at Abilene, Lubbock, and Midland.

General headquarters for the Featherlite Corporation, according to Mr. Frost, have been moved to 402 West 6th Street, Austin. Featherlite products are available throughout the state, and the addition of the plants listed above will greatly increase production and distributing facilities.
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