

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Alabama Council and Chapters of A.I.A. extend to our guests, exhibitors, members and friends the heartiest "Welcome!" to the First Alabama Council A.I.A. Convention.

We are indeed happy and grateful to have with us speakers, panelists and others of national and international renown. We expect to benefit greatly from this association and hope that benefit and pleasure will be mutual.

It is our sincere desire that all in attendance join us in extending and implementing the policies of A.I.A. and that in so doing all are brought closer in common purpose and convivial fellowship.

**HUGH W. ELLIS**  
President  
Alabama Council AIA

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## OF HISTORIC INTEREST . . .

**John A. Wetzel, Charter Member  
of Alabama Chapter A.I.A.**



JOHN A. WETZEL

John A. Wetzel received his B.S. in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania, became a member of A.I.A. in 1913 while located in Mobile, and entered private practice in 1914. He was affiliated with Robert and Company, Atlanta, and later with Sherlock, Smith & Adams of Montgomery. Registered in Alabama and Georgia, he resides now in Foley, Alabama, and is a Member Emeritus of the Mobile Chapter AIA.

### **NEXT YEAR—BIRMINGHAM! FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

In 1966, the Birmingham Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will host not only the annual AIA State Convention, but the 50th Anniversary of the AIA in Alabama. Founded in the Magic City July 6, 1916 as a State Chapter by ten men, the organization has grown to its present stature today numbering nearly 300 members around the state. Plans are already underway to make this a real high-point in architectural activity for Alabama.

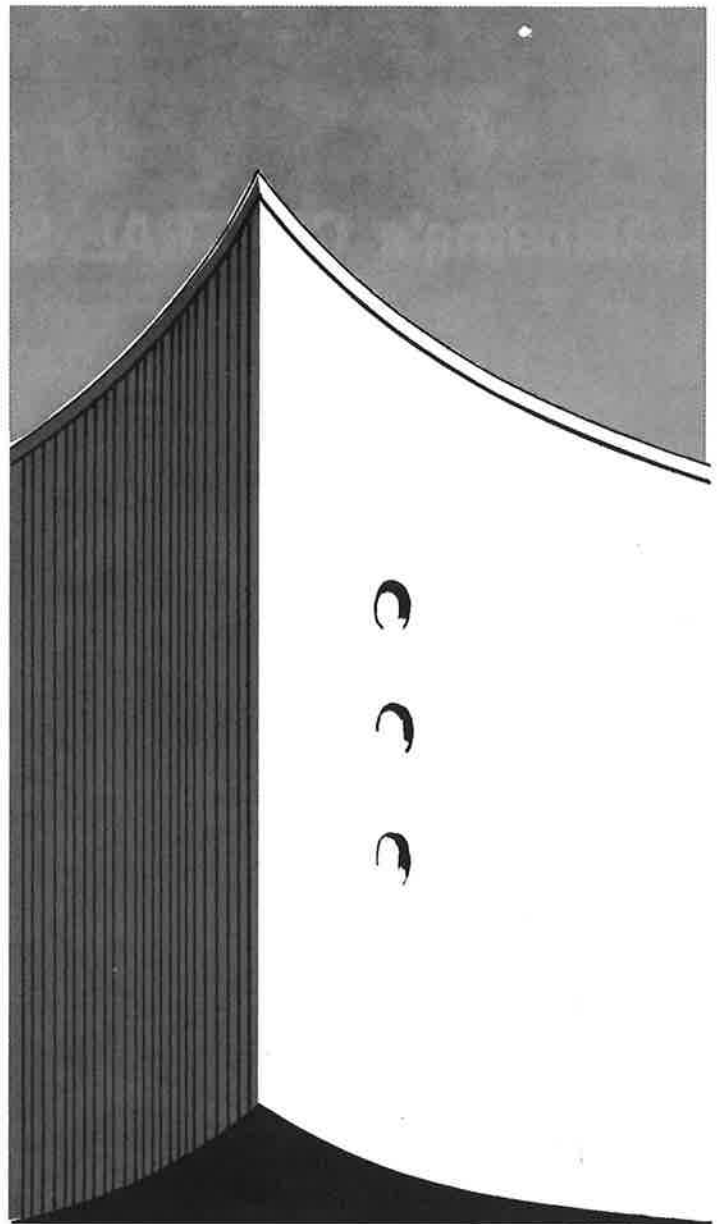
### **GULF STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETS**

A full complement of Alabama representatives attended the one-day meeting of the Gulf States Regional Council Executive Committee at the Royal Orleans Hotel on September 18th, 1965. Arriving in the storm battered city a bare week after Hurricane Betsy, the architects from the five-state region (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee) spent a fruitful day going over important business. Among items of significance, it was noted that architects last year received \$1.95 in services from each \$1 in dues paid to the Institute; that the R. R. Bowker Co. will soon publish a national Directory of American Architects, which each Chapter should have (cost: \$15); that the Institute is making a series of 9 to 12 movies for secondary schools, the first one being underway on Ancient Egypt, Syria, etc. (first because of imminent flooding of many early examples); and that a foundation was being sought to underwrite these films.

In other news it was noted that the next Regional Conference will be in Hot Springs, Ark. on April 13-15, 1966, and that the National AIA Convention will be in Denver beginning June 26, 1966.

Dan Cowling, regional director, presided over a full contingent, including from Alabama Hugh Ellis, Ed Bondurant, Parker Narrows, Fred Dietz, A. Jackson Davis, and Jay Leavell.

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