

*Giesecke, Bertram Ernst
West Texas*

Application for Membership

12-3, 1926

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name..... Bertram Ernst Giesecke
Address..... 207 W 7th [Number and Street] Austin [City.] Texas [State.]
Place and date of birth..... New Braunfels Texas July 10 1892
Graduate in architecture..... Univ. of Texas
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation.]
Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

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Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.....
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter.....

If practicing architect, firm name..... GIESECKE & HARRIS ARCHITECTS

Have been in practice..... 12 years.....

If draughtsman, employed by.....
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training.....

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

[Handwritten Signature]
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the.....
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date.....
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Secretary.

Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

Registration or License Number.

If the applicant resides or has his principal place of business in a Registration or License law state the current number of his Registration or License should be noted here.

(.....)
NUMBER

- (1) *S. C. P. Vosper*
- (2) *H. G. ...*
- (3) *H. G. Giesecke*

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 23, 1927.

Dear Mr. Glenecke:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 23, 1927.

You have been assigned to the West Texas Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the last half of the current year should receive prompt attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the Office of the Secretary at The Octagon is for the service of every Institute Member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Bertram Ernst Glenecke,
207 W. 7th Street,
Austin, Texas.

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Enc.

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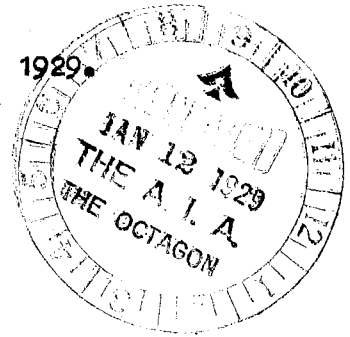
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GIESECKE & HARRIS
ARCHITECTS
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BERTRAM E. GIESECKE
AUGUST WATKINS HARRIS

AUSTIN, TEXAS

JANUARY 9TH, 1929.



MR. EDWARD C. KEMPER,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS,
THE OCTAGON, 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. KEMPER:-

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND A LETTER FROM MR. MALCOLM
G. SIMONS, SECRETARY OF THE WEST TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE
INSTITUTE.

THE WRITER AND MR. HARRIS BELONG TO THE WEST TEXAS
CHAPTER, BUT OUR FIRM HAS LATELY ESTABLISHED AN OFFICE IN
HOUSTON, AND AS THE WRITER WILL SPEND THE GREATER PART OF
HIS TIME IN HOUSTON, HE IS ASKING THAT HIS MEMBERSHIP BE
TRANSFERRED TO HOUSTON.

WILL YOU PLEASE TAKE SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY
IN ORDER THAT THIS TRANSFER CAN BE MADE.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS, AND
WISHING YOUR OFFICE A MOST PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL 1929,
WE ARE

VERY TRULY YOURS,

GIESECKE & HARRIS

BY


B. E. GIESECKE

BEG:R

CC: HARRY PEYNE,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Wm. H. Smith

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WEST TEXAS CHAPTER

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

January 7, 1929

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

At the request of Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke, we are taking these means to advise you that he is a member in good standing. His dues having been paid for the year of 1928.

Let us assure you that we hate to see Mr. Giesecke transfer from the West Texas Chapter, but since it is his request it is incumbent upon us to comply with his request.

Hoping the American Institute of Architects will see fit to grant his desire.

Yours very truly,

WEST TEXAS CHAPTER, A.I.A.,

By Malcolm G. Simons
Secretary.

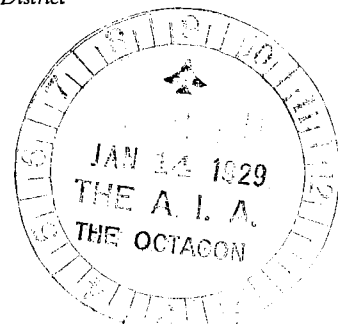
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HARRY D. PAYNE

ARCHITECT

710-11 KIRBY BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS

January 10, 1929.



Mr. E.C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

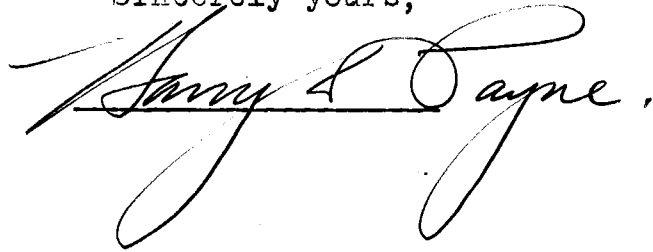
I am sending you this letter with the request that you keep the contents of same confidential and with the further request that you act on same in accordance with your judgment, the equity of the case, and the rules of the Institute - all of which I know you will do.

This morning I have a copy of a letter from B. E. Giesecke of Giesecke & Harris, requesting that Mr. Harris' membership be transferred to the South Texas Chapter. I believe that Mr. Harris' membership should be in the place of his residence, although I realize that residence may be interpreted as a matter of intent rather than as a matter of actual being. The rather blantant advertising methods adopted by this organization do not conform with the practices recommended and advocated by the South Texas Chapter. I personally feel that Mr. Harris' desire to have membership in the Houston Chapter is more a matter of business policy than a matter of actual desire to participate in the work of this Chapter. I recognize in this move just another subtle effort on the part of Giesecke & Harris to spread themselves commercially. Chapter Membership, to my way of thinking, is more than a commercial asset; it is an obligation. You will, doubtless, recall that Professor Giesecke has just transferred his membership to the South Texas Chapter which is in line with the geographical situation, because he lives in our territory; but his transfer was made, I am convinced, not because he wanted to help the South Texas Chapter, but because he wanted the South Texas Chapter to pay the expenses of one, Ernest Langford, a Professor at A & M College, to the Washington convention.

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I realize that in writing this letter I am treading upon delicate ground, but I can not help becoming a trifle wrathful over the large number of men who want to make Institute and Chapter Membership a business asset without rendering any valuable allegiance to the Chapter or to the Institute.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry D. Payne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Harry D. Payne".

HDP: EB

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January 21, 1929

Dear Mr. Payne:

This is an informal response to yours of January 10th (delayed by my indisposition with the current malady).

We also have a formal request from Mr. B. E. Giesecke for a transfer to Houston on the ground that his firm has established an office there, and that he will spend the greater part of his time in Houston.

We also have a letter from Mr. Malcolm G. Simons, Secretary of the West Texas Chapter, complying with the requirements relative to good standing and other details.

On the face of the record this transfer is in order, and we have prepared the necessary letters to Mr. Giesecke, to you as Secretary of the South Texas Chapter, and to Mr. Simons, Secretary of the West Texas Chapter. But these letters will be withheld from mailing until January 28th, thus giving you opportunity to think over the situation, and to make a protest on behalf of the Chapter should you think it desirable to do so.

If we do not hear from you by the 28th, by telegram or otherwise, we will mail the letters.

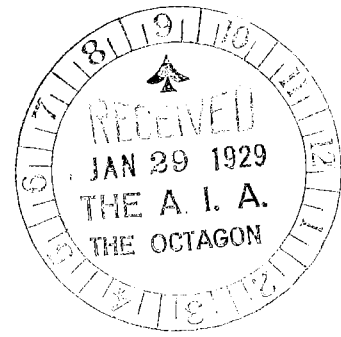
Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry D. Payne, Secretary,
South Texas Chapter, A.I.A.,
710 Kirby Building, Houston, Texas.

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HARRY D. PAYNE
ARCHITECT
710-11 KIRBY BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS



January 26, 1929.

Mr. E.C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This will acknowledge yours of the 21st relative to
Mr. Giesecke's transfer to Houston.

It was my understanding that Mr. Giesecke was request-
ing the transfer for his partner, Mr. Harris. I
realize that I have absolutely no legitimate grounds
for objecting to this transfer, even though I do
believe that it is contrary to the best interests of
the Institute and the South Texas Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry D. Payne". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Harry D. Payne".

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January 30, 1929

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

In accordance with the letter of January 7, 1929, from Mr. Malcolm G. Simons, Secretary of the West Texas Chapter, we beg to advise that you have been formally transferred, as an Institute member in good standing, from the West Texas Chapter to the South Texas Chapter, effective January 30, 1929.

The Secretary of the South Texas Chapter is Mr. Addison P. Nunn, 212 Scanlon Building, Houston, Texas.

At some convenient moment, will you not be good enough to advise Mr. Nunn of your new location?

Sincerely yours,

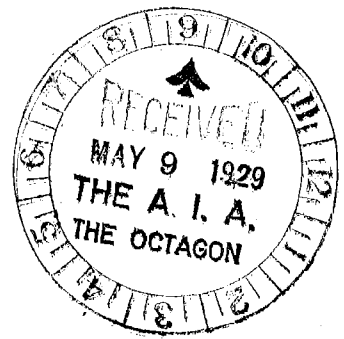
Executive Secretary.

Mr. B. E. Giesecke,
207 West 7th Street,
Austin, Texas.

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MAY 6TH, 1929.



MR. ADDISON P. NUNN,
212 SCANTLON BUILDING,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

DEAR MR. NUNN:-

I WROTE TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS EARLY IN JANUARY, ASKING THAT MY MEMBERSHIP BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE WEST TEXAS CHAPTER TO THE SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER, AS WE NOW ALSO HAVE A HOUSTON OFFICE.

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. KEMPER, DATED JANUARY 30, NOTIFYING ME THAT THE TRANSFER HAD BEEN MADE.

IF THE TRANSFER HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY YOUR CHAPTER, WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE ME, SENDING ME A BILL FOR THE DUES FROM WHATEVER DATE THE TRANSFER WAS ACCEPTED OR WHATEVER YOUR CHAPTER RULES ARE ON THIS POINT.

MR. R. R. RAPP, OF GALVESTON, ASKED ME TO HAVE AN APPLICATION FOR INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP SENT TO HIM, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DOING THAT FOR ME. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO SEND THIS TO ME FIRST, SO THAT I CAN SIGN THE APPLICATION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

BEG:R

BERTRAM E. GIEBECKE

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 1, 1932.

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

It is with genuine regret that I write, as Secretary of the Institute, to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and your Chapter, effective December 31, 1931, for non-payment of Institute dues.

The Treasurer, and the Secretary's Office, sent to you various statements of account and letters, in the hope that you would find it possible to make a remittance, in whole or in part, and thereby continue your affiliation with The American Institute of Architects and your Chapter.

It is realized that conditions in the building industry have remained on a most unfavorable basis during the past year, and for that reason the Institute made a special effort to retain your membership as long as possible.

It is believed that you will approve of the action taken. The alternative was to allow the dues to so increase as to make future reinstatement a heavy expense.

I am hoping very much that the circumstances which prevented you from carrying on your Institute membership will speedily change, and that you will soon be thinking of taking up your membership again. When you are ready to do so, I can assure you that the Institute will make the way back very simple and easy. The Board has already made provision whereby the old account can be paid off in installments and over a period of time that will not be onerous to you.

I am going to write to you from time to time, reminding you that the Institute desires your return to its membership and its councils, and so that your return can be worked out to your best convenience.

With best wishes, and with the hope that we may soon regain you as a member of The American Institute of Architects, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Bertram Ernst Giesecke,
P.O. Box 15, Austin, Texas.

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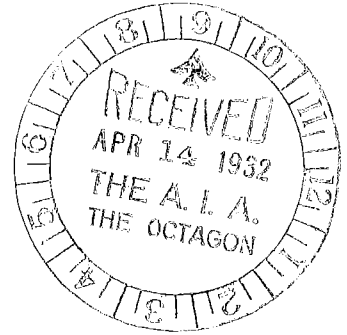
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BERTRAM E. GIESECKE
AUGUST WATKINS HARRIS

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

APRIL 11, 1932.



MR. FRANK C. BALDWIN, SEC,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. BALDWIN:

BOTH, MR. A. W. HARRIS AND I REGRETTED
VERY MUCH THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP OUR AMERICAN
INSTITUTE DUES AND THAT IT BECAME NECESSARY FOR THE
INSTITUTE TO DROP OUR MEMBERSHIP.

WE NOTE THAT PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE
WHEREBY THESE OLD ACCOUNTS CAN BE PAID OFF IN INSTALL-
MENTS OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS THAT WILL NOT BE HARD ON THE
MEMBER.

AS WE ARE BOTH ANXIOUS TO REINSTATE OUR
MEMBERSHIP WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHAT THIS PLAN IS.

Sincerely,


BERTRAM E. GIESECKE.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 14, 1932

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

At Mr. Baldwin's direction, I am responding to your letter of April 11th to him, with regard to your membership in the Institute.

Am sorry to say that we were obliged to terminate your membership, and Mr. Harris's, on December 31st, under a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at its November meeting.

That resolution was only adopted after long consideration and with much regret. The Board has been and is carrying a large number of Institute members who were indebted for two years or more on December 31, 1931.

Finally, and for the protection of the members themselves, it was decided that the memberships of those indebted for two years or more, on December 31, 1931, should be terminated so that the indebtedness would not pile up, thus making reinstatement very difficult, if not impossible.

Am sure you will appreciate the wisdom of this procedure. We have found that members who accumulate an indebtedness of \$75.00 or \$100.00 almost never come back into the Institute.

When they go out with an indebtedness of only \$50.00, the return is much simpler and easier.

The Board also authorized the Treasurer to accept notes from those former members who wished to be reinstated, and those notes, covering the indebtedness at the time of termination, may cover a period of from one to five years. If for a period greater than one year, payments will be accepted in equal installments.

The procedure for reinstatement is not complicated. If you will address a letter to the Secretary of the Institute, requesting reinstatement and attaching thereto such payment on account as you can make conveniently, with a note covering the balance - thus taking care of your indebtedness - and if that letter is sent forward through the Secretary of your Chapter with his O.K. thereon, the record is complete, except for the affirmative vote of the Board, which can be depended upon.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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If you will get such a letter to this office by April 20th,
the reinstatement can be acted upon by the Board at its meeting on
April 22nd.

We hope this suggestion will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Bertram E. Glascock,
P. O. Box 15,
Austin, Texas.

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Copy to the South Texas Chapter Secretary.

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October 7, 1932

Dear Mr. Baty:

There are enclosed copies of letters of this date to Messrs. Bertram E. and F. M. Giesecke, of Austin and College Station, Texas, respectively.

We are endeavoring to persuade both of these former Institute members to make application for reinstatement, as you have no doubt noted from copies of previous correspondence sent to you.

If either gentleman should send in his application for reinstatement through the Chapter, we would appreciate it if you would advise us promptly of the approval of the Chapter so that we can secure prompt action.

There is to be a meeting of the Executive Committee in Washington, November 18th and 19th, at which time we would be glad to secure action on these matters, if completed by then. In the meantime, if there is anything you can do to influence the Messrs. Giesecke to file their reinstatement applications, you may be sure that the Officers and Directors would appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. Russ Baty, Secretary,
South Texas Chapter, A. I. A.,
506 Bankers Mortgage Building,
Houston, Texas.

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October 7, 1932

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

We are preparing for a meeting of the Executive Committee in early November, and it would give us much pleasure, at that time, to be able to bring your formal application for reinstatement before the meeting for action.

On April 14th we wrote to you advising that in order to effect your reinstatement the Board of Directors has authority to accept your notes covering a period of from one to five years for the amount of your indebtedness, which is \$50.00 for the years 1930 and 1931. If the notes cover a period greater than one year, payments should be made in equal installments.

The attached excerpt from the By-laws sets forth the manner in which an application for reinstatement should be handled.

We hope very much that you can take advantage of this situation and that you will let us hear from you, either direct or through the South Texas Chapter, by November 1st, so that your reinstatement may be acted upon at the November meeting of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke,
P. O. Box 15,
Austin, Texas.

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Copy to the Secretary, South Texas Chapter.

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SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

Houston, Texas.

October 21, 1932

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

May this letter acknowledge receipt of your letters of October 7th and October 10th with reference to Messrs. Giesecke and Harris.

Mr. Harris is not a member of the South Texas Chapter. However, I believe his membership is in the West Texas Chapter and I am forwarding your letter of October 10th to Mr. Vander Staten, Secretary of the West Texas Chapter. I have written to the Messrs. Giesecke as suggested.

On the morning of October 6th, Mr. R. D. Gottlieb passed away. He had been a faithful member of the South Texas Chapter for many years, and from reference to your files you will find that he had been a member of the A. I. A. for many years. Please pass this information to the Editor of The Octagon.

Yours very truly,

(S) J. RUSS BATY

Secretary.

JRB:MB

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October 25, 1932

Dear Mr. Baty:

We wish to thank you for your letter of October 21st, and for your cooperation in writing to the Messrs. Gieseck urging their reinstatement to membership in the Institute and the South Texas Chapter.

Please accept our thanks for forwarding the correspondence relative to Mr. Harris to the Secretary of the West Texas Chapter. We have heard from Mr. Vander Straten, today, advising that he is getting in touch with Mr. Harris.

It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Mr. R. D. Gottlieb. We have made the necessary changes in our records. In view of the very limited space and funds allotted for the publication of The Octagon, obituaries are not published therein. Therefore, we are not able to make use of this notice for The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. Russ Baty, Secretary,
South Texas Chapter, A. I. A.,
506 Bankers Mortgage Building,
Houston, Texas.

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February 19, 1943

Dear Professor Goldsmiths:

Yours of February 9th:

We have entered THE OCTAGON subscription of Mr. Pressler.

With regard to Mr. Bertram Gieseke - according to the record here \$33.34 will clear his account with The Institute.

In 1935 Mr. F. E. Gieseke's back dues were partially remitted, upon payment by him of \$35.00. He did make such payment and owes no back dues.

Let me know if we can be of any assistance in getting these former members back into the fold.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Professor Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.
Department of Architecture
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

February 23, 1943

Dear Kemper,-

Yours of February 19th.

I'm puzzled. At the time I corresponded with you in regard to both Geiseke and Harris, I understood that \$25.00 would clear each of them---that is, \$25. each.

Now it seems that Geiseke did clear his \$25.00 and it will take \$33.34 to clear his account. How come? If he owes no back dues, as you say, for what does he owe the \$33.34?

Maybe it's none of my business! But if he does not understand it any better than I do we may have some difficulty getting him back. It is not always the amount of money involved, but the fact of finding that one owes something he did not know he owed.

So far as I know he thinks he is all clear.

Cordially,



Goldwin Goldsmith.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 3

~~February 28~~, 1943

Dear Professor Goldsmiths:

We have your letter of February 23rd, with regard to the dues owed by Mr. Bertram Gieseke.

The explanation is this:

There were two members of The Institute - one whose name was Bertram Gieseke; and the other was F. E. Gieseke.

At the time we wrote you about both a Mr. Gieseke and a Mr. Harris, Mr. F. E. Gieseke was the one concerned and his indebtedness for back dues was for \$25.00 which he later paid. When he made the payment he wrote advising that he was not interested in applying for readmission to membership at the time, but might do so at some future date.

Your recent letter of February 9th referred to Mr. Bertram Gieseke, who owes back dues in the amount of \$93.34, as indicated in ours of February 19th.

Hope this clears the record. If not let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.
Department of Architecture
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

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Dear Kemper,-

File
Yours of March 25 acknowledged.

Will take care of Max Brooks since you have cleared his account for Jan. 1 membership as requested.

I regret that I cannot locate immediately the letter of some years ago stating that Gieseke and Harris could each clear his account for \$25., which information I gave them at the time. Unless I find it and can give you the date, Harris' debt stands at the \$33.34 you state.

You do not mention Bertram Gieseke in this letter probably because you had previously written me that he owes \$33.34 also. He was in South Texas Chapter, but if he returns to Institute membership will doubtless join Central Texas Chapter. Will keep working on them. Slow work! Have about reached limit of membership for C. T. Chapter, but we are holding what we have.

Cordially,

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

April 23, 1943

Dear Kemper,-

Bertram Gieseke will soon apply for reinstatement.

He will pay his arrears of \$33.34, and will probably be confused, as we are, in regard to his reinstatement payments.

Apparently he must pay another admission fee of \$5.00
Also probably 2/3 annual dues, or \$13.00

But if he pays an admission fee, is he not coming in on the same basis as a new member, in which case he would pay \$5.00 dues the first year. It is the difference between \$18.00 and \$10.00.

Article I, section 9, (b) does not make this clear.

Bert Gieseke is now one of the older members of the profession here, in excellent standing, and the Chapter is unanimous in wanting him in its membership. In fact, we especially want him to be chairman of a legislative committee in immediate need of an active chairman who knows the ropes.

If he goes through please see that it is as of such date as will make his dues 2/3, unless he comes in on the \$5.00 basis.

Very truly yours,



Goldwin Goldsmith
Ch'm Membership Committee.

When the Institute By-laws are printed in full as revised, would it not be possible to have them indexed. I studied Chapter I, Article 2, Dues and Fees, and finally found Readmission in Chapter II, Article 9 (b).

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY
Gieseke

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May 2, 1943

Dear Professor Goldsmith:

A response to your letter of April 23rd has been delayed by my absence from the city attending meetings in Cincinnati with Secretary Ingham and local architects to complete arrangements for the coming annual meeting of The Institute.

As you have been advised by copy of letter written to Mr. Gieseke, and must have by now, his application for re-admission to membership has been received, together with payment of his back Institute dues.

He must pay, also, the readmission fee of \$5.00 and dues for one full year's Institute membership in advance - \$20.00. This is a provision of the by-laws and, therefore, one over which we have no control.

New members elected pay the reduced dues; but when former members are readmitted they must pay the current dues as set for corporate members.

Your suggestion that the next edition of the by-laws be indexed will be kept in mind and if it is possible to do so, with the limited staff and funds available, no doubt the officers would agree that it is desirable.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Professor Goldwin Goldsmith
Department of Architecture
The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

K/g



Dated April 21 1943.
Received April 23 1943.
Granted June 12 1943.

MEMBERSHIP NO 1764

*In due order
May 21, 1943
H. Giesecke*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
RE-ADMISSION TO
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant *Bertram E. Giesecke* Chapter *CENTRAL TEXAS*
- B Address of applicant *904 Littlefield Building - Autin, Texas*
- C Applicant proposed by *- - -* and *- - -*
- D Application received with check for \$33.36 for back dues April 23 1943
Application held for additional check of \$25 - Rec'd on April 30 1943
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on May 21 1943.
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent Texas-May 12 1943 Received. May 22 1943.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on June 14 1943 on May 12 1943.
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19... on Director 19
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, ~~proposers~~, and chapter on re- May 8 1943.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending/admission ~~and that application was received~~ received on May 21 1943.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on June 8 1943.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on re- June 8 1943.
- M Applicant was admitted on June 12 1943.
- N Notice ~~and assignment~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on June 12 1943.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on 19

/RE-
CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly ^{re-} elected

- Bertram E. Giesecke -

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the CENTRAL TEXAS Chapter.

Date June 12 19 43

Alexander C. Pollock
Secretary

1764

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
GIESECKE, KUEHNE & BROOKS
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

1943 APR 23 AM 9:34

904 Littlefield Bldg.
AUSTIN, TEXAS
Tel. 3290
WASHINGTON, D.C.

B. E. GIESECKE
H. F. KUEHNE
R. MAX BROOKS

April 21, 1943

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary, A. I. A.
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have been advised by Professor Goldsmith, of the University of Texas, that upon payment of \$33.36 to the National Organization I will be eligible for reinstatement.

Enclosed you will find my check in that amount.

Mr. Goldsmith was not able to tell me whether, upon reinstatement, I would be classed as a new member with a \$5.00 initiation fee and \$5.00 dues for the first year or whether I would be classed as an old member with no initiation fee, but the payment of two-thirds of the \$20.00 annual dues.

Will you please advise me on that.

Very sincerely,



B. E. Giesecke

BEG:dg

PAID
\$33.36 4/23/43

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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~~1753~~

VIA AIR MAIL

April 23, 1943

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 21 and thank you for the check for \$33.36 covering back dues.

We are pleased to know of your interest in reaffiliating with The Institute.

In answer to your question: the recent reduction in dues applies only to new members; former members seeking readmission are required to pay the regular dues of \$20.00 and an admission fee of \$5.00.

Therefore, to complete your application for readmission a check for \$25.00 will be needed. When this is received, The Secretary will do everything possible to expedite the progress of the application.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. B. E. Giesecke, Architect
904 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

K/fa

Copies to: Director McGinty, Gulf States Dist.
Mr. Goldwin Goldsmith, F.A.I.A.
Mr. Gideon, Pres., Cen. Texas Chapter
Mr. Baffler, Secy, " " "

GIESECKE, KUEHNE & BROOKS
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1943 APR 30 PM 2:51
904 Littlefield Bldg.
AUSTIN, TEXAS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Tel. 3296

B. E. GIESECKE
H. F. KUEHNE
R. MAX BROOKS

April 29, 1943

1764

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

I have your letter of April 23 in which you acknowledge receipt of mine of the 21st, with its enclosed check for \$33.36 covering back dues.

You advised that it will now be necessary to pay an admission fee of \$5.00 and dues from May 1 to December 31, of \$20.00, or a total of \$25.00.

I enclose herewith my check in the amount of \$25.00.

Very sincerely,



B. E. Giesecke

BEG:dg

PAID
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THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

AP No

1764

1943 MAY 22 AM 9:39

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Bertram E. Giesecke - Austin, Texas
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Texas

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Burt Building - Dallas, Texas
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date May 12 19 43

W. J. Hughes
Secretary

- 1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?.....yes.....
- 2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?.....or by exemption?.....yes.....
- 3. What was the scope of the examination?.....
- 4. What was the period of the examination?.....days. Written examination.....hours; Oral examination.....hours.
- 5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? If so, give Certificate No.....
- 6. Date of last registration. 10-11-1937 19... Registration No. 26 Is it current?.....yes.....

Thos. D. Broad
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date 5-19-43 19.....

Texas Board of Architectural Examiners
(Name of Board)

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June 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for reinstatement to membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were re-admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Central Texas Chapter, effective June 12, 1943. You will be a member of that chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

The Board of Directors welcomes you again to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke, A.I.A.
904 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

AGR:ER

copy to Director McGinty

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*Mr. Purves
Mr. Kemper*

GIESECKE, KUEHNE & BROOKS
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

BERTRAM E. GIESECKE

121 EAST 6TH
TELEPHONE 3290
AUSTIN, TEXAS

*Mr. Kemper -
Mr. Giesecke
asked that you
& Mr. Purves be
given his regards*

Bf

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 16, 1947

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

This is the first moment since the Convention to send this note, to say that both Purves and Kemper are sorry they missed your visit to The Octagon.

Try us again when you are next in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke, A.I.A.
121 East 8th Street
Austin, Texas

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TELEGRAM

WASHINGTON D C
SEPTEMBER 17 1947

GIESECKE, KUEHNE AND BROOKS
121 EAST EIGHTH STREET
AUSTIN TEXAS

RELET SEPTEMBER 16. IF "ARCHITECT A" HAS BEEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED BY SMITH THAT HIS EMPLOYMENT AS ARCHITECT FOR SMITH RESIDENCE IS TERMINATED YOU ARE ENTIRELY FREE TO ACCEPT THE COMMISSION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ARCHITECT A HAS BEEN PAID FOR ANY SERVICES HE MAY HAVE RENDERED. THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH INSTITUTE COUNSEL AND YOU CAN RELY UPON FOREGOING.

E. C. KEMPER

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C O P Y

Austin, Texas

October 22, 1947

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

At the regular monthly meeting of the Central Texas Chapter, A.I.A. held October 6, 1947, an informal hearing was conducted on the controversy between Mr. Carl Stautz, Architect, A.I.A., and the firm of Giesecke, Kuhne & Brooks, Architects, A.I.A., arising in connection with the C. B. Smith Residence. This hearing was conducted with the expressed purpose of determining a definite policy to be followed by members of the Central Texas Chapter, A.I.A., in future situations of a similar nature. At the conclusion of this hearing, a resolution was adopted which the Secretary will, more than likely, forward to you for review and approval by the appropriate authority.

At the end of this same meeting Mr. Brooks, representing the firm of Giesecke, Kuhne & Brooks, and Mr. Stautz agreed that no further action would be taken by either party through the National Headquarters, A.I.A., in connection with the controversy between themselves. It is therefore requested by both parties, as evidenced by the signatures affixed hereto, that all correspondence in connection with this matter be returned by you to the respective parties involved.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Carl H. Stautz

Carl H. Stautz
Architect, A.I.A.

Giesecke, Kuhne & Brooks
Architects, A.I.A.

By: /s/ R. Max Brooks

R. Max Brooks

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY
H. Stutz

October 29, 1947

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the joint letter of October 22 from Mr. Carl H. Stutz and Mr. R. Max Brooks of your firm, we have withdrawn from the files of The Institute correspondence received from the parties in interest with respect to architectural services for the C. B. Smith residence, and return to you herewith the following original letters and copies of letters:

Letter of September 16, 1947, to The American Institute of Architects from the firm of Giesecke, Kuehne & Brooks;

Copy of above-described letter;

Copy of letter of August 29, 1947, to the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Chapter, A.I.A., from the firm of Giesecke, Kuehne & Brooks;

True copy of letter of August 28, 1947, to Mr. R. Max Brooks, of the firm of Giesecke, Kuehne & Brooks, from Mr. C. B. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Giesecke, Kuehne & Brooks, Architects
Attention: Mr. R. Max Brooks
121 East 8th Street
Austin, Texas

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

October 29, 1947

Dear Mr. Stauts:

In accordance with the joint letter of October 22 from you and Mr. R. Max Brooks, we have withdrawn from the files of The Institute correspondence received from the parties in interest with respect to architectural services for the C. B. Smith residence, and return to you herewith the following original letters and copies of letters:

Letter of September 26, 1947, to The American Institute of Architects from Mr. Carl H. Stauts, A.I.A.

Letter of October 3, 1947, to The American Institute of Architects from Mr. Carl H. Stauts, A.I.A.

Copy of letter of October 3, 1947, to Institute Council, Tanner, Sillocks and Friend, from Mr. Carl H. Stauts, A.I.A.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Carl H. Stauts, A.I.A.
1704 Exposition Boulevard
Austin 21, Texas

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SECRETARY

TREASURER



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

March 1, 1948

To: Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke
121 East Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to your chapter secretary, this notice of the suspension of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in the chapter of The Institute to which you are assigned—because of non-payment of Institute dues.

This suspension is effective as of December 31, 1947. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.


The purpose of The Institute in permitting a membership to be suspended at the end of the year for default of dues rather than terminated forthwith is to enable the member in default to *restore his membership within the period of suspension, without applying therefor and without paying a readmission fee.* The period of grace terminates on December 31 of the year next following the date of suspension: in your case, on December 31 of the current year.

At any time during the period of suspension you may restore your membership to good standing by paying to The Institute your defaulted dues.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet your present obligation to The Institute and to restore your good standing before December 31, 1948.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that your membership may soon be restored to good standing.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary.

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

Mr. William B. Saunders....., Secretary
1708 W. 30th Street, Austin, Texas
Central Texas.....Chapter, A.I.A.

This copy of notice to the corporate member named herein is official notice of the suspension of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he is assigned. Please change your records accordingly.

Until you receive notification of the restoration of membership or of its termination, the member named may be carried on your rolls as a *suspended* Institute member. You will be advised if and when his membership is restored to good standing.

CLAIR W. DITCHY, Secretary

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Giesecke



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke
121 East Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

Payment for your indebtedness for dues to The Institute has been received, and your suspension has been lifted as of the date of this notice. The Board is gratified that you have been able to do this and assures you of its continued good wishes.

Notice of the restoration of your membership has been given to the chapters of which you are a member.

Date.....~~March 23~~....., 19..48..

Earl C. Wick
Secretary.

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

Mr. William B. Saunders....., Secretary
1708 W. 30th Street, Austin, Texas
Central, Texas.....Chapter, A.I.A.

GIESECKE, KUEHNE & BROOKS

BERTRAM E. GIESECKE, A.I.A.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT & ENGINEER

ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
121 EAST EIGHTH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS
TEL. 3290

HOWARD R. BARR, A.I.A.
ASSOCIATE
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

HUGO F. KUEHNE, F.A.I.A.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT & ENGINEER

J. ROY WHITE, A.I.A.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

R. MAX BROOKS, A.I.A.
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

F. DELMAR GROOS
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

ALLWYN G. GANNAWAY
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

February 3, 1950.

Mr. Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

We have a problem on which we need a little help.

Down in this section of the country, we have very enterprising newspapers that try to make an extra dollar whenever possible, and one of the plans they follow in order to do that is to put out a big edition of the paper at the time of the formal dedication or opening of any major building project.

In this edition, of course, they always put the pressure on the various contractors, sub-contractors, and material men for a nice big ad, and the pressure on the architect of the particular structure for a card of greetings to the owner, or something along that line.

It is rather difficult to by-pass such an occasion, for it is hard to explain to the owner and to the news editor, if he happens to be friend as is generally the case with an older established firm, that the ethics of the profession frown on anything which smacks of advertising.

We would appreciate your giving us the latest interpretation on prohibition against professional advertising, and advising whether a card of greeting to the owner would come within that class.

We are the architects on the new hotel here which will be finished in about a month or so, and since this is the first major down-town project to have been completed since the early depression days, the paper of course is going "all out" on their proposed special issue, and cannot understand why we should be the only ones connected with the building who will not take part.

Any information you can furnish us will be appreciated.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Bertram E. Giesecke

BEG.A

P.S. Please send an extra copy of your reply, so that we can turn it over to the editor.

Giesecke

February 7, 1950

Dear Bert:

The attached letter, with an extra copy for the newspaper, would seem to apply.

In view of the situation in Austin, with which you are far more familiar than are we here, I should appreciate your advising me if you have other wording to suggest to convey The Institute's stand to the newspaper.

The Institute is desirous that architects receive public credit for their work. Therefore, if an illustration of the hotel is published in the paper it would be perfectly fitting that the titles to the illustrations should note that you are the architect.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke, A.I.A.
121 East 8th Street
Austin, Texas

ERP:MSD

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February 7, 1950

Dear Mr. Giesecke:

I have your inquiry of February 3rd relative to the insertion of architects' cards in newspapers or other publications.

The Standards of Professional Practice, as revised and adopted by The Institute at its Convention in Houston, Texas, in March 1949, contains a section in the mandatory rules which pertains to advertising. That section, No. 8, is quoted below:

8. An Architect shall not use exaggerated, misleading, self-laudatory publicity, and/or paid advertising. Factual statements with or without illustrations pertaining to an Architect's professional activities made by himself or by others for him, such as public relations counsel, may be made in the public press, radio, television, or other media. Their tenor shall be dignified to the end that knowledge of the Architect's function in society and the standing of the profession as a whole shall be advanced rather than that mere personal aggrandizement of the individual may be achieved.

An Architect shall not take part, nor give assistance in obtaining advertisements or other support toward meeting the expense of any publication illustrating his works, nor shall he permit others to solicit such advertising or other support in his name.

Subsequently, The Board of Directors, at its semi-annual meeting in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on November 1-3, 1949, in interpreting a case placed before it bearing on that section adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects holds that the publication of business cards of architects, in the Kansas Construction Magazine and in the 'Professional Directory' of the School Board Journal, as exhibited at this meeting, is in violation of the Standards of Professional Practice of The Institute.

February 7, 1950

It would appear that the intent of this resolution would apply to the case which you cite in your letter.

We trust that all concerned in Austin, Texas, will understand and appreciate the interpretation of The Board of Directors of The Institute.

Very truly yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Bertram E. Giesecke, A.I.A.
121 East Eighth Street
Austin, Texas

BRP:NGP

bcc: Mr. Walker

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15-20 DEGREES

CENTRAL TEXAS: Another hard freeze with 15 to 20 degrees early Thursday. Skies will cloud up late Thursday as the thermometer rises to about 50 degrees. (Details Page 10)

The Austin American

Vol. 37, No. 191

Austin, Texas, Thursday, December 7, 1950

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B. E. Giesecke, Former Legion Chieftain, Dies

Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Architect, 58

Bertram E. Giesecke, prominent state and national affairs for almost two decades, died here Wednesday afternoon following a heart attack. He was 58.

Death came to the widely-known architect and engineer in a doctor's office at approximately 3:20 p. m. He had gone to the office an hour and a half earlier.

HIS WIFE, the former Miss Lois Yett, daughter of one-time Austin Mayor W. D. Yett, was at his side.

Giesecke had told friends Tuesday at a conference with Department of Public Safety officials over plans for a new state police headquarters building that he was suffering pains in his chest. He said he planned to consult his physician.

Giesecke's unexpected death cut short a colorful professional and public service career which carried him into many fields. He was nationally recognized by his colleagues in the architectural profession.

Plans for large building projects repeatedly bore the name of his Austin firm, Giesecke, Kuehne and Brooks.

He was prominent in state and national American Legion affairs, served the Federal Government in numerous capacities, and was praised as a tireless worker for local improvements.

AT THE TIME of his death Giesecke was chairman of a national defense housing committee, having served in the post by



BERTRAM GIESECKE

US DIPLOMATIC VICTORY

Truman, Attlee Indicate In Korea Will Be Con

Two Trapped Parts of Marine, Army Units Join, Head for Sea

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Fifteen thousand US Marines and Army infantrymen blasted their way out of a Communist trap at Hagaru, fought their way 10 miles south Thursday to link up with another Marine force at Koto, and began a fighting march to the sea for a possible Dunkirk evacuation.

A 10th Corps spokesman said the first phase of the Marine retreat—the march from Hagaru to Koto—had been completed "successfully with minimum loss" but he warned that another Chinese Communist Army had been thrown into action on the Northeast Front.

The new Communist Army means the hard-pressed Americans face "well over 100,000" Communists, the spokesman said.

Lying before the retreating Leathernecks and Doughboys are 20 miles of rugged, mountainous country and a spokesman said the Marines may be heading into the most bitter fight of their long career.

They must fight their way through snowfilled canyons over narrow, tortuous trails that may cost them their tanks and heavy guns which enabled them to escape from Hagaru. Untold thousands of enemy were believed hidden in

trapped American forces in the Chosin Reservoir area overshadowed other developments.

HAGARU WAS in flames as they pulled out of the city even as transport planes were evacuating the thousands of wounded. Chinese Communists poured onto the airfield as the last planes left and as the column headed south through the snow-covered hills through a valley of fire.

The going was tough and once the enemy forces cut the convoy in two. It reformed after destruction of five of its vehicles, and continued the slow withdrawal that required 24 hours for it to make 10 miles.

Marines, Navy and Air Force (Continued on Page 5, Col. 1)



ANDREI VISHINSKY

Reds Served Buildup in E

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(UP)—President Truman told Prime Minister Attlee Wednesday, according to informed officials, that the United States is determined not to withdraw its forces willingly or voluntarily from Korea in the face of the Red Chinese onslaught.

The British Prime Minister, in his part, made plain that British troops will fight alongside Americans as long as the Korean War lasts. In a speech at the National Press Club, Attlee said:

"You may be certain that, in fair weather or foul, where the Stars and Stripes fly in Korea, the British flag will fly beside them."

The two declarations, taken together, indicated that UN forces will fight on as long as possible.

Vishinsky Blasts Appeal To Stop Red Offensive

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AT THE TIME of his death Giesecke was chairman of a national defense housing committee, having been appointed to the post by former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

He recently visited military installations throughout the nation and in Alaska, preparing data on housing needs. He had planned to spend most of next month in Washington in this work.

As a member of a Chamber of Commerce committee planning a large civic auditorium, Giesecke intended to talk with national authorities next week to get details the effect of government building regulations on such construction.

Governor Allan Shivers said he was shocked at the death of his friend and associate in state affairs. Giesecke was a gubernatorial appointee to the State Hospital Advisory Council.

Said the governor: "Bert Giesecke had a fine record for public service in various fields. He was very active in governmental affairs and, of course, was my good friend. We all miss him so very much. My deepest sympathy goes to his family."

GIESECKE is survived by his wife and two sons, Bertram Giesecke Jr., 19, and Dickie Giesecke, 14. Also, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. Giesecke of New Braunfels, and three sisters, Mrs. Preston Geren of Fort Worth; Mrs. Edward Wright of Cedar Grove, N. J., and Mrs. M. B. Hodges of New Braunfels.

Giesecke was born July 2, 1892 in New Braunfels. His father was at one time chairman of the University of Texas School of Architecture and a member of the Texas A&M architectural faculty.

Giesecke was a graduate of both the University and A&M, graduating in 1913 as the first student from the architectural school.

He saw Army service during World War I, and from then on his career was wide and varied.

He was a consulting architect for the US Treasury Department in 1935, chief engineer on construction of the Magnesium Plant here in 1941, chairman of the Texas Relief Commission during the depression years of 1933-1934, and a charter member of the board of governors of the National Association of Housing Officials in 1933.

GIESECKE became a member in 1943 of the Texas Postwar Planning Commission and also served on the Texas Centennial Commission, as chairman of the Texas Roadside Council, and as a member of the administrative committee of the Texas Safety Association.

He was state president of the Texas Society of Architects in 1945 and Third Division Commander of the American Legion in 1942-1943. Twice he was commander of Travis County Post 76 of the Legion, once in 1920 and again 20 years later. He was state Legion commander in 1946-1947.

Veteran Postal Worker



BERTRAM GIESECKE

US DIPLOMATIC VICTORY

France Agrees to Formation Of German Combat Teams

PARIS, Thursday, Dec. 7.—(AP)—France announced Thursday she will call a meeting of the Western European nations in Paris next month to draw up plans for a European army.

The announcement was made by Information Minister Albert Gazier, who confirmed that France had agreed to immediate formation of West German combat teams in Atlantic nation forces which would defend Europe against Communist aggression.

Previously the French had insisted on creation of a unified European defense ministry before using German troops. They had also, up to now, insisted on the pooling of Western Europe's coal and steel resources under the Schuman Plan as condition for German participation in the defense setup.

THE CHANGE in the French attitude represented a clear victory for the United States. The Americans want to get the Germans into a European army as soon as possible.

The meeting called by the French to form a European army within the Atlantic Pact will convene in January, Gazier said, but he did not specify whether the delegates to this session would be ministers, ambassadors or experts.

Gazier said the Atlantic Pact deputies would meet again in three days in London to draw up a plan for the 12 foreign ministers of the Atlantic Pact countries to consider. The foreign ministers themselves will meet about the end of the year, he added.

Gazier stressed that the French consider the organization of German units in a European army as part of a "transitory" phase which, in the French view, will follow the January conference. He said the US compromise proposal involved such a "transitory" period, and also provided that there would be no German general staff, no German war ministry and no German army divisions.

GERMAN COMBAT teams, he said, would be limited in size to one third of a division, or from 4,000 to 5,000 men. The rest of the division in which any such German unit served would have to have at least twice as many troops of other nationalities, he added.

He said the compromise also provided that German troops would be recruited by civilians, under Allied control.

Gazier said the plan also provided that German troops may comprise no more than 20 per cent of the total forces raised, and may have no heavy arms.

The French Cabinet reached its decisions in two long sessions Wednesday.

Rent Control Bill Gains, Voted Out For House Debate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The administration's drive for a temporary extension of the rent control law gained headway Wednesday when the House rules committee reversed a previous decision and sent a 90-day extension measure to the floor for debate.

The Senate already is debating a 60-day extension, with the vote set for Thursday.

IN OTHER developments bearing on prospective or existing controls over the nation's economy:

1. Senator Lehman (D-NY), a thoroughgoing administration regular, told the Senate that wage and price controls undoubtedly are coming "soon."
2. The Bureau of Labor statistics reported that retail food prices rose another 7 per cent in the first two weeks of November.
3. The same bureau submitted detailed statistics on prices, wages, rents and other cost of living data to the new wage stabilization board in preparation for the board's first full dress consideration of the economic situation next week.
4. The Senate confirmed Michael V. DiSalle, mayor of Toledo, Ohio, as price administrator.
5. Automobile dealers complained bitterly to a joint Senate-House "watchdog" committee about the new credit regulations governing the purchase of automobiles.

There is no confirmation of reports that the Economic Stabilization Administration had asked Ford and General Motors to rescind their newly announced automobile price increases, averaging about 5 per cent.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in charge of the synthetic rubber program, hoisted the price of GR-S, the type of synthetic rubber used in making tires from 195

that another Chinese Communist Army had been thrown into action on the Northeast Front.

The new Communist Army means the hard-pressed Americans face "well over 100,000" Communists, the spokesman said.

Lying before the retreating Leathernecks and Doughboys are 20 miles of rugged, mountainous country and a spokesman said the Marines may be heading into the most bitter fight of their long career.

They must fight their way through snowfilled canyons over narrow, tortuous trails that may cost them their tanks and heavy guns which enabled them to escape from Hagaru. Untold thousands of enemy were believed hidden in ambush along the way.

After 20 miles of this they will reach rolling hills held by friendly forces.

Other units of the 10th Corps were reported fighting their way northward from Hamhung, 28 miles below Koto, through enemy roadblocks to ease their escape. Allied fleets gathered in the harbor at Hamhung's twin port city of Hungnam to evacuate the battered soldiers.

Advance elements of Marines struck out from Hagaru at the south tip of the Chosin Reservoir ahead of the main body and cleared the way into Koto. Soon the remnants of the Fifth and Seventh Marine Regiments, British Marine Commandos and the 31st and 32nd Regiments of the Seventh Infantry Division linked up with the Marines First Regiment.

THE HAMHUNG beachhead itself is threatened by Communist troops who have driven within 15 miles of the city and were nearing the main coastal road leading to Wonsan, 50 miles to the south. Reports said some allied soldiers already had been evacuated by sea from Wonsan.

In Southwest Korea the US Eighth Army was retreating toward Seoul behind temporary defensive positions thrown up by rear guard units across the trunk highways down from Pyongyang. It still was not known whether the mauled allied forces would try to make a stand north of the 38th Parallel—or anywhere.

In Seoul, President Syngman Rhee declared all of South Korea under emergency martial law because of the "critical military situation."

The largest number of Communist planes seen during the Korean War attacked allied airmen and showed up on North Korean airports Wednesday. At least six were reported destroyed or damaged.

Six Soviet-made jet fighters attacked US Superforts bombing Sinanju and Kanggye in North Korea. B29 gunners said they damaged at least two. Other airmen found 20 planes on the field at Sinanju and claimed they destroyed or damaged four. MIG15 jets refused combat with F51s and F80s near Sinanju.

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City Council \$17 Million

BY WRAY WEDDELL

A proposed 1951 city budget of \$17,208,306—a record for Austin—was presented to the City Council Wednesday night.

The council got it from City

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My dear Mrs. Giesecke:

We were shocked and distressed to learn of the tragic loss you have suffered. On behalf of The American Institute of Architects, I extend to you our deepest sympathy.

Bert Giesecke had given much to the profession and to The Institute through his unselfish labors in our behalf. I had the pleasure of working with him on several occasions, especially in connection with the Veterans Hospital Program and later we were privileged to have been of some assistance to him in his successful efforts to straighten out the defense housing program. I came to know him well and to respect highly his many abilities.

His service to The Institute and the profession will long be remembered.

Yours very sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves
Executive Director

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Jul 7-1951

My dear Mr. Burnes:

You were kind and very thoughtful to write me at this time. Your letter is indeed a tribute to Bertram, and I truly appreciate it.

Thanking you kindly
Sincerely

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