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## PIONEER ARCHITECT OF PORTLAND DIES

Ion Lewis Member of Noted  
Firm of Designers.

### BRONZE TABLET TRIBUTE

Exposition Buildings of 1905  
Among Structures Which  
Commemorate Artist.

Ion Lewis, for 40 years one of Portland's most famous architects, died last night at the Arlington club, where he had been living in retirement.



Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Lewis, under whom many of Portland's present-day prominent architects got their start, was a member of the famous firm of Whidden & Lewis, given recognition by the city in 1930 when a bronze tablet honoring the men for "enriching the city of Portland and contributing to the distinction of their profession" was placed at the west entrance of the city hall, a building that the firm designed. William M. Whidden died in 1928. Oregon chapter, American Institute of Architects, placed the marker.

In Portland, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Whidden designed the city hall, the Arlington club, the courthouse, the Stevens building, the Weinhard block, the Wilcox building, Good Samaritan hospital, and structures at the 1905 exposition, of which Mr. Lewis was director of architecture.

Mr. Lewis was the donor of the Ion Lewis scholarship in architecture at the University of Oregon in 1931.

He was believed to be nearly 80 years of age. He had no immediate family and surviving relatives were unknown to his friends here.

He was a bachelor, residing many years at the Arlington club, the building of which he designed, and where he was a familiar figure as a clubman. He also designed the former home of the club on West Park street and Alder.

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## LEWIS BEQUESTS PUBLIC

Hospitals Benefit Under Will Admitted to Probate.

Substantial bequests to St. Vincent's hospital, Good Samaritan hospital, Doernbecher Memorial hospital for children, the Pisgah home colony at Scappoose and the Portland Community Chest were made by Ion Lewis, Portland architect, who died

here August 29, it was revealed yesterday when his will was admitted to probate by Circuit Judge Tazwell. The estate is valued at more than \$75,000, according to the petition of the Security Savings & Trust company, which was named executor. Mr. Lewis left no heirs-at-law.

Personal bequests included: Thomas Marvin Whidden, \$6000; C. M. Miall and R. J. A. O'Reilly of Portland, \$5000 each and his personal effects in his rooms at the Arlington club; Emma M. Wilcox, Green Hills, \$5000; Beatrice Wasserman, Portland, \$4000; Eileen Ronchi, San Francisco, \$3000. The Pisgah home was willed \$3000.

Of the remainder of the estate one-fourth each was bequeathed to St. Vincent's and Good Samaritan hospitals. The rest was placed in trust, the income to go to Doernbecher hospital and the Community Chest.

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### NEW SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN

**Ion Lewis Deeds Portland Property  
to Aid Oregon Students.**

SALEM, Or., Sept. 18.-(Special.)-Establishment of the Ion Lewis scholarship in architecture in the University of Oregon was assured here today, when the state board of education accepted deeds to a number of lots owned by Ion Lewis, Portland attorney. The lots are located in the Albina district of Portland.

Income from the lots will be applied toward providing for students in architecture advantages in travel and education.

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## LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP UP

**AWARD IN ARCHITECTURE  
OPEN TO DRAFTSMEN.**

**Fund, Created by Late Portland  
Resident, to Provide Traveling Fellowship.**

*April 5, 1931*  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON,  
Eugene, April 4.-(Special.)-Arrangements have been completed for the awarding of the Ion Lewis scholarship in architecture, open to draftsmen, students of architecture, or architects, it is announced here, following a meeting of the managing committee. Applicants must have lived in Oregon for a year before becoming eligible to the scholarship, and must be over 20 years of age and not over 30.

While the purpose of the scholarship, which amounts to approximately \$2000, is to provide a traveling fellowship, the managing committee may, at their discretion, divide the funds available, or should no suitable candidate present himself, may use the funds for scholarships in architecture at the University of Oregon.

The managing committee consists of Harrison A. Whitney, Portland, chairman; Ellis F. Lawrence, dean of the University of Oregon school of arts and architecture, secretary, and Morris H. Whitehouse, Portland. Jamieson Parker, Portland, has been chosen to act as a member of the committee should any applicant be related to one of the regular members.

Mr. Lewis was for 40 years a prominent architect of Portland. The scholarship is maintained by the board of higher education, which acts as trustee, with management in the hands of the managing committee.

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BRONZE TABLET TO BE UNVEILED IN HONOR OF OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTS



This metal marker will be unveiled at the city hall on Tuesday afternoon. On it is inscribed: "To Whidden & Lewis, architects, whose lives and works have enriched the city of Portland and have contributed to the honor of their profession, this tablet was placed by the Oregon chapter, American Institute of Architects, 1930." The medallions were done by Richard W. Bock, instructor in sculpture at the University of Oregon. The tablet is 2x3 feet in dimensions.

## FIRM TO BE HONORED

### CEREMONIAL FOR TWO LOCAL ARCHITECTS PLANNED.

Bronze Tablet for W. M. Whidden and Ion Lewis to Be Dedicated Tuesday.

Portland's most famous architects, William M. Whidden and Ion Lewis, who comprised the firm of Whidden & Lewis, will be honored in undying bronze Tuesday at a ceremonial at the city hall.

Oregon chapter, American Institute of Architects, has prepared a bronze tablet that will, on Tuesday, be permanently affixed at the west entrance of the city hall, a building that the firm of Whidden & Lewis designed. Folger Johnson, president of the chapter, will have charge of the program. Members of the municipal art commission will participate.

William Whidden died two years ago at the age of 72 years, after 46 years of practice here. Ion Lewis is, living in retirement at the Arlington club, too ill to attend the ceremony.

Beside the city hall, this historic firm also designed the Arlington club, the courthouse, the Stevens building, the Weinhard block, the Wilcox building, Good Samaritan hospital, the Forestry building and other structures at the 1905 exposition, and a host of other buildings. For decades

they were the outstanding architects of this city, and some of the most prominent architects of present-day Portland, such as Harrison A. Whitney and the late A. E. Doyle and Joseph Jacobberger, worked under them.

The ceremony will take place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

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