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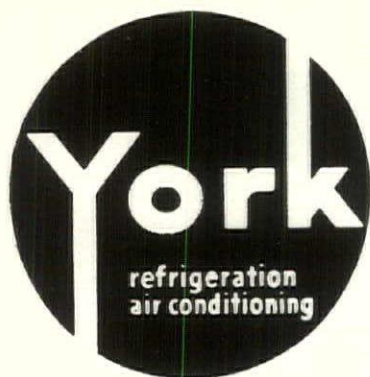
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# *The President's Message*

## **BEHAVIOUR:—**

I am very interested in psychologic factors governing business, architecture and general group behaviour. For instance the work of the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan has provided trustworthy measurements of consumer attitudes which affect the course of business and through the financing by the Ford Foundation hopes to provide predictive tools as concerns business. Since these studies concern the patterns of human behaviour and, since none of us who communicate with one another is unaffected by "behaviour attitudes," may I over-simplify and rob the phrase "If you want to understand a person's behaviour, find out what he wants."

I would call to the attention of the tremendous group of people involved in Construction that we would do well to "set-a-spell" to find out what motivates our group and if there is enough time left we would profit to know what it is those who hire us want.

It might be immediately rewarding if the above outlined "research" be confined to the immediate group of which each of us is a member. More immediately this "research" could be very interesting as it applies to oneself.

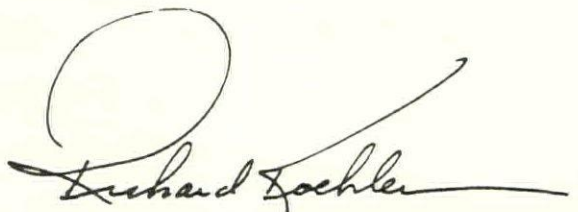
## **COMMUNICATION:—**

Relative to the above and as previously expressed in this message, there is a great need for proper communication. We have speed and volume of communication these days, but wordage does not mean good communications; on the contrary "wind-bagginess" can set up a mental black-out.

The transforming of an idea to action and then to a tangible form usually involves many people each with his particular talents and each with his limit of understanding.

The need for defining a "spade" when a spade is called a spade is necessary not only because the courts of law are becoming jam-packed, but because our existence with one another requires clear understanding.

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# SCHOOL AID BILLS SPONSORED BY SENATOR UPTON ARE CLARIFIED

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In view of this situation, affecting hundreds of school districts in more than thirty States, the 81st Congress passed two Laws. One Public Law 815, provided aid for new school construction in these defense-impacted districts. The other, Public Law 874, provided funds for maintenance and operation of impacted schools. Although no New Hampshire district qualified for aid under P. L. 815, twenty-seven districts in Southeastern New Hampshire have been receiving aid for school maintenance under P. L. 874.

The construction and operation of the Newington Air Force Base, near Portsmouth, will create a substantial Federal impact on the schools of Southeastern New Hampshire. The State Planning and Development Commission has estimated that, as a result of this Air Base, school populations over the next five years will be increased 20 per cent over the normal increase in this area. Schools in the area will require Federal assistance if adequate education facilities are to be maintained. However, Public Law 815, which would have provided aid for new school construc-

tion to meet this situation, expired June 30 of this year. Public Law 874 under which 27 districts in this area of the State had been receiving aid, had been amended by the first session of the 83rd Congress in such a way that these districts would lose over 80,000 dollars in maintenance and operation funds next year.

Senator Upton wrote and introduced two bills to help these New Hampshire schools, as well as several hundred other defense-impacted school districts in the Nation. The first Upton school-aid bill, S.3628, extends Public Law 815 for another two years. It is expected that the schools of Portsmouth, and perhaps several other communities near the Newington Base, will receive construction aid under this Upton Bill. The other Upton measure, S.3629, removes the so-called "three per cent absorption" requirement from Public Law 874. This will save over \$80,000 in Federal entitlements next year for the 27 New Hampshire communities receiving school maintenance aid. It may mean the saving of many thousands of dollars more as the Air Base impact becomes evident in these communities. The absorption clause, which the Upton Bill removes, would require these districts to absorb, without help, federally-connected children up to three per cent of their non-federally connected enrollments. Had this gone into effect a number of the districts would have lost all Federal assistance, and most of them would have had over half of the funds to which they were entitled.

These two Upton Bills have passed both Houses of the Congress and now await the President's signature. Although the

ere given little chance for passage when introduced, persistent work by Senator Upton and school superintendents from all over the country, including New Hampshire school officials, resulted in their passage during the closing days of this Congress. Senator Upton, who is one of the members of the Subcommittee on Education of the Senate Labor Committee through which all Education measures must pass), has stated that federal aid to schools overwhelmed by Federal defense activities should be placed upon a permanent basis. He has indicated that this bill, which involves complete revision of the present laws, will be one of the first bills which his Subcommittee will undertake in the 84th Congress.



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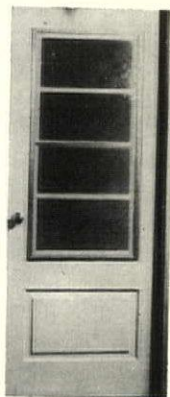
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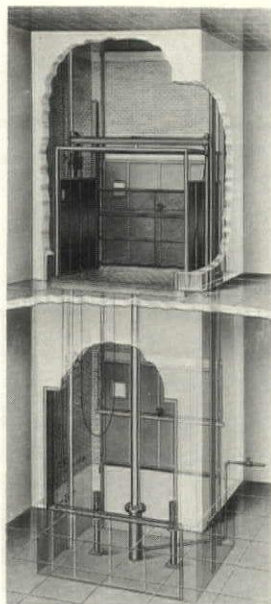
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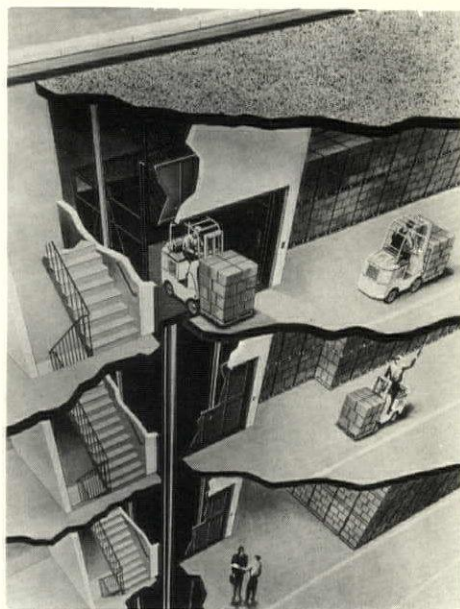
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Credit for both is given to the nation's home builders and architects, in a new film called "Designed For Living," released by the Insulation Board Institute.

"Never before has the home owner been able to obtain so much home value for the dollar spent," Charles M. Gray, Institute manager said, in commenting on the film. "And when a million new homes a year are occupied, that in itself constitutes a major population shift.

"Much of the credit—aside from improved mortgage financing—goes to our nation's home builder, who, in order to make homes more desirable, has sought and found new cost-saving building materials and techniques which enable him to put construction money saved back into features in homes, making them more attractive and livable

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ments on film. That's the primary reason for our new production."

The IBI's new film, in sound and color, was produced at the Goldwyn studios in Hollywood, and filmed on various home building projects throughout the country. It shows interiors and exteriors of some of the country's finest new homes. It also shows how insulation board sheathing, a typical example, cuts construction cost and time.

"Designed For Living" is now being made available nationwide to television stations, and will later be available for group showings to various builder, dealer and architectural meetings.

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### McCAFFREY APPOINTED N. H. COMMISSIONER

Austin J. McCaffrey, superintendent of schools in Manchester, N. H. since 1945, has been appointed Commissioner of Education for the state of New Hampshire.

He succeeds Hilton C. Buley, who has taken over the duties of president, Connecticut State Teachers College, New Haven.

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Associated with Lyford & Magenau will be V. Bruce Davis, an architect with over 20 years' experience on school and bank design with Hutchins & French, J. Williams Beal & Son and Anderson-Nichols & Co. Mr. Davis lives at "Treasure Trove," his newly renovated home in Ambrooke.

Both of the partners have long been active in A. I. A. and community affairs at both local and regional levels. Mr. Lyford, whose home is in Bow, continues as Consulting Architect to the Hospital Services Division of the N. H. State Board of Health and as Clerk of St. Paul's Church. Mr. Magenau is a resident of Concord, Chairman of Concord's Building Code Board of Appeals, Clerk of the Second Congregational (Unitarian) Society, and took an active part in preparation of the recent outstanding "Report on New Hampshire's Schools" of the Joint Committee sponsored by the N. H. Social Welfare Council.

The NEW HAMPSHIRE ARCHITECT extends its welcome and congratulations to this team of well-known New Hampshire architects.

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## SUMMER OUTING OF N. H. CHAPTER, A. I. A.

The annual summer outing of the New Hampshire Chapter, American Institute of Architects was held at the Hotel Farrugut, August 19. Forty members and their guests were present.

Lobster and steak were served at the dinner in the Chestnut Room. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hubers of St. Henry, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Marshall of Manchester.



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A. I. A.*

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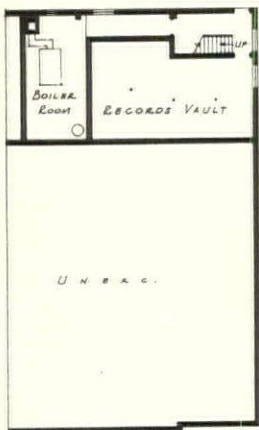
*EDUCATION: University of New  
Hampshire; S. B. Massachusetts Insti-  
tute of Technology (1922)*

*Past President, New Hampshire Society  
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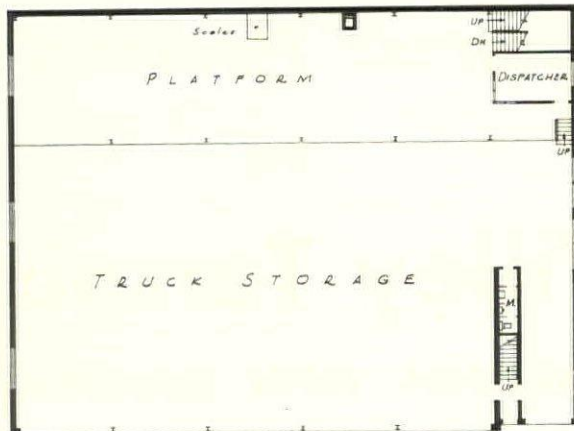
*EXPERIENCE: Boston architectural  
office 1922-34.*

*PRIVATE PRACTICE: Established  
office in Laconia, New Hampshire, 1934.*

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Offices are on the second floor. The general office and two private offices have plastic tile floor, plastered walls and acoustical tile ceiling. In the office windows heat absorbing glass was used.

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Showing Loading Platform

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View of Clerical Office

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Construction was carried on during the winter and was occupied in June of this year.

Norman P. Randlett, A. I. A., of Laconia, N. H., was the architect.

The following contractors and suppliers were associated with the project.

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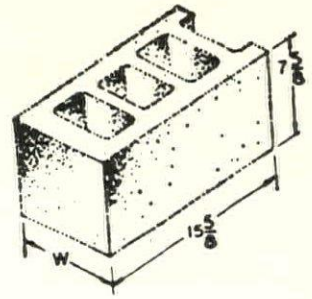
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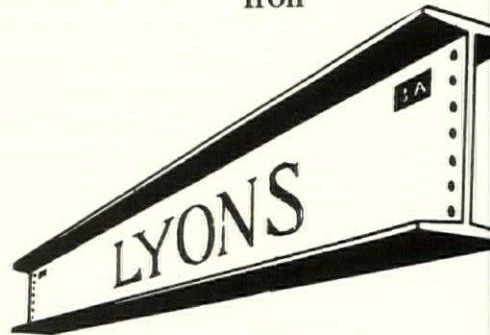
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Dirsa & Lampron	January 1, 1955
Koehler & Isaak	February 1, 1955
Willis Littlefield	March 1, 1955
Lyford & Magenau	April 1, 1955
Leo Provost	May 1, 1955

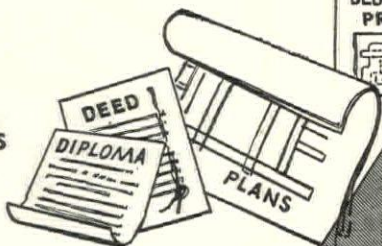
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Comments: In order to effect a definite itinerary, an Architect in each locality proposed above will be asked by the Traveling Exhibit Committee to assume responsibility for his willingness to arrange for a specific month and the actual place of showing. Return cards will be sent by the Committee. Prompt return of these will then establish the final itinerary which will then be made public.

The purpose of this Architectural Exhibit is to focus public attention on the value of the Architect. A well balanced exhibit should include: project name, location, construction progress photographs, finished project photographs, description of construction type, and above all a legible plan.

By September 30, 1954, please prepare and send one or more of your exhibits to:

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## H. AWARDS ABOVE LIKE PERIOD OF 1953

BOSTON—New Hampshire had contract awards for future construction at the seven-month mark that were substantially above the like period 1953 and to set a record high dollar volume for the period, it was announced by James A. Harding, district manager of F. W. Dodge Corporation. The Dodge Reports total \$65,468,000.

Seven-month categories compared with like period 1953: nonresidential \$14,-000, up 64 per cent; residential, \$15,-000, up 202 per cent; heavy engineering, \$35,418,000, compared with only \$5,-000 in 1953.

July individual classifications were: residential, \$1,648,000, down 16 per cent from June and 36 below July 1953; residential, \$1,517,000, down 80 per cent from June but 154 per cent above July 1953; heavy engineering, \$1,732,000, up substantially over June and over July 1953.

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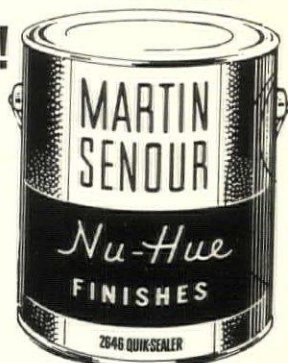
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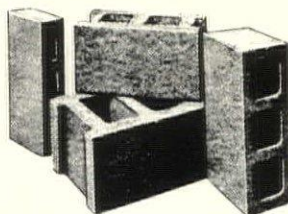
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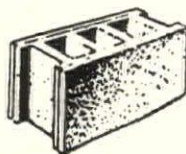
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