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### MEMBERS URGED BY PRESIDENT WILSON TO MAKE EARLY CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

The extreme interest displayed by TSA members in the coming TSA 1950 convention at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, November 1, 2 and 3, has caused President Ed Wilson to urge making advance hotel reservations at the Baker, or near by hotels, soon as possible.

Reservations may be made direct to the hotel, or by writing to Mrs. Arch Swank, Jr., executive secretary of Dallas chapter, 3119 Raleigh, Dallas, Texas.

An outstanding Seminar program, a varied exhibit of member's works, and a well-balanced program of social events assure the members of the greatest convention in the history of TSA.

Registration fees for the 1950 convention will be \$20.00 for TSA members and \$8.00 for ladies, instead of the \$19.00 and \$9.00 reported earlier.

President Wilson called special attention to the events planned for the ladies. The schedule is:

8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 1
Pre-Convention Cocktail Party,
Texas Room of the Baker Hotel

Thursday, November 2

11:00 a.m. Coffee at Titche-Goettinger Company Afternoon Tour of Homes in Dallas and suburbs

Friday, November 3

12:00 noon Luncheon, Dallas Country Club 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Party at Neiman-Marcus (Delegates and Ladies)

8:00 p.m. President's Dinner and Ball, Peacock Terrace, Baker Hotel (Informal Dress -Delegates and Ladies)

### ADVANCED ENTRY FEES RECEIVED IN DALLAS FOR TSA MEMBER'S ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBIT

Advanced entry fees for exhibit of member's work at the TSA convention in Dallas indicate that the state's architecture will be well represented in all

categories, with entries from all chapters.

Donald Nelson of Dallas, chairman of the Exhibit Committee, stated that final deadline for receipt in Dallas of the materials for display is October 6. The Dallas Chapter Working Committee will then mount all plans, photos, etc. on 30 by 40 inch mounts.

It is contemplated that the mounts will be used to form a travelling exhibit, after the convention, to go to schools, chapters, and public meetings over the state. At the conclusion of the tour, the mounted exhibits will be returned to each exhibitor.

Awards for design metit in the form of metal plaques, one for the owner and one for the architect, will be presented at the President's Dinner and Ball the night of November 3 in Dallas.

Exhibits will include work done pre-war, but

never exhibited at any TSA convention.

All entries should be prepaid, and addressed to: TSA Exhibit, c/o George Edwards, Architect, 1509-A Cochran Street, Dallas 1, Texas.

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### KARL KAMPATH NAMED CAPITOL PLAN CHAIRMAN

Karl Kamrath, Houston, has been named by TSA President Ed Wilson, and approved by the B oard, as chairman of the Committee on Capitol Plan. He fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Harry D. Payne to become chairman of TSA Insurance Committee.

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### APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The appointment of Hugh L. McMath, Austin, to the Education Committee of the American Institute of Architects has been announced. The appointment was made by national President Ralph Walker.

### 1950 T.S.A. CONVENTION PROGRAM

### Wednesday, November 1

5:00 p.m. Registration 8:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Cocktail Party, (Delegates) Texas Room of the Baker Hotel (& Ladies)

### Thursday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Business Session

(a) Invocation

(b) Welcoming Address(c) Treasurer's Report(d) Secretary's Report

(e) President's Report - Consolidated from all Committees

(f) Nomination of 1951 Officers 12:00 noon Recess for Luncheon, Dutch Treat

1:30 p.m. Seminar on "Lightweight Construction"
Welton D. Becket, Los Angeles, Calif.
"Opening Address for the Architects."
Panel of Five Consultants

5:00 p.m. Close of First Seminar Session 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Party at Baker Hotel (Delegates and Ladies)

7:00 p.m. Evening Open for Any Entertainment Desired, Dutch Treat

### Friday, November 3

7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Dutch Treat in Rooms 5 and 6, Baker Hotel

9:00 a.m. Seminar on "Lightweight Construction"
Walter P. Moore, Houston, Texas
"Opening Address for Structural Engineers."
Panel of Five Consultants

Speaker on Architecture and Atom Bombs 12:00 noon Adjournment of Final Seminar Session

12:30 p.m. Luncheon, Dutch Treat in Rooms 5 and 6, Baker Hotel 1:30 p.m. Business Session

(a) New Business

(b) Bartlett Cocke (15-minute discussion, Texas State Architectural Registration Board)

(c) Discussions

(d) Election of 1951 Officers

(e) Architects Exhibits Awards

f) Students Competition Awards

5:00 p.m. Adjournment of Business Session 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Party at Neiman-Marcus (Delegates and Ladies)

8:00 p.m. President's Dinner and Ball, Peacock Terrace. Baker Hotel (Informal Dress)

12:00 p.m. Official Adjourment of Convention

### SEPTEMBER 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HEARS TSA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

A September meeting of the TSA Board of Directors and Committee chairmen was held in Dallas on Sept. 9, from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Baker Hotel.

Attending the meeting were: Ed Wilson, Robert Woltz, Jr., Hubert H. Crane and Herman Cox, Fort Worth; Eugene Werlin, Fred Mackie, David C. Baer, Herbert Voelcker, Harry D. Payne, and Harold Sprawls of George Kirksey & Associates, Houston; Lee Roy Buttrill, Temple; Zeb Rike, McAllen; Marvin Eickenroht, San Antonio; Wm. C. Collier, Jr., Abilene; Thomas D. Broad, Jack Corgan, Don Nelson, Jon Carsey, George Dahl, Terrell Harper, Herbert Tatum, Arch Swank, Jr., Mrs. Arch Swank, Jr., executive secretary of Dallas chapter, TSA, Dallas.

Primary topic on the agenda was the discussion of the 1950 11th annual TSA convention, and completion of final plans. Committee chairmen present made their reports for final consideration before the convention. Each of these reports is treated in detail in other

articles in THE TEXAS ARCHITECT.

# SERVICES AND STATEWIDE FEE SCHEDULES SUBMITTED FOR VOTE AT TSA CONVENTION

A statement of services to be rendered by the architect and schedule of proper minimum fees has been submitted by Raymond Phelps of San Antonio, chairman of the Committee to Study State Wide Fee Schedules. These articles will be voted on for approval or disapproval at the TSA convention in Dallas in November.

Robert P. Woltz, Jr., who read the report on the Committee, stated that all legal aspects had been investigated to prevent violation of Anti-Trust Laws.

Fees now set in some places are believed unfair to architects giving full architectural services to governmental agencies, Mr. Woltz said. A need for separation of architectural services from those of doctors and lawyers was also expressed. With an architect, the client is paying for the architect's disgression, members pointed out in discussion.

The proposed State Wide Fee Schedule is a composite study of minimum fee schedules from Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston. If passed, the schedules will be printed on high quality paper and dis-

tributed by the Texas Society of Architects.

In order that all members of TSA may have an opportunity to study these schedules before the voting, they are reprinted here:

### ARTICLE I. Services of the Architect

The fees established in this schedule are for complete Professional Service. This Service includes:

- (a) THE PRELIMINARY PHASE The necessary conferences, DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM and preparation of PRELIMINARY STUDIES.
- (b) THE WORKING DRAWING PHASE The production of complete ARCHITECTURAL, MECHANICAL AND STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS and SPECIFICATIONS and their proper correlation.
- (c) THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE The AWARDING OF CONTRACTS and ADMINISTRATION and INSPECTION of the work.

The Architect's fee does not include the cost of Superintendence by a full-time inspector or the cost of test and surveys.

### ARTICLE II. Method of Compensation

The PERCENTAGE FEE is the usual method of compensation. Under this method the Architect's fee is a percentage of the cost of the completed work. Recognizing that the service and skill required on different types of work vary widely and that the Architect's fee should be in relation to his cost of production, projects have been classified in three groups. The fee for each group, including complete service as listed in Article I, should be as shown in the schedule under Article III.

Other methods of compensation are used occasionally, namely, negotiated lump sum fee and cost-plus fixed fee.

### ARTICLE III. Schedule of Proper Minimum Basic Fees:

(Including all normal structural and mechanical engineering service.)

GROUP I: Industrial and factory buildings, garages, warehouses, grade schools, high schools, gymnasiums, auditoriums, stadiums, playfields, simple store buildings, repetitive apartment buildings, college buildings, hotels, office buildings. MINIMUM FEE - 6 %

GROUP II: Specialized store buildings, banks, theaters, churches, clubs, single apartment buildings, religious and fraternal homes, hospitals, clinics, libraries, museums, city halls, court houses, fire stations.

MINIMUM FEE - 7 %

GROUP III: Residences, monuments, mausoleums, swimming pools, shop fronts.

MINIMUM FEE - 8 %

### NOTE:

(a) When contracts for furniture and moveable equipment are let under the Architect's supervision, the minimum fee for such service should be 10 %.

(b) The minimum fee for specially designed furniture, store fixtures, interior decorating and landscape work should be 15 %.

(c) The fee for scale models and master plans of work not constructed shall be in addition to the basic fee and may be negotiated for on a lump sum basis.

### ARTICLE IV. Payment for Professional Services

Payments to the Architect on his commission, in percentage of his total fee, computed on a reasonable estimated cost of the completed work, should be made as follows:

25% upon completion of STUDIES and PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS.

50% upon completion of WORKING DRAWINGS and SPECIFICATIONS.

25% during CONSTRUCTION.

Any variance between the ESTIMATED COST and the ACTUAL COST of the completed work should be ADJUSTED in the FINAL PAYMENT of the fee.

During the preparation of preliminary studies and the specifications and general working drawings, it is proper that PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT be made at monthly or other intervals in proportion to the progress of the Architect's service.

### ARTICLE V. Fees Higher Than Minimum

Fees higher than minimum ARE IN NO WISE PROHIBITED and are proper in all cases where the building problem is of greater complexity than the average of its kind and would result in an increase in the Architect's costs; or where special services are required; or where the reputation and ability of the Architect command a larger professional fee; or where the building project scope is relatively small.

For ALTERATIONS the minimum fee for buildings in all groups should be increased by from 25% to 50%, but this increase should, in general, apply only to the cost of the alteration to the existing structures, and

not to the cost of additions beyond alterations.

If the Owner requires the services of CONSULTING, AS-SOCIATE or SUPERVISING ARCHITECTS, it should be recognized that such association develops increased cost. An increase in the basic rate, by the addition of a minimum of 1%, should therefore be paid by the Owner. The total fee should be divided between the Architect and the Associate Architect in such manner as the circumstances warrent.

The "Schedule of Minimum Rates" applies when all construction and mechanical work is let under one contract. Increased minimum fees should be charged in all types, if SEPARATE CONTRACTS are required, thereby increasing the Architect's burden of service, expense and responsibility. The minimum increase should be 2% of the vale of the contracts segrated from the general contract but the increase should not apply to the work remaining in the general contract.

### ARTICLE VI. Standard Contract Provisions for the Information of the Client

(a) PAYMENTS FOR PARTIAL SERVICE - If a project is ABANDONED or if the Architect's contract is terminated, the Architect should be paid that percentage of his total fee corresponding to the percentage of

service already rendered.

(b) SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND ENGINEERING - When the Architect is called upon for SPECIAL ENGINEERING STUDY and ANALYSIS, due to the installation of Complicated equipment or study of a manufacturing process, such service should be paid for by the Owner in addition to the minimum basic fee.

(c) TRAVEL EXPENSE - The Architect is entitled, in addition to the basic fee, to all costs of transportation and living incurred by himself and his assistants while travelling in the discharge of duties connected with the work.

(d) ARCHITECT'S INSPECTION - The Architect will en-

deavor to guard the Owner against defects and

deficiencies in the work of contractors, but does not GU/RENTEE the performance of their contracts.

The Architect will inspect the construction of the work. The services incident to such inspection should be limited to:

(1) so much of the Architect's own personal services as are necessary in reporting and making recommendations relative to the progress of the work and endeavoring to guard the Owner against defects and deficiencies in the work of the Contractors; and

(2) recommending approvals of materials and equipment; checking and reporting on Contractor's proposals in connection with changes in the Contract

and approving certificates of payment; and

(3) furnishing any and all clerical and technical assistance required by the Architect in his office in the performance of the above services, including the services of anyone delegated by the Architect to act in his stead either in his office or in the field.

(e) CONTINUOUS FIELD SUPERINTENDENCE - When continuous field superintendence is AUTHORIZED by the Owner, the number and character of such supervisory personnel should be DETERMINED BY THE ARCHITECT and ENGAGED BY HIM at a salary satisfactory to the Owner. The Owner should pay the cost of such supervisory personnel upon presentation of the Architect's monthly statements.

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# ADOPTION OF RULES OF PRACTICE BETWEEN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS RECOMMENDED

The Committee on Professional Society Relations reported through a letter from Chairman Nat Hardy of Corpus Christi that The Society of Professional Engineers had not yet given formal approval of the suggested rules of practice between architects and engineers,

but approval was expected by the time of the TSA convention in Dallas in September.

The Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the recommendation be made to the convention to adopt the rules of practice as originally submitted with the revision of Section VII - Individual Obligation - Subsection B, Paragraph 6 at top of page 3 as previously submitted.

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# TSA CHAPTER'S BOUNDARY REVISION NEARS COMPLETION WITH NEW CHAPTER

Chapter boundaries for the nine chapters of TSA have been revised according to the formation of the new Lower Rio Grande chapter, Wm. H. Collier, Jr., of Abilene, chairman of the Committee on Revised Chapter Boundaries, reported to the Board.

Two counties in West Texas were still "floating" but there are not architects in these two counties, Mr. Collier said, adding that he would have these two counties placed by November.

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### NEW TSA INSURANCE COMMITTEE FORMED

The Committee for the Study of Insurance Protection as Available and Desirable in the Practice of Architecture has been recently formed with Harry D. Payne of Houston as Chairman.

TSA members appointed to the Committee, to date, are: Ed Wilson, Fort Worth, ex-officio; Howard Barr, George Walling, Central Texas; Grayson Gill, O. L. Hazelwood, Dallas Chapter; Joseph H. Gaylord, Preston M. Geren, Jr., Fort Worth; Hamilton Brown, Lewis J. Woodruff, Benjamine E. Irby, Houston Chapter; J. Roy Smith, Panhandle; and Leo M. J. Dielman, West Texas.

A report on the work of this Committee appears elsewhere in THE TEXAS ARCHITECT.

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# An Editorial NEED OF OTHER ARCHITECTURAL CHAPTERS IN TEXAS

The number of architects in Texas has risen sharply in the past ten years, just like the population of our great state has increased. However, even with this large increase, there are many parts where only a few architects can be found.

In the western part of the state in many counties there are no architects at all, except when some institution announces a desire to start a building program, then suddenly from out of no where appear such a large number of architects that it looks like a young TSA convention.

It is hard for architects to attend monthly meetings when such meetings require four or five hours
driving time just to get there and a similar time to
drive back. It is no problem to travel almost across
the state to have a try at some new project, but we
are reluctant to drive only a short distance to
attend a TSA or AIA meeting.

Texas is a large state. It has been attempted to include as little territory as possible with our chapters, but even so, the area of some are larger than some states. Some of us architects still find it necessary to travel long distances to attend chapter meetings. These long distances don't seem objectionable, however, when the chapter has an interesting program.

We do have a need for additional chapters in Texas. The travel time and expenses of attending meeting should be reduced. This would also induce more architects to get together and assist in working out ways and means of explaining the work of the profession to the general public.

Smaller chapters would permit more architects to

attend meetings and the increased fellowship would be enjoyed by all. Active steps should be taken to form needed chapters.

It might not be wise however to attempt a new chapter in an area where architects are so widely separated that it would be difficult to have meetings that would be both interesting and profitable to the members who attend.

Some of the fellows, including the author, prefer to drive 150 miles or so to a chapter meeting that is well attended by the more local architects and has an interesting and informative program (and the food is good.)

The chapters that have very large areas might consider one or two meetings a year where additional emphasis is placed on getting the men in from the outlying counties. Some form of an attendance contest or some other means of getting a few more architects to attend one or two meetings a year might be used.

If all the architects, including the more or less local ones, would put forth a little more effort and attend chapter meetings more regularly, the chapters would be strengthened and the architects attending would come away with more than just a good meal.

- William M. Collier, Jr. Abilene, Texas

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 16-19: 17th Annual Meeting of National Association of Housing Officials, Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan.
- Nov. 1-2-3: 11th Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS & REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS OF TSA FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 1950 CONVENTION

The TSA Committee on By-Law Revision, chairmaned by Milton McGinty of Houston, has prepared certain amendments to be voted on at the TSA convention. In compliance with the By-Laws, THE FOLLOWING PRINTING IS THE OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. The purpose and intent of the revisions are:

l. To cover the necessary changes in the present By-Laws to meet Institute Requirements for State Organization Membership; and 2. to provide that the Regional Director of the new Texas Region AIA be made Ex-Officio Director of TSA.

The amendments are proposed by the Executive Board for reasons which are stated in the "comment" following each amendment.

## (1) - Page 1 - Article 1, Section 1 and Heading

The phrase "of the American Institute of Architects" shall be added to the name "The Texas Society of Architects" as required by Institute By-Laws, in the heading and in Article 1, Section 1.

COMMENT: The use of such title already is provided in the Society's By-Laws in Section 7, Article IX, page 10.

# (2) - Page 2 - Article II, Section 2, paragraph (d)

Amend paragraph (d) by changing second sentence to read "A Member TSA may exercise the right to attend and speak at any meeting of the Society and to vote, but is not eligible to hold office or act as a representative or delegate of the Society." Also delete paragraph (2) beginning "Each Member, TSA, shall be assigned.....".

COMMENT: The right to hold office in the Society is

given to a member thereof who is not a corporate member of the American Institute of Architects.

In view of the Society's intention to become a component organization of THE INSTITUTE, all elected officers of the Society should be corporate members of the AIA.

The assignment of Members TSA is covered under Article II, Section 3 (d).

# (3) - Page 6 - Article VI, Section 1, paragraph (a), Members

Amend to read "The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and directors, all of whom shall be Corporate Members." Under (c) amend first sentence to read "There shall be one Director elected from each District or Chapter and the Regional Director of the Texas Region AIA shall be ex-officio a Director of the TSA." Delete next to last sentence beginning "In Districts having more than one Chapter...."

COMMENT: It is felt that since Texas has become a Regional District of AIA that the Regional Director should be a Director TSA automatically.

Since the Districts and Chapters are subject to change, it is deemed advisable to have a Director elected from each chapter.

## (4) - Page 11 - Article X, Section 1.

Add paragraph (d) to read "Every such By-Law amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects for approval before becoming effective."

COMMENT: This is a general requirement for all chapters and state organizations and is based upon Section 7 of Chapter VI of the By-Laws of the Institute relating to State Organizations.

# WELTON D. BECKET NIMED SPEIKER FOR SEMINAR WALTER P. MOORE TO SPEIK FOR ENGINEERS

Welton D. Becket of Los Angeles, member of the architectural firm of Wurdeman and Becket, has been named as the main speaker for architects at the TSA convention Seminar of "Lightweight Construction."

This study will concern the use of lightweight construction to secure buildings of lower cost and increased efficiency.

Seminar Chairman Walter Rolfe of Houston made the announcement shortly after receiving a telegram from Max Abramovitz of New York that he had been called back into military service immediately.

Architect Becket is a graduate of M.I.T. Aside from being commissioned to do work in Japan, he is also well known to the profession for his design on the Prudential Building, completed last year in Los Angeles at a cost of eight million dollars.

Speaking for the structural engineers at the Seminar will be Walter P. Moore of Houston. Following the address by both men, the floor will be open to questions. Assisting the speakers at both sessions of the Seminar will be a panel of five consultants.

They are: Wharton Clay, secretary-treasurer of Perlite Institute, New York; O. M. Mader, director of architectural section of Alcoa lightweight material; G. R. Stark, president of Vermiculite Co., Austin; R. L. Belden, field engineer, Alatex Co., New Orleans; Raymond Dawson, director of Bureau of Engineering Research, University of Texas.

FLASH: It is expected that an authority on Atomic warfare will also be present who can advise on the questions uppermost in the minds of all architects in this atomic age. That is—How can the architects design to protect occupants in the events of atom bombs, what kind of construction will withstand atom bombing best, and just what can the architectural profession do to serve his fellow man?

# COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTLINES PLANS FOR NEWS COVERAGE OF CONVENTION

David C. Baer of Houston, chairman of the TSA Public Relations Committee, made several recommendations to the Board of Directors in his report to the September 9 meeting in Dallas.

The Committee, in cooperation with George Kirksey & Associates, the chapter's public relations counsel, is now working on a "Press Book" which will be distributed to the editors of the newspapers in the key cities of Texas prior to the TSA convention. This "Press Book" will also serve the newspaper representatives attending the convention sessions.

Contents of the "Press Book" will include such material as a letter to all newsmen, history of TSA, officers, directors and committee chairmen, stories about the various events of the convention, news releases for the papers, and reprints of technical papers to be given at the convention.

Further recommendations were made by Mr. Baer that each chapter consider sponsoring, from its particular locale, a reporter to cover the convention. It was suggested that each Director take this matter before their individual chapters for discussion.

Publicity for the convention at the local Dallas level is being coordinated by Mrs. Arch Swank, Jr., executive secretary of the Dallas chapter. Attention will be drawn to the TSA convention by the publication of special sections in the Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times Herald on the subject of architecture.

During the convention, a press room will be established in the Baker Hotel with typewriters and telephones in order that reporters may meet daily deadlines on the coverage of the convention.

### COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PLANT STUDY REPORTS ON TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

Members of the TSA Committee on School Plant Study were among those called to a meeting in Austin by the Texas Education Agency on August 25to discuss setting up the proposed duties of the Director of school plant planning for the State of Texas.

Herbert Voelcker of Houston, chairman of the TSA Committee, said that the architects who attended the meeting consider the results of the discussions most satisfactory.

In consideration of proposed duties, it was felt that studying building standards, assisting in research in school plant design, and assisting in developing standards for the different plant facilities were the only advisory duties and should be limited to recommendations along desirable trends and developments. It was deemed unadvisable that there should be any set limitations to restrict the advance and development of better school planning.

Adverse criticism pertaining to codes was advanced during a discussion of a proposal to study a State Building Code, and regulation of school construction under a building code. Mr. Voelcker said opposition to the now existing 40-year old State School Building Law, has been engendered by the enforcement of its most peculiar and restrictive limitation. The Committee unanimously agreed that the existing law should be voided.

The following proposed duties for the director were considered worthy provided they were developed along advisory lines and in the spirit of guidance: To provide statistical information regarding school plant construction in Texas; To assist in developing standards for the different plant facilities, such as size of campus, etc.; To prepare suggested plans for one, two and three teacher schools; To coordinate the activities of various agencies affected in school plant planning; and to prepare a bibliography of material

in the field of school plant construction, maintenance, and operation.

The proposed duty of providing leadership in the development of school plant maintenance program received unanimous approval. Many schools are neglected from the day of completion, Mr. Voelcker said. It was suggested that training counses might be made available to school custodians.

Representatives at the Austin meeting from the State Health Department and the Railroad and Fire Insurance Commission questionned enforcement by their respective departments through such a medium as the Texas Education Agency. Major objections were against duplicating activities and personnel.

It was generally deemed possible that the approval by the Legislature of a State Building Code might be accomplished, and it should regulate construction of all public buildings and not just schools alone. It was recognized that the passage of a State Building Code would meet with great opposition as do the most worthy proposals, notably the Gilmer Aiken Bill.

The need of requiring registered a rchitectural services on schools was also recognized. Some felt that all school plans should be approved by various departments and commissions, but it was suggested that registered architects and engineers should have the competency to assure compliance with State Laws, affirmed by an affidavit of compliance.

The Committee felt that a director of this Texas Education Agency should be competent of co-operative coordination and that he should recognize the importance of progressive development in school planning. The salary limitations possibly preclude the chances of finding either an experienced architect or school administrator with all of these qualifications.

Mr. Voelcker said he would welcome any frank comment and criticism from the TSA members relative to this meeting and the proposals. A further report on this Committee will be made at the convention in Dallas.

# COMMITTEE FOR STUDY OF INSURANCE PROTECTION IN THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE SUBMITS PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION

Harry D. Payne, Houston, chairman of the Committee for the Study of Insurance Protection as Available and Desirable in the Practice of Architecture, appeared before the September 9 TSA Board meeting to report on the work of his Committee.

The Committee proposes consideration of the sub-

ject in accord with the following outline.

A. Office Protection
Fire and Windstorm

Endorsements: Explosion, Sprinkler Water Damage Vandalism and Malicious Mischief Public Liability Premise and Occupancy Liability

B. Office Staff and Job-Site Personnel

Workman's Compensation Accident Health Hospitalization

C. Job-Site (to and from)

Public Liability

Property Damage

Contingent Liability

Automobile (non-ownership)

D. Professional Practice
Professional Liability
Business Interruption
Provision for Continuity of Practice and
Completion of Work in Hand

E. Contractors Fidelity and Protection Insurance
Performance Bonds\*
Public Liability
Property Damage\*
\*Architect's Reimbursement and Contingent
Liability

Mr. Payne states that the Committee expects to make an adequate report at the time of the convention.

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Chairman — Lee Roy Buttrill, Box 45, Temple Members — Walter C. Moore, Jr., Austin; Hubert H. Crane, Fort Worth; John Lynn Scott, Austin; L. W. Pitts, Beaumont.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PLANT STUDY

Chairman — Herbert Voelcker, 1202 Dennis, Houston
Members — Stayton Nunn, Houston; Robert L. Vogler, Corpus
Christi; Jos. J. Patterson, Fort Worth; Louis Daeuble, Jr.,
El Paso; Jesse D. Dixon, Wichita Falls; Marvin Eickenroht,
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