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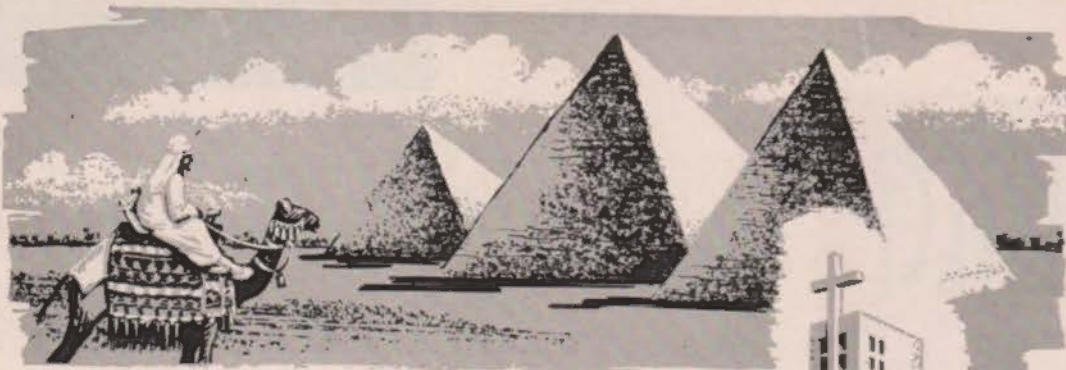
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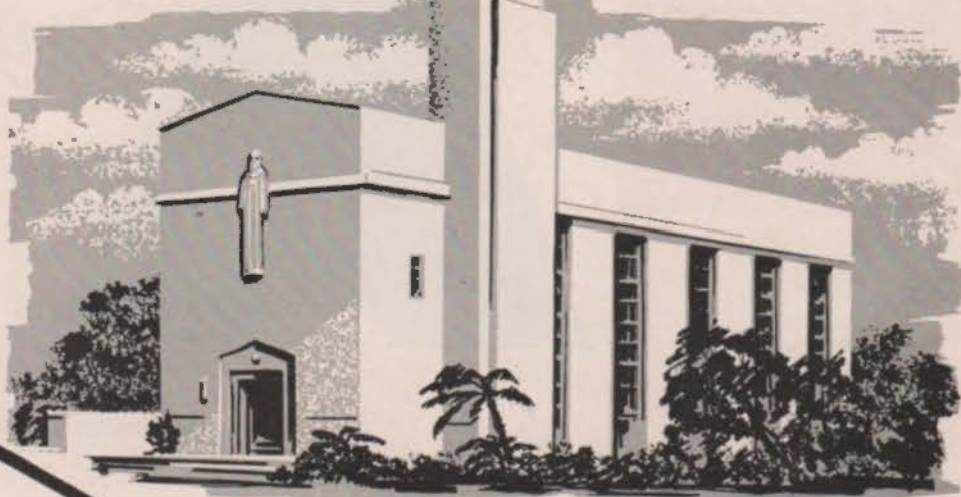


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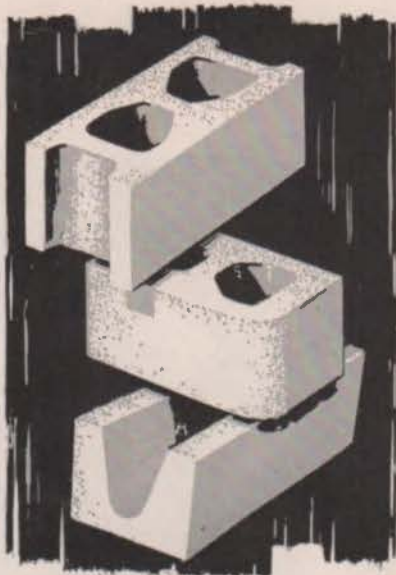


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## The President's Letter

By  
Fred J. MacKie  
TSA-AIA

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The photographs of winning "Texas Architecture—'57" entries in this issue of the TEXAS ARCHITECT are a fine example of the entire "TA—'57" exhibition which is being moved from the State Fair to the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas, as a key attraction of the annual convention of TSA being held in the North Texas city from October 30-November 1.

The public is especially invited to view this exhibit, seen by so many thousands of State Fair visitors earlier in October. Hundreds of hours of careful work have gone into preparation of the entries, which offer a valuable overview of the work being done by the architectural profession of Texas at this time. The exhibit has also been most carefully arranged and presented for maximum effect. Don't miss it!

The annual convention of TSA is always of course a key event, and this year we believe that we have a most attractive and significant program. Jack Corgan of Dallas, the general chairman, and the entire Dallas Chapter should be congratulated for their splendid work in planning the meeting over so many weeks and months. They were assisted by many other TSA members over the state, and by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Dallas affiliate.

We are also pleased by the unusual interest being shown in the Dallas program by men and women from business and the other professions. This is certainly an indication of the widespread interest across Texas in "Shaping Our Environment", the aptly-chosen convention theme. It is through such broad interest that architects and planners will find real support in their efforts to stop growing blight in our cities, eradicate it with new structures where feasible, and plan soundly and wisely for the future.

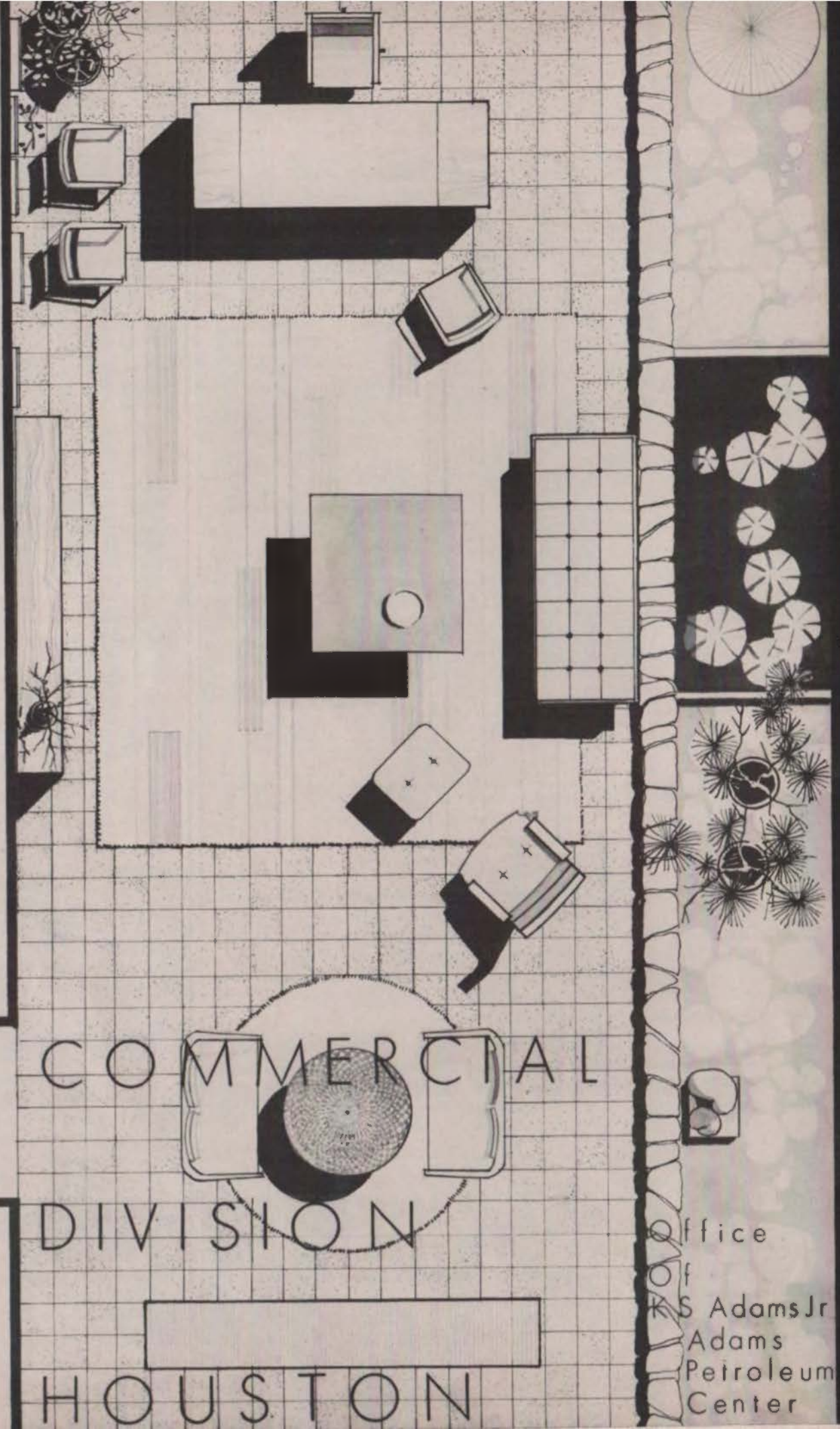
## EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION OFFERS SPLENDID PROGRAM

The eighteenth annual convention of TSA, which opens October at Dallas, has what might be termed an all-star cast. The speakers and seminar participants selected to discuss the theme of "Shaping Our Environment" include exceptionally able and well-known men who are key figures in some of the most significant planning and urban renewal projects of our time.

Read the convention program and the short biographical sketches of these men in this issue, and you will see how successful the officials of the Dallas Chapter and TSA itself have been in arranging a really outstanding program. When you add the many other convention attractions such as the exhibition of "Texas Architecture—'57" winners, a fine list of social and entertainment features, and the great appeal of Dallas itself, you can see why a new record in attendance is anticipated for the October 30-November 1 meeting.

TSA thus nears the end of its second decade with a convention of great significance, in which non-members from many fields—all interested in the great problems of congestion and resulting blight in our urban areas—will be participating. We invite our readers from over the state, in particular those who are directly concerned with urban renewal and planning, to follow the accounts of convention speeches and discussions in our next two issues. From them should come viewpoints, reports, and ideas of real value to the rapidly increasing number of Texas cities which are coming to grips with the problems that can be solved only by proper programs of planning and urban renewal.

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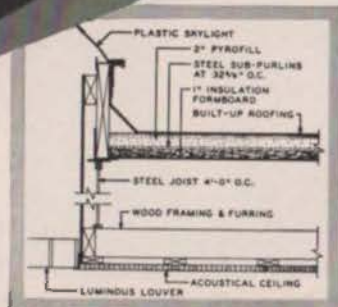
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# Outstanding Convention Program Attracts Statewide Attention

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With interest in halting blight and congestion in Texas cities at a new level, TSA officials expect more than 500 architects plus many Texans from such diverse areas as traffic control, merchandising, banking, engineering, real estate, and highway construction to attend the three-day sessions. Jack Cargan, TSA-AIA of Dallas, is general chairman.

#### Speakers and Seminar Participants

Among the speakers and seminar participants are men who have been instrumental in some of the best-known planning and redevelopment projects of recent history. They include Hugh R. Pomeroy, director of the Westchester County Planning Commission, New York; Charles Luckman, young architect and planner from Los Angeles who was once president of Lever Brothers; Park H. Martin of Pittsburgh, who has been instrumental in the renewal of that city's Golden Triangle area; Charles Farris, executive director of the Saint Louis Land Clearance Authority; Harry Weese, young Chicago archi-

tect-planner who is currently engaged upon high development projects in that city; Oskar Stanorov, German-born planner and architect responsible for the reconstruction of old downtown Philadelphia; and Vernon DeMars, professor of planning at the University of California.

John Knox Shear, editor-in-chief of the Architectural Record, will moderate convention seminars. Waggoner Carr, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will address a luncheon session.

"Shaping Our Environment" is the theme for the convention, and convention headquarters will be the Statler-Hilton, scene of a special convention showing of "Texas Architecture—'57", the statewide architectural competition featured at the State Fair of Texas, and of more than 80 separate exhibits by manufacturers and distributors.

The convention opens Wednesday, October 30 with a 12 noon luncheon preceding the traditional golf tournament, to be held at the famed Northwood Country Club, scene of the 1952 National Open. Tournament play begins at 1 p.m. Texas Quarries, Inc. is sponsoring the event.

#### Individual Buffet Dinners

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Dallas Chapter will be host at a pre-convention cocktail party. Following this event, TSA members who pre-register

for the convention are to be guests of Chapter members at buffet dinners in individual homes. This event has been a potent means of stimulating early registration.

The convention proper starts at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, October 31, with official greetings from R. L. Thornton, mayor of Dallas, and the invocation. Hugh Pomeroy, director of the Westchester County Planning Commission, New York and professor of Planning at Columbia University, is to deliver the keynote address on "A Challenge to the Architect to Assume His Responsibilities in Shaping Our Environment". The opening business session, with TSA President Fred J. MacKie, Jr. of Houston presiding, follows at 11 a.m.

The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Rep. Waggoner Carr of Lubbock, is to address the convention at a 12 noon luncheon Thursday.

#### First Seminar on Thursday

The first seminar of the convention is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, moderated by John Knox Shear, editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. The subject for the seminar is the convention theme, "Shaping Our Environment". Panel members are Oskar Stanorov, AIA, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Vernon DeMars, AIA, of Berkeley, Cal.; and Charles Farris, executive director of the Land Clearance and Housing Authority, City of Saint Louis, Mo. Both Mr. Stanorov and Mr. DeMars are architects and planners. Mr. DeMars is professor of architecture at the University of California.

The convention will adjourn at 4



John Knox Shear, AIA



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p.m. Thursday to view the exhibit areas. The program continues at 8 p.m. with a "Heart's Desire" costume ball at the Hotel Adolphus.

Friday's program of October 31 opens with a traditional 8 a.m. breakfast by the Acme Brick Company. The 10 a.m. seminar topic is "Urban Renewal", with Mr. Shear again as moderator. Seminar participants include Park Martin, executive director of the Allegheny Conference of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Charles Luckman, AIA, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Harry Weese, AIA, of Chicago, Ill.

**Awards Luncheon**

An Awards Luncheon will be held at 12 noon, followed by the closing business session at 2 p.m. The Producers' Council will be host at a 7 p.m. cocktail party which precedes the President's Dinner-Dance from 8 p.m. until midnight.

A separate ladies' program will include a brunch at Neiman-Marcus and special tours.

**Houston Architect Conducts Panel Talks At North Central Meet**

David C. Baer, TSA-AIA of Houston, recently conducted a panel discussion on "This Business of Architecture" at a meeting of the North Central States Region of the American Institute of Architects in Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Baer, who is chairman of the national AIA Committee on Office Practice, discussed the important business aspects of the professional practice of architecture, and the proposed new AIA Architect-Client Agreement.

**Speakers and Seminar Participants At TSA Convention**

**WAGGONER CARR:**

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

**CHARLES L. FARRIS:**

Executive director of the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Louis, and the Saint Louis Housing Authority.

Formerly deputy director of Federal Slum Clearance & Urban Renewal Program, Housing & Home Finance Agency, Washington, D. C.

Native of Washington, Ind. Now 46 years of age. Graduate, University of Notre Dame and former student at Army Industrial College. Married. Three sons.

**CHARLES LUCKMAN, AIA:**

Partner in architectural firm of Pereira & Luckman, Los Angeles, which has handled such projects as Prudential Center, Boston, Mass.; Bunker Hill Urban Renewal; planning for National Civic-Cultural Center, Washington, D.C.; and the Los Angeles International Airport plus other work of major importance in planning and renewal and a wide range of projects both in the U.S. and abroad.

Formerly president of Lever Brothers Company.

Native of Kansas City. Now 47 years of age. Graduate, University of Illinois. Member, AIA, Tau Beta Pi, and other professional and civic organizations. Registered architect in 28 states. Registered professional engineer.

**PARK H. MARTIN**

Executive director of Allegheny Conference on Community Development, a citizens' organization concerned with planning a comprehensive community development program for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny which has gained wide attention, particularly through renewal of downtown Pittsburgh areas. Active in planning and renewal for more than 20 years. Former president, American Society of Planning Officials.

Native of Pittsburgh. Attended Carnegie Institute of Technology. Registered professional engineer. Member many civic and professional organizations.

**JOHN KNOX SHEAR, AIA**

Editor, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. Registered architect and member AIA specializing in residential, commercial, and religious buildings. Professor of architecture and head of department, Carnegie Institute of Technology, 1949-55.

Graduate, Carnegie Institute of Technology (B. Arch. and M. Arch.) and Princeton University (MFA in Arch). Contributor many articles in field.

**HUGH R. POMEROY:**

Director of Westchester County Planning Commission, New York, and Professor of Planning at Columbia University.

Past president, American Institute of Planners. Active in planning and urban renewal for more than 30 years. Authority on responsibilities of the architect in planning, effect of federal inter-regional highway systems, and related areas.

Native of Burbank, Cal. Now 58 years of age. Married. Four children. Graduate, Occidental College. Member many civic and professional organiza-

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# Representative Selection, Dallas Chapter, AIA

**PROJECT:** Dallas Memorial Auditorium  
**ARCHITECT**  
& **ENGINEER:** George L. Dahl, TSA-AIA, Dallas  
**CONSULTING**  
**ENGINEERS:** Ammann & Whitney

Visitors to the TSA convention in Dallas will see in the just-completed Memorial Auditorium a huge and interesting structure of real beauty which gives the North Texas city a tremendous convention attraction as well as a civic center for purely local events of almost every variety.

Planned for many years, the Auditorium was dedicated only last September 7-9, and is located on a 23-acre site at Canton and Akord Streets. It is in two major sections, a Main Arena and a Theatre Section. The building group itself occupies approximately eight acres, with a total building area of 422,710 square feet. Grade level parking is provided for more than 1000 automobiles.

The firm of George L. Dahl, TSA-AIA of Dallas, served as architects-engineers for the Auditorium, with Ammann & Whitney as consulting engineers.

## MAIN ARENA

The Main Arena, largest unit of the Auditorium, is best described as a gigantic circular stadium, seating 10,000 persons, with a thin shell concrete dome type roof stiffened by ribs, its center towering 90 feet above the floor. Suspended from this dome, with metal hangers, is a metal acoustical ceiling approximately 64 feet above the floor, which supports heating, cooling and lighting outlets for the Arena. Below this ceiling is a room 300 feet in diameter without any obstructions whatsoever to interfere with the view of spectators.

The outer perimeter of the room contains all of the permanent seat risers, which slope toward the center of the Arena. All chair backs have fabric upholstering of 100% mohair to prevent any bouncing of sound waves when the seats are not occupied. Radiating aisles lead up and down to 15 vomitories which lead to 90 exit doors to concourses and ramps. Utmost simplicity was empha-

sized in the flow of spectators to and from seats to concourses. The pitch of the balconies is such that from each seat there is a perfect line of vision.

The floor of the Arena is level, 151 feet wide by 175 feet long. This level area is semicircular on one end and has a stage on the opposite end. The stage is approximately 50 feet wide and variable in depth from 13 feet to 35 feet. For all stage events the 151" x 175" floor may be occupied by 2600 folding seats on portable risers.

The Arena floor may be used for a banquet seating 2400 persons, and can be transformed with a minimum of confusion into a large convention meeting room. It is also designed for athletic events, stage programs, circuses, pageants, dances, ice shows, auto shows, and for feature exhibits of all kinds. Below the Main Arena

floor is 90,000 square feet of exhibition space.

## THEATER UNIT

The Theater Building is 130 feet wide by 325 feet overall length and three stories high. The first floor contains the auxiliary exhibit space which ties together with the main exhibit area under the Arena. The second floor, which is at street level, has a grand foyer and convention center or lounge where incoming conventions can locate registration headquarters. There are several private meeting rooms, and a little theater. The theater is fully equipped with 1770 luxurious upholstered seats, a complete workable stage, dressing rooms for men and women complete with showers and toilets, as well as private dressing rooms for the stars.

The third floor contains a balcony around the two story lounge which provides circulation to the seating level of the main arena and to more meeting rooms. Three large meeting rooms are divided by folding partitions so that they can be joined to create a 900 person meeting site. There are a total of ten meeting rooms which can seat gatherings of 40 to 300 persons. Located at the third floor level, between the Arena and Theater units, is the Auditorium Director's office suite.

## DALLAS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



An exterior view of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium as it neared completion. The huge structure, just opened, has been selected by members of the Dallas Chapter, AIA, as representative of recent work in the Chapter area.

The cover of this issue shows another view of the Auditorium, which is in two major sections: the Main Arena and the Theatre Section. The building occupies about eight acres, and contains 422,710 square feet, thus providing one of the nation's largest facilities of its type.

Architects and engineers for the project were George L. Dahl, TSA-AIA, Dallas.

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## Returning Fulbright Scholar Praises Rebirth of French Stained Glass Art

Efrem Weitzman, the first American artist to receive a government grant to study the art of stained glass in France, reports on the high caliber of creativity displayed by contemporary French stained glass artists. Recently returned to the United States Mr. Weitzman comments on a situation of "unparalleled opportunity" existing in France for artists, as well as on many items of considerable interest to architects, clergymen, and manufacturers.

The modern renaissance of the ancient art of "vitraux", Mr. Weitzman states, is the direct result of progressive leadership from the French Government through its organ of reconstruction, Les Coopératives de Reconstruction D'Églises Sinistrées. Commissions are being given to highly promising young artists as well as such established artists as Villon and Chagal. And a remarkable liberality and catholicity of taste has been exhibited in permitting these artists to exercise complete freedom in their designs. As a result one may often be surprised to discover a non-objective window in a Romanesque church; and perhaps equally surprising is the eminent success of this combination. Says Mr. Weitzman, "This makes clear that the contemporary artist can speak with the same spiritual authority as artists in other times."

### Why Imitate The Antique?

"The fallacy in general public feeling that the replacement of shattered windows in ancient churches should imitate the antique style of the earlier windows is thus brought to the fore. American clergymen and architects could well afford to take note of what is being done in France. It has been demonstrated that value resides in the spirit in which the work of art is conceived rather than the aping of that which belongs to another time."

In 1956 the recipient of an unprecedented Fulbright grant to study stained glass in France, Mr. Weitzman explains that whereas most Fulbright scholars spend the study period at a university, he felt that the most valuable use of his time would be in a personal examination of the windows. As a result he travelled for eight months to visit not only the famous masterpieces of stained glass art, but also many lesser known treasures located in

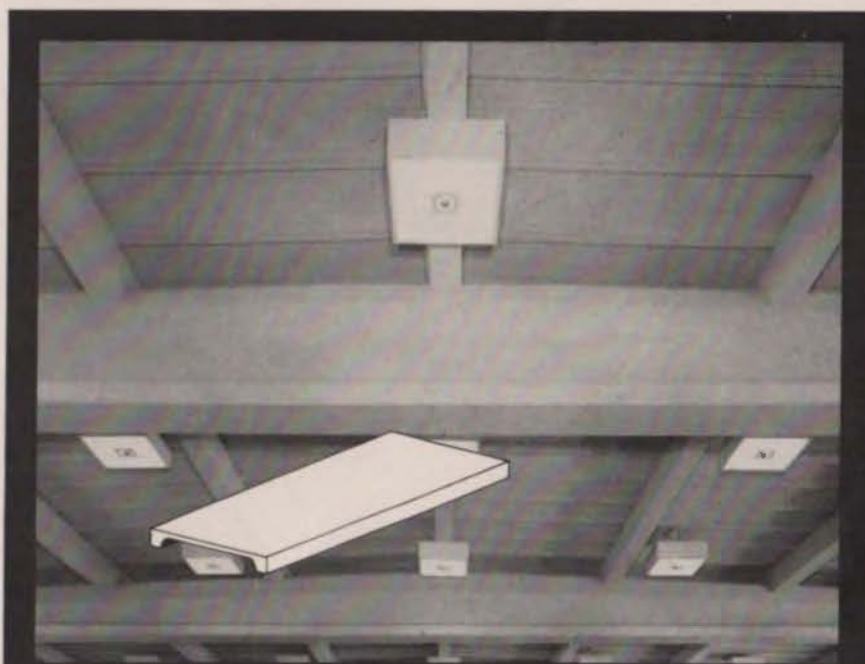
the small villages. His itinerary was recommended to him by leading workers in the field, and covered significant works both ancient and modern.

### Stained Glass Designer

A professional stained glass designer who has done extensive study in architecture and stained glass design, Mr. Weitzman has many windows in

this country to his credit, as well as a travelling exhibit which has been widely shown. He previously worked in Saint Louis, Barn and trained in New York he returns to this country well versed in the contemporary French innovation of "dalles de vere." In this new technique the leading between the individual panes of glass is replaced with concrete.

Mr. Weitzman has documented his trip with color slides which will form the basis of a lecture tour.



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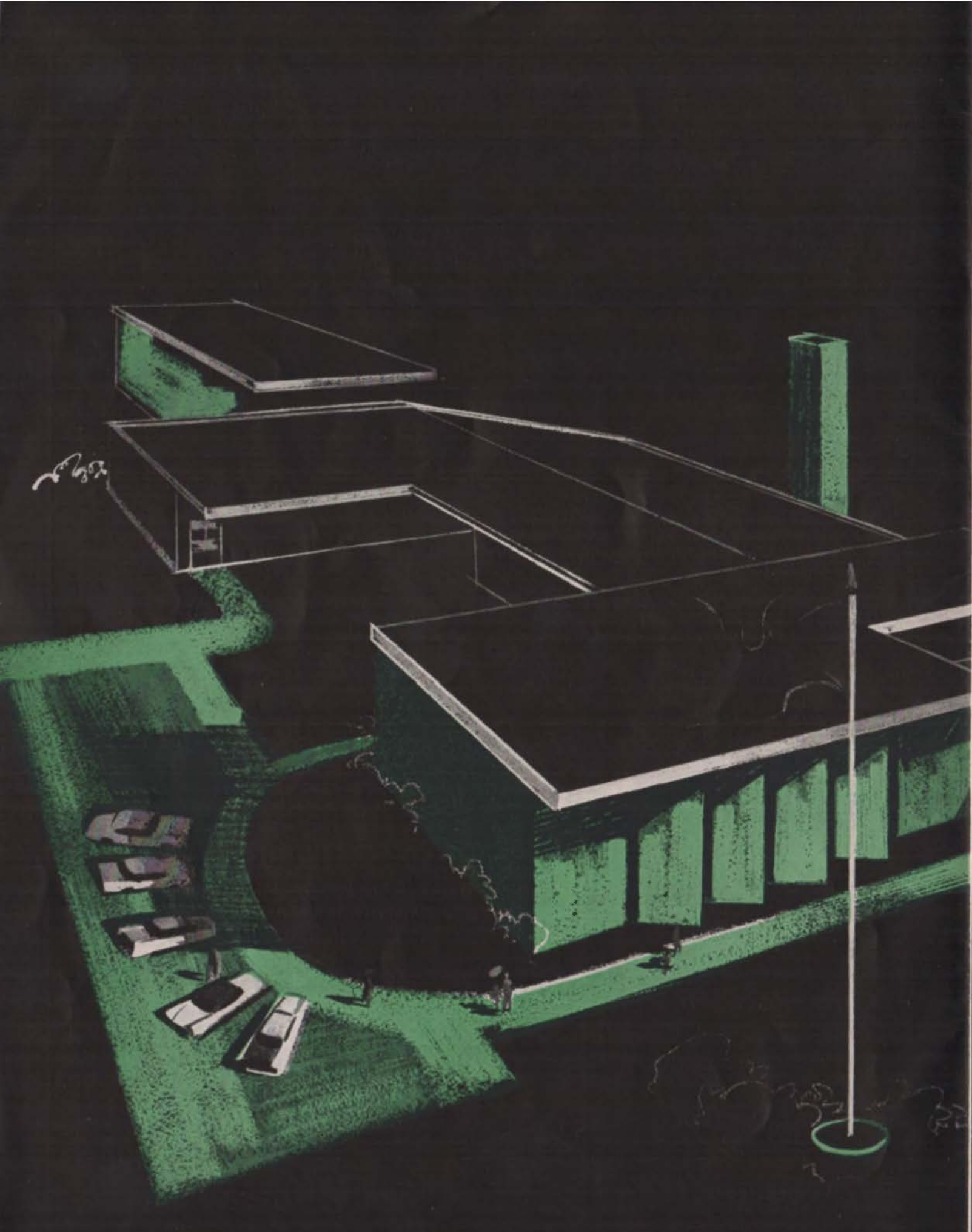
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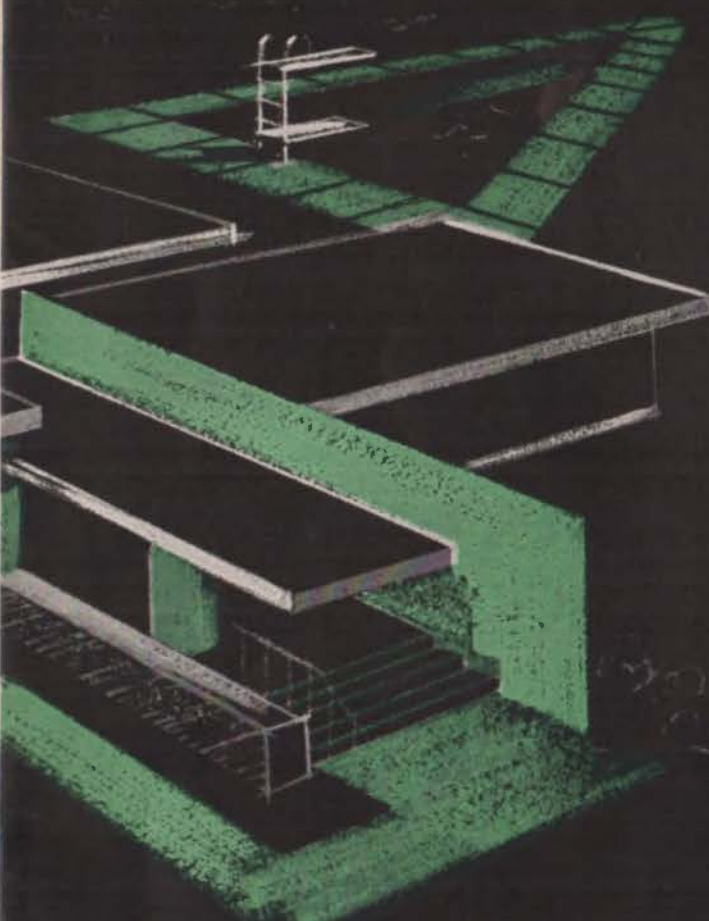
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# Do I Need A Will?

(Editor's Note: Permission has been obtained from the State Bar of Texas to reprint the following material, prepared by the State Bar as a public service and of interest to all:

## Some Texas Law About Wills

### Question: Who may execute a Will?

Answer: Every person who has attained the age of 19 years, or who has been lawfully married, or who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the Auxiliaries thereof or of the Maritime Service at the time the Will is made. The person making the Will must be of sound mind.

### Question: Does a Will need witnesses?

Answer: A Will may be wholly in the handwriting of the maker, in which event witnesses are not necessary. A written Will which is not wholly in the handwriting of the maker must be witnessed by two or more persons above the age of 14 years. Such a Will must be signed and witnessed strictly in accordance with the formalities fixed by law. After death, the Will becomes effective upon being proved and allowed by the Probate Court.

### Question: What is a self-proved Will?

Answer: It is a Will that may be prepared in such manner that it may be admitted to Probate without the testimony of any subscribing witness. It may be contested, revoked, or amended by a codicil in the same fashion as a Will not self-proved.

### Question: May a Will be revoked or changed?

Answer: A Will may be revoked or changed by the maker at any time although all changes to be effective must be made strictly in accordance with the law. Changes are frequently made by an addition to the Will called a "codicil." While marriage does not revoke a Will, under certain circumstances which your lawyer can explain to you, the birth of a child does materially affect a Will.

### Question: Does a divorce affect a Will?

Answer: Yes. If a deceased was divorced after making a Will, the provisions of the Will which concern the surviving spouse have no effect.

### Question: Does a Will make for more Court expense after death?

Answer: No. If a person dies leaving property, the Court has jurisdiction and must either pass on the Will or determine who are the legal heirs. A care-

fully drawn Will usually reduces court expense, and simplifies court procedures. The money saved by a Will is frequently less important to the surviving members of a family than the savings in time, worry, court appearances and consultations with lawyers.

### Question: What happens when there is no Will?

Answer: While Texas law establishes the right to make a Will, it is not compulsory. It is every person's privilege to die testate (leaving a Will) or intestate (not leaving a Will) and in the latter event the Court distributes the property to those named by the law of descent.

Many who die without a Will thus have their property distributed in accordance with a law about which they have never heard or know not its provisions.

For example, if a married man dies without a Will, leaving children, owning community property (acquired by him and his surviving wife as common property after marriage) and leaving separate property (acquired by him by gift, devise or descent, or before his marriage), one-half of the entire community property of the husband and wife would belong to the wife, and the other one-half of the community property of the deceased and his wife would belong to the children or their descendants. Under such circumstances, one-third of the separate personal property such as money, furniture, automobiles and the like, goes to his surviving wife and the other two-thirds of this property goes to his children, and the wife obtains only a life estate in one-third of his separate real estate and the balance of the interest in this real estate passes to the children or their descendants.

The difference between having provided for the distribution of an estate by your Will and having the property distributed arbitrarily by law is the difference between a planned and an unplanned distribution.

If there is no Will, an administrator is appointed by the Court to settle the estate and distribute it as provided by law, after all claims and expenses have been paid. The individual has no choice in the appointment of his Administrator.

If there is a Will, an Executor named by the deceased in his Will takes the

place of an Administrator. There are many advantages in having a Will naming an Executor in whom you have complete confidence, preferably with experience in settling estates. In addition an Executor should be responsible and always available. For these reasons, many people prefer to name their bank as Executor. If you wish your attorney will be glad to go with you to discuss these matters with your banker.

### Question: Does a good life insurance program take the place of a Will?

Answer: No. Life insurance is simply one of the various kinds of property that you own. It should be considered in connection with the disposition of your other property. The amount of insurance, the method of payments, and to whom it is to be paid can be of great benefit to your family and the protection of your other property; but if proper care is not used in planning your insurance program to dovetail with your estate, the insurance may not fulfill its best use.

When purchasing insurance or revising existing policies, the wise person will consult with both his lawyer and his insurance counselor.

## Death, Taxes and Wills

We are definitely in a tax age. Plans made to meet daily conditions of life and business can easily be altered when it appears that they are unsound from a tax point of view. But after death, little can be done by an Executor to change a plan which is unsound taxwise as a result of a "home-made" Will.

### Question: Is every estate subject to inheritance and other death taxes?

Answer: Today, every person who owns more than his home has an estate which is likely to have tax problems.

### Question: Who should draft the Will?

Answer: No sensible person would engage just anyone to fill his teeth, take out an appendix or deliver a baby. The person who wants these services performed skillfully with a minimum risk to health, life, property or accurate execution of his wishes will engage the services of a professional person. Except in dire emergency, these important tasks should not be performed by anyone except an expert.

The drafting of a Will involves the making of decisions requiring special judgment which can be obtained only by years of training and study. Only the practicing lawyer can avoid the

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## Convention Chairmen Working Under Leadership Of Jack Corgan Of Dallas

Virtually the entire membership of the Dallas Chapter has been working for months on details of the eighteenth annual convention, under Jack Corgan, state convention chairman who has also served as Chapter convention chairman.

Those heading specific convention committees are Narman Crittenden, hotel reservations; Jon Corsey, registration; M. M. Sandfield, finance; Bob Perry, exhibitions; Herschel Fisher, publicity and public relations; Harley Tracy, transportation; Howard Meyer, student competition and architectural competition; Jack Morgan, Texas Architecture '57 (in coordination); Clifford J. Lane, golf tournament; Terrell Harper, President's Dinner-Dance; Roscoe DeWitt, pre-convention cocktail party; Mrs. Jack Corgan, ladies activities; David Braden, business sessions; Arch Swank, seminars; Joe Gordon, awards luncheon and Acme Brick Company breakfast; Bob Perry, Producers' Council party; and Courtesy Committee, Tom Broad.

Working under the chairmanship of Mrs. Corgan on the ladies' committee are Mrs. Norman Crittenden, Mrs. Thomas D. Broad, Mrs. Robert Goodwin, Mrs. Herbert Tatum, Mrs. Jon Corsey, Mrs. Jacob Anderson, Mrs. W. Ralph Merrill, Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mrs. Hal Yoakum, Mrs. Harold Prinz, Mrs. Walter Ahlschlager, and Mrs. Clifford Lane, who head up the subcommittees including general, golf, hospitality, decorations, home buffets, invitations, and Decorative Arts Center tour.

## Albert E. Land, Jr. Joins Sales Organization Of Rheem Manufacturing

Albert E. Land, Jr., has joined the heating and air conditioning sales organization of Rheem Manufacturing Company.

He will work with Rheem wholesalers and their dealers in the distribution of Rheem furnaces and Rheemaire central air conditioning in Oklahoma, New Mexico and the west, central and north areas of Texas.

Mr. Land attended Chanute Junior College and Kansas State University. He and Mrs. Land and their two children live at 8727 Ferris Drive, Bellaire, Texas.

## Fort Worth Company Develops New Asphalt Process

A new cold process asphalt roofing compound perfected by The Panther Co., of Fort Worth, may end the problem of covering concrete slabs with roofs. The product represents the first major development in more than 22 years in the refining of petroleum asphalt for roofing, and an important step in the evolution of asphalt, company officials claim.

The new compound is a special asphalt manufactured by an exclusive process developed by The Panther Co., and is designed for application particularly to concrete tilt-up buildings with concrete roofs, or to buildings with roof decks of steel, wood, corrugated sheet-metal, roofing felt, gypsum, plywood, or other material.

In the case of asphalt currently used, rapidly formed non-adhesive skins develop upon exposure to weather. The skin represents the failure layer of asphalt. Scientists have long known that asphalt contains certain small amounts of metallic materials

## Fire Ratings For Metal Lathing In Technical Bulletin

Numerous fire resistive ratings for metal lath and plaster used in conjunction with steel and wood construction are included in Technical Bulletin No. 8, now being distributed free by the Metal Lath Manufacturers Association, Engineers Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Having currently undergone its sixth revision, this documentary publication not only indicates varied types of metal lath construction and appropriate fire resistance ratings—but the recognized authority, as well.

Ratings relative to columns; steel beams, girders, and trusses; floors; partitions; and walls are expressly covered.

## Houston Architect Named President Of Improvement Council

Hamilton Brown, TSA-AIA of Houston, has been elected president of the Neighborhood Improvement Council, "a volunteer group of citizens from Metropolitan Houston dedicated to the protection and improvement of residential neighborhoods".

The goals of the organized are to retard blight and decay, through studies, reports, and cooperation with municipal governments and other interested local organizations and agencies.

among which is vanadium. Under certain conditions, these trace quantities of metals act like dryers in a paint, and after conventional asphalt is applied, the trace quantities of vanadium appear to produce a skin over the asphalt which ultimately penetrates through the entire layer applied. Hence blisters and cracks in the asphalt.

In the case of the new roofing compound developed by The Panther Co., a special chemical refining process, which is a part of the production procedure, converts the trace metals from active compounds into minerals so that they become inert, filler-type materials. As a consequence of the conversion from metals to minerals, the film deposited by the new Panther roofing compound retains its adhesiveness for a long period of time by orders of magnitude greater than ordinary types of asphalt roofing. Aging in the new roofing compound proceeds much more slowly than in conventional asphalt roofing.

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## DO YOU NEED A WILL? - - -

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innumerable pitfalls and advise the course best suited for each individual. In the drafting of your Will and any revision of it, consult your lawyer.

### Mail Order Will Forms

**Question:** I have seen advertisements offering Will forms with a set of instructions which would purportedly enable any person in any State to prepare his own Will. Would I Be Safe in Preparing My Own Will With Such a Mail Order Kit?

**Answer:** No. It is as impossible to prepare one Will form which will meet the needs of the public generally as it would be to prescribe one medicine to meet every ailment.

A form Will may be satisfactory in the State where it is made but entirely inadequate in another State in which some of your property may be located.

Also, it is practically impossible to maintain an adequate set of instructions covering the requirements of every State and the various fact situations which may arise.

As the laws of each State are continually changing, a set of instructions

prepared a few months ago may be incorrect in important particulars affecting the validity of your Will.

Even with a complete and correct set of instructions, it is virtually impossible for a layman to properly prepare a legal document as important as a Will.

### Things to Remember

1. Texas makes Wills too. If you do not have a legally prepared Will, then, at the time of your death, your property will pass according to the laws of Texas. Distribution of your property may or may not be in accordance with your wishes.
2. Every adult person should have a properly prepared Will put away in a safe place. Let some person know where your Will may be found in event of your death. It may be filed for safe keeping in the office of the COUNTY CLERK. Consult your lawyer about this.
3. A Will does not increase probate expenses, and often reduces such expenses.
4. Homemade Wills are dangerous and are frequently the subject of

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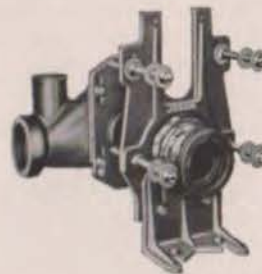
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# Go West, Young Architect

The city of Vernon, Texas, "largest town on the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad between Wichita Falls and Amarillo", is perhaps more in North Texas than strictly in West Texas. But the following letter from enterprising Worth L. Coffey, manager of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce, is a unique invitation to some "young live-wire architect" who wants to look West for opportunity.

We publish this letter, incidentally, with a great deal of pleasure, hope that it brings Vernon, Texas and Mr. Coffey an architect, and invite more letters of the same, which indicate how the need for good architects and the architecture they bring to a community is more and more recognized everywhere in Texas:

Vernon, Texas  
August 29, 1957

Mr. Fred J. Mackie, President  
Texas Society of Architects  
1200 Bissonnet  
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Mockie:

For several months this office has been receiving your publication, "Texas Architect", and I have been reading it with interest. Then recently it dawned on me that our town of Vernon, Texas, does not have an architect, and when a need for this service arises, we have to go out of town. What is the reason for this? Is it that our town isn't large enough, or is it that some young live wire architect is overlooking a good bet?

Vernon has a population of about 14,000. Since 1950, city records reveal that new homes have been constructed at the rate of fifty to one hun-

dred per year. Many of these homes are valued from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 each. This is not a fantastic building record, but it does indicate that we have a substantial and constant growth. What the next five or ten years holds for us is anybody's guess and depends upon the general economic condition of our state.

Vernon is the largest town on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad between Wichita Falls and Amarillo. We are an established trade center for several counties in North Texas and

Southern Oklahoma. If you will check the 1956 Sales Management Magazine report, you will find that Vernon is one of few towns where the retail sales exceeded the buying power.

Knowing your interest in the profession, I thought I would call Vernon to your attention and request your help in exploring the possibilities and determining the advisability of locating an architect in our city.

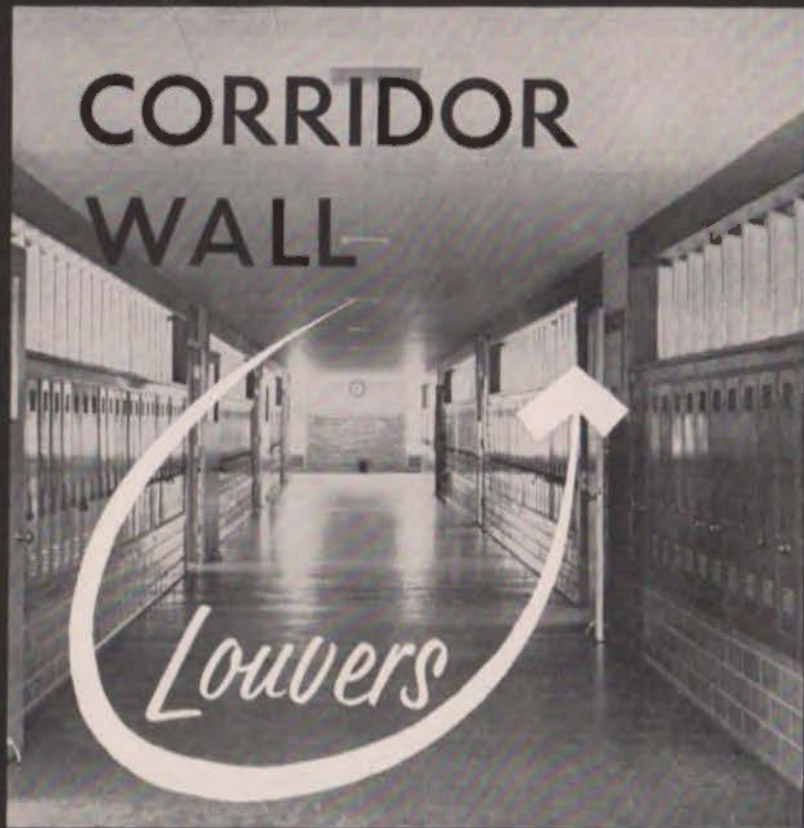
This is my first attempt to secure this service for our citizens, therefore your thinking and suggestions will be valued and appreciated.

Very truly yours,  
Worth L. Coffey, Manager  
Vernon Chamber of Commerce

## Texas Architects Named To Board of Planning & Civic Association

Karl Kamrath, TSA-FAIA of Houston, and Roscoe DeWitt, TSA-AIA of Dallas, have been named to the Board of Trustees of the American Planning & Civic Association, one of the leading national organizations in the field of urban planning and renewal.

Mr. Kamrath, chairman of the Capital Plan Committee of TSA, also serves on the national group which is studying the need for a civic and cultural center for the U. S., in Washington, D. C.



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- 1:00 p.m. Golf Tourney begins for both men and women entrants—Tournament sponsored by Texas Quorries.
- 7:00 p.m. Preconvention Cocktail Party—Dallas Chapter, TSA-AIA, host.
- 8:30 p.m. Informal buffet in homes of members of Dallas Chapter, TSA-AIA. Guest list limited to those who pre-registered for the convention.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1957**

- 9:45 a.m. Convention Opens—Official Greetings to Convention from Mayor Thornton, and Invocation.
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote address—"A Challenge to the Architect to Assume His Responsibilities in Shaping Our Environment."—Hugh Pomeroy, director of Westchester County Planning Commission, New York.
- 10:00 a.m. Brunch for ladies at Neiman-Marcus.
- 11:00 a.m. Opening Business Session—President Fred J. MacKie, Jr., presiding.
- 12:00 noon Luncheon—(Ladies welcome): Address by Hon. Waggoner Carr, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.
- 2:00 p.m. Seminar on "Shaping Our Environment"—  
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- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast—Acme Brick Company, Host.
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CHARLES LUCKMAN, AIA, Architect, Los Angeles, Cal.  
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- 12:00 Noon Awards Luncheon (Ladies welcome)
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Business Session.
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# Winners - "Texas Architecture—1957"

Three First Honor Awards and six Awards of Merit were made in "Texas Architecture—1957", the statewide competition seen this year again at the State Fair of Texas. Photographs of the winners are shown below in alphabetical order by category of award. Descriptions of the winners will be carried in the December issue.

Jack H. Morgan, TSA-AIA of Dallas, was chairman for "TA-57", which attracted a total of 45 entries from every sector of the state. Judges were Walter A. Netch, Jr. of Chicago, John W. Lawrence of New Orleans, and Don P. Stevens of Albuquerque, N. M., all AIA.

The "TA-57" exhibit will be seen at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas during the October 30-November 1 convention, and the public is cordially invited to view these outstanding examples of architecture.



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First Honor Award,  
Commercial Category

*Architects:* O'Neil Ford, Colley & Tamminga,  
TSA-AIA  
San Antonio, Texas





Thomas Andrew Woods  
Elementary School,  
Tyler, Texas  
First Honor Award,  
Schools Category

*Architect:*  
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TSA-AIA  
Tyler, Texas

A. J. Farfel Residence  
Houston, Texas

Award of Merit,  
Residential Category

*Architects:*  
Bolton & Barnstone, TSA-AIA  
Houston, Texas





Five Primary Schools  
Andrews, Texas

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Schools Category

*Architects:*  
Caudill, Rowlett, Scott  
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Bryan, Texas

Luby's Cafeteria  
San Antonio, Texas

Award of Merit  
Commercial Category

*Architects:*  
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& Associates, TSA-AIA  
San Antonio, Texas





Temple Emanu-El  
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Commercial Category

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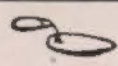
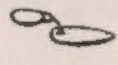
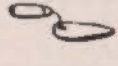
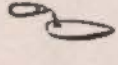
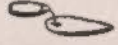
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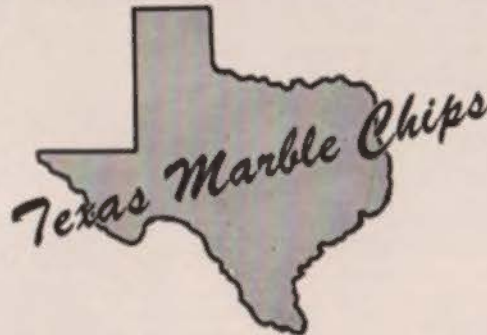
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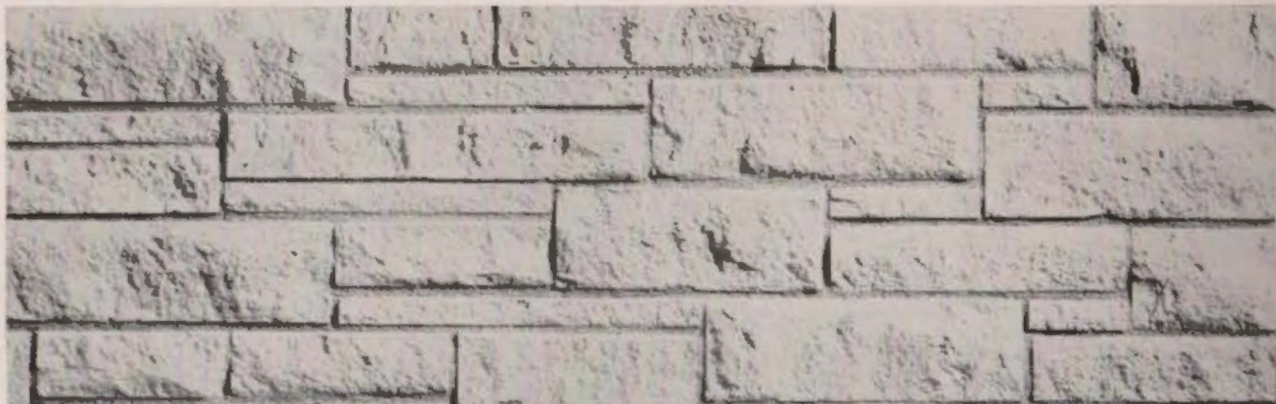
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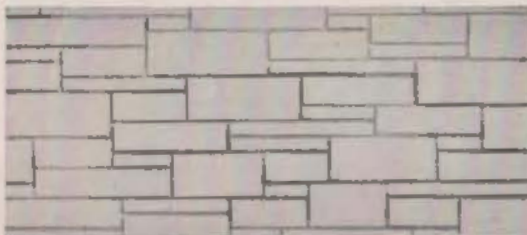
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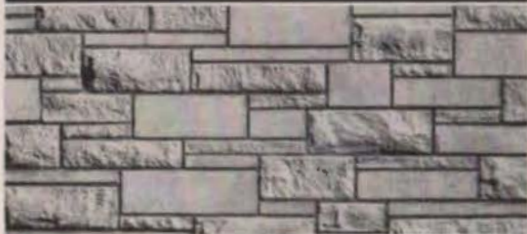


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