notes and news from the president

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This, the first issue of the New Year, prompts me to use this column to wish my colleagues and readers "A Joyous Holiday Season and a Most Prosperous and Meaningful 1960."

As I stated in the December issue, I would be attending a committee meeting in Washington on chapter affairs. Let me say to you now that this meeting was quite successful and most inspiring. There were 12 of 14 regional chairmen, in addition to Paul S. Hunter, National Chairman, in attendance. The agenda was quite long and it took the most of three days to complete. Activities of the various regions, along with accomplished and extended objectives, were presented, followed by discussions of and suggestions for continual work. Magazines, as published by the various state chapters, and/or state associations, were displayed, along with statements given as to their purpose. I'm glad to say to you that the "New Mexico Architect" received very much favorable comment. A "ditto" processed "bulletin", as published by the Baton Rouge Chapter, was adjudged the best in that category. In addition to its editorial content, many humorous cartoons slanted towards the profession occur, and they are very cleverly done.

Considerable discussion was held on the "Architects in Training Program" which is sponsored by the educational committee of the Institute and is one of the objectives of the national committee on chapter affairs. Mr. Robert Durham of Seattle, Washington and I were appointed as a special committee to contact Mr. Walter Taylor, director on education for the Institute, for a clarification of its purpose and ultimate successful operation. This we did and a study of these phases of the program is now being made.

A most interesting sidelight of the Conference was the annual meeting of the "Student Forum". The forum is always held in conjunction with the Conference on Chapter Affairs, as their existence and the student chapters are under our jurisdiction. There were 56 architectural schools out of a total of 70 in the nation represented by one or more students with a total of 94 in attendance. We, of the Chapter Affairs Committee, attended some of their scheduled program events with much pleasure. On Tuesday, November 24, the Committee on Chapter Affairs took the entire group of students to lunch. Tables were continued—page 8
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formed in regional fashion with each chairman hosting the students in his region. A more eager group of youngsters does not exist. The questions that they put, with full answers and explanations expected, caused all of us to squirm, scratch our heads and attempt to hold the respect of the youngsters by answering as best we could. I was very happy to have at my table James Hunter F.A.I.A. of Boulder, Colorado, as he helped me greatly in keeping the students satisfied. Jim, by the way, was general chairman and master of ceremonies at the Student Forum.

John Gow Meem, F.A.I.A. has announced his retirement from the firm of Meem, Holien, Buckley and Associates. Mr. Meem will continue to be a consultant to the firm of Holien, Buckley and Associates, and he will also continue a limited consulting and private practice.

Contemporary Architecture of New Mexico II
—The second in a series of traveling exhibitions jointly sponsored by the New Mexico Chapter, A.I.A., the Division of Architecture of the University of New Mexico, the Southwest Design Council and the Roswell Museum and Art Center will be organized during the winter and spring months of 1960. Members of the Chapter are urged to inform the committee of designs which they feel might be included in the Exhibit. Information should be sent to the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, New Mexico. The current exhibit, Contemporary Architecture in New Mexico I, has been shown in five communities in New Mexico. During 1960 it will be shown in seven additional communities in the state.

A.I.A. National Honor Awards Exhibit, 1959, has been obtained for the use of the New Mexico Chapter by its president, W. Miles Brittelle, Sr. This exhibit is available to all New Mexico Communities, and members of the Chapter are urged to make arrangements for its showing in their own cities. The exhibition features fifteen award winning buildings scattered throughout the United States.