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WATCH FOR AN ALL NEW COMPLETELY REVISED BIGGER AND  
BETTER "TEXAS ARCHITECT" BEGINNING WITH APRIL ISSUE

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NEED CITED FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP ON  
STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

Legislation to increase the Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners from three to six is being introduced, TSA President Raymond Phelps informed the TEXAS ARCHITECT just before press time, adding that TSA officials are agreed upon the urgent need of this legislative change.

Thomas Broad, Secretary of the Board, explained that the work is becoming very sizeable, particularly from the standpoint of grading examination papers in 10 subjects for each of the almost 130 candidates who annually take the comprehensive examinations.

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TSA HOSPITAL EXHIBIT REQUESTED FOR  
HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

An exhibit of recent hospital work designed by TSA members for Texas locations has been requested for display at the Texas Hospital Association convention to be held in San Antonio, April 24, 1951.

William O'Connel, member of the THA Council on Construction and Plant Operation, and Ralph Bryan, member of the Federal Hospital Board, made the request to TSA President Raymond Phelps and the Board of Directors at the January 6 meeting in Austin.

The exhibit, co-sponsored by TSA and THA, will include hospitals already built, those already approved for construction, and those being built. Architects desiring to submit entries for the exhibit should notify President Raymond Phelps, 1501-6 Majestic Building, San Antonio.

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EDWARD L. WILSON, PAST PRESIDENT TSA,  
NOMINATED FOR DIRECTOR AIA FROM TEXAS

The following Resolution, passed by the Fort Worth Chapter, AIA, has been sent to each TSA chapter:

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects has formed the State of Texas as the Texas District of the American Institute of Architects, and

WHEREAS, the term of office of the competent and tireless, Thomas D. Broad, present Texas Director, expires at the annual convention in Chicago, June, 1951, and

WHEREAS, the Texas District must elect a new Director to fill this vacancy, and

WHEREAS, Edward L. Wilson has shown outstanding ability and leadership as President of the Texas Society of Architects for the year of 1950.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Fort Worth Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 27, 1950 placed in nomination for the Directorship of the Texas District, the name of Edward L. Wilson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this Resolution be mailed to all other Chapters of the Texas District, requesting the support of each Chapter for the nomination and election of Edward L. Wilson as Director for the Texas District of the American Institute of Architects.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Preston M. Geren

F. W. Digby-Roberts

Robert P. Woltz, Jr.

TSA President Raymond Phelps, urges that each Chapter take favorable action on this Resolution to nominate Edward L. Wilson, and thus support a man who will work diligently for Texas architects.

TSA COMMITTEE REPORTS INDICATE  
MUCH CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY AHEAD

Committee Reports, given at the January 6 TSA Board of Director's meeting in Austin, indicated that much activity has already begun. Following are brief summaries of reports tendered by the Chairmen:

SCHOOL PLANT STUDY - Herbert Voelcker reported a meeting held with the Texas Education Agency January 5 in Austin. Repeal of the present school building law was requested in accord with action of the TSA convention in Dallas. The repeal of the law and substitution of a law to conform with the recommendations of the School Plant Study Committee and Texas Education Agency were turned over to a sub-committee for study and recommendations.

STATE-WIDE FEE SCHEDULE - Albert Golemon was authorized to have 10,000 copies of the Minimum Recommended Fee Schedule, as adopted by the TSA convention, printed on a good grade of paper. The Schedules will be sold by the TSA at a price to cover printing and handling, and will be available to TSA members, and other architects.

Mr. Golemon reported on the variation in fees paid by state agencies and pointed out the inconsistencies in various requirements of administration and supervision. Investigations will continue with other members of the Committee, and representatives of Texas University and A. & M. College in an attempt to unify architectural contracts.

TEXAS CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL - C. O. Chromaster reporting by letter, stated that work is being done to clarify the responsibilities of the architects and engineers in municipal work which are handled under the provisions of standard contract forms of the TSPE of the AIA.

ASSIST STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS - Fred MacKie named C. A. Millhouse, Austin, and P. G.

Norton, Bryan, to fill the requirements of this Committee, pending their confirmation as available to assist the State Board.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY RELATIONS - Nat Hardy reported the inauguration of a study of engineering fees as paid by architects, including structural and mechanical engineers, in order to get a uniform clarification as to preliminary fees, fees on extras and the overall fee for mechanical work, as well as the percentage of fees to be paid in case a job is held in abeyance or is abandoned.

CAPITOL PLAN COMMITTEE - Karl Kamrath reported a series of articles to appear in the TEXAS ARCHITECT to emphasize the purpose and ultimate aim of the Capitol Plan, and the need for the state to employ planning consultants to prepare an overall comprehensive plan.

AUDIT COMMITTEE - Preston M. Geren by letter reported a balance as of December 20, 1950 of \$4,508.12 which included a \$2,000 student competition prize fund from the Featherlite Corporation. It was recommended that a change from single entry to double entry method of bookkeeping be made. The Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to employ a competent accountant to assist in setting up this new bookkeeping system.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - Herbert Tatum stated that teams are being formed, comprising one representative from the architectural schools and one member who is in general practice. After organizational meetings, the teams will visit the architectural schools for the purpose of making constructive suggestions and of promoting closer liaison between architectural schools and the architectural profession.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE - Harry D. Payne read a very complete report on the proposed group insurance plan for TSA, and presented the Resolution for approval making the plan available to TSA. The Resolution passed, and authorization was given Mr. Payne to obtain a contract.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION - David C. Baer

presented a proposal to increase the distribution of the TEXAS ARCHITECT, begin carrying advertising, and go to a printed, rather than mimeographed process. Recommendations approved that an Editorial Board be appointed to aid editor in policy matters, and distribution be increased to include associate, junior and student associate members. The name of this Committee changed to Public Relations and Information to make it parallel with those of AIA.

The Committee reported that TSA received more newspaper publicity in 1950 than any year in its history. This was due to the constructive programs of the TSA, and the TSA public relations program which included the employment of George Kirksey & Associates, public relations counsel. During the convention in Dallas, more than 108 column inches of space was devoted to TSA in Dallas papers and almost 40 column inches to the TSA in papers outside of Dallas. This was in addition to the general building news carried daily.

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PHELPS NAMED COMMANDING GENERAL OF TSGRC

Major General Raymond Phelps, TSA President, was appointed Commanding General of the Texas State Guard Reserve Corps, December 4, 1950, upon the death of Lieutenant General Claude Birkhead.

Appointed a Lieutenant of Field Artillery in the Texas National Guard direct from civil life in 1916, he served during and following World War I. He again entered Federal Service on November 25, 1940 and served until relieved from active duty August 28, 1944. In 1946, he was retired as Colonel from the National Guard. He was assigned as Deputy Commander of the TSGRC on December 6, 1947, and promoted to Brigadier General, the position he held until his recent advancement to Major General.

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1951 TSA CONVENTION SET FOR SAN ANTONIO  
OCTOBER 25-26; EICKENROHT NAMED CHAIRMAN

San Antonio, the fiesta city with the beautiful river running through its center, will be the site of the 1951 TSA Convention, Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26. Marvin Eickenroht, director to the TSA from the West Texas chapter, AIA, has been named General Convention Chairman by President Phelps.

Advanced plans for the 1951 convention call for an enlarged student competition, made possible by the \$2,000 gift from the Featherlite Corporation, presented at the Dallas convention to TSA.

Donald Nelson, Dallas, has been named Chairman of the Committee to write the student program. Members are Karl Kamrath, O'Neil Ford, and Eickenroht.

A Seminar on a practical phase of architecture is also planned with Albert Golemon named Chairman of a special Committee, with members David C. Baer and Karl Kamrath, to study possible topics for the Seminar and make recommendations to the next meeting.

The West Texas Chapter, TSA, was given full authority to complete arrangements and appointment of judges for the member's competition, one of the top highlights of the two-day convention.

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TSA BOARD SELECTS BANDERA FOR NEXT MEETING

Bandera, west of San Antonio in the dude ranch territory, has been selected by the Board of Directors for the second quarterly meeting of 1951. The exact date has not been set for the meeting, probably to be held sometime in March.

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83rd AIA CONVENTION AT CHICAGO

The 83rd annual convention of the American Institute of Architects will convene May 8 through 11 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, with emphasis on the current world situation in all its aspects.

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THE TEXAS STATE CAPITOL MASTER PLAN

By

Werner W. Dornberger

Member TSA Capitol Plan Committee

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the first of a series of articles which will appear in the TEXAS ARCHITECT on the Texas Capitol Master Plan of its grounds and building expansion.

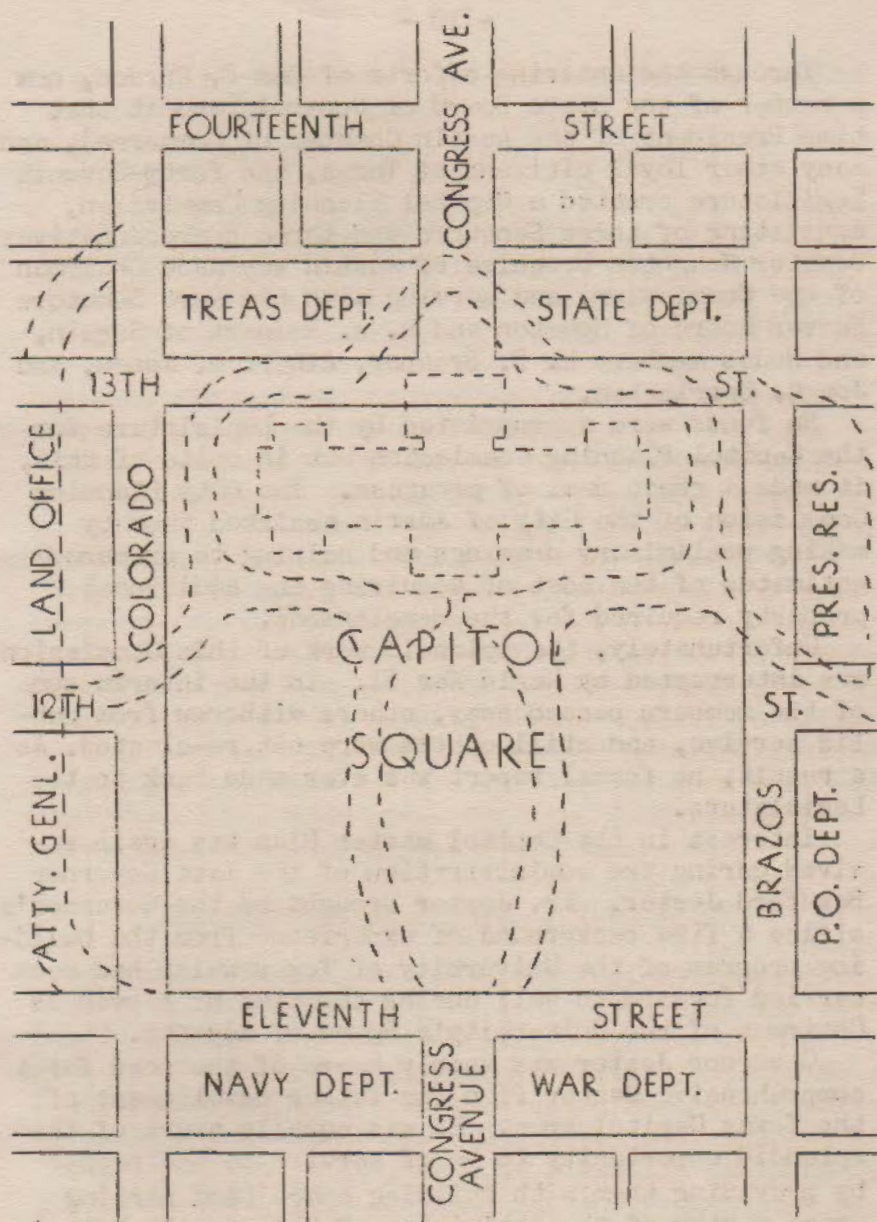
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In 1839 the Republic of Texas set aside in Austin an area for the site of a capitol building with its attendant departmental buildings. This area, known as "Capitol Square," is the present location of the Texas State Capitol Building.

The drawing reproduced on the opposite page is the first Master Capitol Plan for the Texas Capitol area and was prepared for the Republic of Texas. It included sites for the departments of the government such as Navy, Army, Treasury, State and others of the Republic of Texas. The overlay of the present state Capitol Building and grounds indicate the use made of the land when the present Capitol Building was erected.

This original plan set aside what appeared at that time to be adequate space for future development for all time to come. It shows splendid foresight on the part of our pioneers. Unfortunately, through short-sighted policies at the time of the construction of the present Capitol Building, some of the surrounding area was sold off.

Almost exactly one hundred years after the adoption of the "Capitol Square" plan, largely through the efforts of a small group of public-spirited citizens of Austin, interest was revived in the development of an adequate Capitol Master Plan to meet the present and future needs of our State government. The activities of this government have expanded beyond all expectations. The State of Texas today pays rent on spaces of all sorts scattered all over the City of Austin.



CAPITOL SQUARE IN 1839

Through the untiring efforts of Ben F. Warden, now a member of the State Board of Control (and at that time President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce), and many other loyal citizens of Texas, the Forty-Seventh Legislature created a Capitol Planning Commission, consisting of three Senators and three Representatives. Senator Houghton Brownlee of Austin was made Chairman of the Commission, and serving with him were Senators Weaver Moore of Houston and R. A. Weinert of Seguin, and House members H. B. Brawner, Albert M. Jones, and Joe C. Carrington.

No funds were appropriated by the Legislature for the Capitol Planning Commission but in spite of this, it made a great deal of progress. The City Planning Commission of the City of Austin assisted them by making preliminary drawings and helping to prepare estimates of the cost of acquiring the additional property required for the development.

Unfortunately, the splendid work of this Commission was interrupted by World War II. In the interim some of the members passed away, others withdrew from public service, and still others were not re-elected. As a result, no formal report was ever made back to the Legislature.

Interest in the Capitol Master Plan was again revived during the administration of the late Governor Beauford Jester. Mr. Jester brought to the Governor's office a fine background of experience from the building program of the University of Texas which had been carried forward so well during the time he served as Chairman of the University's Board of Regents.

Governor Jester was keenly aware of the need for a comprehensive Master Plan for further development of the Texas Capitol area. He was equally aware of the splendid opportunity to be of service to the people by providing them with building space (and parking space worthy of the activities of this great state.)

This opportunity still is open. It seems almost miraculous that the land required for such a project lies almost completely undeveloped, being still occupied largely by two-story wooden boarding houses.

To wait until this area has been developed by private interest will make acquisition of the needed property much more difficult -- maybe impossible. It is today a reasonable, practical possibility.

The Texas Society of Architects has sponsored and promoted the development of an adequate and farsighted Master Control Plan through its Capitol Plan Committee. Such a plan would provide for the location of all future state buildings in the Capitol area and for adequate parking space both for the many Texas citizens who come to do business with our State Department and for State employees.

The immediate objectives of the Texas Society of Architects through its Master Capitol Plan Committee is the re-establishment of the State Capitol Planning Commission. Included with this is the education of the people all over the state to the need for an adequate Capitol development.

The next article of this series will show the general outline of the tentative Master Plan adopted in 1941 by the Capitol Planning Commission of the Forty-Seventh Legislature, together with a discussion of the very important need for the re-activation of the Capitol Planning Commission, and for the development of a comprehensive Master Capitol Plan.

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#### STATE DEPARTMENTS ORGANIZED FOR DEFENSE

The State Departments of Public Safety, Public Health, Adjutant General, Fire Marshal, Highway, and Public Welfare are now completely organized for their part in the national emergency mobilization, Wm. McGill, State Coordinator for Civil Defense and Disaster Relief, told the TEXAS ARCHITECT.

Civil defense legislation on financing the program --between Federal, State, and local governments-- is expected to be enacted by the Congress early in 1951, McGill said. A full article on Civil Defense, by McGill, will appear in the April issue of the TEXAS ARCHITECT.

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## An Editorial

### WORLD SITUATION PROVIDES ARCHITECT'S OPPORTUNITY

How long can Architects continue to award contracts on the buildings they design? When and what controls will be placed on the building industry? How will they be administered? What men will be lost to Army Mobilization, or WAR Mobilization in case we should be involved in a Third World War? These questions today are bearing heavily on the members of the architectural profession.

As 1951 begins, there is a feeling of uncertainty in the minds of us who are practicing architecture as to what is going to happen. There are doubts as to what we will be called upon to do, or what we, as Architects, can do. We know we are going to have a National Defense Program of some scope. Some of the Architects and those associated with them will serve in uniform, but most will not.

Looking ahead, it is my thought that all the members of the profession who feel that they are qualified to render service in the war effort should offer themselves in the field where they believe they will be most useful. Certainly all Architects should offer their services to the U. S. Engineers on the construction work that must necessarily be done if a large mobilization, which seems inevitable, is to take place. There should be a real service for every competent Architect and draftsman.

I want to urge that all Architects offer themselves for participation in the Civilian Defense Program. There is no professional man better equipped today to render a real service to this program than is the Architect. He should be called upon to serve in technical groups in which his specialized training and experience can be utilized.

It is understood that directives will be issued by governmental agencies on over-all principles and standards for Civilian Defense. These will include control centers, shelter designs, shelter areas,

protective coverings, structural reinforcement, plant protection, repairs of damage, evacuation, etc., all as planned and controlled by local authorities. Architects should acquaint themselves with these directives and standards, so as to be fully informed in their application when called upon to render professional service.

The Committee on National Defense for the AIA with Douglas Orr as Chairman, is doing a splendid service in representing the Architects, on a national level, on the question of Civilian Defense. Each Chapter of the AIA has a representative who should be in contact with this work and is receiving printed matter containing recommendations of the National Committee of Architect's participation.

He should acquaint the members of his Chapter with what is going on, and where the Architect is best qualified to serve. This Committee urges that each Chapter offer its immediate assistance to all local governmental agencies, with the idea of actually, actively, participating in Civilian Defense activity.

I personally believe that the Architects of Texas will never have a better opportunity of proving to the citizenship of the State their true worth in the community!

Raymond Phelps, AIA, President  
TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ROSTER

Questions have arisen as to the exact action taken by the American Hospital Association in connection with the Roster of hospital Architects.

AHA agreed to stop publication of the Roster in its magazine and similar publications. It is supposed that it will maintain a listing of Architects over the nation who have met the AHA requirements for hospital Architects.

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MEET YOUR TSA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

RAYMOND PHELPS, President, TSA - West Texas Chapter  
Member Phelps & Dewees & Simmons, 1501-6 Majestic Building, San Antonio. Born, 1890. Served on many national AIA Committees, past President West Texas Chapter, AIA. One child. Commanding General of Texas State Guard Reserve Corps, member American Legion, Military Order of World Wars, other organizations. Hobby, military preparedness.

HERBERT TATUM, Vice-President, TSA - Dallas Chapter  
Member Tatum and Quade, architects and engineers, 2812 Fairmount, Dallas. Native, born, 1904. Studied Texas A. & M. College. Received first license 1929, New York. Received Texas license, 1937. Moved to Dallas, 1946. President of the Dallas Chapter, AIA, 1948. Member Institute Civilian Defense Committee. Two children. Member Texas A. & M. Chapter, Tau Beta Pi, downtown Kiwanis.

RICHARD VANDER STRATEN, Secretary-Treasurer, TSA - West Texas Chapter, own offices, 1546 Milam Building, San Antonio. Born, San Antonio, 1896. Studied University of Texas. Past President West Texas Chapter, AIA. Two children. Hobby, fishing.

LEE ROY BUTTRILL, Director, TSA - Central Texas Chapter. Member Buttrill & Turley, Carpenters Building, Temple. Native, Temple. Degree, University of Texas. Former Vice-President, Central Texas Chapter, AIA. Hobby, home movies. Three children.

NAT HARDY, Director, TSA - Coastal Bend Chapter  
Own office, 59 Country Club Place, Corpus Christi. Born, Norfolk, Va. Attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Sorbonne in Paris. Four children. Past President Coastal Bend Chapter, AIA. State Director, TSPE. Member, ASCE. Hobby, golf.

JACK M. CORGAN, Director, TSA - Dallas Chapter  
Own office, Melba Building, Dallas. Born, Hugo, Okla., 1911. Studied, Oklahoma A. & M. College.

Past President Dallas Chapter, AIA. Two children.  
Hobby, golf, working with Variety Club.

OTTO H. THORMAN, Director, TSA - El Paso Chapter  
Own firm, 216 El Paso National Bank Building,  
El Paso. Born, Washington, Mo., 1887. Attended  
Washington University night school, International  
Correspondence School. Five children, ten grand-  
children. Member, Shrine, El Paso Chamber of Com-  
merce, Ormsbee Club. Hobby, farming.

HERMAN G. COX, Director, TSA - Fort Worth Chapter  
Own office, 401 Neil P. Anderson Building, Fort  
Worth. Native, born, 1907. Studied Texas A. & M.  
College. Three children. Hobbies, dogs, swimming.  
Member, Fort Worth Club, downtown Kiwanis.

FRED J. MACKIE, JR., Director, TSA - Houston Chapter  
Member Mackie and Kamrath, 2713 Ferndale Place,  
Houston. Born, Cheyenne, Wyo., 1905. Studied New  
Mexico Military Institute, University of Texas. Moved  
to Houston, 1937. Co-winner many national awards.  
Past President Houston Chapter, AIA. Three children.  
Hobby, golf. Member Phi Kappa Psi, American Military  
Engineers.

ZEB RIKE, Director, TSA - Lower Rio Grande Valley  
Chapter. Own firm, M. & J. Building, 300 South  
Main Street, McAllen. Born, Farmersville, Texas,  
1912. Studied Hardin Simmons, University of Texas.  
Vice-President Lower Rio Grande Chapter, AIA. Hobbies,  
philately, golf. One child. President, McAllen  
Rotary Club, member of Shrine, Bedouin Band.

JAMES E. ATCHESON, Director, TSA - Panhandle Chapter  
Member Atcheson & Atkinson, 204 Sanford Building,  
Lubbock. Born, Terrell. Holds degree from Texas  
Technological College. Hobby is his three boys. Past  
President Panhandle Chapter, AIA. Member, Kiwanis.

MARVIN EICKENROHT, Director, TSA - West Texas Chapter  
Own offices, 702 Maverick Building, San Antonio.  
Born, Seguin, 1898. Attended University of Texas,



• NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS ENTRIES DUE APRIL 21

Have you received your Honor Awards Programs?

Texas, as the newest Regional District must be well represented in the 83rd annual convention of the Institute in this activity aimed at giving national recognition to distinguished work.

If you have work you are proud of--residential, industrial or hospital--get it in. More than that, encourage your friends to submit their works also.

In order to facilitate the handling of the entries and to insure their safe return to the owners, the Institute has made the following requirements:

1. Mark the classification of the enclosed entry clearly on the outside of the shipping case.
2. Advise the Honor Awards Committee by postcard or letter of your intention to submit an entry, and state the number of mounts.
3. Enclose a label for remailing, and a check list of the number and classifications of the entries submitted.

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OUR APOLOGIES TO THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITORS

The following exhibitors at the TSA convention in Dallas were inadvertently omitted from the December issue of the TEXAS ARCHITECT. To these TSA members, our apologies. They are: Theo S. Maffitt, Palestine; Don W. Smith, Sweetwater; Henry Steinbomer, San Antonio; Everett V. Welch, Dallas; Wilson, Morris & Crain, Houston; Wilson & Patterson, Fort Worth; and Robert P. Woltz, Jr., Fort Worth.

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degree from M.I.T., 1923. Past President West Texas Chapter, AIA. Member SCARAB. One child. Hobbies, hunting and fishing. Member, Chamber of Commerce, and member Board, Witte Museum in San Antonio.

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A LOOK AT "EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURE" IN 1950

By

Ralph Anderson, Jr.

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Ralph Anderson, Jr., AIA, Houston, recently returned from a year's tour abroad, here gives a brief report of his impression of Europe's architecture today, both old and new.

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There are distinct advantages in making the Grand Tour of Europe today for one who truly loves his architecture as something beyond a meal ticket, especially if he is of a contemporary turn of mind.

It is only the contemporary approach which can give a full appreciation to the inspired products of other centuries, to their rightness for the time, place and materials at hand, without the attendant but frustrating desire to copy in fresh paste a jeweled heirloom.

In a less general way, though, a personal visit to Europe can enlarge one's knowledge and thinking about contemporary architecture itself: not to the limited extent of copying the idioms, which is no better than copying the antiques, but to the broader, less naive analysis of the great forerunners of immediate history and to the trends which they established.

One is struck, for example, on viewing the extant works of Le Corbusier, with the incredibly advanced state of aesthetic design that prompted his earlier buildings and with his equally incredible ignorance of materials and the working parts of buildings. Of his great landmarks in modern history with which we are all acquainted, only one, the Swiss Dormitory, at the Cite Universitaire, is in a decent state of repair.

The Salvation Army building in Paris, predecessor of the current all-glass, rectilinear facade-cliche, has been allowed to rust and scale, its glass panels intermittently replaced with slabs of plywood and cardboard. The Villa Savoie in the Paris suburbs,

Corbu's much photographed home on stilts, has gone wobbly and out of plumb, and is being used as a hay-barn; among architectural tragedies it will certainly rank with the destruction of the Chateau of Chinon.

Corbu himself is apparently so sensitive to the deterioration of his buildings that the list of his works hesitantly given out at this Paris atelier includes a number of lesser known structures whose addresses are resolutely obscure. Among his post-war buildings are the great apartment building in Marseille and a factory in St. Die, both of which are in reinforced concrete, a material which doesn't age well, and is likely to give le maitre more sensitivity about deterioration.

Two other post-war buildings of distinction in France are buildings which Le Corbusier could never have designed: Matisse's chapel at Vence on the Riviera (still abuilding), and the Church at Assy near Geneva (displaying the amalgamated talents of Leger, Matisse, Roualt, Braque, and Lipschitz.) They are required study for all those who seek to bring modern art and architecture together.

In the history of modern architecture Italy has never ranked very high, and "Mussolini Modern" has been frequently scorned with justice. There are some examples of it, however, which make their marks conversely to the way Corbusier makes his: i.e., their lines and masses are most often poor, but they display a magnificent use of brick, stone and marble.

Both the railway station and the stadium in Florence are structures one can unashamedly admire. In a rolling field outside of Rome stand the modern ruins of a world's fair, latter day Fori Imperiali, which Mussoline never finished. There among the weeds and grazing cattle one finds examples which illustrate both the dangers and the possibilities of formalism in the Modern Style.

The well-publicized vigor of post-war work in Italy is not over-estimated. It is finely articulate and sophisticated. In all fairness to a comparison

with our own contemporary work, though, it is necessary to point out the additional compliment which both modern and centuries-old buildings pay each other when found side by side, or integrated together.

This is especially true of the many stylish remodelled shops in the Renaissance palazzi of Rome, Milan and Florence. Of the larger post-war buildings, Rome's sleek railway station, a tour de force in travertine, glass and reinforced concrete, stands out as the most important.

Per square mile Switzerland has more truly fine, important modern buildings than any other country in the world. The work is often restrained in character but has a quality of detail and a degree of craftsmanship that is more than a match for our own. Concrete, as a finished surface, which the Swiss are called upon by circumstance to use as much as the French, is kept painted and clean. The long list of worthwhile buildings includes many churches, a field in which American architects have made little progress.

What is said in a general way about Swiss architecture also applies to the Scandanavian, except the emphasis is on multiple housing and buildings for community use. The level of quality is consistent and in general higher than our own.

No other country has concerned itself so diligently with city planning than Holland; with them it was a stark necessity and the Dutch take pride in their planning achievements. The suburban town of Hilversum is certainly among the most pleasant garden cities in the world and should earn as much distinction from that as from the fact that Dudok's famous town hall is there among his early buildings.

On a large scale, Amsterdam is the end product of rather severe planning, to a point that seems to stifle individual architectural expression; and far, far beyond the point where Texans would have screamed "Socialism!" But on one will deny that Amsterdam is pleasant to the eye, with its successive rings of

"HOUSTON ARCHITECTURE" EXHIBIT AVAILABLE

Photographs and renderings comprising more than 170 pieces, gathered for Houston's first comprehensive architectural exhibit since World War II at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts is now available to other architectural chapters and organizations for showing.

The Houston chapter, AIA, asks only that exhibiting organizations pay transportation charges to and from the exhibit, and insure the safety of the materials. Requests may be addressed directly to John F. Staub, FAIA, 2814 Virginia Street, Houston 6.

The "Houston Architecture" exhibit showed at the University of Texas in January, and will move on to Texas A. & M. early in February.

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1940 style, 1930, 1920 and so on through gentle transitions to the very old center of the city.

In parts of the country ravaged by war, notably Rotterdam, architectural activity is abundant. The blockiness of earlier work has given way to a finely delineated style in the Bourse and several multi-storied flat buildings.

By reason of its delicate and controlled economic position since the war, England has not produced much more than workaday solutions to building problems; certainly there is nothing to match the work of the Tecton firm (now dissolved) which included the Penguin Pool and the Highpoint Flats of fifteen years ago. The latter is still as fresh as anything produced in America today.

Elsewhere the current of modern architecture is at a standstill or else non-existent. As a negative note, the new work of Spain, as seen in the University of Madrid buildings, offers an example of what happens when the course of tradition is run to a very dead end through painful rehashing of forms.

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TSA CHAPTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1951

Nine chapters of the Texas Society of Architects covering every section of the state are actively working for the advancement of the profession. Following are the officers, as elected, to head these chapters in their work for 1951, both as TSA chapters and AIA chapters.

Central Texas Chapter

President - R. Max Brooks, Austin  
Vice-President- Roland G. Roessner, Austin  
Secretary - Louis F. Southerland, Austin  
Treasurer - Winfred O. Gustafson, Austin  
Director, TSA - Lee Roy Buttrill, Temple

Coastal Bend Chapter

President - Carroll V. Tanner, Corpus Christi  
Vice-President- Needham Smyth, Corpus Christi  
Secy-Treasurer- Otis F. Johnson, Corpus Christi  
Director, TSA - Nat W. Hardy, Corpus Christi

Dallas Chapter

President - Arch B. Swank, Dallas  
Vice-President- Terrell R. Harper, Dallas  
Secretary - Clifford J. Lane, Dallas  
Treasurer - Harold E. Prinz, Dallas  
Director, TSA - Jack M. Corgan, Dallas

El Paso Chapter

President - James E. Monroe, El Paso  
Vice-President- Richard Licht, El Paso  
Secretary - Louis Daeuble, El Paso  
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