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Application for Membership—A. I. A.

No. B-32 Chapter: North Texas  
Name: Dahl, George Leighton  
Initiation Fee: \$20. Pd. \$5.00 Pd. 6/9/32  
Annual Dues: 10/17/32 Paid 6/9/32

~~Unanimous Endorsement~~ Unanimous End.

Acknowledgment by Secretary ~~XXXXXXXX~~ O.K.

Endorsements: O.K.

Board of Examiners: July, 1932, meeting

~~Board of Directors~~ Executive Committee Nov. 18-20, 1932

The Octagon: July, 1932, issue

Privileged: None

Elected: November 18, 1932

Exhibits Returned: None received

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation Fee 25.00 6/9/32  
Annual Dues 5.00 6/9/32  
Incl. Ind. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibits not req.  
On Priv. Com. of \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Membership

MAR-17, 1932

Institute of Architects.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following state-

LEIGHTON-DAHL

NCE. BLDG. DALLAS. TEXAS.

1-11-1894-MINNEAPOLIS MINN.

PTA. 1921-B.S. HARVARD. M.A. 1922.

Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application.

ELSON-ROBINSON-FELLOWSHIP HARVARD-2 YEARS  
(If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy.) IN EUROPE.

Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first

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required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate (or photostatic copy.)

If you are practicing law and you are not registered, state reasons. LICENSED TO

PRAC. IN CALIFORNIA. LICENSE. No. 1471

If practicing architect, firm name. HERBERT M. GREENE, LAROCHE, & DAHL.

Have been in practice. 4 years. If draughtsman, employed by W.C. WHITNEY Mpls. Minn. 3 YEARS. GOLBERT, BETELLE, NEWARK 1 YEAR.

Collegiate and office training. SEE ABOVE. C.A. JOHNSON, ST. PAUL, NEAR BELLOUS, ALDRICH, BOSTON. 2 YEARS. HYRON, HUNT, LOS ANGELES. 2 YEARS. HERBERT M. GREENE, CO. 4 YEARS.

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) Geo. L. Dahl  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) M. C. Kleuser  
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement by the applicant 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. (4) E. Pharoque

(Essential if Registered) (5) Frank W. Whitthorn

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed. (6) Otto H. Lang

[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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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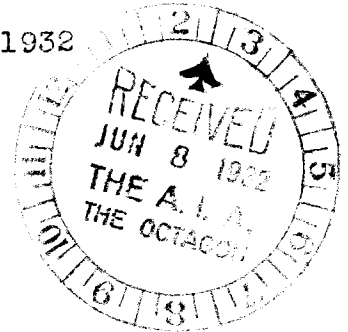
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NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER  
of the  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

June 6, 1932



Mr. Edward C. Kemper  
Sec'y, American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find the application for membership of George Leighton Dahl of Herbert M. Greene, LaRoche and Dahl, Architects, Insurance Building, Dallas, Texas. The check for \$5.00 is for the initiation fee as per the letter of J. C. Bollenbacher of January 16, 1932. The check for \$25.00 is for the first year's dues.

Mr. Dahl's application has the unanimous endorsement of the North Texas Chapter, and we should like to have prompt action on the application.

Very truly yours

*M. C. Kleuser*

M. C. Kleuser  
Secretary-Treasurer

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 22, 1932

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from the Secretary of the North Texas Chapter.

We also wish to acknowledge the receipt of your check for the Initiation Fee and first year's Annual Dues in the amount of \$30.00 which we have credited as follows:

On account of Initiation Fee.....\$ 5.00  
Annual Dues for first year after election.....\$25.00

Under a recent authorization of the Institute Board, the Treasurer can accept a note on account of the Initiation Fee up to \$20.00.

Subject to your approval, we send, herewith, note in that amount and have left blank the period for which it is to extend. We suggest that, if convenient, you fix the date of maturity on or before December 31st of the current year, but if preferred, it may be fixed at some later date.

These are really tentative suggestions, which arise from the desire of the Institute to have in its membership all qualified architects who have not heretofore applied, and also from its desire to put the financial procedure in convenient form - in view of existing conditions.

As soon as we hear from you, with the return of the executed note, we shall be in a position to put your application forward to election.

May we not hear from you soon?

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. George Leighton Dahl,  
1102 Insurance Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

HERBERT M. GREENE, LAROCHE AND DAHL  
ARCHITECTS  
INSURANCE BUILDING  
DALLAS, TEXAS

HERBERT M. GREENE, F. A. I. A.  
E. BRUCE LA ROCHE, A. I. A.  
GEORGE LEIGHTON DAHL  
GRAYSON W. GILL, Assoc. M. A. M. Soc. C. E.

October 3, 1932.

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



Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find my check  
for \$20.00 which will supplement my previous  
check for \$30.00 covering both initiation fee and  
first year's annual dues for membership in  
the American Institute of Architects.

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo Dahl*  
George L. Dahl

GLD:EA

Handwritten notes: \$20.00 10/9/32

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 28, 1932

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective November 18, 1932.

You have been assigned to the North Texas Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

A Membership Card for the balance of 1932 is enclosed herewith. Your card for 1933 will be forwarded shortly after January 1, 1933.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you in due course.

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. George Leighton Dahl,  
1102 Insurance Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

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Enc.

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July 30, 1942

*Handwritten signature*

Memorandum for Mrs. Miller

Change of Address

On his acceptance of committee appointment Mr.  
Dahl has his street address changed as follows:

Mr. George L. Dahl  
1102 Southland Annex  
Dallas, Texas

L. Flaherty

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November 4, 1946

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Responding to yours of October 30th, at hand today, with regard to publication of the work of a member of The A.I.A. in a monograph supported by advertising:

This same question has arisen in the past, and The Board of The Institute has consistently taken the position that members of The Institute should be governed by Section 6 of the Principles of Professional Practice, a marked copy of which is enclosed.

Section 6 states specifically that an architect will not "take part, nor give assistance in obtaining advertisements or other support toward meeting the expense of any publication illustrating his work; nor will he permit others to solicit such advertising or other support in his name."

A statement concerning publication of architects' works, with advertisements, appeared in the December, 1940, number of THE OCTAGON, as adopted by The Board of Directors. A reprint concerning that statement is enclosed.

We trust that the above will constitute a satisfactory answer to your question.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:MLB  
Enclosures

Executive Director

Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
1920½ Main Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

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

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May 13, 1947

Dear Mr. Dahl:

Responding to your letter of May 7, at hand on the 10th, with regard to monographs supported by advertising: (See 410)

It would not be appropriate for this office to make an official ruling on a hypothetical case involving a question of professional ethics. Such rulings can be obtained from The Board or The Executive Committee if it is necessary.

However, The Institute has consistently held that participation by a member in the publication of a monograph supported by advertising - of the type you describe - is not right. At the recent Convention in Grand Rapids a revised code of ethics was adopted, which contained the following paragraph - which we believe gives a general answer to your question:

"7. An Architect shall avoid exaggerated, misleading, or paid publicity. He shall not take part, nor give assistance, in obtaining advertisements or other support toward meeting the expense of any publication illustrating his works, nor will he permit others to solicit such advertising or other support in his name."

Should you desire a more official response than this, please do not hesitate to write again; and we shall submit the matter to The Executive Committee in late July or early August.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
1920 1/2 Main Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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NOT Granted 19 .

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee George Leighton Dahl Date of Nomination Oct. 29, 1951
2. Address of Nominee 2101 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas
3. Nominee's firm George L. Dahl, Architects & Engineers
4. Nominee's principal place of business Texas
5. Nominee's Chapter Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.
6. Nominee's State Association Member Texas Society of Architects, A.I.A.
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1932 19 .
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1932 19 to March 1, 1952
9. Nominee's age 57 Birthplace Minneapolis, Minnesota
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.

11. Achievement Public Service

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(Nominators leave blank)

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP  
BY  
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 29 1951 Use typewriter  
except for signa-  
tures.

We hereby nominate George Leighton Dahl  
member of The Dallas, Texas Chapter,  
for fellowship in The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his  
achievements in ~~design, the science of construction, the art of architecture, the practice of architecture, and~~  
\*public service.

Type in full name  
of nominee.  
Type in name of  
Chapter.

\*Strike out all  
inappropriate  
words.

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

\*\*Members' Signatures

Chapter of Signer

\*\*The signatures  
of five fellows of  
the nominee's  
chapter or of state  
association mem-  
ber to which he  
belongs; or of  
any ten corporate  
members will con-  
stitute a nomi-  
nation. If you  
are a Fellow place  
the initials  
F.A.I.A. after  
your name.

<i>AB Swank</i> President	Dallas, Texas
<i>Lurell R. Harper</i> - V. Pres.	Dallas, Texas
<i>James</i> Treasurer	Dallas, Texas
<i>Clifford J. Lane</i> Secy.	Dallas, Texas
<i>Jack Morgan</i>	Dallas, Texas
<i>Robert M. Johnson</i>	Dallas, Texas
<i>Ernest V. Welch</i>	Dallas, Texas

The above Corporate Members of the Dallas (Texas) Chapter of  
the American Institute of Architects constitute the Executive  
Committee of the Chapter.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT  
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name **George Leighton Dahl**
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~born~~ citizen of **United States of America**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **5323 Dentwood Drive, Dallas, Texas**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **2101 N. St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas**

2. Strike out in-appropriate word and write in name of Country.

3. Type in "N.C.A.R.B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **N.C.A.R.B. and the State Architectural Examining Boards of Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas.**
- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect ~~teacher in architecture~~  
~~teacher in science, mathematics, physics, public official~~

- 8. Born **May 11, 1894** . Place of birth **Minneapolis, Minnesota**

- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
<i>High School</i>				
	Hopkins High School	4	1912	
<i>Private School</i>				
<i>College or University</i>				
	University of Minnesota, School of Architecture, College of Engineering	4	1920	B.S.Arch.
<i>Post Graduate at</i>				
	Harvard University	1	1923	M.Arch.

*Scholarships held*  
 Nelson Robinson Traveling Fellowship 2  
 from Harvard University to American Academy at Rome

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

- 1914-17: Estimator, Northwestern Marble & Tile Co., Minneapolis
- 1917-19: First Lieutenant, Air Force Signal Corps, U. S. Army
- 1920-21: Designer for Minnesota State Architect
- 1921-22: Practice of Architecture, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1923-25: American Academy at Rome, Study and Travel in Europe and North Africa
- 1925-26: Designer for Myron Hunt, Los Angeles, California
- 1926-28: Designer, Herbert M. Greene Company, Architect, Dallas
- 1928-37: Partner, Herbert M. Greene, LaRoche & Dahl, Architects, Dallas, Texas
- 1937-43: Partner, LaRoche & Dahl, Architects, Dallas
- 1944- : Principal Member of Firm George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers, Dallas, Texas

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9, before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work  (City) (State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	
A	Dallas Morning News	Dallas, Texas	1949	1	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
A	Sears, Roebuck and Co.	Houston, Texas	1950	1	
A	Remington Rand, Inc.	Dallas, Texas	1949	1	Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.
A	Employers Insurance Building	Dallas, Texas	1950	1	
D	Texas Centennial Exposition	Dallas, Texas	1936	2	
D	Architecture Building University of Texas*	Austin, Texas	1932	1	
D	Music Building University of Texas*	Austin, Texas	1941	1	
D	American Red Cross	Dallas, Texas	1949	1	
D	Nurses Dormitory, Methodist Hospital, Dallas	Dallas	1951	1	

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

The nominee has enjoyed a varied practice in all types of buildings in the Southwest region for the past twenty-five years. His insistence on serving any prospective client who knocked at the door, regardless of the scale of his problem, has demonstrated his versatility in handling projects both large and small.

Alert and ever probing into the future for new developments in materials and techniques, his works reflect his broad comprehension of the building skills and his progressive striving to build better buildings.

A community of enthusiastic and happy clients attest his years of outstanding service in his profession.

\*Consulting Architect - Paul Philippe Cret.

### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

#### 1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

#### 2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

### 1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

B.S. Arch., School of Architecture, College of Engineering, University of Minnesota	1920
Master in Architecture, Harvard University	1923
Traveling Fellowship (Nelson-Robinson Prize) American Academy at Rome	1923-25

### 2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
"Portals, Doorways and Windows"		Architectural Book Publishing Company	1925

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### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Secretary, North Texas Chapter A. I. A.	1934-38
Vice-President, Texas Society of Architects	1940
President, Texas Society of Architects	1941
General TSA Convention Chairman, Dallas Chapter	1950
Member, Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners	1951



## NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

Alderman, Town of Highland Park	1932-36
Dallas City Plan Advisory Committee	1943-45
Greater Dallas Planning Council (Committee on Zoning and Land Use)	1948-51

Having completed his formal education, including a Master's Degree in Architecture and three years of foreign study and travel, after having served two years in the United States Army Air Service during World War I and a year of employment as a designer in the office of an important West Coast Architect, George Dahl came to Dallas in 1926 and joined Herbert M. Greene Company as principal architectural designer. Throughout the ensuing quarter century, the force of George Dahl's personality and talents has been increasingly apparent in the physical and esthetic development of his adopted Community and State. He has been active in municipal government, civic development, philanthropic activities, master planning, zoning improvements and many other phases of public service.

In the early years of his Texanship, George Leighton Dahl's architectural skill and master planning ability made important contributions to the permanent quality of the physical plant at the University of Texas, for which institution his firm were architects for many years. During the late Twenties, he and his associates designed the buildings which to this day house a high percentage of the major commercial enterprises which form Dallas' economic as well as physical sky line. The downtown area of the City stands and will stand as a monument to this architect's professional importance for a long time.

In 1932 Mr. Dahl was chosen by his fellow citizens to serve as a Town Alderman in the Municipal Government of Highland Park, Dallas' most important suburban residential municipality. He held this post, and creditably, for four years. The discharge of these duties during the last eighteen months of this period required no inconsiderable personal sacrifice, as Mr. Dahl was throughout that time Supervising Architect for the Texas Centennial Exposition, in charge of a large number of technical people working day and night in a feverish program toward the opening of the Centennial in April of 1936. Also during the entire second term of his Aldermanship and for two additional years thereafter, he served as Secretary of the

North Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, discharging his obligations in that respect in so creditable a fashion that his fellows insisted upon his re-election for three consecutive years.

When the citizens of Texas began to make serious plans for an Exposition to commemorate the Centennial Birthday of the Independence of Texas from Mexico, the State's major cities began to vie with one another for the honor (and economic advantage) of being the Home City of the Exposition. In the front ranks of the group who sold Dallas to the State as the logical site of the Centennial, George Dahl labored diligently and well. Although many other architects shared in the work of designing the buildings, both permanent and temporary, which constituted the physical plant of the completed Exposition, George Dahl alone, among his profession, lead the way toward winning the Exposition for Dallas and toward welding the entire plan of the Exposition, insofar as its buildings and ground beautification were concerned, into a coherent, efficiently functioning and yet magnificently beautiful program. In recognition of this service, he was the unanimous selection of the Central Centennial Commission to act as their Supervising Architect in coordinating the work of all of the architects, engineers, landscape designers, sculptors, painters and other artists and scientists whose joint work the finished product was and is. This assignment, in addition to the public and civic duties hereinbefore mentioned, required Mr. Dahl's full time for a period of two years, to the complete exclusion of his private practice of architecture. Yet there was no question at any time in his mind as to the real importance of so essential a public service by comparison with the private pursuit of professional activities for personal profit.

With the conclusion of his activities as Technical Director of the Texas Centennial Exposition and Pan-American Exposition in 1937, Mr. Dahl became acutely aware of the fact that Dallas' only major auditorium was the one in the State Fair Grounds, where the Exposition had been held. This forty-five hundred seat house is situated three miles from downtown Dallas and is most difficult of access by any large concentration of traffic. He conceived the idea that Dallas must have a large downtown Municipal Auditorium. That Dallas still does not have such an auditorium can in no way be taken as critical of the dreams, plans and works of George Leighton Dahl. He has labored in the forefront of every movement, civic or otherwise, which could by any stretch of the imagination be considered as having any bearing on the possible achievement of this practical dream. Largely through his efforts, the present City Council of Dallas is giving serious consideration to the establishment of a complete Civic Center, one of the buildings of which will be, when it is finally realized, the Municipal Auditorium.

In 1938, Mr. Dahl was selected by the Board of Regents of the State Teachers Colleges of Texas to do a small amount of work for the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce. The fulfillment of this contract was of small consequence, but it aroused George Dahl's interest in this somewhat down-at-the-heel institution. During the past thirteen years, the physical realization of a master plan conceived without commission or remuneration is finally beginning to take shape. The College is well on its way to becoming an important factor in the development of teachers in this section of the country, and is already a beautiful campus, largely due to the foresight, taste and public interest of George Dahl.

When the Texas Society of Architects was reorganized in 1940, after having had no organization throughout the depression, George Dahl was selected as its first Vice-President, and he was so active and so effective in the discharge of his duties in that office that he was chosen as the Society's President in 1941. The Second Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects was held in Dallas in 1941 under George Dahl's personal supervision and was an outstanding success.

In 1943, Baylor Medical College, which had trained physicians and surgeons in the Dallas Area for many, many years was moved to Houston. Many Dallas citizens, most of them doctors, but including George Dahl, conceived the idea of founding in Dallas a "Southwestern Medical Foundation", whose first obligation would be the establishment of a medical school in this City. With Mr. Dahl's help and under his guidance, a group of temporary buildings were erected on a borrowed piece of property adjoining Dallas' City-County Hospital, for which Mr. Dahl's firm had been the architects. This institution has grown in stature and importance through the years until it is now accredited as an extension of the University of Texas. Other architects have been selected to design the permanent buildings for the College, but George Dahl's "temporary" buildings are still the only campus Southwestern Medical College actually has, and Dallas has a medical college.

Mr. Dahl was appointed in 1943, together with Mr. Arthur E. Thomas (who is now a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects), to serve on the City Plan Advisory Committee, a post which both architects held for two years and in which they rendered many important services to the permanent planning of Dallas.

Also in 1943, the Dallas City-County Boys' Industrial School, for delinquent boys between the ages of seven and fifteen, found itself in a precarious situation due to the fact that the old buildings in which it was housed were near collapse and without proper heat, sanitary facilities or water supply. The unpaid Civic Committee which administers this institution for the City

and County asked Mr. Dahl to see what could be done about this situation. Through his untiring efforts, and at a minimum of cost to the public bodies which support it, this little school is now one of the most attractive and efficiently operating institutions of its type in this part of the country, and is serving as a real inspiration toward the rehabilitation of boys whose first steps were not in the right direction.

In 1948, the late Honorable Beauford Jester, then Governor of Texas, called about him a few civic-minded citizens of the State, among them George Dahl, to consider the future of the Capitol Buildings of this Commonwealth. Mr. Dahl's principal contribution to this public service was so well conceived that it is still the basis of the studies of the present Capitol Planning Commission, of which Mr. Dahl is not a member.

In 1948, George Dahl was asked to serve on the Committee on Zoning and Land Use of the Greater Dallas Planning Council. This Committee has rendered such outstanding service since its creation that its entire personnel has been asked at the end of each year to accept re-assignment for another year. Mr. Dahl is now in his fourth year of service on this Committee, which is safeguarding the future of Dallas' building program.

Since 1948, Mr. Dahl has been the architect for the entire Texas Prison System, and has designed the buildings and utilities which are making possible the realization of the complete rebuilding and rehabilitation program conceived by Mr. O. B. Ellis, General Manager of the Texas Prison System since 1947, who is recognized over the Nation as one of the outstanding Prison men of the country. Mr. Dahl's personal services in connection with the carrying out of his contractual obligations in this respect have far exceeded the duties officially required of him. His own thoughts and ideas and his own campaign for improvements, many times involving architectural services for which no remuneration is possible because not provided for by law, have resulted in the beautification and improved efficiency of many of the State's penal institutions.

George Dahl has been a leader for twenty-five years in public service to his State and Community. The Boy Scouts of America, the Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Dallas Community Chest, the Dallas County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the Texas Crippled Children's Society, the many philanthropic endeavors of the Dallas Rotary Club (which Mr. Dahl has served as President one year and as Director for many years), and Dallas' publicly subsidized Theatre '45 (and its successors through Theatre '51) have all felt the impact of his interest in public affairs and have benefited in a concrete manner from his unflagging, frequently unsolicited (and quite frequently uncompensated) personal and professional services.

The attached impressive file of communications from Dallas and Texas citizens and public servants in high places is evidence of George Leighton Dahl's unusual and outstanding record of achievement in the field of public service to his City, his County and his State and to the many institutions which go to make up the Community in its broadest sense.

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FILE OF LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT  
In Support Of The Nomination For Fellowship  
of  
GEORGE LEIGHTON DAHL

From

- Austin F. Allen, President, Circle Ten Council Boy Scouts of America
- Nathan Adams, Honorary Chairman of the Board, First National Bank in Dallas
- J. B. Adoue, Jr., Mayor, City of Dallas
- George Waverley Briggs, Secretary, George B. Dealey Memorial Assn.
- Ashley DeWitt, Alumni President, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
- Charles C. Ford, City Manager, City of Dallas
- Karl Hoblitzelle, Chairman, Hoblitzelle Foundation
- Elliott Mendenhall, M. D., President, Dallas Y. M. C. A.
- Fred M. Lange, Executive Director, Community Chest of Dallas County
- H. L. Mills, President, Board of Regents of the State Teachers Colleges of Texas
- James R. Temple, Former Mayor, City of Dallas
- R. L. Thomas, Former President, Board of Regents of the State Teachers Colleges of Texas
- R. L. Thornton, Chairman of the Board, Mercantile National Bank at Dallas
- R. L. Thomas, President, Dallas Society for Crippled Children, Inc.
- W. J. Battle, Ph.D, LL.D, Chairman, Faculty Building Committee, University of Texas
- J. Woodall Rodgers, Chairman, George B. Dealey Memorial Association
- W. S. Bellows, Chairman, Construction Committee, Texas Prison Board
- Ballard Burgher, Past President, Dallas Chapter, American Red Cross
- E. H. Cary, M. D., President, Board of Trustees, Southwestern Medical Foundation
- W. L. (Lew) Sterrett, County Judge of Dallas County
- Lynn V. Lawther, County Commissioner, District No. 1, Dallas County
- W. H. (Bill) Coyle, County Commissioner, District No. 2, Dallas County
- O. B. Ellis, General Manager, Texas Prison System
- J. Woodall Rodgers, Former Mayor, City of Dallas
- Fred F. Florence, President, Republic National Bank of Dallas
- S. D. Miller, General Secretary, Dallas Y. M. C. A.
- George F. Pierce, Former President, Dallas Rotary Club
- Wallace H. Savage, Former Mayor, City of Dallas
- H. Grady Spruce, Chairman, Board of Managers, Dallas City-County Boys' Industrial School
- R. L. Thomas, President, Board of Education, Dallas Independent School District
- Ewell D. Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dallas, Texas
- H. Grady Spruce, President, Dallas Rotary Club
- Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas
- Beauford H. Jester, Former Governor of Texas
- Mrs. Emilie Schuyler, Executive Vice President, Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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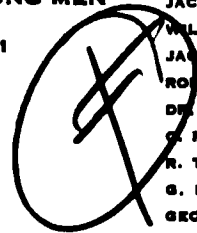
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Mr. George A. Dahl  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

My dear George:

Thanks very much for your recent letter with regard to the completion of your firm's work on the improvements of our City-County Boys Industrial School. You and all members of your firm have been more than diligent and efficient in your handling of this project and the Board is very grateful to you and all of your staff who have been so generous and considerate throughout the whole time of the construction.

We believe that you have done us a magnificent service and we have a most usable equipment; one that is ideally constructed to meet our needs and one that is attractive at the same time.

Thank you very, very much.

Most sincerely yours,

H. Grady Spruce  
Chairman, Board of Managers  
City-County Boys Industrial School

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September 19, 1951

Mr. George L. Dahl  
Architects and Engineers  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear George:

I first want to thank you for the nice letter and secondly want to personally thank you for the co-operation you have given both to the Commissioners' Court and to our Board of Directors in carrying out to its completion our Program for the Boys School at Hutchins.

You and your men have been very co-operative and have done a good job and I merely want to say to all of you, Thank you.

Yours very truly

*Geo. P. Cullum, Sr.*

GEO. P. CULLUM, SR.

Member of Board of  
Directors - City County  
Boys Industrial School

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cc- Commissioners' Court

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September 18, 1951

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Mr. George L. Dahl  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear George:

Thank you for your note in regard to the Boys' Industrial School. All of us on the Board appreciated the genuine interest and unselfish service that you displayed and rendered during the past several years. I am taking this opportunity of expressing the thanks of not only myself personally but all the other members of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature: Ewell]*  
Ewell D. Walker

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Mr. George L. Dahl  
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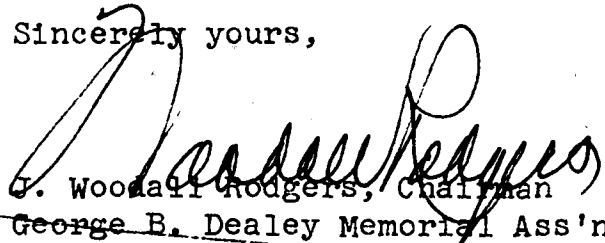
Dear George:

Your generous and varied services performed in the erection and dedication of the George B. Dealey Memorial statue were invaluable.

The spirit with which they were performed is unmatched. May I express to you the sincere appreciation of the George B. Dealey Memorial Association and my personal thanks for your most able, generous and effective services in this regard, and may I include Mr. Sherwood, your most capable superintendent, who was especially helpful to us.

With high personal regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
J. Woodall Rodgers, Chairman  
George B. Dealey Memorial Ass'n

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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December 1, 1948

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Mr. George L. Dahl  
1920½ Main Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear George:

I appreciate very much your letter of November 17th commending the idea of honoring outstanding citizens of Texas who have left Texas and have made good on a national scale.

I, too, thought the dinner and program was well handled.

At the present estimate of the situation, and with the large demands for appropriations which total far in excess of the estimated tax income of the State during the coming biennium added to our present surplus, it appears inadvisable and inexpedient to ask for an appropriation to undertake the entire Capital Development Plan during the next biennium. I consulted with Senator Moffett on last Friday morning, as he introduced the Capital Development Plan Resolution in the Senate prior to World War II. He is agreeable to introducing a similar Resolution which would set up a Capital Development Plan Commission and appropriate to it the necessary funds to make studies, preparation of plans, and perhaps provide for making a start on this building program during the biennium.

Before the Legislature meets, I am going to call in several interested people to meet with us in mapping out this plan. I will advise you in advance of the meeting so you can be present.

The work you have done on this has been of great importance to the State of Texas and I appreciate your helpfulness more than I can tell you.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Beauford H. Jester", written over a large, loopy flourish.

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DALLAS CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

11 March 1952

The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects received a copy of a letter dated 21 January 1952, from Arthur E. Thomas F.A.I.A. and Thomas D. Broad F.A.I.A., both of the Dallas Chapter, to the Jury of Fellows of the Institute with reference to the nomination of George L. Dahl for Fellowship in the Institute.

The Executive Committee felt it was their duty to meet with Mr. Broad and Mr. Thomas to inquire into the charges which these members had heard and knew of in connection with Mr. Dahl's reported disregard of the Institute's Code of Ethics, particularly the submission of sketches before contractual relations were established and the matter of advertising.

The Committee asked Mr. Broad and Mr. Thomas to meet with them to elaborate on the matters mentioned above, and the following information was given the Committee for further investigation:

1. Sketches reported to have been prepared before contractual relations were established:
  - (a) Park Cities Y.M.C.A., Dallas.
  - (b) A display in Neiman-Marcus windows & drawings for a proposed Southwestern Medical Foundation, Dallas.
  - (c) Some building in Houston of which John Staub has knowledge.
  - (d) A drawing for the proposed Capitol plan at Austin.
  - (e) A proposed synagogue for the Shearith Israel congregation, Dallas.
  
2. Examples of unethical advertising:
  - (a) The Architect's job sign carrying the slogan, "Sign of Progress."

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- (b) The full page ad in the Dallas News carrying a picture and statement of Governor Shivers with a note that this page was sponsored in the interest of higher education by George Dahl, Architects-Engineers. ~~(Copy attached.)~~
- (c) A book, "Architectural Designs of George Dahl, Architects and Engineers," showing the work of this firm and paid for by advertisements of material dealers and contractors in Dallas and vicinity.
- (d) Two advertisements within the past year or so which were called to the attention of Mr. Dahl's office by the Executive Committee and for which satisfactory explanations were given.

Point by point, as listed above, the following information was obtained by the Committee:

1(a) When the campaign to raise funds for the Park Cities YMCA was first being organized, the officials of the "Y" asked Mr. Dahl to make a picture which might be used for campaign purposes. The picture was made, donated and used, and Mr. Dahl's name did not appear in connection with it, nor did its use obligate the YMCA in any way concerning the selection of an architect for the building. Apparently, the principal factor which influenced the Building Committee's choice of an architect was the fact that the chief architect for the National Council of the YMCA was familiar with and had great respect for the designing ability of one of Mr. Dahl's associates, Mr. Harris Kemp.

1(b) The display in the Neiman-Marcus windows of the drawings prepared by Mr. Dahl's firm for the proposed Southwestern Medical College appeared, in connection with a campaign for community financial support of the new institution's building dreams in 1943, while Mr. Dahl's firm was engaged by the Southwestern Medical Foundation to design its temporary quarters and to make studies on which the design of permanent buildings could be based. The drawings were made upon the request of the Foundation's board, and were subsequently paid for. All this took place while Mr. Dahl was the Foundation's architect, long before other architects were appointed by the Foundation and even longer before still other architects were designated by Texas University, of which Southwestern Medical College has since become a part.

1(c) A member of the Committee was unable to get in touch with Mr. Staub. Mr. Alfred C. Finn F.A.I.A., of Houston, said he knew nothing of the alleged rumor concerning sketches prepared by Mr. Dahl's firm for any proposed building in Houston. Mr. Dahl's office is ... "of the opinion that the report stems from some preliminary sketches made in 1948 in connection with a large industrial development then under consideration by a large national firm which is a continuing client of George L. Dahl Architects and Engineers and for whom the firm is currently doing work in several cities over the country. The project was shelved and the sketches have not been paid for. It subsequently was given some publicity in the Houston press, and the names of a group of Houston architects were mentioned in connection with it, but again it did not develop. The client has recently reopened conversations with George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers, and the project may yet become a reality. You may be assured that no further sketches will be made until the selection of an Architect has been definitely made. "

1(d) At a time when no funds had been provided for the purpose, the late Governor Beauford Jester asked Mr. Dahl to help him work up some ideas and estimates for a Capitol plan, in order that he might make use of them in promoting this worthwhile project in the Legislature. The studies and estimates were made and donated to the Governor, who used them (without Mr. Dahl's name ) in his conferences with the Legislature's Committee. The Capitol Plan Commission, of which Mr. Dahl is not a member, was subsequently created, and funds were appropriated to finance their work.

1(e) Mr. Dahl's office advises that... " a business associate of Mr. Dahl's, who is an influential member of one of the local Jewish congregations, asked Mr. Dahl to make some sketches which might be used in fund raising campaign. We now understand that other members of the same congregation similarly requested their architect friends to make sketches for the same purpose. Whether they did so, or whether any architect has been selected to do the work, I do not know. We have heard no further from the project. "

2(a) Neither Mr. Dahl nor his associates agree with the expressed official point of view that the present sign is unethical and in bad taste, but they do not desire to flout the Institute's dictum or the combined opinion of all of the other architects in the community.

2(b) The sponsorship, by George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers, of Governor Shiver's full page statement in the special educational section of the Dallas Morning News last September, was printed in violation of the

firm's instruction to the newspaper that acknowledgment was to have been made by the statement "Compliments of a Friend". The publishers have promised that there will be no recurrence of this error, but the page will certainly appear again next September if the Governor so requests. This matter has been the subject of a previous exchange of correspondence, the Executive Committee having at that time voted to accept as satisfactory the explanation received and now in the Committee's files.

2(c) The brochure titled "Architectural Designs of George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers" was not paid for by advertisements of material dealers and/or contractors, but by the architectural and engineering firm itself (and handsomely). The brochure containing the contractors' and dealers' advertisements was paid for in that manner and is used only by the purchasers of those advertisements, and for their own purposes.

2(d) Mr. Dahl's letter to the Executive Committee setting forth his point of view concerning the publication of the offending statements referred to, and assuring the Committee that there would be no recurrence, has already been accepted by the Committee and is of record.

With regard to attendance at Chapter Meetings and interest in Chapter affairs, Mr. Dahl has attended four out of the last thirteen meetings of which attendance records are available, and the average attendance for the 114 members who have attended at all is 3.93 of the thirteen meetings, of this number 38% have attended more than four meetings each, 9% have attended four meetings each, and 53% have attended fewer than four meetings each, but to base on this fact alone the statement that he has shown no interest in the Chapter is hardly representative of the facts. In 1950 Mr. Dahl was the primary force in planning the Dallas Chapter's activities as host to the eleventh annual T.S.A. convention. He has participated in several Chapter programs, made possible the dinner at which Dean Hudnut was entertained by the Executive Committee in 1950; and is now serving as the active and interested Chairman of the Chapter's Program Committee. Back in the depression days he was Secretary of the Chapter for four years, and was active as Vice-President and then President of the Texas Society in 1940 and 1941. He has recently been appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas as one of the members of the State Board of Architectural Examiners.

There was considerable discussion among the members of the Committee as to the exact boundary between free sketches before contractual relations are established, and sketches which are done with or without recompense




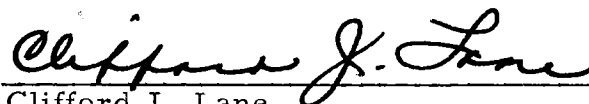
for friends or established clients or business associates with or without the assurance that the job will be given to the Architect should it proceed. It was apparent that a sharper definition of this matter, and that of advertising and public relations, should be made the subject of special study by appropriate Committees of the Dallas Chapter, who will contact the Institute at a later date for clarifications and precise definitions of some of the terms used in the mandatory rules of the Institute.

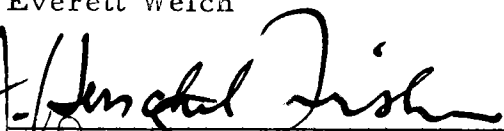
The Executive Committee could find no reason why the original recommendation of Mr. George L. Dahl for Fellowship in the Institute should be changed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

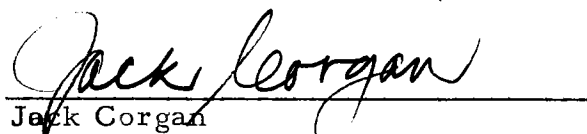
  
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March 31, 1952

Dear Mr. Harper:

Re: Nomination of George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
for Fellowship

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this is to acknowledge receipt of the report of the Executive Committee of the Dallas Chapter on its review and decision of the eligibility of Mr. Dahl for nomination for Fellowship, and dated March 11, 1952.

The report arrived in Washington on March 13, whereas the Jury had completed its work and adjourned the day before - on March 12th.

However, Mr. Dahl's nomination has been held over for consideration by the Jury at its next meeting in 1953, and the Chapter's Report has been placed with Mr. Dahl's file for the information of the Jury at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Terrell R. Harper, President  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

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DALLAS CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

DALLAS, TEXAS      2101 North St. Paul Street  
December 4, 1952

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Nomination of George L. Dahl,  
A.I.A., for Fellowship

Gentlemen:

This communication is addressed to you as the tenure of the Dallas Chapter's current Executive Committee draws to a close.

It had been my sincere hope that the nomination of George Dahl for advancement to Fellowship would be favorably acted upon during my term of office as President of the Dallas Chapter, because it has been my privilege to be closely associated with Mr. Dahl over a long period of years, and it would have meant a great deal to me to see Fellowship conferred upon him during my administration.

However, for one reason or another, the Jury was unable to conclude its study of Mr. Dahl's nomination at its Spring meeting in 1952, and I understand that it will be again taken up at the next meeting of the Jury, in the Spring of 1953.

The other members of the current Executive Board in the Dallas Chapter join me in again urging your favorable consideration of Mr. Dahl's nomination at your next meeting. We consider him, of all the architects in Dallas, to be the most deserving of this recognition.

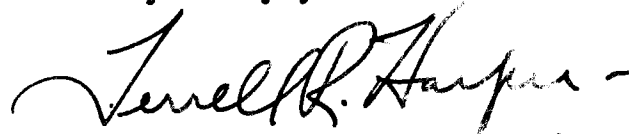
It has been said by some that Fellowship in the Institute should be retained for those individuals who, by their efforts on behalf of the Institute, have demonstrated an anxiety to serve the Profession through the A. I. A. The affairs of the Institute have not always been the chief concern of George L. Dahl, but his nomination is based on his long and outstanding record of achievement in the field of public service, a record which is unparalleled by that of any other architect in this City's history. If public service is an acceptable basis for advancement to Fellowship, then George L. Dahl's record speaks for itself.

Jury of Fellows  
Re: George L. Dahl  
December 4, 1952

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We bespeak your favorable consideration of it, and will look forward with keen interest to the report of your action taken in this regard at your Spring meeting.

Very truly yours



Terrell R. Harper, President  
Dallas, Chapter

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cc - Mrs. A. B. Swank, Jr.

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

December 18, 1952

Mr. Terrell R. Harper, President  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Harper:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of December 4, in support of the nomination of George L. Dahl, A.I.A., for Fellowship in this Institute.

Your letter will be called to the attention of The Jury of Fellows at its next meeting.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

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February 27, 1953

Dear Mr. Nunn:

Your telegram advising of your recommendation that favorable consideration be given to the nomination of Mr. George L. Dahl for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute is at hand.

It will be brought to the attention of the Jury next month when Mr. Dahl's nomination is under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Stayton Nunn, FAIA  
3272 Westheimer  
Houston 19, Texas

Dahl

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March 26, 1953

Dear John:

Your absence was very much regretted at the recent meeting of the Jury. I hope that when this reaches you, you will no longer have cause for anxiety.

Miss Gervais and all members of the Jury have been most helpful and the task has not seemed burdensome.

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of our Report to The Board for your information.

When you can conveniently do so, would you be kind enough to drop me a confidential report on George Leighton Dahl, of Dallas, whose nomination was considered for the first time this year? The data we have is far from complete, especially in regard to his standards of professional practice.

Hope that this finds you in a happier state of mind.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. John F. Staub, F.A.I.A.  
2814 Virginia Street  
Houston 6, Texas

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GEORGE L. DAHL  
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS  
2101 N. ST. PAUL STREET  
DALLAS 1, TEXAS



GEORGE L. DAHL T. R. HARPER H. A. KEMP H. G. GREGERSON W. A. GRAY J. A. MURLIN T. K. HUTCHINS S. I. SIRMEN L. J. ACKER D. L. YATER

April 6, 1953

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Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary

Re: Nomination of George L. Dahl,  
A.I.A., for Fellowship

My dear Miss Gervais:

I am very interested in knowing what action, if any, was taken by the Jury of Fellows at its Spring Meeting relative to the nomination for Fellowship of George L. Dahl of Dallas, Texas.

I shall appreciate any report you may be able to give me at this point.

Very truly yours

Terrell R. Harper

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

April 9, 1953

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Report of Action of The Jury of Fellows  
Re: Nomination of Member of your Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the action it has taken on the nomination of Mr. George Leighton Dahl, A.I.A., whose nomination for advancement to Fellowship was before it at the recent meeting.

Mr. Dahl's nomination was directed to be held over for resubmission to the Jury at its next meeting in 1954.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. J. Hershel Fisher, President  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
5217 Ross Avenue  
Dallas 6, Texas

ERP/g

Copy to Mr. Terrell R. Harper, A.I.A.

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STAUB AND RATHER  
ARCHITECTS  
2814 VIRGINIA STREET  
HOUSTON 6

Re George Dahl

April 22, 1953

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Albert:

Your words, spoken or written, have always been a joy to me. You have fine feeling, and the rare gift of expressing it attractively.

You have been very considerate of me during the long months of anxiety during which everything, except my family, was neglected. Your note on the card at Xmas was cheering, and I am happy to report that our grandson is recovering without any paralysis and that Mrs. Staub is home from the hospital and making satisfactory progress.

Since my term on the Jury has expired, it seems pointless to comment upon matters of policy, but I do want to be helpful at any time that I can.

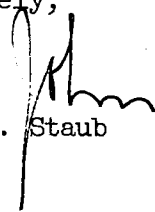
Sometime ago you asked for word on George Dahl who "was considered for the first time this year." 1953 must have been his second, because I remember effort last year to get some pertinent data.

Many years ago, at our only meeting, Dahl impressed me as an extremely energetic man of the self-advertising type. His work is generally good, but judging from inquiries made last year, he is not very much admired by his fellows.

It is my understanding that the new member of your Jury is to be Tom Broad of Dallas. If so, then he can give you factual information. Ask him particularly about Dahl's political activity. I've heard that Dahl pays for advertisements for the Governor and that he is the one member of the Registration Committee that the Governor can appoint directly.

Thank you again for your wire, the letters and copy of the Report of your meeting. I shall greatly miss the pleasures that came from service on the Jury and hope that, at least, we Southerners will meet occasionally.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Staub

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Albert Simons, F.A.I.A.  
17 Broad Street  
Charleston 8, S. C.

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April 24, 1953

Re Geo Dahl.

Dear John:

Your letter of April 22nd is a great relief to my mind. I am indeed happy to know that your grandson is recovering without any paralysis and that Mrs. Staub is home from the hospital and making satisfactory progress. This is such good news that I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the other members of the Jury as I know that they will be most interested to hear from you.

I am of course glad to act as chairmen pro tem of the Jury and Miss Gervais is so helpful and efficient that this is no chore at all, however, as a matter of fact I do not believe that your term of office as Chairman of the Jury will expire until after the Seattle Convention, June 15 - 19. Under the new dispensation the Chancellor of the College of Fellows now acts as the Master of Ceremonies in the ritual of Conferring Fellowships, so that if you can go to the Seattle Convention that mental hazard will not confront you.

Thanks very much for your confidential information about Mr. Dahl. I am sure the Jury will receive further delightment from Tom Broad.

I sincerely hope that Mrs. Staub will continue to improve and that your anxieties about her are at an end.

Perhaps you and Mrs. Staub will plan to attend next year's convention in Boston. This should prove an added attraction to an M.I.T. man. Hoping to see both of you then, if not sooner.

Cordially yours,

Albert Simons

John F. Staub, F.A.I.A.  
Staub and Father  
2514 Virginia Street  
Houston 6, Texas

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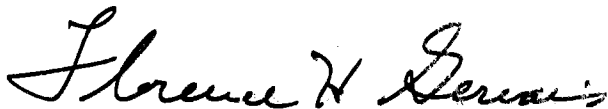
March 12, 1954

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Memorandum for The Jury of Fellows

In re: George Leighton Dahl, A.I.A.

At the present time, charges of alleged unprofessional conduct are pending filed against Mr. Dahl by the Ballas Chapter for violation of Rule No. 8 for continued use of the "Sign of Progress" job sign. The case is now before The Judiciary Committee.



Secretary to  
The Judiciary Committee

March 25, 1954

Mr. Max M. Sandfield, Secretary  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
3722 Bowser Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Sandfield:

Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows  
Re: Nominations of Members of your Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nominees Elected to Fellowship:

Donald S. Nelson, F.A.I.A.  
Herbert M. Tatum, F.A.I.A.

Herewith are copies of letters of notification sent to the above new Fellows which are self-explanatory.

It is requested that no publicity be given to their elections until after public announcement has been made by The Institute.

Nomination Before The Jury of Fellows for Three Meetings Without Favorable Action:

George L. Dahl, A.I.A.

Also sent herewith is copy of letter to Mr. Dahl which is self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 24, 1954

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Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Dahl:

We regret to inform you that you have not been advanced to Fellowship in The Institute by The Jury of Fellows at this time.

The By-laws of The Institute permit the submission of a new nomination after the lapse of one year following this action.

The Jury takes this occasion to thank you for your cooperation and to wish you all success.

We are returning to you, under separate cover, the exhibits which accompanied the proposal of your name and trust that you will find them in good order.

By direction of The Jury of Fellows.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

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Washington, D. C.

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THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

June 30, 1954

To: Mrs. L.S. Miller, The Treasurer's Office  
From: Miss F.H. Gervais, Secretary, The Judiciary Committee  
Re: Status of George L. Dahl, A.I.A.

From the attached copy of official notice you will note that the charges of alleged unprofessional conduct previously preferred against Mr. Dahl by the Dallas Chapter have been withdrawn.

Please correct your records to show that Mr. Dahl is now in good standing - so far as his professional practice is concerned.



Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

June 30, 1954

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To:

Executive Committee, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
C/o Mr. Grayson Gill, President  
1913 San Jacinto Street  
Dallas 2, Texas

Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

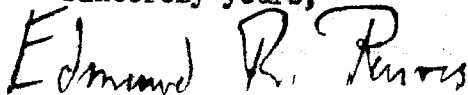
Gentlemen:

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES OF ALLEGED UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

You hereby are notified that the Dallas Chapter Executive Committee, by action taken at its meeting on June 2, 1954, has withdrawn the charges of alleged unprofessional conduct previously preferred against Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A., in connection with the use of the "Sign of Progress".

Accordingly, the case has been marked "Closed" and will be filed in the permanent records of The American Institute of Architects under seal.

Sincerely yours,



Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

ERP/fhg

(Executed in several counterparts)

By Registered Mail

Copies to: Mr. Philip D. Creery, Chairman  
Mr. Waldo B. Christenson, Member  
Mr. G. Thos. Harmon, Member (pro-tem)  
The Judiciary Committee  
Mr. Edward L. Wilson, Past Chairman, The Judiciary Committee, A.I.A.

*member  
Re L.L. George L.*

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At Seattle, Washington  
June 15, 1953

Mr. George L. Dahl, A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Dahl:

The copy of your letter of June 8th addressed to the Dallas Chapter of the A.I.A., has just reached me here, where the 1953 Convention of The Institute is to be held.

With regard to your stated wish to resign your corporate membership in The Institute and its Dallas Chapter, I call to your attention the following extract from the By-laws of the A.I.A. (Chapter II, Article 1, Section 6):

"Section 6. Resignations of Corporate Members.

"A corporate member may resign from The Institute if he is in good standing and is not under charges, either formal or informal, of unprofessional conduct. \* \* \*

You will understand, therefore, that no action can be taken on the resignation at this time.

Very truly yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

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Copy to Mr. J. Herschel Fisher, President  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.



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JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 29, 1956  
Voted On Mar. 28, 19 57  
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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee George Leighton Dahl Date of Nomination Oct. 25, 1956.
2. Address of Nominee 2101 North St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas
3. Nominee's firm George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers
4. Nominee's principal place of business Texas
5. Nominee's Chapter Dallas
6. Nominee's State Organization Texas Society of Architects
7. Nominee admitted to Institute 1932
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 1932 19 to Dec. 31, 1956.
9. Nominee's age 62 yrs. Birthplace Minneapolis, Minnesota
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Dallas Chapter:

President: ✓	Donald S. Nelson	Director: , J. Herschel Fisher ✓
Vice-Pres.: ✓	Norman W. Crittenden	Director: , Grayson Gill ✓
Treasurer: ✓	Latham White	Director: , Roscoe P. DeWitt ✓
Director: ✓	Terrell R. Harper	Secretary: , Enslie O. Oglesby, Jr. ✓

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NO NF 618

(Nominators leave blank)



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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
The Octagon, 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Date October 25, 1956

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 8, 1956
nominated\* George Leighton Dahl
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of
the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as
follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes\* George Leighton Dahl
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in\*\* Design and Public Service
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† twenty-four
years prior to this date; therefore be it

"Resolved, That‡ the Dallas Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\* George Leighton Dahl

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are
authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of
Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Donald S. Nelson, President
Norman W. Crittenden, V.P. J. Herschel Fisher, Director
Latham White, Treasurer Grayson Gill, Director
Terrell R. Harper, TSA Director Boscoe P. DeWitt, Director
Enslie O. Oglesby, Jr. Secretary

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

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\*Type in full name.

\*\*Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Literature," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

†Type in number of years.

‡Type in name of Chapter.

\*Type in full name.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name **George Leighton Dahl**
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **the United States of America**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **Dallas, Texas**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas**

2. Strike out in appropriate word and write in name of Country.

6. Type in "N.C., A., K., B." or name of State Board, as case may be.

7. Strike out in appropriate words.

8. Type in date of birth and city and Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the State Boards of Ala., Ariz., Ark., Calif., Colo., Conn., Fla., Ga., Ill., Ind., Ky., La., Mass., Mich., Minn., Miss., Mo., Neb., N.M., N.C., Okla., Ore., Pa., S.C., Tenn., Tex.
- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~mechanical engineer—architectural draftsman—civil engineer—~~

8. Born **May 11, 1894** . Place of birth **Minneapolis, Minnesota**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Hopkins, Minnesota	4	1912	
Private School				
College or University	University of Minnesota	4	1920	B. S. Arch.
College or University	Harvard University	1	1923	M. Arch.
Post Graduate at	American Academy at Rome	1	1924	
Scholarships held	Nelson Robinson Traveling Fellowship-Harvard Univ.	2	1925	

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.
  - 1914-1917 Estimator and Construction Superintendent, W. S. Nott Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Estimator, Northwest Marble & Tile Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota
  - 1917-1919 Air Service Signal Corps, United States Army - First Lieutenant in charge of Maintenance and Construction, various air fields
  - 1920-1921 Designer for C. H. Johnston, Minnesota State Architect
  - 1921-1922 Self-employed as Architect, in Minneapolis, Minnesota
  - 1925-1926 Designer for Myron Hunt and H. C. Chambers, Architects, Los Angeles, California
  - 1926-1928 Designer for Herbert M. Greene, Architect, Dallas, Texas
  - 1928-1956 Self-employed as Architect, in Dallas, Texas

10. Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

### NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

#### 1. Works

Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	Identification of Work	Location of Work (City)	(State)	Completed Construction Work (Year)	Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted	ϕ
(d)	Architecture Building University of Texas *	Austin	Texas	1932	1	Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.
(d)	Texas Centennial Exposition	Dallas	Texas	1936	2	
(d)	Music Building University of Texas *	Austin	Texas	1941	1	Type in last col- umn to right the number submitted in each case.
(a)	Dallas Morning News	Dallas	Texas	1949	1	
(a)	Remington-Rand, Inc.	Dallas	Texas	1949	1	
(d)	American Red Cross	Dallas	Texas	1949	1	
(a)	Sears, Roebuck and Co.	Houston	Texas	1950	1	
(a)	Employers' Insurance Bldg.	Dallas	Texas	1950	1	
(d)	Nurses' Dormitory Methodist Hospital	Dallas	Texas	1951	1	
(b)	Dallas Public Library	Dallas	Texas	1955	1	
(a)	Citizens' National Bank	Abilene	Texas	1955	1	
(b)	Dallas Municipal Auditorium	Dallas	Texas	1957 **	2	

\* Consulting Architect - Paul Philippe Cret.

\*\* Currently under construction.

ϕ To be submitted prior to February 1, 1957.

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

The nominee's vision and imagination have exerted a solid impact on a wide variety of building types in the Southwest region for the past thirty years. His insistence on serving any prospective client who knocked at his door, regardless of the scale of the problem presented, has demonstrated his versatility in designing projects both large and small.

Alert and ever probing into the future for new developments in materials and techniques, his works reflect his broad comprehension of the building skills, and his progressive striving to design better buildings. A large community of enthusiastic and happy clients, many of them continuing, attest his years of outstanding achievement in his profession.

The dozen projects listed above, only a fraction of the nominee's enviable record of important designs, are indicative of his fresh and un-stereotyped approach to the integration of each building's flavor to its site and its function.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

B. S. Arch., School of Architecture, College of Engineering, University of Minnesota	1920
Master in Architecture, Harvard University	1923
Traveling Fellowship (Nelson-Robinson Prize) American Academy at Rome	1923-25

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
"Portals, Doorways and Windows" (Architectural Book Publishing Company)			1925



NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

Secretary, North Texas Chapter, A.I.A.	1934-38
Vice President, Texas Society of Architects	1940
President, Texas Society of Architects	1941
T.S.A. Convention Committee Chairman, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.	1950
Chapter Program Committee Chairman, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.	1952
Member, Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners	1951-56
Vice-Chairman, Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners	1954 and 1956
Chairman, Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners	1955
Chairman, School Board Advisory Committee, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.	1955
Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Committee, Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.	1956

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

Alderman, Town of Highland Park, Texas	1932-36
Dallas City Plan Advisory Committee	1943-45
Greater Dallas Planning Council Committee on Zoning and Land Use	1948-56

HISTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

(see attached)

## HISTORY

Having completed his formal education, including a Master's Degree in Architecture and three years of foreign study and travel, after having served two years in the United States Army Air Service during World War I and a year of employment as a designer in the office of an important West Coast Architect, George Dahl came to Dallas in 1926 and joined Herbert M. Greene Company as principal architectural designer. Throughout the ensuing quarter century, the force of George Dahl's personality and talents has been increasingly apparent in the physical and esthetic development of his adopted Community and State. He has been active in municipal government, civic development, philanthropic activities, master planning, zoning improvements and many other phases of public service.

In the early years of his Texanship, George Leighton Dahl's architectural skill and master planning ability made important contributions to the permanent quality of the physical plant at the University of Texas, for which institution his firm were architects for many years. During the late Twenties, he and his associates designed the buildings which to this day house a high percentage of the major commercial enterprises which form Dallas' economic as well as physical skyline. The downtown area of the City stands and will stand as a monument to this architect's professional importance for a long time.

In 1932, Mr. Dahl was chosen by his fellow citizens to serve as a Town Alderman in the Municipal Government of Highland Park, Dallas' most important suburban residential municipality. He held this post, and creditably, for four years. The discharge of these duties during the last eighteen months of this period required no inconsiderable personal sacrifice, as Mr. Dahl was, throughout that time, Supervising Architect for the Texas Centennial Exposition, in charge of a large number of technical people working day and night in a feverish program toward the opening of the Exposition in April of 1936. Also, during the entire second term of his Aldermanship and for two additional years thereafter, he served as Secretary of the North Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, discharging his obligations in that respect so satisfactorily that he was re-elected for three consecutive years.

When the citizens of Texas began to make serious plans for an Exposition to commemorate the Centennial Birthday of the Independence of Texas from Mexico, the State's major cities began to vie with one another for the honor (and economic advantage) of being the Home City of the Exposition. In the front ranks of the group who sold Dallas to the State as the logical site of the Centennial, George Dahl labored diligently and well. Although many other architects shared in the work of designing the buildings, both permanent and temporary, which constituted the physical plant of the completed Exposition, George Dahl alone, among his profession, led the way toward winning the Exposition

for Dallas and toward welding the entire plan of the Exposition, insofar as its buildings and ground beautification were concerned, into a coherent, efficiently functioning and yet magnificently beautiful program. In recognition of this service, he was the unanimous selection of the Central Centennial Commission to act as their Supervising Architect in coordinating the work of all of the architects, engineers, landscape designers, sculptors, painters and other artists and scientists whose joint work the finished product was and is. This assignment, in addition to the public and civic duties hereinbefore mentioned, required Mr. Dahl's full time for a period of two years, to the complete exclusion of his private practice of architecture. Yet there was no question at any time in his mind as to the real importance of so essential a public service by comparison with the private pursuit of professional activities for personal profit.

With the conclusion of his activities as Technical Director of the Texas Centennial Exposition and Pan-American Exposition in 1937, Mr. Dahl became acutely aware of the fact that Dallas' only major auditorium was the one in the State Fair Grounds, where the Exposition had been held. This forty-five hundred seat house, situated three miles from downtown Dallas, is most difficult of access by any large concentration of traffic. George Dahl conceived the idea that Dallas must have a large downtown Municipal Auditorium, and has labored in the forefront of every movement, civic or otherwise, which could by any stretch of the imagination be considered as having any bearing on the possible achievement of this practical dream. Sixteen years after his initial conviction that Dallas could have no greater civic asset than an adequate downtown auditorium, Mr. Dahl was commissioned by the City Council of Dallas in 1953 to design such an institution. Today, the Dallas Memorial Auditorium, to seat ten thousand people, is a reality and a tribute to his widely acclaimed talents in the professional field. By a like exemplification of his labor in the forefront of civic progress, a new Dallas Public Library, with a capacity of eight hundred thousand volumes, was completed in 1955, and George Dahl was the Architect for this contemporary building.

In 1938, Mr. Dahl was selected by the Board of Regents of the State Teachers Colleges of Texas to do a small amount of work for the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce. The fulfillment of this contract was of small consequence, but it aroused George Dahl's interest in this somewhat down-at-the-heel institution. During the past eighteen years, the physical realization of a master plan conceived without commission or remuneration is taking shape. The College is well on its way to becoming an important factor in the development of teachers in this section of the country, and is already a beautiful campus, largely due to the foresight, taste and public interest of George Dahl.

When the Texas Society of Architects was reorganized in 1940, after having had no organization throughout the depression, George Dahl was selected as its first Vice-President, and he was so active and so effective in the discharge of his duties in that office that he was chosen as the Society's second President in 1941. The Second Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects was held in Dallas in 1941 under George Dahl's personal supervision, and was an outstanding success.

In 1943, Baylor Medical College, which had trained physicians and surgeons in the Dallas area for many, many years was moved to Houston. Many Dallas citizens, most of them doctors, but including George Dahl, conceived the idea of founding in Dallas a "Southwestern Medical Foundation", whose first obligation would be the establishment of a medical school in this City. With Mr. Dahl's help and under his guidance, a group of temporary buildings were erected on a borrowed piece of property adjoining Dallas' former City-County Hospital, for which Mr. Dahl's firm had been the architects. This institution has grown in stature and importance through the years until it is now accredited as an extension of the University of Texas. Other architects were selected to design the permanent buildings for the College, but George Dahl's "temporary" buildings were the only campus Southwestern Medical College actually had for nearly a dozen years, and Dallas kept its medical college.

Mr. Dahl was appointed in 1943, together with Mr. Arthur E. Thomas (who is now a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects), to serve on the City Plan Advisory Committee, a post which both architects held for two years and in which they rendered many important services to the permanent planning of Dallas.

Also in 1943, the Dallas City-County Boys' Industrial School, for delinquent boys between the ages of seven and fifteen, found itself in a precarious situation due to the fact that the old buildings in which it was housed were near collapse and without proper heat, sanitary facilities or water supply. The unpaid Civic Committee, which administers this institution for the City and County, asked Mr. Dahl to see what could be done about this situation. Through his untiring efforts, and at a minimum of cost to the public bodies which support it, this little school is now one of the most attractive and efficiently operating institutions of its type in this part of the country, and is serving as a real inspiration toward the rehabilitation of boys whose first steps were not in the right direction.

In 1948, the late Honorable Beauford Jester, then Governor of Texas, called about him a few civic-minded citizens of the State, among them George Dahl, to consider the future of the Capitol Buildings of this Commonwealth. Mr. Dahl's principal contribution to this public service was so well conceived that it is still the basis of the studies of the present Capitol Plan Commission. Mr. Dahl's firm is one of a group of associated architects currently engaged to design one of the first buildings to become a reality under this plan.

In 1948, George Dahl was asked to serve on the Committee on Zoning and Land Use of the Greater Dallas Planning Council. This Committee has rendered such outstanding service since its creation that its entire personnel has been asked at the end of each year to accept reassignment for another year. Mr. Dahl is now in his ninth year of service on this Committee, which is safeguarding the future of Dallas' building program.

Since 1948, Mr. Dahl has been the architect for the entire Texas Prison System, and has designed the buildings and utilities which are making possible the realization of the complete rebuilding and rehabilitation program conceived by Mr. O. B. Ellis, General Manager of the Texas Prison System since 1947, who is recognized over the Nation as one of the outstanding Prison men of the country. Mr. Dahl's personal services in connection with the carrying out of his contractual obligations in this respect have far exceeded the duties officially required of him. His own thoughts and ideas and his own campaign for improvements, many times involving architectural services for which no remuneration is possible because not provided for by law, have resulted in the beautification and improved efficiency of many of the State's penal institutions.

George Dahl has been a leader for thirty years in public service to his State and Community. The Boy Scouts of America, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Dallas Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Dallas Community Chest, the Dallas County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army, the Texas Crippled Children's Society, the many philanthropic endeavors of the Dallas Rotary Club (which Mr. Dahl has served as President one year and as Director for many years), and Dallas' publicly subsidized Theatre '45 (and its successors through Theatre '56) have all felt the impact of his interest in public affairs and have benefited in a concrete manner from his unflagging, frequently unsolicited (and quite frequently uncompensated) personal and professional services.

Typical of his philanthropic service, as well as factual evidence of contributory professional services are certain institutions of moral, character building and physical rehabilitation purpose, which George Dahl has made realities. The Dallas Crippled Children's Clinic, with a nucleus of only \$50,000.00 in public subscriptions was, by his personal influence, made a project of the combined talents of a general contractor, subcontractors, craftsmen and suppliers whereby an adequate facility amounting to \$250,000.00 in estimated cost was planned and constructed. A Y.M.C.A. Boys Camp at Possum Kingdom Lake; Lighthouses for the Blind (both for white and colored); Salvation Army Camp which includes cottages, recreational center, playgrounds and all associated facilities erected on a rustic site near Dallas (Mr. Dahl is Chairman of the Advisory Board); Children's Diabetic Center at Gainesville, Texas, and the Community Chest

Sponsored Day Nursey in Dallas, all architectural services for which, together with much counsel and advice, have been contributed by Mr. Dahl.

In 1951, George Dahl was requested by the Honorable Allan Shivers, Governor of Texas, to accept appointment to serve on the Texas State Board of Architectural Examiners. He is now serving his sixth and final year of that appointment, having been elected by the Board as its Vice-Chairman in 1954 and again in 1956, and as Chairman for 1955. This service, although quite time-consuming and of much value to the profession and the public, does not carry with it any monetary compensation whatsoever.

Endorsements from Dallas and Texas citizens and public servants in high places, as evidence of George Leighton Dahl's unusual and outstanding record of achievement in the field of public service to his City, his County and his State, and to the many institutions which go to make up the Community in its broadest sense, will be submitted in support of this nomination at the proper time.

Dahl, George Leighton

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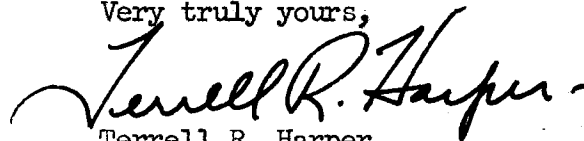
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Gentlemen:

The enclosed photographs are for inclusion with the nomination of George Leighton Dahl, A.I.A., for advancement to Fellowship, which was submitted by the Executive Committee of the Dallas Chapter, A.I.A., under date of October 25, 1956. The photographs are as follow:

1. ✓ Architecture Building - University of Texas - Austin, Texas
2. ✓ Texas Centennial Exposition - Dallas, Texas
3. ✓ Texas Centennial Exposition - Dallas, Texas
4. ✓ Music Building - University of Texas - Austin, Texas
5. ✓ Dallas Morning News Building - Dallas, Texas
6. ✓ Building for Reminton Rand, Inc. - Dallas, Texas
7. ✓ Chapter House for the Dallas County Chapter, American Red Cross - Dallas, Texas
8. ✓ Store building for Sears, Roebuck and Co. - Houston, Texas
9. ✓ Office Building, Employers Insurance Company - Dallas, Texas
10. ✓ Nurses' Dormitory, Methodist Hospital - Dallas, Texas
11. ✓ Dallas Public Library - Dallas, Texas
12. ✓ Bank and Office Building - Citizens National Bank - Abilene, Texas
13. ✓ Dallas Municipal Auditorium - Dallas, Texas
14. ✓ Dallas Municipal Auditorium - Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,



Terrell R. Harper  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.

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Rec'd

Dahl

April 5, 1957

Mr. Harris Kemp, President  
Dallas Chapter, A.I.A.  
718 Thomas Building  
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Kemp:

Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows  
Re: Nominations of Members of Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Business Elected to Fellowship:

Rowena F. DeWitt - Dallas, Texas  
Howard Raymond Meyer - Dallas, Texas

Herewith are copies of letters of notification to Messrs. DeWitt and Meyer which are self-explanatory.

Nominations Referred to 1958 Meeting of Jury:

J. Murrell Bennett  
George Leighton Dahl

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

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DAHL, GEORGE L.

Received since 1957 Jury  
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Chapter Supporters:

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Non-Chapter Supporters:

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Patterson, Jos. J., Ft. Worth, "  
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Smith, E. Carlyle, Grand Prairie, Texas  
Hedrick, Wyatt C., Ft. Worth, Texas  
Perkins, Waymond C., Detroit, Mich.  
Wilson, Edward L., FAIA, Ft. Worth, Texas  
Stanley, Tom E., Ft. Worth, Texas  
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Olds, F. C. Abilene, Texas  
Ayres, Robert M., San Antonio, Texas  
Hyatt, Foster H., Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Carroll, Edwin W., El Paso, Texas  
Wilson, Talbott, FAIA, Houston, "  
Collmer, Wm. M., Jr., Abilene, "  
Rolfe, Walter T., FAIA, Houston, Texas  
Kleinschmidt, F.A., Lubbock, "  
Cowell, C/ Herbert, Houston, "  
Brown, Hamilton, " "  
McGinty, Milton B., FAIA, Houston, "  
Atcheson, James, Lubbock, Texas  
Calhoun, Harold, FAIA, Houston, "  
Cameron, Ralph, FAIA, San Antonio, "  
Ellerbe, T. F., St. Paul, Minn.

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Baer, David C., Houston, "  
Geren, Preston M., Ft. Worth, "  
Kamrath, Karl, FAIA, Houston, "  
Ray, Sidney William, Tyler, "  
Phelps, Raymond, FAIA, San Antonio, Texas  
Forsyth, John Duncan, Tulsa, Okla.  
Fehr, Arthur, Faia, Austin, Texas  
Hazelwood, O.L., Palestine, Texas  
Daeuble, Louis, El Paso, "  
Ayres, Atlee B., FAIA, San Antonio, Texas  
Goldsmith, Goldwin, FAIA, Austin, "  
Franzheim, Kenneth, FAIA, Houston, "  
Hegner, Jasper F., Denver, Colo.  
Cox, Herman G., Ft. Worth, Texas  
Baxter, William C., Weslaco, Texas  
Redden, John S., Property Manager and Company Architect,  
Sears, Roebuck and Co., Chicago, Ill.  
Vander Straten, Richard, San Antonio, Texas  
Hough, Wm. J. H., FAIA, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Roberts, Charles T., Alexandria, La.  
Woltz, Robert P., Jr., Ft. Worth, Texas  
Southerland, Louis F., FAIA, Austin, "  
Pitts, L.W., Beaumont, Texas  
Mackie, F. J., Jr., FAIA, Houston, "  
McGrew, Charles B., Detroit, Michigan



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April 1, 1958

Mr. George Leighton Dahl, F.A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Dahl:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows for your notable contribution in Design in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1958 Convention of The Institute, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, starting July 8, 1958, at the Hotel Cleveland.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, July 10, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after such announcement has been released by The Institute.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.  
Executive Director

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ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS  
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Mr. Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Mr. Purves:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated April 1, stating that The American Institute of Architects desires to confer the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows on me at the 1958 Convention of the Institute, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 8, 1958, at the Hotel Cleveland. You also advise that a formal dinner on the evening of Thursday, July 10, is to be set aside for those who have been elected to Fellowship to receive their certificates. I am not unmindful of the fact that the Officers of The Institute and the Jury of Fellows have seen fit in their judgement to honor me and I accept the invitation with pleasure.

In accordance with a memorandum request of Mr. Edwin B. Morris, Jr., Assistant to the Executive Director, for a photograph and brief biographical information, I am enclosing both and trust they will be satisfactory.

Please accept my thanks for the love and affection that you have given in conveying this message.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George L. Dahl

GLD:nm

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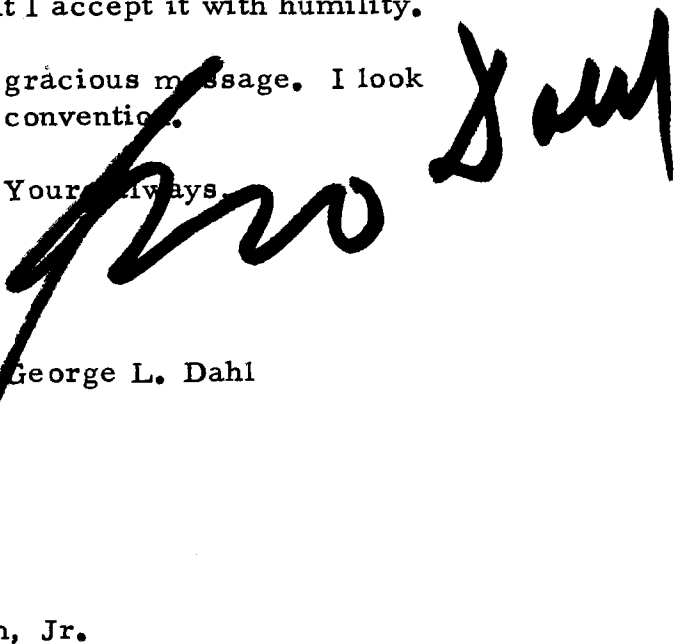
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My dear Mr. President,

I am indeed flattered and honored to receive your congratulatory message of April 8. It is indeed one of those honors that an individual has the privilege of receiving from his fellow architects that is a coveted honor. I am not only pleased, but I accept it with humility.

Thank you for your most gracious message. I look forward to the Cleveland convention.

Yours always,



George L. Dahl

GLD:nm

Honorable Leon Chatelain, Jr.  
President  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington 6, D.C.

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COPY

April 11, 1958

Mr. George Leighton Dahl, F.A.I.A.  
2101 North St. Paul Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Dahl:

At the recent meeting of The Jury of Fellows you were elected to Fellowship in The Institute and membership in The College of Fellows of the A.I.A. for achievement in Design.

At the Convention there will be an exhibition of the work of the newly-elected Fellows premiated for Design, and to that end the Jury has had to make a comprehensive, yet as small a selection of your exhibits as possible for this occasion.

Under separate cover your entire exhibit is being returned, and those selected are designated by pieces of masking tape and are as follows:

1. Nurses' Dormitory, Methodist Hospital, Dallas
2. Dallas Public Library, Dallas  
(Please furnish better photograph showing sculpture on front)
3. Dallas Municipal Auditorium  
(Suggest securing better picture since completion)

These should be reproduced to conform with the instructions enclosed (see pages 2 and 3) and should be forwarded to the A.I.A. Fellows Exhibit, c/o Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Boulevard, Cleveland 6, Ohio, marked "Please deliver to Service Entrance, S. W. Corner of Museum," to be received there not later than June 30, 1958; otherwise photographs will not be hung.

The members of The Jury are happy to express their welcome to you in your new status.

Cordially yours,

Douglas William Orr, F.A.I.A., Chairman  
The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

Enclosure

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June 26, 1958

The American Institute of Architects Fellows Exhibit  
c/o Cleveland Museum of Art  
11150 East Boulevard  
Cleveland, 6, Ohio

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

Attention: Mr. Douglas William Orr, F.A.I.A.  
Chairman, The Jury of Fellows

My dear Mr. Orr:

In response to your letter of April 11, we are sending under separate cover, via Air Express, an exhibit of your selection of works submitted to you that were premediated for design. They are as follows:

1. Nurses' Dormitory, Methodist Hospital, Dallas
2. Dallas Public Library
3. Dallas Municipal Auditorium

These are being sent today, June 26, with instructions to be delivered to the Service Entrance, Southwest Corner of Cleveland Museum of Art.

I appreciate the love and affection you gentlemen have expressed and I trust that the exhibits will arrive by June 30.

Very sincerely yours,

  
George L. Dahl

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cc: The American Institute of Architects  
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GEORGE LEIGHTON DAHL

BIOGRAPHICAL

Born May 11, 1894 in Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Widower  
Children 1 married daughter, Mrs. Ted M. Akin (Gloria)  
1 granddaughter, Laurel Sheffield Akin  
1 grandson, George Akin  
Residence 5323 Dentwood Drive, Dallas, Texas  
Firm George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers  
2101 North St. Paul, Dallas, Texas

EDUCATION

High School - Hopkins, Minnesota - Graduated 1912  
University of Minnesota, B.S. in Architecture, 1921  
(Chief Artist, Minnesota Gopher Annual, 1916)  
Harvard University, Master of Architecture, 1922  
Post Graduate Work - American Academy at Rome, 1923  
Fellowship - Nelson Robinson Traveling Fellowship from Harvard University  
Travel and Study in Europe and Africa, 1922-1924

MILITARY SERVICE

Enlisted in Air Service 1917  
Cadet in Air Service 1917 to Feb. 1918  
Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant 1918  
Commissioned 1st Lieutenant 1918  
Served until July 1919

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Registered Architect by the State Boards of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, District of Columbia. National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Senior Certificate.

1925-1926 Designer for Myron Hunt and H.C. Chambers, Architects,  
Los Angeles, California  
1926-1928 Designer for Herbert M. Greene, Architect, Dallas, Texas  
1928 to Date Self-employed as Architect in Dallas, Texas

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### American Institute of Architects

Fellow, A.I.A.  
Secretary, North Texas Chapter - 1934-38  
Chairman, Chapter Program Committee, Dallas Chapter - 1950  
Chairman, School Board Advisory Committee, Dallas Chapter,  
1955  
Chairman, Urban Redevelopment Committee, Dallas Chapter - 1956  
Chairman, Texas Architects Week Observance Committee,  
Dallas Chapter, 1957  
Chairman Texas Architects' Exhibit, 1958  
President, Dallas Chapter A.I.A., 1959  
Chairman of A.I.A. Public Relations Committee, Dallas Chapter,  
1960

### Texas Board of Architectural Examiners

Member of Board - 1951 to 1956  
Re-elected to Board 1957 through 1962  
Vice Chairman - 1954 and 1957  
Chairman - 1955

### Texas Society of Architects

Vice President - 1940  
President - 1941  
Chairman - T.S.A. Convention Committee, Dallas Chapter,  
1950

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Alderman - Town of Highland Park, Texas - 1932-36

Member - Dallas City Plan Advisory Committee, City of Dallas, 1943-45

Member - Committee on Zoning and Land Use, Greater Dallas Planning Council - 1948-56

Leader in the movement to obtain the Texas Centennial Exposition for Dallas in 1936, and served as Executive Architect and Technical Director to the Exposition - 1935-36-37.

Active, together with other civic leaders, for sixteen years in a campaign to provide an adequate downtown auditorium, and was commissioned in 1953 as its Architect. The Auditorium has just been constructed.

One of the civic leaders who sponsored the program of founding in Dallas the Southwestern Medical Foundation, after Baylor University moved its medical college away from Dallas in 1943. He was the planner of the temporary structures which housed the Southwestern Medical College for nearly a dozen years until its first permanent buildings were constructed.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

George Dahl has been a leader for thirty years in public service to his State and Community. The Boy Scouts of America, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Dallas Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Dallas County Community Chest, Dallas County Chapter American Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, The Salvation Army, Texas Society for Crippled Children, Dallas City-County Boys' Industrial Home, the many philanthropic endeavors of the Dallas Rotary Club (which he has served as president for one year and as director for many years), and Dallas' publicly subsidized Theatre '45 (and its successors through '57) have all felt the impact of his interest in public affairs and have benefited in a concrete manner from his unflagging, frequently unsolicited (and often uncompensated) personal and professional services. Among the architects in Dallas, George L. Dahl is without peer in public service and in obtaining recognition and appreciation for the profession of architecture, and as a patron of the Arts, He is a member of the Executive Board of Dallas Civic Opera.

## LITERARY WORK

Monograph: "Portals, Doorways and Windows", published by the Architectural Book Publishing Company in 1925.

## MEMBER OF:

Dallas Country Club

Dallas Rotary Club

Brook Hollow Golf Club

Downtown Club

Engineers Club of Dallas



MEMBER OF: (Continued)

Town and Gown Club  
Dallas Knife and Fork Club  
Dallas Athletic Club  
Highland Park Masonic Lodge , AF & AM  
Hella Temple Shrine  
Scottish Rite  
Society of American Military Engineers  
Dallas Harvard Club  
Dallas Historical Society  
Dallas Art Association  
Dallas Chamber of Commerce  
Dallas Real Estate Board  
Dallas Opera Association  
Dallas Symphony  
Greater Dallas Planning Council  
Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity , University of Minnesota  
Harvard Architectural Society  
Tau Sigma Delta , University of Minnesota Chapter  
Harvard Foundation for Advanced Study.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Member - Highland Park Presbyterian Church , Dallas , Texas

September 1, 1960

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Principal Projects Include:

Offices and Warehouses for United States Rubber Company in Atlanta, New Orleans, Detroit, 1948, \$1,750,000  
Trinity Industries Building, Dallas, Texas 1949, \$125,000  
Mack Truck Depot, Dallas, Texas, 1948, \$500,000  
Warehouse and Office for Nash Motor Company, Atlanta, Georgia, 1949, \$200,000  
Sales and Service Building for International Harvester Company, Wichita Falls, Texas, and St. Louis, Missouri, 1949, 1951, \$380,000  
New Boston Housing, New Boston, Texas, for Federal Public Housing Administration, 1943, \$500,000  
Dallas Housing Project, Dallas, Texas, Federal Public Housing Administration, 1943, \$1,000,000  
North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, Texas, Science Building, 1949, \$1,090,000; Men's Dormitories, 1951, \$500,000; Bruce Hall, 1951, \$1,300,000; Men's Gymnasium, 1951, \$325,000; Oak Street Dormitory, 1949, \$300,000  
University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 26 Buildings --Stadium, Gymnasium, etc., 1926-1949, \$12,000,000. (Associated)  
Printing Plant, Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, 1949, \$3,000,000  
21 Department Stores and 2 Warehouses, Texas, for Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1948-1957, \$32,000,000  
Office Building for Employers Casualty Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, 1949, \$3,300,000  
Garage-Motor Bank for First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, 1951, \$1,250,000  
Warehouses, Shop Buildings, Karnack, Texas, for U.S. Government, 1952, \$675,000  
Hospital, Wolters Air Force Base, Mineral Wells, Texas, U.S. Government, 1953-54, \$2,000,000  
Parts Depot Warehouse for Singer Sewing Machine, Dallas, Texas, 1952, \$500,000  
Methodist Hospital, Dallas, Texas, 1952, \$850,000  
Mrs. Baird's Bakery, Dallas, Texas, 1952, \$1,400,000  
Office Building for First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, 1952, \$2,500,000  
Prison, State of Texas, Huntsville, Texas, 1949-1953, \$5,000,000  
Baker Truck Rental Company, Dallas, Texas 1950, \$200,000  
Office and Warehouse for General Motors Corporation, Oklahoma City Dallas and Denver, 1953, \$1,075,000  
Home for Aged, Jewish Faith, Dallas, Texas, 1953, \$490,000  
Negro School, Hooks, (Texas) Independent School District, 1953, \$100,000  
Manufacturing Plant for Texas Wire & Cable Company, Plano, Texas, 1953, \$300,000  
Texas Centennial Exposition, Dallas, Texas, 1953, \$10,000,000  
Allied Finance Company Office Building, Dallas, Texas, 1954, \$200,000  
Home for Aged, Catholic Faith, Dallas, Texas, 1954, \$300,000  
Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, Dallas, Texas, 1953, \$300,000  
Office Building for Kirk Dial Company, Dallas, Texas, 1954, \$300,000

Principal Projects Continued:

Office Building for Lamar Insurance Company, Dallas, Texas, 1954, \$300,000  
Hospital for Ector County, (Odessa) Texas, 1953-54, \$750,000  
Office & Parking Garage for Postal Life & Casualty Insurance Company,  
Kansas City, Missouri, 1954, \$1,250,000  
Warehouse and Office for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Dallas, Texas,  
1953-1954, \$250,000  
Schools for Rockdale (Texas) Independent School District, 1953-54, \$400,000  
Hospital, Abilene Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas, U.S. Government  
1953-54, \$3,000,000  
Ammunition Facilities, U.S. Government, Red River Arsenal, Texarkana,  
1954, \$550,000  
Training Center, Atlanta, Georgia, for General Motors Corporation,  
1954, \$500,000  
Training Center, Jacksonville, Florida, for General Motors Corporation,  
1954, \$500,000  
Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee, for General Motors Corporation,  
1954, \$500,000  
Training Center, Omaha, Nebraska, for General Motors Corporation,  
1954, \$500,000  
Elementary School, Dallas (Texas) Independent School District, 1955, \$560,000  
Dallas Public Library, City of Dallas, Texas, 1955, \$2,140,000  
Timberlawn Hospital, Dallas, Texas, 1954, \$150,000  
Department Store for Sears, Roebuck and Co., Arlington, Texas, 1954-55  
\$1,500,000  
Administration Building for Texas State Highway Department, Dallas, Texas,  
1954-55, \$300,000  
Manufacturing Plant, Aerojet-General Corporation, Joplin, Missouri, 1956,  
\$5,000,000  
Motor Bank Addition, First National Bank, Dallas, Texas, 1956, \$2,500,000  
Office & Bank Building, Citizens National Bank, Abilene, Texas, 1956,  
\$2,500,000  
Republic Life Insurance Building, Dallas, Texas, 1956, \$1,500,000  
Shearith Israel Congregation Synagogue, Dallas, Texas, 1956, \$600,000  
High School for Rockdale (Texas) Independent School District, 1956, \$750,000  
Convention Center, City of Dallas, Texas, 1956, \$6,500,000  
State Hospital for State of Texas, Mexia, Texas, 1956, \$800,000  
Shop Building for Texas Highway Department, 1956, \$500,000  
Office Building and Warehouse for Carrier Corporation, Dallas, Texas, 1956,  
\$275,000  
Office and Plant for Minnesota Mining Corporation, Dallas, Texas, 1956,  
\$350,000  
Men's Dormitory, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1956,  
\$850,000  
Retail Store for Sears, Roebuck and Co., Houston-Pasadena, Texas, 1956,  
\$2,500,000

Principal Projects Continued:

Office Building for Dallas Federal Savings & Loan Association, Dallas, Texas, 1957, \$3,000,000  
Convention Center for Texas National Hotel Company, Galveston, Texas, 1957, \$2,000,000  
Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas, 1957, \$3,000,000  
Laboratory Building for Texas Testing Laboratories, 1957, \$100,000  
Retail Store for Sears, Roebuck and Co., Amarillo, Texas, 1957, \$3,000,000  
Retail Store for Sears, Roebuck and Co., Abilene, Texas, 1957, \$1,000,000  
Methodist Hospital, Dallas, Texas, 1957, \$6,000,000  
Texas Employment Commission, Austin, Texas, \$2,000,000  
East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas, \$2,000,000  
750 Units, Capehart Housing, Ardmore Air Force Base, Ardmore, Oklahoma U.S. Air Force, 1957, \$10,125,000  
610 Units, Capehart Housing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Grandview, Missouri, U.S. Air Force, \$10,065,000  
220 Units, Capehart Housing, Klamath Falls, Oregon, U.S. Air Force, \$3,330,000  
Empire Club House, Dallas, Texas, 1957, \$185,000  
Sunset Center - Unit "A", Amarillo, Texas, 1957, \$694,000  
Alterations and Additions, Employers Casualty Office Building, 1957, \$1,000,000  
Bank and Office Building for First National Bank of Midland, Texas, 1957, \$3,400,000  
Dallas Federal Savings & Loan, Preston Center Office Bldg., 1958, \$450,000  
East Texas State Teachers College, Business Administration & Visual Education Bldg., 1958, \$750,000  
East Texas State Teachers College, Library Bldg., 1958, \$800,000  
East Texas State Teachers College, Fine Arts Bldg., 1959, \$320,000  
East Texas State Teachers College, Housing, 1959, \$1,500,000  
Admiral Semmes Motel, Mobile, Alabama, 1959, \$1,300,000  
Allied Finance Co. Addition, Dallas, Texas., 1959, \$300,000  
Allstate Insurance Co. Bldg., Dallas, Texas, 1959, \$450,000  
First National Bank & Office Bldg., Odessa, Texas, 1960, \$2,500,000  
El Paso National Bank, El Paso, Texas, 1960, \$8,500,000  
Foremost Dairies Processing Plant, Dallas, Texas, 1959, \$1,000,000  
Texas State Board of Control, Texas Youth Council, Mountain View School, 1960, \$2,000,000  
General Motors Truck-Coach Factory Branch, Dallas, Texas, 1959, \$300,000  
Jesuit High School, Dallas, Texas, 1960, \$1,400,000  
Sidney Lynn & Dr. Herman Ulevitch, Imperial House Apts., 1960, \$750,000  
First National Bank, Big Spring, Texas, 1960, \$750,000  
Retail Store, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Omaha, Nebraska, 1959, \$3,000,000  
Retail Store - Sears, Roebuck & Co., Shreveport, La., 1960, \$2,500,000  
Seminary South Shopping Center, Fort Worth, Texas, 1960, \$11,000,000

## Principal Projects Continued

Southern Methodist University, Men's Dorm Unit "B", \$1,200,000; 1958-59;  
Health Center, \$500,000; Downtown College, \$650,000.  
Texas A & M College, Extension & Forest Services Bldg., 1959, \$1,800,000.  
Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas, 1957, '58 and '59,  
\$10,000,000  
University of Texas Academic Center, Austin, Texas, 1959-60; \$1,350,000  
WFAA-TV, Dallas, Texas, 1959-60; \$2,000,000  
First-Wichita National Bank & Office Bldg., Wichita Falls, Texas, 1959-60,  
\$3,000,000  
Hart Bowling Alley, 1958, \$500,000  
Red Ball Motor Freight Terminal, Dallas, Texas, 1959, \$1,200,000  
Design of Army Reserve Centers, Washington, D. C., 1959-60, \$3,000,000  
First National Bank, Bonham, Texas, 1959, \$150,000  
Addition to Citizens State Bank, Richardson, Texas, 1960, \$150,000  
Dallas Public Library Branch, 1960, \$200,000  
Retail Store, Sears, Roebuck and Co., Longview, Texas, 1959, \$500,000  
Singer Sewing Machine Co., Chamblee, Georgia, 1959, \$210,000.  
General Services Administration Bldg., Dallas, 1959-60, \$25,000,000  
Southwestern Life Insurance Company, Dallas, 1961, \$4,500,000  
Texas Department of Corrections, Smither Farm, 1960, \$750,000; Reception  
Center, 1960, \$2,000,000  
Southern Methodist University, Fine Arts Center, Dallas, Texas, 1961,  
\$2,500,000  
East Texas State College Housing, Commerce, Texas, 1961, \$1,400,000  
Student Union Building, 1961, \$1,000,000  
Singer Sewing Machine Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1960, \$410,000  
Addition to Transport Management Insurance Building, Dallas, Texas, 1960  
\$300,000  
Grand Prairie Savings & Loan Association, 1960, \$160,000  
Sam P. Wallace Building, Houston, Texas, 1960, \$250,000  
Residence for Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brown, Gainesville, Texas, 1959, \$150,000.  
Addition to Congregation Shearith Israel, Dallas, Texas, 1960, \$135,000  
First National Bank Parking Garage, Odessa, Texas, 1960, \$420,000  
General Motors Warehouse Addition, Houston, Texas, 1960, \$300,000  
General Motors Warehouse Addition, Portland, Oregon, 1960, \$300,000  
Washington, D. C. Stadium, 1959, \$20,000,000

GEORGE L. DAHL  
ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

PARTIAL LIST OF UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE FACILITIES  
On Which We Were Architects and Engineers

University of Texas, Austin, Texas - 26 Buildings, including:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Home Economics        | 10. Engineering Buildings          |
| 2. Music Building        | 11. Library                        |
| 3. Physics Building      | 12. Men's Gymnasium                |
| 4. Chemistry Building    | 13. Women's Gymnasium              |
| 5. Practice School       | 14. Clark Field                    |
| 6. Geology Building      | 15. Garrison Hall                  |
| 7. Biology Building      | 16. Power Plant                    |
| 8. Architecture Building | 17. Women's Dormitory              |
| 9. Stadium (Memorial)    | 18. School of Medicine (Galveston) |

Master Plot Plan for University Campus

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East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Industrial Education Bldg. | 5. Natatorium                     |
| 2. Administration Building    | 6. Dormitory                      |
| 3. Binnion Hall               | 7. Dormitory for Married Students |
| 4. Stadium and Field House    | 8. Music Building                 |

9. Home Economics Building

Master Plot Plan for College Campus

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North Texas State College, Denton, Texas

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Science Building              | 3. Men's Dormitories |
| 2. Bruce Hall (Girls' Dormitory) | 4. Gymnasium         |
5. Oak Street Dormitories

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECENTLY COMPLETED AND IN PROGRESS

Dallas, Texas

Thomas J. Rusk Junior High School	\$ 1,250,000.00
William B. Carroll School (For Crippled Children)	500,000.00
Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School	550,000.00
Boys' Industrial School (City-County)	275,000.00

Rockdale, Texas

Elementary - White	\$ 250,000.00
Elementary - Negro	225,000.00
High School	750,000.00
Elementary - Addition	200,000.00

Hooks, Texas

Elementary - White	\$ 110,000.00
High School - Negro	250,000.00
High School - White	225,000.00

New Boston, Texas

Elementary - White	\$ 110,000.00
Elementary - Negro	100,000.00

Texarkana, Texas

Oak Lawn - Elementary - White )	
Central - Elementary - White )	
Beverly - Elementary - White )	
Theron Jones - Elementary - Negro )	\$ 1,000,000.00

Sherman, Texas

Fairview - Elementary - White	\$ 225,000.00
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Bonham, Texas

Bailey English - Elementary White	\$ 425,000.00
Vocational Building	106,000.00

PLOT PLANNING IS RECOGNIZED AS A NECESSARY SERVICE IN  
SITE DEVELOPMENT OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS

This service, as experienced by George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers, has been justified in all instances where sites are sufficiently large to accommodate present units in modern high school, university or college planning. Here again qualified architects and engineers, by experience standards, are the logical choice of owners and those who are responsible for a long range campus program. A sound plot plan conserves real property, insures co-ordinated operations and underwrites planned expansions.

Examples:

- (a) Master plot plan of University of Texas Campus, Austin, Texas. Prepared by George L. Dahl and his associate in 1932 and still followed by that University development. (Copy attached).
- (b) Master plot plan, East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas. (Copy attached).
- (c) Master plot plan, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas (Copy attached).

References:

First National Bank - Ben Wooten, President - Dallas, Texas  
Dallas Public Schools - Dr. W. T. White, Supt. - Dallas, Texas  
East Texas State Teachers College - Dr. James G. Gee, President  
Commerce, Texas  
Rockdale Independent School District - W. T. Scurlock, Chairman  
of the Board - Rockdale, Texas  
Dallas Public Library - Boude Storey, Sr., Chairman of the Board -  
Dallas, Texas  
Employers Casualty Co. - Austin F. Allen, President - Dallas  
Citizens National Bank - Malcom M. Meek, President - Abilene, Texas



SURVEY OF SCHOOL PLANTS TO INCLUDE INVENTORY OF  
CURRENT FACILITIES AND FUTURE EXPANDING NEEDS

This is a departmentalized service rendered by George L. Dahl Architects & Engineers, which has been often demonstrated to School Boards, Trustees and Governing Bodies as a whole, to be very beneficial and economical in its far-reaching results.

- (a) It uncovers facts of dimensional limitations of existing buildings. It establishes proposed additions or alterations deemed adequate to make such facilities economically adapted to future needs. Such adaptations must recognize architectural design previously conceived as well as engineering solutions, remedial or otherwise, to resolve a workable condition.
- (b) It eliminates guess work and places the School Board in a position of considering facts, based on findings, all pointing to information that justifies the spending of public money in developing school facilities which are understood and accepted by the tax payer.
- (c) A survey so visualized in a volume report serves as a ready reference and guide to the superintendent, the present Board and successive administrative units, for future procedure, spread over a period of time sufficient for sound planning.
- (d) All foreseeable new construction is also included and justified in a complete outline of tentative dimensions, including estimated costs of new construction and exactly what is covered in such costs. A complete survey by qualified architects and engineers can hardly be measured in terms of original service cost to an owner.

*George Leighton Dahl*

3601 TURTLE CREEK

DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

June 24, 1974

Dallas Chapter  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Quadrangle 241  
2800 Routh Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Request for Member Emeritus Status

Gentlemen:

My current professional practice is carried on through the firm of DAHL/BRADEN/JONES/CHAPMAN, INC. which was formed during the year 1973.

The new firm will be responsible for payment of supplemental dues based upon number of employees, but I understand that I am personally eligible for the designation "Member Emeritus" having reached the age of 70 and having been a corporate member for 15 years or more.

I would therefore like to request classification as a "Member Emeritus" which I understand entitles me to retain all privileges, interests, rights, liabilities, and obligations, other than payment of annual dues, which I presently hold as a corporate member. I understand that this classification will be effective in the TSA and AIA also.

As I have not remitted yet my personal annual dues to the Dallas Chapter for 1974 which are due on or before July 1, 1974, please advise me if the exemption from dues upon designation as a member emeritus will be effective for the current year, or whether I should remit my personal dues for 1974.

Sincerely yours,

George L. Dahl, FAIA

HRS:s

August 6, 1974

Mr. George L. Dahl, FAIA  
3601 Turtle Creek  
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear Mr. Dahl:

In accordance with your request of June 24 addressed to the Dallas Chapter, we are pleased to enclose an application for Membership Emeritus. *rec'd.*

Please complete and return it to this office and we will be glad to see that it is given proper consideration.

The Chapter has informed us that it approves of your election to Member Emeritus.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director  
Membership Procedures

MM:hrs  
Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Schroeder, Dallas Chapter, AIA



# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reasons:

*Check the appropriate reason*

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 60 years of age, retired, and not engaged in architecture.
- I am unable to engage in architecture.

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Dallas Chapter  
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date

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[Handwritten Signature]

(Applicant's Signature In Ink)

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, the Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.

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October 2, 1974

Mr. George L. Dahl, FAIA, Member Emeritus  
3601 Turtle Creek  
Dallas, Texas 75219

Dear Mr. Dahl:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your Chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Dallas Chapter, AIA  
Texas Society of Architects, AIA

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

### GEORGE DAHL

93, the architect whose designs ranged from RFK Stadium to the nation's first drive-in bank in University Park, Tex., and whose design firm was responsible for more than 3,000 architectural projects worth an estimated \$3 billion, died July 18 at his home in Dallas. The cause of death was not reported.

Mr. Dahl designed hundreds of buildings across the country, including the first Neiman-Marcus department store in Dallas. He was supervising architect for the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition at Fair Park.

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**Architect  
G. Dahl, FAIA  
dies at 93**

By David Dillon  
*Architecture Critic of The News*

George Dahl, one of Dallas' most prominent architects, died Saturday evening at his Dallas home after a brief illness. He was 93.

In a career that spanned more than 50 years, Dahl designed hundreds of buildings across the United States, including the country's first drive-in bank for Hillcrest State Bank in University Park, the original Titcher-Goettinger and Neiman-Marcus department stores, Dallas Memorial Auditorium, the Dallas Public Library on Commerce Street, and RFK stadium in Washington, home of the Redskins.

He is best-known as a catalyst and then supervising architect for the 1936 Texas Centennial Expo-



George Dahl ... career spanned more than 50 years.

tion at Fair Park. His tireless lobbying and visionary drawings helped secure the Exposition for Dallas, despite fierce competition from Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

He later coordinated the efforts of a small army of artists and architects who designed 26 fair  
Please see ARCHITECT on Page 6A.

# 615 Architect George Dahl dies

Continued from Page 1A. buildings in less than two months. Dahl was responsible for designing the Centennial and Transportation buildings, as well as for creating the overall style of the fair, which he called "Texanic." Fellow architect Donald Nelson of Dallas once described the Centennial as "the George Dahl Symphony."

Dahl was born in Minneapolis in 1894 of Norwegian immigrant parents and spoke no English until he was seven. He received a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Minnesota, then, in 1923, a master's from Harvard. He moved to Dallas in 1926 to work for Herbert M. Grosse Company, a respected firm then designing much of the University of Texas campus in Austin. Dahl eventually became a partner, designing two dozen campus buildings over two decades.

Dahl was one of the first Dallas architects to work regularly on a national level, and during the peak of his career, in the 1940s and 1950s, was widely recognized as a pioneer in fast-track design and construction. His firm designed and built the mammoth LTV Aerospace Center in Dallas in only nine months.

At the time of his retirement in 1973, his firm was responsible for an estimated 1,000 projects throughout the country. He continued to appear at architectural events in the city, and lived to see his most famous project, Fair Park, meticulously restored and named a National Historic Landmark.

In an interview last November, Dahl reminisced about the last 28 years. He remembered how 26 buildings were erected in nine

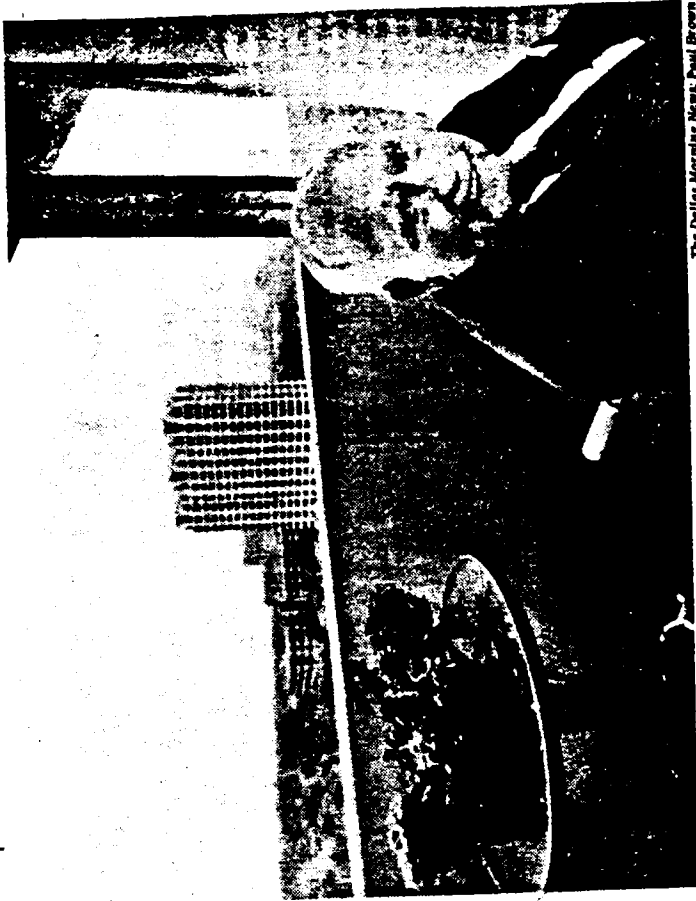
months on a dilapidated 17-acre tract in East Dallas called Fair Park. Dahl's handiwork later was recognized as a national treasure. Last September, the Interior Department designated Fair Park a National Historic Landmark — the only such structure in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, joining a handful in the state, including the Alamo, the state Capitol and the Governor's Mansion in Austin.

Deputy Assistant Undersecretary of the Interior P. Daniel Smith, who presided over the designation ceremony at the opening of the 100th annual State Fair of Texas in September, called the preservation of one of the largest collections of art deco buildings phenomenal and said Fair Park was "the premier exposition site in the country."

About \$10 million has been invested in renovations at Fair Park in the past two years. Last November, the Texas Society of Architects honored Dahl at the Lower Ansonia hotel with a Distinguished Service Award.

Dahl had been honored as a longtime civic leader, showered with professional awards and credited with launching several architects who have dictated how Dallas has touched the skies. The more than 3,000 projects he overview were worth an estimated \$3 billion. His trademark white creasing designs for hospitals, office buildings, schools, retail buildings and banks was a billboard that read simply, "Sign of Progress."

Other Dallas buildings Dahl worked on are: Methodist Hospital, the Earle Cabell Federal Building, Owen Art Center at Southern Meth-



The Dallas Morning News: Paul Brown

Dallas architect George Dahl, in 1966, near the balcony of the Gold Crest Condos, which he designed and built. He is best known as a catalyst and then supervising architect for the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition at Fair Park.

Dahl is survived by his wife, as he'll get a job then, and people wandered into Texas from all over the country. But he would critique them and tell them what was right and wrong with their work," Kemp said.

Dahl was president of the High-land Park School Board (1936-1937), director and underwriter of the Dallas Metropolitan Opera and president of the Dallas Rotary Club.

Dahl is survived by his wife, Joann; a daughter, Gloria; and four grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Staff writer Joe Drappe contributed to this report.



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# Ex-colleagues laud late architect Dahl

By John Sare  
Staff Writer of The News

Even 30 years ago, George Dahl had earned his place as a grand old man of Texas architecture — respected not so much for his design talent as for his ability to land a commission and finish it on time.

That was the estimation by Dahl's colleagues and a leading expert on Texas architecture as they reflected Sunday on Dahl's work during a career in Dallas that began in 1926. Dahl died Saturday night at age 93.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Sparkman-Hillicrest Funeral Home.

"He was a great organizer — a man who got things done," said Dallas architect Howard Meyer, who worked under Dahl in 1935 when Dahl supervised construction of Fair Park for the Texas Centennial Exposition.

"He was able to get that thing together in a matter of months and have it open — quite complete — in a very, very short period," Meyer said.

Dahl's work at Fair Park is widely regarded as his most important.

"It's amazing what he did in a short period of time with severe limitations," said University of Texas architecture historian Lawrence Speck. Under Dahl's direction,

dozens of contractors completed 26 buildings at Fair Park in nine months.

"He brought the whole ensemble together," Speck said. "It was well-executed and beautifully planned."

"His impact will last forever in Dallas, because these buildings will remain," said Mary Ellen Degan, executive director of the Friends of Fair Park. The Art Deco buildings were designated last September as a national historic landmark, and a plaque denoting Dahl's contribution will be dedicated this summer.

Dahl's role in that project — as a managerial dynamo and expert salesman — typified his work during the rest of his career, fellow architects said.

"He spent his time traveling and getting work," said Terrell Harper, who worked for Dahl for 20 years, starting in the early 1930s. "He was a good salesman, and he had a convincing personality."

Before the Fair Park commission, Dahl "walked the streets of downtown, talking to store operators and owners and trying to get business," Harper said. "Sometimes we would come back from supper and he'd have made a schedule for what he wanted to do for some client he had talked to that afternoon."

"We would do a few drawings after dinner, and he'd carry them to the client the next morning," Harper said.



Dahl, GEORGE

George Dahl orchestrated dozens of contractors to complete 26 buildings at Fair Park in nine months.

Most of those Depression-era projects were storefront renovations, Harper said. During the late 1920s and early 1930s, Dahl worked on 26 buildings at the University of Texas at Austin. After Fair Park, Dahl moved on to build hospitals, department stores and office buildings.

"Although I wouldn't say that he was an innovator, he knew when to adopt innovations and how to adapt them to the needs of a particular project," Harper said.

"I don't think George Dahl was a world-class designer, but what he had were other traits an architect must have," said Speck. "He could inspire people — the architects who worked for him and his clients — to make better buildings than they would have otherwise. He was always upping the ante on the quality of architecture."

## DAHL

George L. Survived by wife, Joan R. Dahl, Dallas; daughter, Gloria Akin, Dallas; four grandchildren, Ashley Akin, Adrienne Akin, George Akin, Laurel Akin De Ware; two great grandchildren. Memorial service 1:00 P.M. Monday, Sparkman-Hillicrest Northwest Chapel. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army or YMCA or Charity of your choice.