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Charles Deaton, Architect, Denver, Colorado

The new Wyoming National Bank of Casper utilized lightweight concrete in the large leaf-like blades that form the building’s distinctive domed rotunda. The 20-ton blades were created as a work of sculpture and to furnish the required floor space. Each blade is a part of the wall, as well as a supporting column. This makes possible a circular room eighty-six feet in diameter, entirely free of interior supporting columns. If you’re considering the construction of a building, investigate the advantages of Idealite concrete. It’s strong, yet light in weight; 30% less than normal concrete. It offers superior insulating and acoustical properties and lends itself well to precasting.

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The New Mexico Society of Architects

The New Mexico Society of Architects was formed at a meeting held in Albuquerque on January 9th, 1965. The formation of this new state-wide society is the result, not only of the increased number of registered architects throughout the State, but also, the increasingly broad role which the architectural profession is playing in the evolving environment. The Society’s predecessor, the New Mexico Chapter, American Institute of Architects, has ceased to exist but its 17 years of service to the State serve as the foundation for the future growth of its successor.

The State Society will act as the voice of the architectural profession at the State and Federal levels on matters which affect the practice of architecture on a state-wide basis. It will also become the publisher of this magazine.

Just over three years ago, the State Chapter established three geographic sections under separate officers and this division allowed for increased participation by the profession in community development. These three sections have now grown into separate chapters of the American Institute of Architects.

The new Albuquerque Chapter, A.I.A., met on December 8, 1964, to adopt its new by-laws and to elect its officers for the coming year. This chapter will continue to work closely with the plans to revitalize and develop the downtown area of the State’s largest city. The March-April 1964 issue of N.M.A discussed the Albuquerque section’s participation as a leader in the establishment of this important project.

The New Mexico Southern Chapter, A.I.A., was officially formed on December 4, 1964. The members of this Section devoted much of their time during the past year preparing and hosting the last two-day conference of the former State Chapter which was held last Spring in Roswell.

The Santa Fe Chapter, A.I.A., became a reality during a dinner meeting held on December 3, 1964, at the Palace Restaurant. The former Section had pledged itself to aid the City of Santa Fe in the execution and broadening of its Master Plan. To this end, the Chapter will sponsor a city-wide meeting of leading citizens and organizations in January. At this meeting, members of the Chapter will outline their ideas and proposals as to how this search for a developing Santa Fe might best be undertaken.

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