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"Reviews" will be a regular feature of the QUARTERLY; books, magazines and organizations of interest to the preservationist will be discussed.

AMERICAN PRESERVATION The Magazine for Historic and Neighborhood Preservation.

*Published bimonthly, subscriptions \$12 a year. The Bracy House, P. O. Box 2451, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203.*

This magazine will be one year old this fall, and it belongs on the subscription list of everyone interested in preservation and our architectural heritage. It is a beautiful publication, full of glorious, full-page color photographs of restored buildings from across the country. While some articles focus on the already well publicized architecture of places like Eureka, California, and Galveston, Texas, many more concentrate on lesser known preservation successes such as those in Helena, Montana, and Hudson, Ohio. Other articles document various neighborhood conservation projects and the techniques being tried to stabilize the deteriorated, lower class sections of the inner cities. Future issues will also include articles on the preservation activities of other countries. A special section at the front and back of each issue presents short articles of preservation news, profiles of active preservationists, and an update on pertinent legislation.

IDENTIFYING AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE A Pictorial Guide to Styles and Terms, 1600-1945, by John J.-G. Blumenson.

*American Association for State and Local History (1400 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203), 1977. 120 pages, illustrated, index bibliography, paper, \$8.75.*

This is the perfect book for the person who has trouble identifying the major domestic styles of the United States and is tired of referring to architectural elements as thingamabobs. The first section of the book is devoted to the various exterior styles with a page of photographs for each, a brief description, and the approximate dates of its popularity. But the best part are the numbers superimposed on selected architectural features of each illustrated building with the correct terminology for it listed in the margin. The styles are arranged chronologically except for those styles which recur as revivals or had several distinct phases, such as Romanesque Revival, Victorian Romanesque, and Richardsonian Romanesque. These are placed together to facilitate comparison of the several stages. The back section of the book is a grouping by architectural components i.e. roofs, windows, and porches, again with the photographs numbered for easy identification of the features. An index allows the reader to quickly locate an illustration of an unfamiliar term. This excellent book is long overdue. ✱