

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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It is hard to realize that the *New Mexico Architect* magazine is now about to complete its third year of publication. From a dubious beginning in the spring of 1959, the magazine has developed into a graphically outstanding publication of which the profession may well be proud. This achievement has not been without hard work and support from many quarters. I believe it would be appropriate at this time to say "thank you" to the various individuals who have made the magazine what it is; Thank you to David Gebhard, editor from October 1959 to October 1960 and now Director of the Art Gallery of the University of California at Santa Barbara; Thank you to Bainbridge Bunting and John Conron, co-editors since October of 1960, who give many hours of their time and talents to the composition and editorial matter contained in each issue; Thank you to Miles Brittle, who from the very beginning of the magazine has handled all the advertising, a tremendous and all important job. And thank you to all the advertisers without whose support the magazine could not exist. There are many other individuals who are helping also, such as Van Dorn Hooker who has assembled and filed the mailing list of 3000 recipients of the magazine, Mrs. Miles Brittle who keeps so well a complicated set of books, and Jean Rodgers Oliver who has contributed her photographic talent in furnishing many outstanding photographs for the magazine.

The next meeting of the New Mexico Chapter will be held in Santa Fe on Friday evening, January 12, 1962. The place will be the Santa Fe Lodge, located about 7 miles south of Santa Fe on the Albuquerque Highway, all of which means it should be an easy trip for those coming from the Duke City. On the agenda is the election of Chapter Officers for the coming year, and a panel discussion on the advantages or disadvantages of a Joint Architect-Engineer Registration Board for New Mexico similar to the Technical Board of Registration presently existing in Arizona. Individuals on this panel as of this date are Bob Fairburn, Lawrence Garcia, Secretary of the N. M. Board of Registration, Charles Barnhart, AIA Legal Counsel for the N. M. Chapter, and a representative of the Arizona Board of Technical Registration who has not as yet been finally selected. There will be dinner (buffet style). This is not intended as a social meeting, since there will be a good deal of business to take care of, and the annual meeting in Albuquerque will occur in early March.

With the very Best Wishes for the Year 1962

*Phillippe Register, President
New Mexico Chapter, AIA.*

NMA NEWS

David Gebhard resigns. The Magazine Committee of the *NMA* has received the resignation of Dr. David Gebhard as editor. Since August, 1960 Dr. Gebhard has been on leave from his posts of editor of the *NMA* and director of the Roswell Museum and Art Center. In September, 1961 he accepted the position of lecturer on art and curator of the Art Gallery, University of California at Santa Barbara.

Recipient of a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, Dr. Gebhard taught during the winter of 1960-61 in the architectural division of the Istanbul Technical Uni-

versity, Istanbul, Turkey. From June to August he traveled through the Orient under the sponsorship of the State Department to lecture in principal cities on Recent American Architecture. In August, 1961 he returned to New York City in time to take part in the International Congress of Art Historians.

The *NMA* owes a tremendous debt of gratitude Dr. Gebhard's skillful and imaginative direction. Accepting the editorship when the magazine was heavily in debt and largely unattended, he redesigned its format and instituted a vigorous editorial policy. The high performance he established has been a constant challenge to the present editors. John Conron and Bainbridge Bunting, appointed as interim editors during Dr. Gebhard's absence, will continue as co-editors.

NMA Finances. W. Miles Brittle, Sr., chairman of the *NMA* magazine committee, announces the payment of another \$250 note on the magazine's debt. This payment reduces the total indebtedness to \$2000. In December, 1959, when the Magazine Committee with Dr. David Gebhard took over management of the *NMA*, the debt stood at \$4000. The Committee looks forward to an even greater reduction of debt in 1962.

Note of Thanks. The above milestone, plus the beginning of a new year, provide the appropriate occasion for the editors and Magazine Committee to acknowledge their appreciation to many people who have contributed to the success of the *NMA*.

● *We thank the several New Mexico architects who guaranteed the \$4000 bank loan in 1959 which enabled the magazine to continue publication.*

● *We are particularly indebted to W. Miles Brittle, Sr., the hard-working volunteer manager of NMA finances and advertising. Without his sustained attention and enthusiasm the magazine could not continue. If he were being paid professional fees for his services, there would be no profit with which to pay off the debt.*

● *We are indebted finally to our advertisers. It is really they who ultimately make possible our publication. And we remind our readers that reciprocation is a privilege.*

NOTES

Martin L. Beck. Martin L. Beck, president of the New Jersey State Board of Architects, has been named to the newly created post of director of planning and supervising architect of New York University. The appointment was made by the University's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Beck will assist the president of the University in overall architectural planning, working with the school's administrators, faculty committees and the outside architects who are retained for specific projects.

Mr. Beck helped develop expansion plans for Rutgers University, Glassboro State College, Long Island University and other educational institutions. From 1928 to World War II Mr. Beck was a member of Princeton University's School of Architecture.

In the late 1940's he was active in New Mexico, at first with the Atomic Energy Commission in Los Alamos, next in the office of John Gaw Meem and then with Ferguson and Stevens. He left here to enter private practice in New Jersey. A resident of Princeton, he is chairman of the Princeton Planning Board. In 1960 he was elected a fellow of the AIA.