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Home Building Gains Continue

The improved outlook for home building noted on this page last month has now materialized into actual contracts awarded. For the first half of May the money value of residential contracts reported was 36 per cent ahead of the first half of April, with every indication that the total for the entire month would exceed May of last year. When it is recalled that there is normally a seasonal decline of 10 per cent from April to May and that not since the Spring of 1931 has any month been able to equal the figure of that month of the year before, the significance of this May residential contract showing becomes apparent.

Coincident with this home building increase, we note many other signs of returning business activity. Car loadings are gaining week by week, steel production has risen to 40 per cent capacity, the lumber mills are full of orders, employment is gaining and the price of farm products and of all basic commodities continues to advance.

This, undoubtedly, is the start of that long delayed home building revival. If so, the small construction industry can look ahead with confidence to increasing sales and activity. With a "back log" of seven billion dollars' worth of needed home improvements, with the public taste being steadily educated to new and higher standards in home comforts, and with all commodity prices trending upward, there is in the present situation the makings of a healthy home building boom. Investment now of money of large purchasing power in a home of constant value is a wise, safe move.

World's Fair—Yesterday and Today

Some striking contrasts illustrate, better than anything else, the remarkable building achievements of Chicago's Century of Progress World's Fair as compared with others.

For example, the World's Columbian Exposition buildings in 1893 cost more per cubic foot than those of this 1933 Fair; and yet the labor cost per day in 1893 was exactly the same as the labor cost per hour in 1933. Perfection of building methods has made this reduction in cost possible.

The World's Fair construction program does not represent revolution, as so many people seem to think, but progress. Analysis of the structural methods involved shows almost universally that the striking and unusual effects achieved are not revolutionary practices imported miraculously from some other land, but are logical developments of the latest thought and research of the building industry as it exists here today.

The exposition buildings, the model houses and the general construction activity of the Fair illustrate the important improvements, developments and trends that every building industry man should know.

There is much talk of pre-fabrication, especially of small homes. Analysis of the 13 modern homes on display at the Fair shows that only one is a truly pre-fabricated house. Most of the firms showing houses have announced their intention of working through the existing channels of the industry.

A Special Invitation
To Builders

from
President Dawes

I am extending a cordial invitation to the men of the building industry to attend the Century of Progress Exposition because I believe there is a double interest for them in this World's Fair.

In the exhibit of modern homes, especially, builders will find much of inspiration and interest; and they will have an opportunity to see for the first time building developments that have been much discussed. To be fully understood, these modern homes must be seen and carefully examined.

In addition to the attractions of the Exposition itself, which I need not mention here, there is the special interest to builders that lies in the architectural and construction features of the Fair buildings which represent in a striking way many new ideas and methods that have been developed by the men of this great industry.

To you men of the building industry, I can only say, "Come and see what your industry has done."

Cordially

President

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS
The Whyys and Wherefores of the Exposition Architecture

by LOUIS SKIDMORE
Chief of Design, A Century of Progress Exposition

The architecture of the Century of Progress Exposition is strikingly different from that of other expositions and of other buildings of the past largely because of one basic difference in the underlying concept of the design.

In the architecture of the 1933 World's Fair, we are calling attention not to what has been done in the past but to what can be done in the present and may be done in the future. Instead of taking its inspiration from the perfected designs of other centuries, this Exposition architecture draws its inspiration from the progress of the twentieth century.

The theme of A Century of Progress is, briefly, the advancement of mankind in the past hundred years. It will show the application of scientific discoveries to industry and its consequent development during the past century.

In such a scheme, the architecture should be an expression of that progress. It would be incongruous to house the exhibits showing man's progress of recent machine-age years in a Greek temple of the age of Pericles, or a Roman villa of the time of Hadrian. The architecture must be in tune with the modern age and spirit.

In keeping with the scientific attitude of the age, the buildings of the 1933 World's Fair express a healthy naturalness—an honest reflection of the actual functions of the building. They are built in the most practical, straightforward and inexpensive way possible for the purposes required and with the modern materials at hand. They depend for their character and effectiveness on flat planes and surfaces instead of extensive and unnecessary plaster ornamentation and decoration. New and dramatic uses of light and coloring against this background of planes and surfaces provide the unusual effects necessary for such an exposition.

It is of greatest importance to readers who view the photographs accompanying this article to realize that this architecture is, after all, primarily a setting for the gay crowds that will throng the Fair grounds. None of the buildings is quite complete without the exhibits and the crowds of visitors, the parasols and seats over the terraces, and the active life and excitement of this vivid throbbing city within a city.

I have expressed the thought of progress and of naturalness in the design of these buildings. Of equal importance and, in some respects, transcending importance, is the detail of economy. These buildings are built to be used for five months. After that, they must be evacuated and removed. In creating the designs, therefore, the salvage value of the materials used and the cost of the salvage operations had to be kept in mind.

High wage scales as compared with previous expositions had a bearing on design. The hourly wage scale paid to workers in the 1933 World's Fair is almost exactly the same as the daily wage of those employed in the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. The cost of materials in 1933 was from two to five times that of 1893. Yet the cost of the exhibit space in 1933 must approach closely that of 1893.

This necessary economy has been achieved by a greater factory fabrication of parts. Wall materials, for instance, are pre-fabricated in the shop, cut into standard shapes and sizes and shipped to the Fair grounds. They are applied to the steel frames with clips or screws. They are light in weight, easy to handle, and will be easy to dismantle. That we have achieved economy through the construction practice employed is demonstrated by the fact that the average cost of the buildings has been 15 cents per cubic foot or less. In several of the buildings, the cost per square foot of floor space has been even lower.
Exposition architecture is primarily a setting for the gay crowd that will throng the grounds. Economy had an important bearing on design.

Buildings depend for their character and effectiveness on flat planes and surfaces which set a background for new and dramatic uses of light and coloring.

The site of the Exposition had a considerable effect on the design of the buildings. The availability of materials and the climate of the area influenced the style and materials used. The flat, windowless walls made it necessary for the architects to use new techniques to obtain interest in the buildings. They had to rely on composition of masses and the delineation of strong horizontal and vertical lines and planes. Use of brilliant colors is employed to break up the large area of flat surfaces. These exhibition buildings are different from those of the past in that they are several stories high. To attract larger crowds to the upper stories, main entrances in some cases are into the second story, giving to the second floor the same importance as the first. This also makes a large development of terraces possible, and provides more exits and entrances to prevent congestion. The site of the Exposition had a considerable effect on the design of the buildings.
on the architectural design. The general layout and planning was in the hands of an architectural commission composed of Harvey Wiley Corbett, Arthur Brown, Hubert Burnham, John A. Holabird, Paul Philippe Cret, Edward H. Bennett, Ralph Walker, Raymond Hood and Ferruccio Vitale. The narrow, three-mile site imposed limitations that had to be faced. An elastic plan had to be devised because it was impossible to tell in advance how much building space would be required until the exhibits were planned and sold. And yet building operations could not wait until the final estimates were in.

Massing of buildings and a symmetry of spacing necessary under a classic type of architecture would be impossible. The architectural commission worked out a plan in which small area masses are raised to a considerable height in some locations while elsewhere long, low structures of large ground plan are used. This gives a variety and an interesting composition that is striking and effective. At the same time it is an elastic plan that provides for expansion of exhibit space as needed.

What Effect on Future?

In turning away from the past and creating an architectural design that is functional, simple and inexpensive, a new note in architecture has been achieved. The buildings are dramatic because an exposition must be dramatic. And yet there are many features of the architecture that may have a permanent effect on American architecture. The utilization of new materials may suggest a way toward lowering building costs. Most buildings today are erected to last thirty or forty years. Usually the interior mechanical equipment becomes out of date in about a third of that time. Perhaps there is a suggestion for builders in the 1933 World's Fair for less permanent buildings. Perhaps buildings might be erected more cheaply and designed to last just as long as their interior mechanical equipment. Lowered costs and more frequent replacements, as in the case of other industries, might point the way to the building industry to adjust its production costs in line with the production ratio of other business units.

Factory pre-fabrication, large units, strong horizontal and vertical lines, unusual lighting effects, brilliant colors are all features of the 1933 Century of Progress buildings that may have a permanent effect on American architecture. None of these ideas is new, yet the dramatic way in which the Exposition will call attention to them may have considerable effect on future design.

HANGING GARDENS, gilded pylons, paved terraces, sculptured bas-reliefs, feature this modernistic Electrical Building, designed by Raymond Hood of New York. A striking example of Exposition architecture of 1933 style. Built by W. E. O'Neill Construction Co.
BUILDERS will find in the Housing Exhibit of the World’s Fair a great demonstration of progress in building that will be decidedly worth while to every practical man in the industry.

The thirteen full sized houses built with the latest materials and technique of the industry constitute a great outdoor laboratory which merits the careful, thorough study of builders, dealers, architects.

This is one section of the World’s Fair that is not merely recreational—at least to the practical men of the industry—for it is a practical lesson in construction.

The houses erected there are modern in spirit and design. Yet, for the most part, the materials used are well known to the building industry. The surprising and stimulating results are due to the imaginative use of these building materials and products in a way that produces a novel modern effect.

There has been much talk of change in home building methods. Much half-baked newspaper publicity has been published on new types of houses. Here is a chance for builders to examine in a thorough fashion a practical demonstration of some of the things that have actually been carried beyond the dreamer’s stage.

Use of standard materials in a stimulating, modern way is the outstanding feature of the Housing Exhibit. No active man of the building industry who expects to keep abreast of the times can afford not to spend considerable time examining these houses.

In addition to the houses there is much of interest and value to builders in the exhibits in Home Planning Hall. Here will be seen the individual displays of manufacturers showing developments in their products, and progress that has been made. In the electrical home exhibits in the Electrical building are additional kitchen, bathroom and basement displays that show the latest progress in these important rooms.

Home Planning Hall and thirteen exhibit houses are the big attraction for builders at the Fair. Come and visit them first! You will find this modern housing exhibit midway between the 23rd and 31st Street entrances.
The eagerness with which the public today responds to new ideas and new style in quality small homes forecasts a considerable revolution in home building technique—which is bound to make itself felt in the near future. The Exhibition Houses at Chicago’s Century of Progress exemplify these new ideas. In design, construction and equipment they mark a new era.

The first of these houses to be completed and thrown open to the public was the smart and trim creation of the Stran-Steel Corporation and associated co-operators, decorated and furnished under the direction of Good Housekeeping Magazine. On Saturday, May 27, when the Exposition opened, fifty-seven hundred visitors inspected this new model home and approved its many interesting features. The next day about seven thousand more thronged through this house, and on Memorial Day over twelve thousand attended, many showing the keenest interest in and understanding of the salient points of its construction and finish.

The materials entering into the construction of this house are for the most part well known manufactured products. The framing, is decidedly new. This is called Stran-Steel. Two features distinguish it from other types of metal structural members:

First: It is designed so that carpenters, without any special training, lay it out and erect it on the job just as they build lumber.

Second: Collateral building materials such as shiplap, Celotex, Sheetrock and plywood are nailed directly to the frame work just as they are nailed to wood.

Stran-Steel consists of 2 x 4” studs and rafters and 2 x 7” joists and of connectors of 16 and 13 gauge steel, formed and riveted so that a nailing groove runs lengthwise on two sides of each stud and joist. When building materials are nailed to these members, the nails...
LOW COST OF STRAN-STEEL HOUSE

follow the sinuous shape of the groove and clinch themselves firmly into place.

The exterior of this Century of Progress house is covered with Glassiron Macotta slabs, 13/4 inches thick, 2 feet wide and from 2 to 8 feet long. This material consists of a layer of tough, light-weight Haydite covered with thin gauge steel, which has on its exterior surface a weather resisting coat of porcelain enamel.

After 1 inch of Celotex insulation has been nailed to the outside of the Stran-Steel frame work, the Glassiron Macotta is then nailed on by means of right angle metal clips, and the joints are sealed with mastic tape. The roof of the house is insulated with Celotex and is covered with three ply roofing laid in pitch, on top of which Ludovici tile has been applied. The interior walls of the down stairs rooms are covered with large size Sheetrock nailed directly to the studs and the joints are closed with a material which will make them invisible when the walls are painted or papered.

No plastering was done on the interior of the house, nor on the exterior. Except in the laying of the concrete floor slabs (1 1/4 inches thick over metal lath) no water was used in its construction. This assures rapid erection even in cold weather.

The Good Housekeeping-Stran-
ress is not a radical invention which proposes to revolutionize home life, the building supply business or the building trades. It was developed by a group of practical builders, a lumber dealer and a manufacturer of steel. It has made possible an enduring type of house construction, which provides, in good taste and comfort, an economical shelter in any type of architecture which the owner may desire.

Since the steel frame is the heart of the Stran-Steel house method, and since building contractors, architects and dealers all over the country will, no doubt, soon be figuring their plans to utilize this newly available framing material, we present herewith, as a typical example, the bill of material and the framing plan for the Stran-Steel members required for this Century of Progress house.
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Crasco Co.—Bathroom Fixtures—Chicago
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Dry Construction Achieved
In Lumber Industries’ “Sunlight House”

One of the most admired of the Exhibition Houses that grace the Home Planning Group at Chicago’s Century of Progress is the “Sunlight House” erected by the combined lumber interests of America. It shares with the two other houses of wood the distinction—among so many flat roofed types—of having a peak roof; and, judging from the many comments of early visitors, the hip or gable roof still “looks like home” to most folks.

Two noteworthy facts stand out regarding this all-lumber house; first, its erection was made possible by the cash subscriptions of 3760 individuals, firms and associations connected with the lumber business; and, second, it is of the modern dry wall construction throughout, utilizing plywood panels and other lumber wall finish instead of plaster.

Describing this house in the words of the architect, Mr. E. A. Grunsfeld, Jr., of Chicago, “the architecture is modern but not stylized. It is designed in a straightforward and logical manner, using wood to the best advantage and making the design depend on articulation of the various wood parts as they fit together. Its design is very simple and depends for effect on this extreme simplicity. The plan makes an excellent living unit although the size is slightly larger than would be required for actual living quarters. By reason of being an exhibit house, the halls, vestibules, etc., have been increased to accommodate a crowd. Were the house to be used as a living unit the room sizes could be slightly reduced and the house further contracted by making normal size corridors and vestibules.

“By using the structural necessities of the building to give effective design, a number of innovations in appearance have been achieved. The exterior corners are rounded by means of a piece of bent plywood behind which the downspouts are located. This piece eliminates mitering of the siding on the exterior and can be removed in one piece, giving accessibility to the downspouts. The gutter is of an inlaid type which simplifies the silhouette of the house at the intersection of the roof and exterior walls. The chief innovation in design of the house is that it is a “plasterless” house and can be erected directly, cleanly and quickly without bringing in the plasterer and quantities of water with him.

“In order to carry this out successfully, the wood walls are being treated as far as possible in a very simple fashion without elaborate graining and the wood is not being stained. A preservative is being applied which will as far as possible keep the natural appearance of the wood. The ceilings are made of plywood which will be calcimined to reflect maximum light. The simplicity of the interior will be achieved by the method of applying the wood. Instead of using battens adjacent pieces of the same material are employed having the edges rounded which gives a satisfactory articulation of the crack and at the same time gives a certain decorative feeling. In spite of the use of various kinds of woods for the walls...
of the different rooms, they are being treated as a background only. The effect aimed at is that of an interesting texture to the walls without a great deal of elaborate architecture, which would serve only to detract from the room as a whole."

Some of the points of especial interest to those inspecting the lumber industries house are:
1. The corner location of the windows.
2. Beautiful wood paneled walls without plaster behind, thus permitting construction at any season of the year and in any temperature and no after effects of excess moisture in the house.
3. Living quarters in a unit; service quarters in a unit.
4. Outside of the house wood, in modern pattern; susceptible to redecoration at any time.
5. Insulated with Balsam Wool Blanket in the walls and Sisalkraft paper beneath the siding, which together with wood interiors and exteriors, makes a home of greatest warmth in winter and coolness in summer.
6. Sills, floor joists and sub-flooring of preservatively treated materials.
7. Structural framing embodies the results of the latest scientific research and provides strong, rigid walls.
8. Roofing of all heartwood, all clear, all edge grain red cedar shingles certified to conform with U. S. Government Commercial Standards.

Corner detail shows concealed gutter; down-spout [not shown] is inside the round corner panel which is removable. Box in window head is to hold Venetian Blind when raised.
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Lumber Industries' "Sunlight House" at Century of Progress

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Cypress Cottage Proves Rustic Charm

Soft Lines of Shingled Roof Agreeable Contrast to Prevalent Flat Roof Types at Century of Progress

A WINSOME CHAMPION of the sloping roof for homes—and especially for summer cottages—is the cypress log cabin at the Fair, planned and built by Murray Hetherington, architect, for the Southern Cypress Manufacturers Association. This exhibit building, charmingly placed in the Housing Group back of immense dahlia beds and with a characterful pergola of cypress logs leading up to it, is typical of a mountain lodge or rustic vacation cabin in the woodlands, exemplifying the use of log siding in connection with actual log posts, corners and brackets, and with a liberal use of cypress “knees” for ornamental effects.

The main feature of the cabin is a large living room which is used in this Century of Progress house for the display of the many decorative and practical commercial uses of tide water red cypress. This is a room 18 by 27 feet and open 13 feet high to the ridge pole. An immense limestone fireplace and chimney dominate the inner end. Beyond are spaces which, when used as a cottage, would afford flexible arrangement of dining and sleeping facilities for a small family.

The exterior of the cabin is made of pecky cypress log siding with the “peeks” highlighted in white, giving a very rustic and rugged effect, without the expense of solid log construction. Pecky cypress is characterized by the presence of numerous holes or grooves filled with a fibrous substance caused by a fungus that grows in the heart of many trees. While it looks decayed, curiously enough it is as durable as sound wood. The defect in the sense of appearance is really utilized to great advantage for antique and picturesque effects.

The east half of the cabin roof is covered with 24-inch hand rived shingles, the west half of the roof with machine rived, with weather exposure varying from 4 to 9 inches, giving the age old appearance of pioneer days. Butts are staggered slightly from 3/4 to 5/4 inches and in all cases laid perpendicular to the arc of the weave line. This method called for shaving one edge of the shingle or chopping the butt to make the weave line fairly continuous. The valleys are closed; and the ridges are capped with shingles. The starting line of the shingles at the eaves is staggered also.

The exterior of building was first covered with water proof paper nailed to studs, over which 2 x 8 inch chink pattern log siding was placed. At the openings, the log siding was beveled with a 30 degree cut.

Rustic logwork was used for corners, porch posts and lintels, and for pergola ends as shown by plans and elevations. Logs may be peeled or left with bark on as desired.
DETAILS CYPRESS COTTAGE
A CENTURY OF PROGRESS
ROSTONE—A New Industry

Exhibit House at Century of Progress First Public Showing of Promising New Material

At the Century of Progress in the housing group, there has quietly been erected a model residence—a "House of Rostone"—featuring the use of a new building material which in appearance and practical construction economy promises to exert a very considerable influence upon the building field.

The name of the material is "Rostone." It is a new synthetic stone made by a process which is revolutionary yet simple. Its development dates back to eight years ago when a group of engineers and chemists in Lafayette, Indiana, started out to find the secret of permanent coloring in processed stone. This led to research into the chemical and physical action which takes place in nature when stone is formed—and finally in the discovery of a commercial process which is a "speeded-up" version of nature's own method.

Taking only the commonest raw materials, ordinary shale and alkaline earths (with quarry waste as a filler), this new process in a few simple steps creates a stone similar in all essentials to the rocks which nature produces only through millions of years of time. Actually the man-made stone is said to be superior because it is produced in colors and forms nature does not duplicate. The shale is first finely pulverized, then mixed with a small proportion of alkaline earths, both in a slightly moist state. At the same time quarry waste—filler and coloring matter are introduced. The material is then moulded under strong pressure, then "cooked" in a steam chamber for two hours—and the process is complete. No cement is used. There is no binder and aggregate in the ordinary sense. During this simple and inexpensive process taking less than a full day's time, the shale and alkaline earths combine chemically into an entirely new stone-like substance which is not only strong and durable but free from any chemicals that affect the coloring.

With Range of Color

The colors produced in this stone are almost endless in their variety. Many are unique. Grays, creams, buffs, browns, greens, blues, reds and intermediate shades are produced not only in flat colors but variegated and blended effects. The stone has a smooth, pleasing surface just as it comes from the mold, and in addition can be easily textured, carved or given a lustrous polish.

The practical applications of the stone, as shown in the Century of Progress model home, clearly indicate the opportunities it opens for reducing building costs through improved structural design and the elimination of unnecessary field erection costs. This is a five room residence consisting of two bedrooms, a living room with dining alcove, a kitchen and a sun room. In addi—
Workman applying stone wall slabs to the steel frame. (This was taken during experimental erection work at Lafayette, Ind., laboratories of the company.)

The exterior walls of the house are formed of large stone slabs attached to a steel framework. The slabs are 4 feet long and 17 inches high by 2 inches thick and have ship-lapped joints filled with mastic. Erection is rapid. The slabs are fastened to the steel members with bolts which screw into metal thimbles cast into the stone and the shop fabrication of both stone and steel was so precise that assembly went like clockwork. Copings and decorative trim were also of stone similarly applied. Flat roof decks are also of large stone slabs. Other uses in this model house include stone floor slabs, stair treads, interior wall panels, fireplace stone-work and decorative details. This new stone system of construction has already been shown to bring about a very substantial economy while at the same time offering new opportunities for fine architectural design and color treatment.

The structural framework of the house is of steel mounted upon a concrete foundation. This structural steel system employs vertical steel members spaced uniformly on 4-foot centers. All partitions are of the same type of steel as in the exterior walls. The roof consists of a Robertson steel deck supported on steel beams and covered with a thick layer of Cornell light density insulating board upon which are placed the stone roof slabs which form a paved roof deck. The walls are insulated with Cornell insulating board. The interior walls are finished in various ways through the house but in all cases the use of plaster has been eliminated by the use of more modern materials.

The primary feature of the house of Rostone is the use of standard 4-foot stone slabs mounted to a steel frame of corresponding spacing. Aside from the economy of the stone material itself, this 4-foot standard dimension or "module" is the factor which makes so great a reduction in cost possible. All walls and partitions are worked out in dimensions that are multiples of 4 feet. The bedrooms are 12 x 16 feet (including wall thickness). The kitchen is 12 feet square, the garage 12 x 18 feet, the bathroom 8 x 12 feet, and even the closets, with but one minor exception are planned on the same unit basis and because the standard module is employed throughout the plan, it is possible to use standard wall slabs, standard steel framing members and other standard materials. Thus the goal of standardization is reached, with its great advantage of mass manufacturing production—but through a unit which still leaves freedom and flexibility of planning and design.

This exhibit house is erected under the sponsorship of Rostone, Inc., of Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. David E. Ross is the President of this concern and Mr. R. L. Harrison is General Manager. Associated with them in the enterprise is the Indiana Bridge Company of Muncie, Indiana, producers of the steelwork employed. Walter Scholer of Lafayette, Indiana, was the Architect of the Building. The General Contractors were Ralph H. Simpson Co., Chicago.

With the unusual appearance and physical properties of this product, a high cost might be expected. The contrary is true. It is made of plentiful natural raw materials and quarry waste and its manufacturing processes are so simple that the finished material is relatively inexpensive.

Glimpse of Rostone House partially completed at Century of Progress.
"What holds those porches up?"—

Common Brick House at a Century of Progress is a Dramatic Demonstration of Reinforced Brick Masonry

EARLY visitors at the Fair, watching the men laying up the Common Brick Association house, were nonplused at what they saw—cantilever brickwork, balconies jutting out 5 feet without visible means of support! As the lines of the building took shape, there was also much argument as to its acceptance as a popular home design by the home seeking public.

The purpose, of course, of putting up this particular piece of brick masonry was not to launch a "best seller," but to demonstrate in a spectacular way the strength and versatility of reinforced brickwork. This the Common Brick House at the Century of Progress does in a compelling way.

The present interest in earthquake-proof construction gives this demonstration a special significance.

The Reinforced Common Brick House nearing completion, showing the "Garden of the States" in the foreground. Each urn and seat is built of brick from a different state. Unusual floor plan arrangement shown in architect's drawings below.
Reinforced brickwork, although used in England more than a century ago, may truly be characterized as a new construction material, for it is only within the past few years that any concerted effort has been made to utilize it in this country.

In this system of construction the horizontal and vertical steel reinforcement is placed in the mortar joints in practically the same amount and arrangements as for similar construction in reinforced concrete. Recent examples of reinforced brickwork in this country include cylindrical storage bins, trestle piers, a tank inclosure, a small bridge, and a variety of columns, girders, joists, floor slabs, lintels and building walls.

For reinforced brick construction, common hardburned brick is generally used, although other kinds are suitable. The bricks are laid in 1:3 cement mortar tempered with a small amount of lime to improve the workability. Steel reinforcement consists mainly of straight, deformed bars or rods with loops or ties in the columns, but bent bars and stirrups have been introduced in some cases to resist shear. Wire mesh has also been used to some extent. It is considered advisable to have a minimum thickness of 1/4-inch mortar on bars up to 1/4-inch in size, with a greater thickness (up to 1/2-inch) on larger bars. Mortar joints are made slightly thicker where the reinforcing occurs. Bricklaying speed is said to be about the same as in ordinary construction. The forms required to support horizontal surfaces of beams or slabs for a sufficient time to allow the mortar to set are of much simpler construction than for concrete work, since they do not need to be watertight.

This reinforced brick house at the Fair is one of the most unusual in appearance of the group. It is in three stories with balconies on the two upper floors. Cooling and heating plant are in the basement. The second floor includes living room, dinette and kitchen. The third floor has two bedrooms, bath and porch, and the roof has a large recreation deck including a garden.

The walls and floors are of common brick, ground smooth and terrazzo finished, making use of the natural brick colors which furnish an effective background for harmoniously designed furniture and decoration. Only the bedrooms are painted.

The solid brick structure making it impossible to conceal pipes and electric conduits in the walls, the architect, Andrew Rebori, of Chicago, attacked the problem daringly by making the pipes, in chromium plate, part of the decorative scheme of the interiors, their glistening lines being effectively used to accentuate the shapes of the rooms which are all irregular polygons.

In harmony with the soft tones of the smoothed brick background the color scheme of the furniture is in brown, rust red, sienna and dark green. Drapes and upholstery textiles are in wool, specially designed, wooden furniture being used in modern, clear cut lines, the object being to create a restful interior. Lighting fixtures are wooden, with copper shades. Metal furniture is used only on the porches and roof.

The scheme of the principal bedroom is gray and yellow. The juvenile room, designed for boy or girl of school age, is in blue and white with touches of red, the room being designed to be suitable also as a play or study room.

The roof garden is furnished with metal furniture, umbrellas and equipment for children's play.

In a panel underneath the first balcony is displayed ancient brick of historic interest, the oldest having been taken from the ruins of Ur in Chaldea.

Grant E. Miller, Chicago district manager for the Association in charge of this construction, was asked what would be done with this house when the Fair is over. "A charge of dynamite," he replied, "will have to be used to remove it."
Many Uses of Masonite Products Shown

Century of Progress House a Testing Laboratory for Wood Fiber Materials

HARD pressed wood panels for exterior walls, wood fiber insulation board as a plaster base, flexible blanket insulation in the walls, floors of compressed wood fiber blocks, kitchen walls of pressed wood tiles, and acoustical fiber board for decorative ceiling and side wall effects are some of the company products demonstrated in the Masonite House at the Fair.

The design of this house was the result of a competition won by Frazier and Raftery, architects, of Chicago.

The feature of the design is the two-story living room with twelve foot ceiling and large groups of windows on two sides. The dining bay is part of the living room. The main group of windows includes a center French door to the terrace.

The two bedrooms and bathroom are on the first floor, the wide hall and staircase giving access to the covered and open decks which make full use of the roof in the modern way. Floor plans and details are shown below.
ARMCO Introduces the Metal Chassis

Century of Progress Frameless Steel House Opens Door to New Subcontract Trade to Furnish House Shell Panels to Contractors for Erection on the Job by Customary Crafts

One of the trail-blazers in the creation of steel homes is the house built for the American Rolling Mill Company and the Ferro Enamel Corporation by Insulated Steel Incorporated of Cleveland. This house is frameless—no structural supporting steel being used. The wall panels are of 20-gauge steel, corrugated into shallow box-like units, factory fabricated, house high. When they arrive on the job they are set up and nailed together with screw nails by either carpenters or sheet metal workers. This assembly of panels is known as a "house chassis," and onto it the craftsmen apply all finishing materials in the customary way. Details shown in accompanying drawings.

Layers of insulation board are fastened to the structure inside and out with the threaded nails. Exterior finish of the Century of Progress house consists of panels of vitreous enameled iron, fastened into joint-cover beads of stainless steel. Any finishing materials which can be attached by nailing may be nailed directly to the steel of the walls or floors.

Although the completed wall will not exceed three and one-half inches in thickness, it possesses unusual insulating qualities. Partition walls are of similar construction. The Armco-Ferro Enamel House at the Exposition is the design of architect Robert Smith, Jr., and engineer Mills Clark, who have created a thoroughly modern structure of seven rooms, bath and lavatory and integral garage. The flat deck roof gives space for a solarium and open porch. Four bedrooms are on the second floor with the appeal to the housewife of six large closets.
Houses "Designed for Living"—
Three Stimulating Structures at Century of Progress

While most of the Exhibit Houses have been produced by manufacturers to illustrate the use of their materials, here are three which are more general in purpose. One, named simply "Design for Living," was planned by architect John C. B. Moore, of New York, to make use of suitable prefabricated material, not confining himself to any specific product but to portray the general possibilities. The first floor includes a living room with two L wings, one a dining alcove and the other a library-study opening on a large porch. On the second floor are two bedrooms with bath, and a roof terrace giving ample room for outdoor sleeping and for recreation. The frame of the house is wood. Exterior walls are panels, one floor high, of Homasote, a new building material claiming the merits of being fire, water and vermin-proof.

A display building of great beauty of line and refinement of detail is the W. & J. Sloane house, situated just south of Home Planning Hall. This was designed by Corbett, Harrison & MacMurray of New York City and constructed by the Sill Construction Co. The exterior is 9-inch vertical boards cut to a special pattern to give the effect of 18-inch cupped lumber. In this group, also is the Florida House, designed to appeal to people of larger means. Robert Law Weed of Miami is the architect. The house is planned to meet the requirements of the Florida climate. It is done in brilliant style, finished in travertine marble, brain coral, floratine and pecky cypress.
ONVENTIONAL IDEAS of a home are forgotten in the “House of Tomorrow,” designed by George Fred Keck, Chicago architect, and erected by Century Homes, Incorporated. Nothing in the house or in its construction will approximate what people have been accustomed to find in a house except that there will be chairs and beds.

The house is circular. All the exterior walls and the interior partitions of the living stories are glass with a supporting steel structure to provide strength. Interior walls are carrara glass. The top deck includes a circular center solarium, a drum shaped enclosure, the sides entirely of clear glass. Circular staircase is in the steel pipe axis of the house. Privacy when desired is obtained by drapes and by roller and Venetian blinds lined with aluminum to reflect heat and cold.

Ground floor of the “House of Tomorrow” includes an airplane hangar as well as a garage. Roof above these gives an extensive deck terrace open from the living floor. The ground floor exterior is opaque, a bakelite product which is fire, water and vermin proof as well as insulating and non-conducting.

The house has no windows. The ventilating is all by conditioned air, filtered, washed, heated or cooled and recirculated every ten minutes. There are no light fixtures. All artificial lighting is indirect from invisible sources. Floor of the living part of the house is end grain walnut blocks. The idea is to create a house without dirt holding corners or surfaces, that can be washed down with soap and water, will never require redecorating and that will reduce care and upkeep to the final minimum. There are no closets. Movable wardrobes, easily cleaned, are substituted.

Photo-electric cells send out invisible beams which when crossed by anyone going or coming operate a mechanism to open and close the kitchen door. The kitchen is an electric workshop with a housekeeping planning desk and telephone included.

The living room is in a scheme of black and gray, carried out by the black and cream glass walls and the wood and glass topped furniture with chromium metal bases. Upholstery is black and white patent leather, pigskin and fabricoid. Textile fabrics are a new creation in heavy pile-like fur. The entire top of the house is a circular open air deck around the solarium which contains a conservatory. Chairs and small tables give the air of a steamer deck.

The “House of Tomorrow” is frankly declared to be a “laboratory house” for the purpose of trying how the millions of visitors to the Fair will react to the idea of a home utterly different.

Another novelty of the Housing Exhibit at the Fair is the sheet metal cottage designed by Architect Howard T. Fisher or “General Houses, Inc.” He has an ambitious program of long-distance control of the low cost home building market in many local communities. His house consists of outside walls of four foot wide steel panels, ceiling high. The standard units are made up as a solid panel or containing space for placement of door, window or transom. The roof and floor are made up of steel beams and insulating material. When the panels arrive at the site they are bolted in place on the steel structure and a building of rigid structural unity is obtained.
CROSSETT—a Prefabricated Lumber House Through Retail Dealers

Progress views showing assembly of Crossett 5-room (Cape Cod model) home at Century of Progress. Factory-built panels for walls, partitions, floor and roof interlock and are bolted or nailed together.

Prefabricated houses have been much talked about and Century of Progress visitors have been led to expect some astounding developments in homes stamped out like a Ford car, factory produced and assembled. Most of this talk has assumed that this new-type housing would be of steel.

Yet surprisingly enough, it is an old time lumber company that is displaying the true example of prefabrication at the Fair; and its line of homes is of all-wood construction and sold through retail lumber dealers.

To inspect two of these homes, you go south of the Housing Group to about 36th Street, where the National Egg Laying Contest is in progress. There against a background of several hundred round-top poultry coops, you will see a Cape Cod 5-room home and a 2-room Pullman cabin, both of them panel-built at Crossett, Ark., in the lumber mill of the Crossett, Watzek, Gates Company, sold by a retail lumber dealer and erected and finished by local carpenters.

The cost of the 5-room house will figure around $2500 complete, and of the 2-room cabin $350 including toilet and shower. Other sizes offered are 1-room, 3-room and 4-room.

The basic unit of Crossett homes is the 4-ft. panel, 8 feet 6 inches high. (Patent pending.) This is furnished with the exterior surface finished in various patterns of drop and lap siding, appropriate to the architectural design of the house in which each is used. The interior surface of the panels is semi-finished in dressed common lumber over which insulation and the finished wall of wood paneling, wall board, plaster or other forms of decorative treatment may be applied. Floor panels come in 4-ft. widths of proper length. These serve as sub-floors over which the finished floors are laid in the regular way, and of such material as the owner may prefer.

Roof panels are of dressed and matched common lumber over which shingles or roofing are applied. All exterior and interior openings are of dimensions specified to accommodate the installation of standard size sash and doors which are regularly carried in stock.

On the smaller houses, the panel construction is left visible as a feature on the outside design. On the larger models no panel lines are seen, being cleverly covered by the construction. Photos show process of setting up 2-room Pullman at Fair.
REFINEMENT IN THE SMALL HOME

The pleasing appearance of this little home is gained through simplicity of detail and careful proportion.

DIMENSIONS

Size of Main Building: 22'0"x20'0". Size Over All: 25'6"x23'6". Ceiling Height 1st Floor: 8'6". Ceiling Height 2nd Floor: 7'6". Total Cube Contents: 4,020 cu. ft.

1001-C A FIVE ROOM HOME

NATIONAL PLAN SERVICE Design 1001-C; Cost Key 1.221—100—572—25—16—9

ENGLISH SMALL HOME

Not an inch of space wasted here, yet every room is large enough to be easily comfortable and the interior is particularly well planned.

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1036-C A FIVE ROOM HOME

NATIONAL PLAN SERVICE Design 1036-C; Cost Key 1.045—96—472—21—14—9
LOW COST, RAPID WORK, FEATURE

By BERT M. THORUD
Structural Engineer, A Century of Progress

Light steel frames and large paneled wall materials used. Average cost less than 15 cents per cubic foot.

Well known building materials and methods principally used, but developed in interesting fashion to meet special needs.

A DARING USE of new materials and new methods in the construction of the Century of Progress make the erection of these buildings as much an exhibition of building progress as the Fair itself is an exhibition of the progress of industry and science in the past century.

Three important points may be mentioned as of basic importance in connection with the construction of these buildings. These are:

1. There were no building code limitations nor retarding restrictions at the start of this work so that it was possible to go ahead with construction on the basis of sound engineering principles, making use of the latest developments in materials and methods which could be practicably applied at this time, incorporating the approved developments in a special code arranged and enforced by a special code commission.

2. The temporary nature of the buildings demanded that they be easy to take down with as high a salvage value as possible. Being temporary buildings, also, construction methods involved in a forty-year life span did not need to enter.

3. Economy was a basic consideration in every move. A central purpose of the building work was to provide housing space for the showing of exhibits. Great areas were called for at a minimum of expense. That this aim has been achieved is shown by the fact that average cost of the buildings has been under 15 cents per cubic foot, including all construction, lighting, ventilating and landscaping adjacent to the building. This does not, of course, include plumbing and heating which was not necessary in any building but Administration Hall.

In general, a construction technique has been developed in the World's Fair buildings which makes for rapid, low cost erection. Light steel frames are used, with most connections bolted together. Crawler-mounted cranes and simple travelers did most of the erection. Wall materials are largely of large size, standard sections of gypsum board, plywood or sheet metal applied to the steel frames with clips and screws. The fact that the structures are low in height and large in area made for rapid work at field low cost. Buildings are firesafe in that inner and outer surfaces are not subject to bursts.
of flame, but they are not, of course, fireproof in the sense that permanent fireproofed steel and concrete office buildings are.

Innovations in foundations for the World's Fair buildings were necessary in a search for lower costs. The ground on which the Fair stands is all made land, and because all types of fill were used, it is variable and subject to settling. Most of the buildings are designed to rest on pile foundations. A system of one and two pile footings was developed with single piles used under columns along exterior walls and a wall beam supporting the wall at grade to resist any eccentricity of the pile in relation to the center of the column. The strong direction of the column is utilized to resist eccentricities normal to the wall. Two piles are used on interior columns placed to resist eccentricities about the weak access of the column. Further economies in piling have been achieved by the use of cantilevered concrete girders extending over and beyond the piling under columns which carry walls set away from the columns.

Exceptions to the foregoing are the Administration Building and the Travel and Transport Building. Piles if used would have had to be unusually long. Spread footings were therefore adopted made continuous in one direction between columns. Due to the fact that underlying soil of the Administration Building had been deposited but recently, the placing of jacks under all columns was considered but abandoned since the column bases were all easily accessible for placing jacks as set-

THE BELGIAN VILLAGE—a beehive of activity in the opening days before the Fair; Starrett Construction Co., builders. Light weight frames support an exterior of imitation stone and brick.

HALL OF SCIENCE—interior showing structural work and laying of plywood floor in large sections. Plywood panels with shiplap edges providing tight joint were also used on exterior.

LOOKING 'EM OVER; left to right, W. E. O'Neill, contractor; Rufus C. Dawes, president of the Fair; Clarence W. Ferrier, architect, assistant director of work; Lennox R. Lohr, general manager of the Fair. A high degree of efficiency prevailed throughout the Exposition organization, and was especially apparent in the handling of construction operations. The work was completed on schedule.
lement correction became necessary. Settlement has occurred but has been fairly uniform except in the east end of the center wing. In this section, total settlement has reached 18 inches, and jacks were placed soon after the completion of the structure, with adjustments made at intervals.

The successful development of light weight wall covering in the Fair buildings was dependent on the perfecting of a type of rigid steel framing, since the light weight walls did not contribute to the rigidity or strength of the building. Heavy steel girders extending across the width of the building are used, which together with columns form strong bents for the structural bracing of the building. Web connections of girders to

LOOKING UP as workmen apply plank joists between steel truss ribs of main frame of Agricultural Building's circular roof.

HALF-BARREL VAULT of the Agricultural Building which is sheathed in wood on a system of plank joists. Steel truss ribs used.

TYPICAL DETAILS showing important construction features of A Century of Progress exposition buildings. Air cooled walls of the Travel and Transport Building are shown; also the typical wall section of wood studs and gypsum board.
columns placed as high as possible on the girder with seat angle bottom flange connection, add to the bracing value of the framing. Steel joists of an open truss type are used and are well adapted to forming a safe, rigid floor construction by use of stiff cross bridging, rigidly attached to the joists, and by the use of special clamps at bearings.

On the Administration Building, the sub floor was made up of a system of pressed steel channels with legs turned down and so fabricated as to interlock along their edges. Sheet steel clips fastened the legs of the channels together, and at the same time anchored them to the steel joists.

Several new types of floor deck construction were developed for use over the steel truss joists. The channel construction just described was the first material tried; it has been hitherto used for roof construction only. A mastic floor covering that yielded a satisfactory economical floor finish over this decking was developed. A new wood flooring product which is very interesting was also used over the metal decking. Metal channel runners were fastened to the middle floor deck with drive screws. The flooring was then laid over these runners and attached with patented clips. They hold it rigidly in place and yet are subject to quick removal without damage to the floor. The wood flooring thus clipped to the metal channel runners provides a finished floor without nails, and can be 100 per cent salvaged. Laying of the floor was very rapid and provided a saving in labor cost.

Another floor construction of great interest is the plywood floor of 5-ply Douglas fir, cut at the mill in large panels to suit the floor areas and joist spacing. The plywood strips are usually three feet wide for easy handling, and vary in length from 8 to 12 feet. Tongue and groove joints made the separate panels act together. The decking is nailed to treated wood nailers, securely attached to the top of the steel joist. Practically any type of finished flooring may be laid on this surface, and it is especially adaptable to linoleum, tile and mastic surfaces.

Possibly the most interesting feature, from a construction viewpoint, of the World's Fair buildings is the use of large section light weight exterior materials (Continued on page 87)
EXHIBITION IN PRINT OF
A CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN BUILDING MATERIALS AND COMFORT EQUIPMENT

RIBBED STEELTEX LATH used in the Hall of Religion, World's Fair. Lath is composed of three major units: (1)—heavy, fibrous backing to which is woven (2)—a 2x2 reinforcing mesh of welded, galvanized wire; (3)—rows of V-shaped metal rib stiffeners, giving rigidity—Pittsburgh Steel Co.

MASONRY MORTAR that combines plasticity of lime with the strength of portland cement, packaged in cloth or paper bags under trade name Brixment, comes ready for use. Mortar is waterproofed by calcium stearate integrally mixed during manufacture. Mortar colors are also added at the factory, are non-fading—Louisville Cement Co.

MICARTA MANTEL (above) —straw colored, set off by strips of chromium. The product is a laminated, synthetic material produced in many colors and patterns—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.

ASBESTOS CEMENT SHINGLE (at right) which is tapered and textured like a cypress shingle. Provides an attractive Colonial type shingle of fire-resisting material in weathered effect, five wood colors—The Ruberoid Co.
NEW PRODUCTS AND DESIGNS

A PICTORIAL DISPLAY OF APPROVED ITEMS FOR BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS AND DEALERS

ENTERLOCKING LUMBER—A late improvement in house framing lumber is shown at right. Ten basic framing members. Joists, sills, studs and plates go together with an enterlocking patented joint, machine-made. Standardized pieces speed work, reduce labor costs—Long-Bell Lumber Sales Corp.

SPIRAL NAIL (below) for roll roofing, designed to prevent loosening or pulling out. Zinc coat prevents rusting—W. H. Maze Co.

PRECAST JOISTS (at left), factory-made with reinforced lightweight concrete, represent a new development in fire-safe concrete floor construction. Precast joists are light enough to handle easily, but strong enough to carry the required load of a reinforced concrete slab—Portland Cement Association.

GLASS BRICK, a new building material, is shown at the left. Its use is being demonstrated at Fair—The Owens-Illinois Glass Co.

PRECISION LUMBER is supplied by the 4-Square line with all grades cut to exact length and trimmed square at both ends—General Timber Service, Inc.
LIGHT WEIGHT STEEL TRUSSES used in construction of Travel and Transport Bldg., World’s Fair. Trusses are produced from special I-beam blanks by hot slitting and rolling process, are made in all lengths up to 32 feet. Cord and web members are one piece. Joints are used in combination with a concrete slab and plastered ceiling for light-occupancy buildings, such as apartments, hotels, schools, residences—Kalman Steel Corp.

RUBBER TILE of attractive design is used in breakfast room above. Interesting designs of this type in rubber tile are easy to lay as every piece is cut at factory and plainly numbered. Manufacturer supplies a pattern for builder to follow in laying floor—Wright Rubber Products Co.

CELOTEX BUILDING BOARD, paneled with Celotex molding, or grooved, provides a new type of interesting background for interiors. A number of treatments for Celotex interiors have been developed, and the technique of handling has been improved. Decorative stencils add to its attractiveness, as in the above design—The Celotex Co.

LOK-JOINT INSULATING LATH above is an improved plaster base of wood fiber insulating board manufactured in units 18x48 inches, from one-half to one inch thick. Edges are given an accurately milled shiplap edge, providing a close, tight joint between units which is further reinforced with wire locks—The Insulite Co.
NEW MATERIALS

PRE-FIT WINDOWS, an installation of which is shown above, are new in design and principle. The window is entirely pre-fit at the factory. It does away with cords, pulleys, weights, is weatherstripped to produce a high degree of weather-tightness. Narrow trim and narrow mullions are possible. Complete with pre-fit storm sash and pre-fit screens; shipped in weather-resisting, dust-proof cartons—The Curtis Co.

BEVEL-LAP PLANK that provides decoration, insulation and acoustical correction. Combines five different shades of brown. Bevels are widened and grooved, and have a parallel small bead which separates the various colors of the plank—Wood Conversion Co.

STRUCTURAL PLATE GLASS—Carrara glass—applied to home uses in an attractive bathroom. Decorative application of structural plate glass is a new development. Carrara glass is not affected by moisture and gases, and provides a permanent wall facing. Available colors are jade, green, ivory, white and black—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

FORMICA FACING is a new product in which the Formica is used as a facing material for metal or pressed board. Surface is non-staining, non-warping and acid resisting—The Formica Insulation Co.
ROLSCREENS, as shown above, roll up and down like a window shade, can be installed in any window, forming a permanent screen feature that never has to be taken down. Screen travels on self-adjusting guide with lugs which hold wire in guides. Friction block regulates operation; has automatic latch. Strong, welded construction, guaranteed for ten years—The Rolscreen Co.

AN INSULATED HOUSE with Mineral Wool packed in recommended locations to provide complete insulation for the house. The insulation is made from blast furnace slag converted into fibrous state, containing minute air cells. It is indestructible, will not burn, is easy to install—U. S. Mineral Wool Co.

TRANSITE—a rigid, cement-asbestos board of flintlike hardness is used in the construction of the Johns-Manville exhibit building at the World's Fair. It is also used as the exterior surfacing of the Administration Building. Transite is highly resistant to acid, weathering, and will not burn, rot, crack or warp. The J-M exhibits will demonstrate control of heat, cold, sound, fire and motion—The Johns-Manville Corporation.

ALUMINUM PAINT is a versatile product widely used in modern construction. Due to its elasticity, it may be used on wood, metal, interiors or exteriors. Sold in double compartment cans, with one containing Alcoa Albron Aluminum Powder, the other type SO-75 Diamond Wood Priming Aluminum Vehicle—Thompson & Co.
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GARAGE EQUIPMENT

AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR opens at a touch of a finger which releases an electric key switch, opening the latch. The Roll-N-Fold door rises instantly and smoothly. Small coil springs are used to start the opening action; the doors are counterbalanced so that they move the rest of the way themselves. Closing requires a slight pull of one hand—The Majestic Co.

MAGIC DOOR which opens on approach of a person. A photo-electric control, door operator, and an air compressor make up the mechanism. Interception of a ray of light shining on a photo-electric cell opens the door, and it closes automatically—The Stanley Works.

LARGE DOORS are easy to handle with modern installations of the "Over-the-Top" type shown above—Frantz Manufacturing Co.

OVERHEAD DOOR used in modern home at left is an important sales feature. Overhead Doors were used in several of the modern homes built at the World's Fair—Overhead Door Corp.
DUAL-AUTOMATIC RANGE of new design with many improvements. Range will cook automatically by the Flavor Zone method or the Maintained Temperature method, or by a combination of both—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.

BATHROOM CABINET above has an indirect lighting device, a set of movable vanity mirrors on the side and a large roomy cabinet behind the center door. Indirect light is supplied by four standard electric bulbs hidden in the light wells built into the cabinet. Eliminates all glare and shadow—F. H. Lawson Co.

SPECIAL KITCHEN FRONT to fill in space under the new type straight-line sink. Doors at bottom are ventilated, small space above tilts forward, providing a needed space for soap, scouring powder, etc. This is a popular new item getting wide use in modernizing of kitchens—The Kitchen Maid Corp.

KITCHEN CABINET DISHWASHER (at right) in latest modern design. Dishwasher is located in front of cabinet, and door opens down like an oven door, the upper and lower dishracks sliding out, on separate guides, for loading purposes. The sink basin is of Monel metal, work top of linoleum. Units are 48 inches long by 22 inches wide, and top extends out 3 inches. The Conover Co.
BATH ROOMS
KITCHENS...

PRESSED STEEL SINKS of the type shown at right and below in a wide range of sizes and designs are now on the market. Sinks are pressed from one piece of heavy gauge steel, and an acid-resisting enamel surface is fused into the steel in electric furnaces. The 60-inch model weighs only 70 lbs. Fixtures are designed to possess great strength and rigidity. Enameled surfaces will not stain or etch, being acid-resisting, and have been subjected to thorough abrasion tests—Youngstown Pressed Steel Co.

STEEL CABINET drawn from one piece heavy gauge copper alloy steel, shown at left. All corners rounded, no seams, cracks or joints. Priscilla model shown is Colonial design with automatic door opener—Corcoran Mfg. Co.

LEAK PROOF HANGER shown below made from heavy galvanized steel, is designed to prevent leaks around edges of built-in tubs and prevents tubs settling and pulling away. Tub hangers fit any size tub and will support a weight up to 8,000 lbs.—William B. Lucke.

SANI-METAL TILES used in the kitchen above are of rust resisting metal faced with hard, high gloss enamel finish. Applied rapidly with special oil cement, producing low cost, durable tile wall—Sanimetal Tile Corp.

VITREOUS CHINA hygienic seat closet and tank combination of modern design is shown at left. Tank and bowl are as one. Tank is supported on closet and may be set any distance from wall—The Trenton Potteries Co.
EXHIBITION IN PRINT
LATEST HOME ITEMS

CONCRETE POTTERY, such as shown below, can now be made without molds under a special process. A very wet and thin mix is used, producing a pottery like clay with thin walls. A new money-making lead for builders—National Potteries Co.

AIR CONDITIONING UNIT and silencer developed by the Campbell Metal Window Corp., subsidiary of the American Radiator Co. Principle of the gun silencer is used to eliminate noise. Dehumidifies and controls temperature. Steam operated cooling unit using tap water is located in the basement.

RADIO CONTROL at left automatically opens the garage doors. Code signal is sent from transmitter in car when approaching garage. A pull on lever by driver opens doors—Barber-Colman Co.

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THE KITCHEN OF THE CENTURY—probably no section of the home reflects progress in layout, equipment and materials to a greater degree than does the kitchen. Above is illustrated a modern cook shop in Monel Metal, a modern industrial solid alloy of nickel and copper finding many household applications. This metal is used for the Circuit Breaker for use in the sink and for the cabinet, table and range tops.

Color scheme is black, ivory, red—The International Nickel Co., Inc.

FOLDING STAIRWAY (at right) comes to the job ready to put into opening, is fitted and hinged into the jamb. There is no obstruction to the attic floor. Stairway is well balanced and requires only slight pull on the chain to bring it downward for use—The Marschke Co.

HEATILATOR—a metal form for the masonry produces a fireplace which creates circulating heat. Cold air is taken from floor level or outside into the double wall heating chamber surrounding the fireplace. It is then heated and returned to the room through decorative grilles. Unit is made of special boiler plate iron to assure durability. Installation is simple and danger of smoking of fireplace is eliminated—The Heatilator Co.
SKILSAW—the portable electric hand saw shown at left makes every cut required by the carpenter-builder of homes and small apartments. Definite cost figures show that electric tool equipment of this type pays its own way and reduces time and labor—Skilsaw, Inc.

TAKEABOUT SANDER weighs only 21 lbs. and has many new features. Machine is dustless and has zipper opening bag. It is well balanced, has easy switch control, 110-volt motor developing over 1 H. P. Belt size is 3x27 inches and belt can be changed in 10 seconds—Porter-Cable-Hutchinson Corp.

DUNBRIK MACHINE of improved type at right produces concrete masonry units at low cost. Junior model illustrated turns out 12,000 bricks per day, weighs less than 3,000 lbs. A compact plant for dealers or contractors enabling them to make brick on job—W. E. Dunn Mfg. Co.
VERSATILE SAW—advance in contractors' equipment is shown by the machine below, which is built to cut wood, metal and stone, and is designed for portability on the job. It is ruggedly built and operates at high speed to force rapid work—DeWalt Products Corp.

DOOR SET ON THE JOB—at right the carpenter is using an electric hinge butt router and door and jamb templet to cut butt mortises. Mortise is cut quickly and given a smooth, clean, flat surface. At the left a Carter power plane is being used to fit a door. Patented spiral cutter turning 18,000 r.p.m. leaves a smooth surface regardless of grain of wood. In center a lock mortise is being cut in 30 seconds with mortiser. Operator merely pumps the handle—R. L. Carter Co.

DUAL MIXING—heavy duty trailer mixer produces 10 movements of the batch in every complete drum revolution and doubles speed of mixing. All-steel construction throughout. Balanced semi-automatic dump ensures fast handling of tilter drum between batches—Jaeger Machine Co.

SPINNER TYPE floor edging machine above sands the butt ends of the floor as well as the side edges. Does rapid, dustless work at low cost—American Floor Surfacing Mach. Co.

TRUCK MIXER of improved type uses aluminum alloy castings to reduce weight. High efficiency, low operating costs, long life, provided—Blaw-Knox Co.
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MODERNISM at its best means the honest, economical and efficient application of methods and materials to meet a given job. This house is built throughout of standard concrete products providing fire safety, long life and comfort; yet it is thoroughly and honestly modern. The outdoor living room roof garden with its outside fireplace is a striking feature. It is to be screened and covered with an awning—making a delightful spot for summer recreation.

DETAILS at right show use of standard concrete masonry units. Floors and roofs are concrete, designed for construction with the new light-weight precast concrete joists. Economy is achieved through elimination of peaked roofs, dormers and other space wasters. It is practical.
American Builder, June 1933.

**BUILDING** details of this modern concrete house show how a striking and attractive effect is achieved with thoroughly tested concrete materials. Walls are of standard eight-inch concrete masonry units. The only exterior treatment is cement paint.

**INTERIOR** treatment can be carried out in standard methods: depending on climate and decorative wishes of tenant. Proper furring out is recommended. Floor plan is economical, practical and has many features of comfort and convenience for today.
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Lively Home Renewal Conference

A FIRST step towards organizing the small construction industry was taken and much good news presented at the National Conference on the Renewal of Home Building, held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago May 9 and 10. Authorities from all parts of the country, covering several special national surveys made for the meeting, reported the following:

1. On conservative estimates the country is short 500,000 homes now. Vacancies are greatly decreasing so that nearly normal vacancy figures prevail in many areas.

2. Taxes on real property have been reduced in states throughout the country, and this movement will continue. Within the next two years the tax bills of home owners everywhere probably will be reduced by one-fourth.

3. The 12 Federal Home Banks located throughout the country will be able to lend direct to home owners and home builders if the Administration Bill now pending is passed; and these banks could immediately loan much larger sums if many home financing institutions would change their methods to conform with the changing times. It was predicted that this will be done.

4. There has been going on in many parts of the country, during the darkest days of the depression, research that has resulted in the development of improved materials, amazing pieces of equipment, and economical new methods for homes.

5. There will be more demand for $5000.00 homes and homes of approximately this cost with vegetable garden space than for any other kind of homes, when building is resumed.

The 500 architects, builders, real estate men, building and loan officials, union labor representatives and manufacturers attending the Conference were given a picture of what the future holds for the home owning public and for the thousands of people normally employed in the construction industry. They were told that in spite of the accumulating housing shortage, building programs will be resumed slowly, though at a faster rate than that following other depressions. They were presented with a picture of communities of homes dotting the country, in which not only the exterior and the interior of the home will be carefully planned, but that programs so desirable that people will like them, will be put into effect to cover all their waking time.

Herbert U. Nelson predicted a 25 per cent cut in the bills of home owners within the next 24 months, and traced the movement that has gained momentum simultaneously throughout the country to find new sources for raising tax funds so that real property will not have to pay practically all of these bills. One of the most significant changes in this connection, he showed, is the move to transfer all or part of the costs of public schools to state governments, which at once takes many dollars from the annual levy on the home owner. Such a change has been made in North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, and the State of Washington, and is progressing to this end in California.

A resolution was adopted calling for a committee of 15 to organize a National Housing Conference Board with a broad membership representative of all interests—business, civic, and social—whose purposes would be:

(a) to bring about through conference and discussion a reconciliation of viewpoint and a unity of purpose among all interests in matters affecting housing.
(b) to serve as a contact with government.
(c) to work with all existing agencies interested in housing.
(d) to serve as a national clearing house for information.
(e) to encourage residential building and home ownership along sound lines.
(f) to set up appropriate divisions under strong committee leadership for the study of various problems such as improvement of building methods, improvement of financing methods, and taxation.

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NEWS of the Month

May Residential Building Passes ’32

CONTRACTS awarded during the first half of May for residential building were reported on May 28 to have increased 36 per cent over the first half of April, against a normal April-May decline of 10 per cent.

The F. W. Dodge Corporation reports that if the rate continues through the rest of the month, the total will exceed May, 1932, by a modest amount and would be the first time since the spring of 1931 that residential building awards have been able to rise above their respective totals for the comparable period of the previous year.

Contracts awarded for all classes of construction in the first half of May (in the thirty-seven states east of the Rockies) totaled $41,715,400. Residential contracts accounted for $12,795,300, much of it in small homes.

An increase of 21.2 per cent in indicated expenditures for total building construction in April as compared with March, 1933, was reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor from 778 statistical cities having a population of 10,000 or over. The 1933 increase of April over March was greater than the increase shown in comparing these two months in any of the previous three years. Comparing April, 1933, with March, 1933, there was an increase of 29.4 per cent in the number of houses and an increase of 10.3 per cent in the number of new residential buildings. Non-residential buildings increased 44.7 per cent in number and 43.4 per cent in indicated expenditures.

There was an increase of 17.7 per cent in the number of additions, alterations, and repairs and an increase of 8.3 per cent in indicated expenditures for this type of structure. The total number of building operations increased 23.1 per cent while indicated expenditures for total building construction increased 21.2 per cent during this period. During April, 1933, 2,378 family-dwelling units were provided in new buildings. This is an increase of 2.3 per cent as compared with March.

Home Mortgage Bill Progress

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT’s plan for lifting the fear of foreclosure from thousands of small home owners through the 2 billion dollar refinancing program moved out of committee May 22 to take its place on the Senate calendar.

In passing the bill on to the Senate, the banking committee liberalized and enlarged the scope of the measure as submitted by the administration and passed by the House.

The most important change was to include within its broad reach homes valued up to $25,000, instead of limiting the aid to homes worth $10,000 or less as recommended by President Roosevelt, or placing the limit at $15,000, as in the House bill.

The Senate committee increased to 50 per cent of the value of a home the amount that might be advanced to a home owner to retire a partially paid off mortgage on which he was threatened with foreclosure.

The administration bill had no such provision and the House limited the cash advance to 30 per cent of value.

The Senate committee also struck out a House limitation that not more than $10,000 could be used for refinancing a home, leaving the limitation at 80 per cent of the value of the property.

What Bill Is— Horace Russell, general counsel of the Federal Home Loan Board, described the bill as follows in an address May 13: “The Home Owners Loan Act of 1933 proposes to repeal the direct loan provision in the Federal Home Loan Bank Act and leave that System as a reserve system for home financing institutions. It proposes the Home Owners Loan Corporation as a relief agency, which will be operated wholly separately and apart from the Banks, as a recognized relief agency. It will not make direct loans in cash to take up existing mortgages. The Government has not the money to take up twenty billion dollars worth of mortgages, or even to take up the several billions now in default.

“The Corporation will have $200,000,000 of cash capital and will be authorized to issue $2,000,000,000 of bonds, the interest on which is guaranteed by the United States. It will simply refund the mortgages in the direst distress by exchanging these bonds...
where the mortgagee will take the bonds for the present mortgage, and in connection with the exchange, pay accumulated taxes, etc., in cash.

"By this means the mortgagee who has been unable to collect anything for a long time and where both the mortgagee and mortgagor are unable to keep taxes paid, will be able to get one of these 4 per cent bonds instead of losing everything by a tax sale, and the home owner will save his home and his indebtedness will be carried at 5 per cent interest over fifteen years, which will require payment of about $8.00 per month per thousand of indebtedness, and the Corporation can extend these payments temporarily for home owners out of employment.

"Of course many mortgagees will or can afford to take these bonds, but many mortgagees had better take the same than to lose everything, and, in all cases where the refunding takes place, the mortgagor will get better financing of his home and should be able to carry on and save his place. It is not intended that this Corporation should take over the normal mortgage business; it is intended as a relief agency. It has a cash capital amounting to 1 per cent of the total amount now owing on mortgages, and it is authorized to issue bonds in an amount equal to about 10 per cent of the total amount now owing on mortgages.

"It is hoped with these bonds to refund five or ten per cent of the mortgages in the worst shape in this country, and it is given enough cash, it is thought, to take up the taxes and some of the charges in connection with such refunding operations. In order to enable this Corporation to function as a relief agency it is permitted to go up to 80 per cent of value in its refunding operations. It will probably have to pursue a rather liberal appraisal policy to effect reasonable relief."

Mortgage Bankers Object—A loud complaint that the home mortgage bill "will put the U. S. government into the mortgage business" was made by Louis K. Boysen at the Chicago Mortgage Bankers' Association banquet May 26. He said private capital will not be able to compete with government terms.

Enthusiastic endorsement of the Roosevelt program by practically every other group in the building industry has been given. Spokesmen pointed out that if it is a case of choosing between the mortgage banker and the U. S. government, most building men would prefer the latter.

Plan to Prevent Bid Peddling

THE Nashville plan to eliminate price cutting has been recommended by a joint committee of the American Institute of Architects and the Associated General Contractors. The chief feature of the plan, according to W. F. Creighton, chairman of the Building Contract Committee of the A. G. C., is that every general contractor must submit a sealed list of the names of the Building Contract Committee of the A. G. C., is that every general contractor agrees to other simple terms of their bidding practice, he is given every consideration. But if he will not agree, he does not receive a bid from any member of the subcontractors' organization.

If he should secure the contract, none of them will accept any work from him.

"If the contractor submits the list," Creighton explains, "and agrees to other simple terms of their bidding practice, he is given every consideration. But if he will not agree, he does not receive a bid from any member of the subcontractors' organization. If he should secure the contract, none of them will accept any work from him.

"If the subcontractor cuts his price, or accepts work from a general contractor who does not subscribe to the plan, he is expelled from the organization and the general contractors do not request future bids from him."

The result of a year's operation of the plan in Nashville, according to Creighton, has shown the contractor that he must add a profit to his estimate, since he cannot earn a profit under the new regulations by trading and peddling sub-bids. The subcontractor must quote his best price because he will have no opportunity to reduce it.

"If he does not interfere with the existing relationship between individual subcontractors and general contractors," says Creighton; "since prices are not made public, a subcontractor is not bound to give every general contractor the same price."

"Organize to Renovize"—Kohler

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crease business than a forced artificial public works program, declared Walter J. Kohler in a speech May 3 before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

"If we are actually to achieve a real American standard of living, home modernizing must be continued, as Mr. Willmore, head of the Willmore Organization, Inc., St. Louis, will draw a picture of the future of the Realtor, as he sees it. Mr. Willmore, head of an office would be negligible compared with the benefits or in relation to the collective sums, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, annually expended for sales and sales promotion in normal times by the constituent units of the construction industry.

"There has been much talk of over-building, but in the small residence field this condition does not exist. With the great reduction in residential construction since the middle of 1928 and with our increasing population, it appears probable that there will be a greater shortage of housing at the end of this depression than there was immediately following the World War.

"The time to start on a co-operative undertaking of extended modernizing is now. Faith and courage are essential. Giving work to a goodly share of the army of unemployed is a pertinent subject and a responsibility of every citizen in the nation in a position to help.

"The time has come for all agencies in the construction industry to adopt a co-ordinated plan and to put it into practical effect in every community."

Realtors Meet in Chicago June 12

REALTORS planning their own business for effective work under changed conditions will make up the convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Chicago June 12-17 inclusive. Three important subjects to be covered are: (1) what will inflation mean for real estate? (2) what changes are coming through federal mortgage refinancing plan? (3) what readjustment in individual business methods is necessary?

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Dr. C. E. McGuire, Washington, D. C., will be a principal speaker before the convention on the importance of what inflation will mean to real estate.

How to marshal social forces strong enough to re-create blighted areas is one of the subjects to be taken up.

Aram Garfield, chairman of the Cleveland city plan commission, will describe the Cleveland plan, projected to re-create seven districts within the Cleveland metropolitan region having an aggregate area of some 22 square miles.

The Cleveland proposal is of national interest because it is based upon the most detailed collection of facts and studies as to present real estate use and trends which any city of the country has yet made.

Cyrus Crane Willmore, president of the Cyrus Crane Willmore Organization, Inc., St. Louis, will draw a picture of the future of the Realtor, as he sees it. Mr. Willmore, head of a firm which since the times has sold more than 3,4 million dollars' worth of subdivision lots since 1929, will address the general sessions of Friday, June 16.

In its lighter moments, the convention will move bodily over to "Hollywood" at A Century of Progress Exposition. A
complimentary buffet dinner here for all delegates and their guests will be given June 15, following which the annual Home Town Speech Contest will be staged in one of Hollywood's several theaters, some seating 3,500 people.

Friday, June 16, will be Home Ownership Day at the Exposition. Saturday, June 17, following adjournment of the convention proper, is Century of Progress day on the convention program.

Atkinson Joins Weyerheuser

E. W. DAVIS, general manager of the Wood Conversion Company, recently announced the appointment of Luther H. Atkinson, general sales manager of the affiliated Weyerheuser company which manufactures Balsam-Wool, Nu-Wood, and a long line of insulating and sound deadening products.

Mr. Atkinson is known throughout a large portion of the United States as vice president and sales manager of the Red Top Steel Post Company. The dealer organization which was built up under his direction was one of the most efficient in the retail lumber field.

The sales already made of insulation in the retail lumber yard have not scratched the surface yet, says Atkinson. He is making a survey of the territory served by Wood Conversion Company, and is spending the first month in the field with district managers and salesmen.

Fight Gangs with Housing

HOUSING reform to fight Chicago's gang menace is urged as a social necessity by Henry K. Holsman, Chicago architect, in a report on slum eradication made public by the American Institute of Architects.

Scoffing at decentralization plans which predict ultimate abandonment of the city, Mr. Holsman names neglect and weakness of civic spirit as the cause of failure to solve the housing problem. An area of 5,000 acres surrounding central Chicago, he declares, is "blighted" and should be rehabilitated. Much of the population consists of homeless men, drifting women, and vicious gangs.

Modern building methods and financial organizations, Mr. Holsman believes, can provide good fireproof homes in this region for from three to six times the possible present population and leave one-half the land for open air gardens and playgrounds at a cost to tenants of about what they now have to pay.

Home Loan Bank Active

THIRTY-EIGHT home financing institutions were approved by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board for membership in the Home Loan Bank system during the week ending May 13, 1933, according to a statement made public by the Board May 20. In addition, 102 institutions which have made applications for membership were awaiting approval by the Board.

The admission of these 38 associations into the system increases the total number of members approved to 1,127, and the total number of shares of Home Loan Bank stock subscriptions, including 3,213 shares subscribed by the new members, to 105,792, a total subscription of $10,579,200.

Reports issued by the Board show that in the first two weeks of May the Home Loan Bank system has expanded to include 89 new members and has approved 125 loans to the extent of $5,182,498.17. A total of $43,944,738 of loans has been authorized by the Federal Home Loan Banks. Of these, 866 loans amounting to $34,600,556.08 have actually been advanced.

Dull Moving Day

CHICAGO had its quietest May 1st moving day in several decades. According to Daniel Healy, secretary of the Moving Association of Chicago, comprising most of the local moving and warehousing concerns, business was about 50 per cent of the year before and probably from 75 to 80 per cent below the usual May first hegira of tenants into new homes.

Leading rental firms confirmed this statement by admitting that it was the dullest May 1st in many years. Frank J. O'Brien, vice president of McKay & Pouge, stated that only 22 per cent of the leases expiring on May 1st were affected by moving plans. In normal years about 35 per cent of tenants whose leases expire on May 1st move into different quarters.

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He reported a substantial increase in occupancy since the first of the year, and that a tendency for doubled up families to unscramble was noticeable.

Oliver Turner, vice president of Baird & Warner, stated that more people were renewing their leases than ordinarily and as a result there was not nearly so much moving.

Lumber Orders Make Record

For the first time this year or last, lumber orders booked at the mills exceeded 200,000,000 feet during the week ended May 6, and lumber production was highest since last fall, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association from regional associations covering the operations of 643 leading softwood and hardwood mills. The gain in new business was shared by both hardwoods and softwoods. All production totaled 123,845,000 feet; orders 208,665,000 feet; shipments 149,544,000 feet.

News and Views of Fair

CHICAGO'S Century of Progress Exposition opening May 27th costing $37,500,000, is already on a "paying out" basis. Of this amount the Century of Progress corporation has spent $12,310,382 for buildings and other expenses; the concessionaires have spent $66,000 on buildings and equipment; and the exhibitors have spent $19,261,629 for buildings and exhibits. The Fair can accommodate more than a million people a day, and will run for 150 days.

The great motorized public of today is expected to bring an unheard of volume of visitors. Conservative plans call for fifty million visitors. Large high speed buses have been developed which will travel over special roadways fenced off from pedestrians. Capable of carrying 100 passengers at a time, the fleet of sixty units will have a capacity of 25,000 passengers per hour.

Home Planning Hall is the exhibit centerpiece of the housing show. This L-shaped structure comprises 47,200 square feet of exhibit space arranged so compactly that visitors will be able to view the various displays with comfort and facility. The building was designed by Ely Jacques Kahn, New York architect. Exhibits of heating, plumbing, air conditioning, hardware and household appliances are shown, as well as a spectacular exhibit by the American Gas Association, telling the story by mural paintings around the walls of the production, distribution and utilization of gas.

Then and Now—In 1893, the world famous Ferris Wheel made people gasp, and many of the present generation have been entertained by their parents' or grandparents' stories of that remarkable machine. Today, the $1,200,000 Sky Ride with its great towers 628 feet high will make the old Ferris Wheel look like a small contraption.

Such new products as aluminum, reinforced concrete, gypsum board, asphalt, asbestos, stainless steel, wood fiber, composition, plywood and a host of other products are prominent in the new World's Fair construction which had either not been heard of or were in the early experimental stages in 1893.

Large size panels of these modern materials replace in 1933 the mixture of plaster and jute fiber, known as "staff," placed on exterior wall surfaces in the Columbian Exposition buildings. Instead of the creamy white color used almost exclusively on Chicago's first exposition, today's World's Fair is a symphony of colors with 24 shades of paint used on the exteriors, supplemented by 33 shades on the interiors.

Lighting effects made possible by the neon tubes and the use of indirect floodlighting in brilliant shades and colors is a strictly modern development of the 1933 Century of Progress. The amazing effects made possible in building interiors through use of synthetic and composition products were totally impossible 40 years ago.

In the field of dance halls and casinos, restaurants, stands, shops, stores and the run of small buildings that need to be erected inexpensively and yet present a striking effect, the World's Fair architecture will have its greatest influence.
Sky-Ride—A radically different type of elevator car, probably the forerunner of cars of a few years hence, has been designed by the Otis Elevator Company for use in the "Sky Ride." Rivets, instead of being hidden, are given prominence. The aluminum and steel of which the cars are built are used without any attempt at camouflage. Most striking, however, is the use of photographic murals on two sides of the car. Designed by Rittase, these are symbolical of the progress of construction as made possible by the elevator.

A Display by the United States Building and Loan League shows the scientific financing procedure enabling people to own their homes debt-free. A graphic depiction of the exact workings of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, where the money comes from, and how it is retailed through existing institutions is given a prominent place in the display.

Building Paper Used—Extensive use of their waterproof building paper in Fair construction is reported by The Sisalkraft Company. Three general types of applications were: (1) concrete curing; (2) temporary protection; (3) permanent waterproofing in walls, floors, paneling, etc.

The concrete curing was on the floors of buildings including some of the very important structures. It was also used for curing the terrazo esplanade in front of the Planetarium. The temporary protection was for the framework of the Pantheon of War, two Pullman cars and in some cases practically the complete building. The extremely wet weather which contractors encountered during the last month led many of them to take extra precautions. For instance, the National Poultry Council Building was actually completely wrapped in the paper as fast as it was erected. In the structures where good construction was necessary or desirable, Sisalkraft was used, including the Lumber Manufacturers House, the Furniture Exhibit Building, the National Poultry Council Building, the Masonite Home, etc.

Less than one cent an exhibit building is the cost of seeing A Century of Progress—the Chicago World's Fair of 1933.

The general admission—fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children—will admit one to the twenty buildings erected by the Exposition itself and to all the thirty-three special buildings put up by outside interests at the Fair.

Among the striking features of the Fair is the glass-block building and tower erected by Owens-Illinois Glass Company of Toledo, Ohio. This is located in the Exhibit Homes group. In the exhibits shown in this "Crystal Palace" is a complete display of various types of warm air furnaces and equipment. The opening is particularly timely since it coincides with the annual meeting* in Chicago of the National Warm Air Heating Association, June 6-7-8.

An underground city of conduits and sewers has been built—ten miles of water mains, ten miles of sanitary sewers, five miles of storm sewers, ten miles of conduits and utility cables—facilities for a city of 1,000,000 souls. A water pumping station, sewage pumping stations, and a central electrical substation to accommodate a population of Exposition visitors approximating the population of Detroit or St. Louis are provided.

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attached with clips or screws to the steel framework. A progressive development in these materials occurred, and a number of different types were used with success. The first to be used, which was in the construction of the Administration Building, was ¾-inch sheets of Transite, made of compressed cement and asbestos fiber. Each board is wide enough to extend onto three studs and is fastened to the intermediate stud with case hardened screws which cut their own threads in the steel studs as they are driven. A metal batten strip is used over the joints and also fastened to the studs. The edges of the cement asbestos sheets are thus left free to move, taking care of expansion and contraction.

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In the Administration Building which was a permanent structure and was used throughout the year, the space between studs was blown full of a mixture of emulsified asphalt, sodium silicate and shredded paper. A 3/4 inch thickness of this insulating material was placed between the exterior and the gypsum wallboard interior, which was fastened to the studs by the use of case hardened screws.

On the Travel and Transport Building, one of the largest and earliest structures, the exterior walls are of 20-gauge sheet metal, shop fabricated in long lengths of interlocking channel shape. These are set vertically with the flat surface outside, and the ribs resting against and securely into the horizontal steel girders framed between the columns. To prevent transmission of undue amounts of heat through this sheet steel wall, a layer of fibrous insulation board was fastened to the legs of the panels on the inside. This combination formed a vertical flue in each channel which is used for ventilation. The air enters these flues at the bottom, and as it takes the heat from the side of the flue, it rises and is expelled at the top to the outer air. It is expected that this device in combination with the insulation on the roof and the mechanical ventilation system provided for the building will keep the inside temperature within 5 degrees Fahrenheit of the outside.

Plywood panels, in addition to being widely used as rough flooring over steel joists in the buildings, are used as exterior wall covering in several, notably the Hall of Science. The panels come in 3/4-inch thickness, sized and treated at the mills with hot linseed oil with a slight white lead pigment. A third joint is made by half-lapping the edges, each edge being cut at the mill to lap, the horizontal joints lapping to weather. These joints were given another coat of white lead and oil as creased. The boards are attached to the studs with cement coated nails through the lap.

By far the most extensively used World's Fair surfacing material is gypsum board. Experiments showed that the 3/4-inch paper covered gypsum boards would have ample strength for exterior application if protected from effects of moisture. Their use gave a flexible very low cost exterior material. To protect it against the weather, all boards were primed both sides and edges at the mill with aluminum paint which also added insulating qualities.

The mill-primed gypsum board panels are nailed to the studs or held by metal runners which clamp the board and are secured to the studding. Tight joints are secured between the gypsum panels somewhat in the same manner as in the plywood section. Horizontal joints are tongued and grooved and all joints and metal runners are filled with mastic to make them water-tight.

While the various wall coverings described will not be suitable for widespread permanent building it is evident that the use of pre-fabricated wall units of somewhat the same size but more permanent construction, and with proper wearing and weathering qualities, should serve a wide demand. Development of suitable pre-fabricated units for permanent work should be given considerable emphasis by the successful demonstration of this type of construction in these World's Fair buildings. Certain it is that the phenomenally low cost achieved should be an incentive.

Interior walls and ceilings of the bulk of the Fair buildings are covered almost exclusively with 3/4-inch paper covered gypsum board. An important consideration in this respect is that this material is non-combustible and provides resistance against bursts of flames. Throughout the buildings, the architects have been careful to keep out materials which, if a small fire should occur, would create large quantities of fumes or smoke.

Interior gypsum boards are, for the most part, 4x12 feet set vertically to typical 12-foot ceiling height, and nailed to studding by ceiling furring. Nails are driven on a 4-inch and 6-inch exposure. A different architectural effect is achieved by use of the gypsum board in narrow widths. One common form is 2 feet wide for 3/4 inch thick, and 2 feet 8 inches wide for 5/8 inch thick section, in long lengths for the height of the room if set vertically. If set horizontally the long edges are held by clamping metal runners that are attached directly to the studding. The metal runners form a closed projecting batten effect.

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