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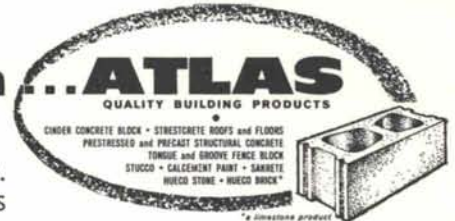


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Adjustable anchoring system solves problem of fastening railings to thin precast treads



Many of the problems of securely anchoring metal railings to concrete stairs have been overcome by an adjustable anchoring system developed by Blumcraft of Pittsburgh.

Heretofore, two conventional methods have most frequently been used to fasten metal railings to concrete:

1. Drill into the concrete and insert expansion shields.
2. Build steel anchors into the concrete, drill and tap the steel anchors for fastening the posts.

Both methods obviously require expensive field labor, and if the drilling is not perfect, vertical alignment of the posts is not possible.

Blumcraft's new adjustable anchoring system provides these advantages:

- Reduces costly field labor.
- Permits adjustability for post alignment.
- Eliminates breakage in masonry when drilling for expansion bolts.
- Provides extreme rigidity through sound structural supports.
- Prongs can be welded to reinforced steel in the concrete, so that the anchors form an integral part of the stair.
- Built-in anchors will not work loose, as may happen to applied expansion shields.
- Posts can be mounted at extreme edge of stair, permitting use of the full width of the stair.
- Permits side-mounting of posts to thin precast treads as narrow as 2", as well as to wood plank stairs and conventional concrete stairs.
- Decorative trim can be applied to the anchor at the edge of the tread.
- For through-tread mountings Blumcraft provides sleeves for building into the precast treads.

As pointed out by Blumcraft, the railing is only as strong as the anchoring to which it is applied.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of the New Mexico chapter AIA is scheduled to meet in Albuquerque on April 6 and 7. The chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with a conference on Church Architecture which is jointly sponsored by the Chapter, the Albuquerque Ministerial Alliance and the Department of Architecture, UNM. Don Schlegel, Chairman of the Albuquerque Division, AIA, announces the following program:

Friday, April 6.

9:00 Registration.

10:00 Keynote speech, "Religious Symbolism," speaker to be announced.

11:00 Panel discussion on same subject by ministers of four different faiths.

12:15 Luncheon, Student Union Building.

2:00 Lecture, "Symbolism in Earlier Church Architecture," Dr. Bainbridge Bunting, Assoc. Prof., UNM.

2:45 Informal discussion and questions.

3:00 Lecture, "Symbolism in Modern Church Architecture," Dr. David Gebhard, Director Gallery, University of California at Santa Barbara.

3:45 Informal discussion and questions.

7:00 Dinner, Student Union Building.

8:15 Lectures, "Role of the Crafts in Church Architecture," Prof. John Tatschl, UNM faculty. One other speaker to be announced.

Saturday, April 9.

9:00 Workshop on "Developing the Master Plan and Programming a Church Building" Robert Fairburn and John Udy. This will be a very informal discussion designed primarily for church building committeemen.

12:00 AIA Luncheon, Student Union Building.

1:00 AIA Business meeting with installation of officers. The meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. There will be a nominal registration fee.

DEATH OF HUGO ZEHNER

Hugo Zehner died in Denver on February second after suffering a heart attack the preceding day. From 1930 until his retirement in 1955, Mr. Zehner practiced architecture in Santa Fe where he was associated with John Gaw Meem. They designed many public buildings in the state including several of the handsomest structures on the UNM campus. A native of Belleville, Illinois, Mr. Zehner was 74 years old. Members of the New Mexico chapter of AIA extend their sympathy to Mrs. Zehner.

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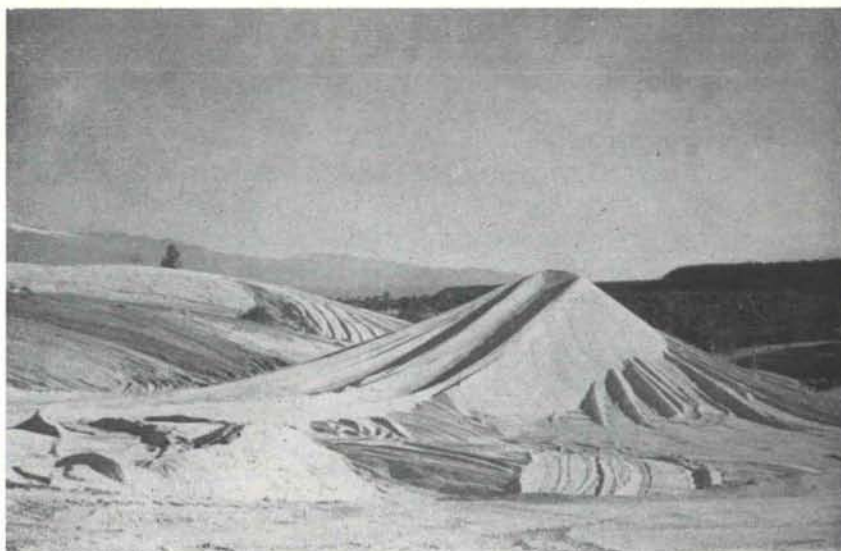
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