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In the interest of speed this bulletin is being sent to you in mimeographed form rather than the regular printed form. It has been our intention for some time to circularize the profession concerning the Southern Conference on Hospital Planning in Biloxi, Mississippi, May 19, 20 and 21, but we have also been faced with holding up the bulletin pending receipt of definite information on our current legislative program. We are now in position to give you specific information on both in this same bulletin.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON HOSPITAL PLANNING:

The Institute is making every effort possible to promote the Southern Conference on Hospital Planning to be held at Biloxi and to make of it the outstanding regional meeting of architects held thus far. You have no doubt received various letters and printed literature pertaining to this conference and urging as many members of the profession to attend as can do so. We have been particularly requested to stress the importance of this meeting by Mr. Ross Shumaker, Director, South Atlantic District, A.I.A.; Mr. Moreland G. Smith, A.I.A., Montgomery, Ala., Chairman of the Conference; Miss Marion Manley, of the Florida South Chapter A.I.A.; and Mr. Robert G. Carter, Supervisor, Hospital Planning Division, Florida State Improvement Commission.

Mr. Carter points out that over \$11,000,000 worth of hospital and health center work will go under construction in Florida under the present provisions of the Federal Hospital Survey and Construction Act. He is particularly anxious to have a large representation of Florida architects at the Conference since on the last afternoon of the Conference there will be a meeting of all in attendance from the State of Florida, at which time a review of progress under our Florida program and a discussion of future development of such program will take place.

There is an outstanding roster of architects, medical men and hospital consultants on the program and we urge that you take advantage of this opportunity.

As a last reminder - The time: May 19, 20, 21. The place: Buena Vista Hotel, Biloxi, Miss. A word of caution: Reservations are advised.

LEGISLATION:

To start today and go backward, it is very gratifying to report that legislation sponsored by the Association this year has been passed. This legislation overcomes handicaps with which your State Board of Architecture has been faced in the past due to the lack of funds and also clears up a technical detail desired by the State Board changing the time of the annual report to the Governor.

Your Legislative Committee, after a careful review of the existing law concluded that what was needed first was an increased budget for the State Board of Architecture to allow them sufficient funds to carry out their work of regulating the practice of architecture in Florida. It may be of passing interest that your present State Board has had to function on a budget that was so limited that individual members of the Board have had to pay their own expenses to attend meetings, etc., and that the Association has had to supplement the funds of the Board to pay expenses incident to the prosecution of special cases.

On the surface the passage of our bills may seem insignificant but when you consider a statement made in the press last week that out of over 1300 bills introduced at this session only 50 had been passed, the work of our Legislative Committee and the Attorney for the Association take on the proportions of a major accomplishment.

Your Legislative Committee, with a membership representing all Chapters in the State, has a record of 100% attendance at its meeting just prior to the legislative session. In the last week of April Franklin Bunch, Chairman, circularized his Committee and pointed out that besides our own constructive legislation, numerous bills were being introduced which affected us more or less indirectly. The Committee considered it expedient to have our Attorney, Mr. Benmont Tench of Gainesville, to continue his good services in our behalf for the remainder of the legislative session.

Space does not permit the setting forth in detail of the work being done at this Legislature but it is far more than we have ever been able to do in the past by asking individual architects to sacrifice their business and personal time to serve us in this capacity. As of this writing no bills which would adversely affect our profession have succeeded in getting by and it is hoped that the approaching date when the Rules Committee takes over will even lessen the possibilities of undesirable legislation being passed. Mr. Tench has particularly directed his efforts toward the end that the position of the registered architect in Florida with regard to planning of hotels, apartment houses, etc., would not be changed and that the codes covering such construction would be maintained.

The record to date indicates that your Legislative Committee has been very wise in maintaining someone on the spot when needed, armed with sufficient knowledge of our needs to promote, oppose or defend as conditions demand.

FAA MEDAL:

The Florida North Chapter held a meeting in Gainesville May 9th in order to have a meeting with the Student Branch Chapter at the University of Florida. FAA President Robert M. Little had been invited to address the students during the afternoon. As this was the last regular meeting before graduation he was also invited to attend the Chapter meeting and present the citation for the medal of the Florida Association of Architects which reads as follows:

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Be it known that

EDWARD D. WYKE

While enrolled in the College of Architecture and Allied Arts of the University of Florida, has given evidence of outstanding characteristics of Leadership, Honor, and Service to his fellow students, and as hereinafter inscribed.

Vice-President of Florida Blue Key
(Honorary Leadership Fraternity)

Hall of Fame

Clerk of Honor Court

Justice of Honor Court

Local, State and National President of the Presbyterian
Student Union

Vice-President of Kappa Sigma Fraternity

President of Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Member of Student Branch of the American Institute of
Architects

President in 1947 of Gargoyle Honorary Architectural
Fraternity

By reasons of these accomplishments, Edward D. Wyke was nominated by his fellow students and was chosen by the Faculty of the College of Architecture to receive this the first medal award of the Florida Association of Architects of the American Institute of Architects, this 9th day of May, 1949.

William T. Arnett, A.I.A.
Dean,
College of Architecture and
Allied Arts, University of
Florida

Robert M. Little, A.I.A.
President,
Florida Association of
Architects

In his presentation speech Bob Little pointed out that the record of leadership, honor and service to his fellow students as exemplified by Mr. Wyke carried with it the **promise** of continued leadership in his professional life.

FAA TO SPONSOR STUDENT ASSOCIATE GROUP:

Due to the fact that the men at the University of Florida come from all over the state, a request was made to the Executive Board of the FAA at their last meeting that the state organization take over the sponsorship of the Student Chapter previously sponsored by the Florida North Chapter which has jurisdiction over Gainesville.

The Board authorized the secretary to prepare necessary amendments to our By-Laws for presentation at the next convention so that this change might be accomplished.

OBITUARY:

We regretted to learn from the President of the Palm Beach Chapter of the recent death of Bruce Paxton Kitchell, architect and resident of Palm Beach since 1919. Mr. Kitchell was 70 years old at the time of his death and was well-known to many members of the Association. His loss to the profession will be strongly felt.

Sanford W. Goin
Secretary-Treasurer