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Subsidies—and TAXES

DEMANDS for government subsidies seem endless. Comment was made on this page last month upon the demand of the American Federation of Labor that government subsidize the building of 440,000 homes a year for the next five years.

Another current demand is for subsidies from government to aid co-operative societies of producers and consumers. Nobody can reasonably object to the formation and operation of co-operatives—provided those who own and run them invest and use their own money. But why should the government furnish them money? They do or would compete with individuals and companies already engaged in producing, wholesaling or retailing. These individuals and companies have invested their own capital. Why should they, as well as the rest of the public, be taxed to subsidize competition with them?

There can be no economic or moral justification for such use of the public’s tax money. If co-operatives can conduct their business as efficiently as individuals and companies, they can compete without government subsidies. If they cannot compete without subsidies, it is because they cannot conduct their business as efficiently as individuals and companies. What argument can be made for subsidizing inefficiency to help it drive out efficiency?

Many advocate government-subsidized competition with the power industry, the railroads, the home-building industry and even the retail dealer upon the assumption that it will reduce rates or prices.

Perhaps it will. But all government subsidies do and must come from taxes. And the bigger and better the subsidies the bigger and better the taxes.

Total annual government expenditures are now about 30 per cent of the total annual national income. Everybody is paying, or will pay, these expenditures in taxes. And in the long run everybody will pay them about in proportion to his income. Most taxes are invisible because included in rentals and prices of commodities; but they are always there; and the greater government expenditures become the higher the invisible taxes included in prices paid by everybody.

If a man’s income is $10,000 a year he can be reasonably sure that government is now costing him about $3,000 a year. And if his income is only $1,000 a year he can be reasonably sure that government is now costing him at least $300 a year.

Government subsidization of competition with business in which citizens have invested their own savings, large or small, is unfair and un-American. And it injures these citizens without benefitting those it is supposed to benefit—because those supposed to be benefitted finally have to pay their share of the subsidies in increased invisible taxes.

All taxes should be reduced, not increased. But they will all have to be increased, not reduced, unless all government spending, including that for subsidies, is reduced.
A setting of rich foliage, with vines that twine gracefully up the walls, and a pleasing Spanish-type architectural treatment combine to bring beauty to this California home. Worthy of the picturesque setting and the beauty of the architecture is the exterior finish of stucco made with Atlas White portland cement.

The beauty of stucco, its adaptability to many types of architecture and its durability and economy, are making it increasingly popular in residential construction. With Atlas White it is possible to get pure white stucco or a wide variety of tints that are pleasing to the eye. Possible, too, are any number of textures. Whatever the color scheme desired and the texture which will best correspond with the architectural scheme, they can be obtained with stucco.

Like a thin, protective wall of concrete, stucco is permanent, weather-proof, firesafe. Its first cost is low, its upkeep small, its life long and its appearance always pleasing. These advantages make it ideal not only for new construction but for remodeling old buildings.

Write for detailed information on stucco made with Atlas White portland cement—plain and waterproofed. You will be interested in the many ways this popular and versatile finish can be used for both interiors and exteriors.

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A FACTORY PREPARED STUCCO IS PREFERABLE

STUCCO MADE WITH Atlas White PORTLAND CEMENT
Better Merchandisers Needed

The most frequent criticism we hear of contractors and operative builders is the statement that they are not sufficiently good merchandisers. American Builder does not believe that builders are really as poor merchandisers as some of the critics say; for, if they were, there would not be the volume of sales that there is today. But undoubtedly there is room for great improvement by many builders who have concentrated more on the technical side of construction and less on the sales angle.

There is the greatest opportunity for creative selling today that has ever existed in the building industry. In several articles in this issue some of these opportunities are pointed out and the activities of some of the leaders in the field are described. In fact, this entire issue might be described as a Better Merchandising Issue because surely model homes constitute one of the best selling and merchandising schemes the industry has ever tried.

Good construction is just as important today as it has ever been, but to sell homes, more than good construction and attention to the technical aspects of building is required. The sales angle must be considered from the very start. First, the house must be designed with an eye to popular appeal. Second, it must be constructed in a way that will meet the requirements of the public. Third,—and of extreme importance—it must be provided with complete modern equipment and appliances. It is upon this last point that we wish to lay great stress.

The unquestionable demand of the public today is for a fully equipped “turn key” job—a house in which the family can start living fully and completely without further additions—a house in which the total and complete cost is known in advance and on which no further expenditures are required. The makers of so-called prefabricated homes have caught this feeling and have gone so far as to advise that their houses are complete even to a week’s supply of groceries on the kitchen shelves!

In spite of this known demand of the public, there are still many builders who leave out such important equipment as the range or automatic heat, or fail to include screens, storm doors or a garage as part of the offering at the regular quoted sales price. American Builder believes that it would be neglecting its duty if it did not point out that builders who do not fully equip their homes are doing both themselves and their customers harm. Under the liberal terms of the twenty-year amortized mortgage loan plan, the kitchen range, the oil burner, stoker or other heating equipment, and practically all other types of home equipment, can be paid off on much easier terms than the customer could get if he bought the individual items later. The builder does him a real service by installing complete equipment when the house is built and including it under the single mortgage.

In the leading article of this issue the dollars and cents side of this argument is thoroughly presented. These facts should be considered seriously for they place in the hands of a builder the strongest merchandising argument he has ever had.

Plumbing and Jerry Building

In ITS campaign against cheaply constructed houses, the Federal Housing Administration has the enthusiastic backing of the reputable contractors and builders. Under Title II of the National Housing Act, the Federal Housing Administration insures mortgages for twenty years. It is obviously necessary for the protection of these mortgages that property to be eligible for insurance be constructed so that it will endure as a sound investment throughout the life of the mortgage. This insistence upon good construction standards is a protection to the home owner, the holder of the mortgage, and the contractor as well as the FHA.

Few people outside of the plumbing business thoroughly understand the difference between the plumbing system in a cheaply constructed jerry-built house and a system in a house built in accordance with good practice.

When Mrs. Jones complains to her neighbors that the faucets in the bathroom on the second floor will not deliver water when the fixtures on the first-floor bathroom are in use, she does not realize that she is the victim of jerry building. When Mrs. Smith is mortified by the noisy flushing of a closet she does not realize that for a few dollars more the house might have been equipped with a practically noiseless fixture.

Due to the fact that so much of the plumbing system is concealed in the walls and under the floors, plumbing is a mystery to many home-owners. With 30 percent of the work invisible, the layman often cannot understand that the difference between two prices for the same installation may be a difference in the vital part of the system where repairs or replacements will be most expensive and highly inconvenient. The building contractor who wishes to be assured of complete trouble-free performance of his plumbing systems should deal only with reputable plumbing contractors—the men who enjoy a reputation for fair dealing and good work.
THE
MODEL HOME
PARADE

Is Selling Completely Equipped
Homes

Builders Setting New Highs in Creative
Merchandising of Home Equipment
3,000 Model Homes Are Show Rooms

For the first time in building history operative
builders and home builders are becoming creative
merchandisers of homes and home equipment.
For the first time they are rivaling the selling methods
and abilities of the automobile, radio and movie salesmen.
More than three thousand model home “show rooms”
scattered in towns and villages throughout the country
are today advertising this new era of better selling. For
this is a new era of selling by home builders. Never
before have there been so many good-looking, fully
equipped, salable model homes opened by builders.
Never before have builders had such support and back-
ing from great national manufacturers and associations
of manufacturers. But transcending all of these, never
before have builders had such an ideal setup in financing
and easy payment terms.
The builder who does not take advantage of the present
opportunity to sell complete home equipment and appli-
cances on the twenty-year payment plan is blind indeed.
Thanks to the twenty-year amortized mortgage plan
popularized by FHA, he can sell oil burners, ranges,
refrigerators, air conditioning, dishwashers and other
equipment at terms that cannot possibly be obtained by
the general public anywhere else.
Where else can the home owner buy a $300 oil burner
with only 20 percent down and pay for the balance over
20 years at the rate of $1.73 per month?*
Where else can the average home owner pay for a
$100 kitchen range over a twenty-year period, on monthly
installments of 57 cents?
There simply is nothing comparable in all American
industry and installment selling. Smart operative build-
ers are just beginning fully to appreciate this. It gives
them a selling argument that is unanswerable. It per-
mits them to sell more completely equipped homes than
ever before in history.
Let us take a look, for a moment, at the home building
business as it is now going ahead in more than 16,000
cities, towns, suburban and rural communities. We find
builders and lumber dealers busily locating prospects for
new homes, and building these homes. An unprece-
dented number of builders are putting up model or
demonstration homes. The number is estimated at more
than 3,000—3,000 show rooms! In many of these the
builder has received the co-operation of important na-
tional manufacturers of home equipment and materials.
In others he has the co-operation of the local chamber

*Figured on the basis of a 20 percent down payment, the balance is $240.
Using the average FHA interest and amortization rate of $7.17 per month
per $1,000, the monthly carrying cost is $1.73.

of commerce, the real estate board or the FHA. In
hundreds of cases he has put up a model home entirely
on his own initiative to start a program locally.
Practically all these model homes are fully and com-
pletely equipped with the latest home equipment, appli-
cances and specialties. The first great beneficial effect
of these fully equipped model homes has been to make
the builders themselves conscious of what the market
has to offer. They themselves have become fully sold
and enthusiastic about the latest types of ranges, re-
frigerators, oil burners, air conditioning equipment, ven-
tilating fans and many other important items. Then
the fact that such equipment can be included in the
twenty-year mortgage loan on a house began to be real-
ized. Once the builder himself became sold on the value
of complete equipment and the selling argument it gives
him, by far the biggest part of the battle was won.
The home builder is today receiving stronger backing
from national manufacturers of equipment and material
than ever before. These men are helping him to do a
better job of selling and helping him create a market.
A development of great importance is the granting of
special discounts to builders for equipment. It has long
been recognized that the builder must make the deter-
mining decision as to the extent and type of equipment
to go into the houses he builds. Where he is building
a number of such houses many manufacturers feel that
he is entitled to better terms than the average public.
Some are classing the builder in a way that, in effect,
makes him their dealer or representative. This enables
him to buy home equipment on low terms, finance it on
low terms, and use both these arguments as a telling
sales help with the prospective home buyer.
Co-operation from manufacturers can be extremely
helpful in making sales. Many prominent builders have
made a careful analysis of the salient selling points in
connection with oil burners, coal stokers, air condition-
ers, modern kitchens and many other types of equip-
ment that go into homes. They arm themselves with sound arguments. One example is an active builder who decided to feature coal stokers and based his arguments on the claim that the savings achieved by this equipment will more than pay the amortization cost. Other builders sell a second bathroom, add summer air conditioning equipment, or thorough insulation largely on the argument that the value added or the upkeep costs reduced will more than cover the cost.

At the beginning of this editorial the remarkably low FHA carrying costs for a few popular types of equipment were mentioned. The selling argument offered by this approach to the subject is extremely effective. For example, if a home owner is inclined to pass up the benefits of modern automatic heat or air conditioning a builder who is properly "primed" with figures can show that this value-giving equipment will cost him less than $3 per month to pay off in twenty years.

There are many other important home specialties that add value to the home, such as an upward acting garage door, ventilating fan, kitchen clock, package receiver, special hardware, water heater, etc., that will add only a few cents to the monthly carrying cost of the house but will deliver many dollars in satisfaction and service.

The illustration previously given of the oil burner is an especially good one to use. The average person has felt that the installment terms offered by oil burner manufacturers were very reasonable. The average $300 burner can be paid for on the short-term financing plans commonly used, at around $8 to $10 per month. Contrast this with the terms the operative builder has to offer when that oil burner is installed in the house and becomes a part of the twenty-year financing plan. As we previously pointed out, the cost is only $1.23 per month or less than one-fifth the "liberal terms" with which the public is most familiar. The installment rates the average buyers of automobiles, radios and furniture pay run four, five and ten times as much as he is required to pay for equipment installed in a house and paid for under the twenty-year amortized mortgage plan!

With model home show rooms in every town, and with builders becoming modern merchandisers and taking advantage of such financial backing as this, is there any wonder that residential sales are spurring upward and that the prospects for the rest of 1936 and for 1937 are the brightest in history?
“Modern Equipment Sells Our Homes”

By WALTER H. MAST
Prominent Detroit Builder of Homes

Today's home must be considerably more than a shelter, and today's builder must be more than a builder—he must be a merchant, too. It is not only necessary for a builder to know how to construct durable, attractive and comfort-providing homes, but it is just as important for him to know how to sell them. Many good builders have fallen by the wayside because they depreciated the value of intensive selling. In our business, we have established definite policies to guide us in building and selling homes. Of course, the reputation that a builder establishes is highly important. A dissatisfied home owner doesn't help any builder. The corner stone of our business is quality. We don't attempt to build cheap homes. Since 1922 we have constructed some 300 homes valued at approximately $3,000,000—which means that the average price of the homes we build and sell is around $10,000. The depression didn't stop us either. Our lowest year was in 1934 when we constructed 17 houses. According to our progress to date, we will build and market at least 25 houses this year. Property locations are vital; part of our success is due to the fact that we build only on the East side, and mostly in Grosse Pointe Farms, a strictly residential area.

By maintaining an active sales force ably directed by Mr. Earl A. Creighton, manager, we are in a position to know and determine just what our clients desire for complete home satisfaction. We have found that modern, labor-saving equipment and comfort-providing appliances and specialties actually sell homes. Prospective buyers who visit our model homes inspect them carefully. They walk through the rooms several times and make close observations before they form their conclusions. They ask many questions about financing, construction details, heating, air conditioning, insulation, type of foundation, framing, roof covering and quality of building materials used. They are pleased when they see that the home is equipped with an efficient and economically-operating, automatic heating and air conditioning system. They are impressed with good plumbing, (we use sweated-joint copper tubing) a well-planned kitchen, adequate bathroom conveniences, laundry equipment, artistic lighting fixtures, liberal closet space, and the many other specialties and appliances that go to make a home a better place in which to live.

Sunday is our busy, banner day—that is the day we get the crowds. It is not unusual for several hundred visitors to inspect any one of our new homes during a Sunday afternoon. We appeal to and attract prospective home buyers through local newspaper advertising. Our sales messages are always displayed in the main real estate section. Through a co-operative arrangement with Gar Wood Industries, Inc., we can afford to advertise our new homes liberally in the newspapers because the Gar Wood company pays one-half of the cost of the space. This support is given to us because we buy Gar Wood equipment for the homes we build. We feature the Gar Wood unit prominently in our newspaper advertising. We find that by featuring well-known equipment, we interest many prospective home buyers. We also place a large builder's sign directly in front of our model home. This sign displays our name and the name of the heating and air conditioning unit which has been installed. These builders' signs are supplied to us without charge. A good sign in front of a model home is an inexpensive and effective way to advertise a model home and also to attract the attention of passing motorists.

Most home buyers are vitally interested in the automatic heating and air conditioning of a home because of the many advantages derived, such as comfort, cleanliness, convenience, and economy. Our salesmen are always courteous and attentive to all visitors. They point out interesting details and fascinating features of the house. They center attention on the labor-saving equipment, appliances, and specialties. They show them the zinc weatherstripping, the easy-acting windows, the well-designed substantial doors, the abundant supply of electrical outlets, the artistic lighting fixtures, the decorative wainscoting, the modern well-equipped bathrooms, closet spaces, storing bins, the kitchen equipment, and the modern basement which includes a large games room, card room, fruit storage space, and furnace and laundry room.

We explain to visitors that our homes carry a one-
GAR Wood Industries, Inc., assumes full responsibility for the satisfactory installation and operation of the complete system. They not only manufacture the unit, but furnish and install standardized, pre-designed duct parts. This sales policy on their part means that Mast can install a complete system, produced by one company, feature it and guarantee satisfactory performance to Mast home buyers.

A year, service policy. We find this is an impressive selling point. It builds confidence. People appreciate the face that we want satisfied customers. During the opening of a model home, we establish temporary office quarters in the basement. In this way we are always prepared to discuss terms and sign contracts in private. It is our policy to keep at least one typical model home open to the public each season. Usually each master model home remains open for a period of about three months. This home is completely furnished. The various pieces of furniture carry price tags. The furniture can be purchased with the home should the purchaser want to take advantage of the special discount given on the pieces displayed. We, of course, do not sell furnishings, but make the arrangements for the showing through a local and reputable furniture dealer. Appropriate furnishings give the home a pleasing atmosphere and aid considerably in selling a dwelling.

Most of the homes we build are now sold through the FHA plan of financing. Buyers usually take the fifteen-year plan. We recently completed a model home. This home is now open for public inspection. It is located at 201 McKinley Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. The price is $13,800 including lot. This residence is one of the higher-priced homes we build. We use it as a demonstrator to show the type and character of Mast-built homes. (Our prices range from $9,500 to $14,000.) This model home has a hall, four bedrooms and two bathrooms upstairs, and one downstairs lavatory, a living room, dining room, breakfast nook, kitchen and sound-resistant library. The basement has a commodious games room, card room, laundry room, furnace room, fruit room, and storage place.

The front entrance leads into a vestibule which opens into the reception hall. The vestibule has a spacious clothes closet and a broken-slate floor. All rooms on the first floor, including the basement stairway, may be entered from the reception hall. The open stairway, leading to the second floor, has a walnut hand rail. The stairway wall is wainscoted. Announcement-of-guests chimes adorn the reception hall. All arches throughout the house are cased.

The living room is 13' x 22'. Entrance to it is at the right of the hall. The walls are papered and coved at the ceiling. A large bay window gives the living room a cheerful and inviting appearance. There is a window at each side of the vertically-paneled mantel and fireplace. The natural fireplace is formed with antique marble. The hearth is split-slate.

At the rear of the living room, a mirror-paneled door opens into the library. The library doors are heavy and sound-resistant so that the occupants may relax in quiet. The library walls are stained cypress. The plastered ceiling resembles antique stone.

The kitchen is 9' x 11' 6" in size and contains a double-compartment, built-in sink. The kitchen cabinet ensemble contains a breadboard, flour bin and under-sink compartment for refuse. There is a large space for roasting pans directly above the refrigerator niche. The place for the stove is recessed. The kitchen is equipped with a Duplex electric ventilator. A Fenestra window is over the sink. The other window is the NSW zinc weatherstriped type. Of course, there is a broom closet. Two entrances lead to the kitchen, one from the main hall, the other from the breakfast nook. The kitchen is wainscoted to a height of five feet and is finished in glistening white. Armstrong linoleum of tile-pattern covers the floor.

The breakfast nook, which may be used as a butler's pantry, has a four-foot wainscot of natural-color knotty pine. Knotty pine is also used for the end cupboard (has dull chrome hardware) which extends to
the ceiling. The floor of this cozy nook, like the kitchen, is covered with attractive red, white and black tile-patterned Armstrong linoleum.

The dining room is decorated in pastel blue and silver wallpaper. Oyster-shell white wainscoting emphasizes the charm of this room. The center Colonial fixture has five lights. There are four windows. This room is 11' 6" x 14'. The ceiling height is 8' 4".

On the second floor there are four bedrooms, two baths, and hall. The soiled-linen chute is accessible from the hall. One bathroom is complete with corner porcelain tub and overhead shower, lavatory, toilet, and built-in mirrored vanity. The other bathroom, equipped with a stall shower, connects two of the bedrooms. The master bedroom has an exceptionally large clothes closet and is 13' x 17'. This closet has lights and built-in shelves and hat racks. The side wall accommodates twin beds. The color scheme of the bedrooms is blue, green, pink, and yellow. Selective oak flooring is used throughout the home.

The practical basement contains a 13' x 22' games room with a connecting 7' x 10' card room. There is a natural fireplace in the games room. We display our various house plans in this room. The furnace room contains the Gar Wood heating and air conditioning unit and hot water tank. The laundry room is equipped with laundry tubs. The fruit room and a storage bin complete the basement. All rooms in the basement may be entered from the basement hall. Walls and ceilings of the basement are plastered throughout.

The driveway leads to a two-car garage which is equipped with Crawford sectional doors. Grounds are completely landscaped for model homes.

All the houses we build embody the same principles of construction, regardless of price. For example, 2" x 10" joists, 2" x 6" ceiling joists, and 2" x 6" rafters are used. All basement footings are 10" x 20" concrete and reinforced with reinforcing bars. The foundation is built with cement blocks having ¾" coat of portland cement and waterproofed with tar. Framing corners on the first and second floors are angle braced. This method strengthens the structure and eliminates sideways. Insulation is hand-packed. Shingles are Five X edge grain.

It requires time and patience to point out all these things and features to the public, but we know it pays to do so. But, after all, we find that the latest mechanical and labor-saving equipment, automatic heating and air conditioning units, modern kitchens, bathroom conveniences, livable basements, and other specialties do the selling job. All our homes are designed and built by us. The model home described above was featured recently by a local newspaper as the "House of the Week."

When builders equip homes with modern appliances, modern equipment and conveniences, and feature them, they will find that their building business will increase—for modern appliances do sell homes today.
THIS Dallas Centennial Concrete house was the First Prize winner in a competition sponsored by the Portland Cement Ass'n., and open to Texas architects in which 87 designs were submitted.


Living Room and Kitchen in Centennial concrete house at Dallas Exposition; Bubi Jesson, Austin, Architect; C. M. Davis, Contractor.

Models That Forecast 1937 Styles

TEN selected homes which authorities agree demonstrate the current style trend and point the way to public approval in next year's selling market.
BRICK HOME AT CLEVELAND EXPOSITION

Designed by The Small House Committee, Cleveland Chapter, A.I.A.,—Walter H. Smith, Chairman
Robert F. Gaiser, Contractor; Cleveland Builders Supply Co., Sponsor

THE LIVING room in the Great Lakes Exposition Brick Industry home.—The combined effort of the Residential Builders Organizations of Greater Cleveland to produce "a Modern Home of Lasting Charm" in the $9000 class.
DINING BAY in spacious living room demonstrates the practical utility and charm of the new glass building block. Decorative furnishings are by the Bailey Co., Cleveland department store.

CONSTRUCTION FEATURES: walls are solid masonry, brick veneer on tile, making a 9" wall. Brick joint has tooled horizontal joint with vertical joints struck (copied from an old South Carolina home). Rustic brick used. Roof is Anaconda Economy Copper with standing seams; gutters and downspouts, copper; sheathing under sun deck floor, copper; coping, trim, pier caps, stone by Cleveland Quarries Co.; zinc weatherstrips, by Advance Metal Weatherstrip Co.; garage doors, finger-tip operating, by Crawford Door Co.; mail box, coal chutes, garbage receiver, Donley Bros. Co.; dining room bay, enclosed in Insulux Glass Bricks, by Owens-Illinois Glass Co.; plaster base, rock lath; insulation, 4" Red Top Rock Wool in 2nd floor ceiling, by U. S. Gypsum Co.; select oak flooring, by the Harvard Lumber Co.; windows, "Easy-Clean" tilting windows by Ventosteel Sash Co.; plumbing, copper pipes; Briggs Beautyware Plumbing Fixtures; heating, winter air conditioning; electrical work, by Enterprise Lighting Fixtures, Inc.; bathroom cabinets, The Porter Equipment Co.; screens, "Zip-In", all bronze, frameless, by Harris-Murray, Inc.; hardware, Corbin locks and Stanley butts; clay tile for exterior walls, bath floor and walls; by Mosaic Tile Co.
SUBURBAN HOMESTEAD

Built at Markham, Ill., Near Chicago,
in Fred J. Walsh Co. Development
Martin H. Braun, Chicago, Architect
In the $4000 Class

Cost Key is: 1.468-181-1104-43-20-19

BELLOw: Compact kitchen arrangement has built-in storage space below sink and work surfaces extending on both ends; additional cupboards flank the casement windows. Flexboard wainscoating trimmed is with chrome strips.

RIGHT: Two-tone formed metal fixtures, linoleum, wainscoating and chromium fixtures combine in pleasing bathroom color scheme. Other equipment features include utility room having colored laundry trays hot water heating system and drying space.

THE MODEL HOME shown above is located in Markham Village—a new, low-cost suburban homestead project just south of Chicago being developed by Fred J. Walsh Co., Chicago builders. This modified Normandy type cottage has been named the "Virginia Lee" house and has attracted numerous visitors. In style it harmonizes with the Colonial design of other houses nearby. Markham Village is the most active small house development in the Chicago area; almost 100 homes have been built since last spring. The total site contains 620 acres, on which 1,500 houses are planned, the average plot being about one-half acre improved with homes costing from $3,500 to $5,000. All houses are erected on contract; FHA amortized mortgage plan monthly payments range from $18 to $35.
OUTLINE
SPECIFICATION
MODEL HOME AT
MARKHAM, ILL.

Fred J. Walsh Co., Builder
Martin H. Braun, Architect

FOUNDATION.—Concrete, 1:3:5 mix.
UTILITY ROOM AND GARAGE FLOORS.—Four-inch concrete slabs placed on cin-
ders.
WALLS.—2x4 studs, 16" O. C.; D. & M. sheathing; 8" cypress siding; ½" Balsam wool insulation on our exterior walls and ceilings; interior partitions of sheet rock.
ROOF.—Framing 2x6 rafters; D. & M. sheathing; heavy building paper; Bird & Sons (Weather Tex) 3 in I asphalt strip shingles slate blend.
TRIM.—Ponderosa white pine.
FLOORS.—Oak floors throughout house except kitchen and bathroom which are Tile-
Tex laid over pine.
WINDOWS.—Double hung Ponderosa white pine windows.
DOORS.—Two vertical panel wood doors.
PAINTING.—Portion of exterior painted with the Devoe Raynolds special two coat system; tower and gable end stained in golden oak stain; interior walls and ceilings of living room, dining room and ceilings of bathroom and kitchen, special Hines-Cote; bedrooms, paper; trim, ivory.
WIRING.—Iron conduit.
PLUMBING.—Briggs Beautyware two tone plumbing; recessed tub; bracket lavatory; streamline closet; 60" double drain kitchen sink; special laundry trays in color.
HEATING.—Hot water forced circulating (Triplex) system with automatic control; Wayne oil burner.
MISCELLANEOUS.—Wainscoting in bath-
room, J. M. Asbestos wainscoting with chromium fixtures; wainscoting in kitchen is J. M. Asbestos Flex Board with chrome strips.

THE FLOOR PLAN at the right offers con-
venience and economy; adequate closet space, good ventilation and no waste space are features. Being without basement, the utility room is handily placed between the kitchen and attached garage. Corner fireplace and dining room bay with door to rear terrace add unusual interest.
The front entrance is impressive.

POPULAR DETROIT MODEL

Walter H. Mast, Inc., Builder
Chas. Horner and W. D. Knox, Architects

In the $8000 Class
Cost Key is 1.677—135—845—36—25—15

**BASEMENT PLAN**

- Store Room: 9'4"X8'0"
- Fuel Room: 12'6"X7'0"
- Laundry and Furnace Room: 23'0"X10'0" (Sunroom, Heating and Air Conditioning)
- Recreation Room: 23'0"X12'0"

**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

- Breakfast Room: 10'3"
- Porch: Cement Fl.
- Kitchen: 10'0"X8'0"
- Living Room: 12'10"X12'4"
- Dining Room: 12'10"X12'4"

**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**

- Bedroom: 14'4"X10'0"
- Bed Room: 12'6"X12'0"
- Bed Room: 10'4"X13'0"
SPECIFICATIONS


EXTERIOR WALLS.—Brick veneer. Face brick.


FRAMING LUMBER.—No. 1 short leaf yellow pine, kiln dried.

SUB-FLOORING.—1x6 No. 2 yellow pine.

SHEATHING.—Sidewalls: 1x10 shiplap, No. 2 pine. Roof: 1x6 No. 2 pine.

OUTSIDE WOODWORK.—Redwood.

ROOFING.—Wood shingles—edge grain cedar.

SHEET METAL.—26 ga. galvanized iron.

FINISHED FLOOR.—Select red oak 5/4".

INTERIOR TRIM.—First floor—red oak. Second floor—white pine.

INSULATION.—Johns-Manville Rock Wool.

WINDOWS.—Fenestra casements.

LATH AND PLASTER.—Rock lath, stripped. Two coats of plaster.

TILE WORK IN BATHROOM.—Extend 4'6" up from floor line.

HEATING.—Sunbeam Coal burning furnace, conditioned air, model 2480A.


THREE VIEWS of popular Detroit model built by Walter H. Mast, Inc., on McKinley Ave., Grosse Pointe. Upper photo shows living room with modern treatment of fireplace; middle view is of kitchen and breakfast room; lower scene illustrates the neat and efficient arrangement of basement air conditioning heating plant, the Fox Furnace Company's "Sunbeam" model No. 2480A.
DEMONSTRATING BEAUTIFUL INTERIORS

CYPRESS paneled living room (above) and knotty pine master bedroom (below) in the Cleveland Lumber Institute "Traditional American Home" at the Great Lakes Exposition, Cleveland; John Sherwood Kelly, Architect.
INSULATED HOME DEMONSTRATED

Minneapolis Contractor Will Duplicate for $6500.
Larson & McLaren, Architect
Dencker-Running Co., Contractor

COMPLETELY insulated throughout, it is estimated the fuel requirements of this Insulite Model Home will be approximately 30 per cent less than for a similar size, uninsulated home. It is typical of the present-day trend toward functional design. The white stucco exterior of the flat roofed structure is broken up by aluminum finished, horizontal trim. The trim around the corner windows is likewise finished in aluminum.

The house has six rooms and bath plus a downstairs lavatory and an attached garage. The full basement has a furnace room, where the conditioned air, automatic oil heating plant is located, and a very attractive amusement room, finished with a multi-purpose material, Graylite building board on the walls and Ins-Light tile on the ceiling, to achieve decoration, quiet and insulation.

WORKMAN applies the 1 inch Lok-Joint lath for plaster base and sound deadener on all inside walls and partitions in Insulite home.

For plans and specifications see pages 54 and 55
Composition Roof
Cement stucco on metal lath over Insulite Sheathing
Wood lattice

Cement stucco on metal lath over Insulite Sheathing

Wood strips
Insulite Sheathing
Cement stucco on metal lath over Insulite Sheathing

Wood lattice
Scuppers
Cement stucco on metal lath over Insulite Sheathing

Grade 2

FRONT ELEVATION

SIDE ELEVATION

WALL SECTION

REAR ELEVATION

SCALE IN FEET

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

BED ROOM
11'-6"X10'-9"
BED ROOM
9'-0"X10'-0"
BATH RM
9'-0"X7'-3"
Clos
Clos

CANVAS DECK ROOT

BED ROOM
11'-6"X11'-6"

BASEMENT PLAN

HOBRY RM
7'-6"X9'-6"
AMUSEMENT ROOM
20'-8"X10'-3"
LIVING RM
20'-8"X12'-3"

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

WORKING drawings of Insulite Model Home as illustrated on preceding page; interior views and outline specification opposite.
Key is 1.628—128—644—29—22—11.
SPECIFICATIONS
Minneapolis Insulated Home
Larson & McLaren, Architects

RESIDENCE for Frank J. Hickling, 3548—45th Avenue
South, Minneapolis, using Insulite and other materials.

FOUNDATION WALLS—Concrete blocks 8"x12"x16"
or 5"x12"x24" laid in 1/2 mix cement mortar with 10%hydrated lime. Joints inside and outside of walls care-
fully pointed. Basement windows to have smooth trow-
ellcd cement sills. Areaways anchored to foundation
with two 3/4" rods on each side.

BASEMENT FLOOR—3" 1-3/5 concrete slab with
1/2 mix steel trowelled finish. Garage floor same except
4" slab.

WALL CONSTRUCTION—Stud and joist frame of
No. 2 Idaho pine or Washington fir; exterior sheathed
with Insulite 3/4" Bildrite sheathing over which is nailed
4 lb. self furring galvanized lath to receive exterior
stucco three coat portland cement with finish coat of
white cement and texture surface. Rough floor and
roof boards No. 4 pine. Floor and roof joints 2"x6";
16" o.c., with 1"x3" double bridging every 8'. Double
joist under all partitions. Double studs under all head-
ers.

INSULATION—All ceilings and inside walls to have
1" Insulite Lok-joint lath; red rosin building paper be-
tween all sub- and finished floors; all small spaces be-
tween door and window frames packed solid with rock
wool. Roofing to consist of two layers of asphalt felt
each 15 lb., with one 30 lb. mica cap sheet snapped
solid over 2" Insulite roof slabs.

MILLWORK—Bilt-Well millwork by Carr, Ryder &
Adams through Carr-Cullen Co. Interior and exterior
trim No. 1 pine except stair treads and risers to second
floor birch; kitchen trim birch, and living room, dining
room and vestibule trim red oak. Exterior doors 1 3/8"
thick; interior doors 1 3/4". Stock one panel doors.
Kitchen cases to have inlaid linoleum tops with chrom-
um nosings.

FLOORS—Vestibule, living room and dining room
1 1/2" face select oak flooring. Kitchen and bath 4"
M. & D. pine for linoleum. Second floor and balance
of first floor 1 1/2" face No. 2 birch.

PLASTERING—All inside walls and ceilings plastered
three coat hardwall and lime putty finish on Insulite.
Corner beads full height on all exposed corners. Keene's
cement wainscot 4'6" high in bath.

PLUMBING & HEATING EQUIPMENT—Plumbing
fixtures by Crane. Heating plant warm air Brunetts
system with fan. Welded steel furnace. Flat type metal
ducts with cold air returns from all rooms except bath.
All ducts dampered for control. Removable dust filter.
Chalmer's oil burner and 250 gallon tank with Minne-
apolis Honeywell thermostat controls. 50 gallon Clark
electric water heater.

FINANCING of this model home handled
through Marquette National Bank, Minneapolis.
Eighty per cent of the cost on first mortgage
to run twenty years. Monthly installments in-
cluding principal, interest, taxes, fire insurance,
tornado insurance and FHA mortgage loan in-
surance amount to approximately $49.64.

UPPER photograph shows the living room as furnished
by Powers Decorating Staff. Middle photograph is of
modernistic bedroom, while below is shown the base-
ment recreation room with walls and ceiling finished
in decorative Insulite board.
American Builder, October 1936.

**Front Elevation**

- Asphalt Shingles
- Metal Railing
- Brick
- Wood Frieze
- Overhead Doors

**West Elevation**

- Metal Gutter
- Roofing Felt
- 2"x4' Ceiling Joists
- 8'x10' Rafters

**Typical Sill**

- Head (1st FL), Jamb Similar
- Jamb (2nd FL)

**Stair Detail**

- Wood Handrail
- Shelves
- Flush Door

**First Floor Plan**

- Terrace
- Garage
- Dining Alcove
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Reception
- Porch

**Second Floor Plan**

- Bed Room
- Bed Room
- Bath
- Stair Hall

**Basement Plan**

- Future Recreation Room
- Laundry
- 9'11" 2'10" 14'11"

**BASEMENT PLAN**

**STAIR DETAIL**

**SECOND FLOOR PLAN**

**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**
MODERNE AIR CONDITIONED HOME

at Beverly Hills (Chicago)
Alfred J. Glawe, Builder
Ronald F. Perry, Architect

EXPRESSING the latest ideas in design, construction and equipment this model home has stimulated residential air conditioning in the middle west. Below is shown the heating, cooling and humidifying installation. There is an American Radiator boiler, hot water with concealed type radiation in conjunction with American Radiator air conditioner. Timken oil burner used for heating and General Electric compressor for cooling. For insulation, a most important detail, outside walls are furred and lined with 1/2" Balsam Wool, which is also used above 2nd floor ceiling.

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THREE VARIATIONS ON NICHOLS MODEL HOME PLAN

J. C. Nichols Companies, Kansas City, Builders
Edward W. Tanner, Architect

The floor plan below, although similar to the model home plan on pages 64 and 65, is handled in a variety of ways to meet different conditions and obtain contrast in appearance. Moving the porch, the front door and the chimney materially affected the appearance. The plan permits two or three bedrooms on the second floor, and in some cases a garage may be put into the basement. The same plan may be used the narrow way as illustrated on the following page.
entirely dissimilar in looks. The English adaptation above has a reversed plan, while in the case of the Colonial variation below a better exposure was produced by placing the living room and master bedroom on the right.

HOW the basic floor plan used in the Nichols Model Home, illustrated on pages 64 and 65, is adapted to different exteriors is interestingly shown above and below. Differences in roof lines and exterior materials make houses
NICHOLS-BUILT HOUSE;
NARROW FRONT TYPE

THIS interesting variation on the basic model home plan, shown on pages 64 and 65, built by J. C. Nichols Company of Kansas City, shows how the plan is adapted to a narrow front design. Principal change is achieved by moving the entrance around from wide to narrow side of house.

THIS variation on the Nichols Model Home floor plan has many features to recommend it. The downstairs bedroom and bath are a popular feature. There is ample closet space, an attractive breakfast room and a desirable rear porch. Upstairs the rooms are large and spacious. It is possible, at slight extra cost, to include a fourth bedroom on the second floor.
The little Walnut Street house built this spring in Philadelphia is, to my mind, the outstanding concrete demonstration house of the year for two reasons.

One—the house instead of being built in a subdivision as is customary for most demonstration houses, is built in the heart of the business district of Philadelphia on a main north-and-south thoroughfare through the heart of the city.

Two—the house though furnished, is still constructed so that the actual features of construction are plainly visible and are told not only by the attendants but through wall placards at various points throughout the structure.

Here's how the house started—one day last winter a member of a firm selling plants and other nursery material, called at the office of the Portland Cement Association stating that he intended to rent a section of the parking lot located at 1619 Walnut Street for a display of his materials. He felt that he needed some sort of background to make this display effective and wondered if the Association would be able to put him in touch with some products manufacturer who would build and paint a wall of concrete block behind the exhibit. He had in mind either a garden wall or a wall representing part of a house.

A few days after his call, a meeting of concrete products manufacturers and contractors was held in Philadelphia. At that meeting of manufacturers, George Britton, district engineer of the Portland Cement Association outlined the proposal given above, and suggested to the manufacturers that instead of merely building one wall of a house that it might be a good idea to build a complete demonstration home. The idea was enthusiastically accepted and a committee was immediately appointed to complete arrangements with the nursery men to secure plans and estimates of the cost of such a house.

S. Dale Kaufman, a young designer who was anxious to break into the concrete house field, was employed to design a small cottage type of home that would fit the particular lot in question. Manufacturers of other than

How to Display a Model House

"The Little House on Walnut Street" (Phila.) teaches important lessons on how to make a demonstration home pay

By "SPEC" COLLINS
of the Portland Cement Association

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WORKING PLANS of the concrete demonstration house in downtown Philadelphia. Cost Key is 1.414—129—884—37—17—14
concrete materials were contacted. Contractors were interviewed, and as a result, a cooperative venture was launched within a very few weeks after the original meeting.

When news spread around Philadelphia regarding the house there was much rivalry among various members of the building trades and manufacturers of various materials and furniture that might be used in the house as to whom might do the actual work and who might have their materials displayed in this advantageous Philadelphia spot.

The contracting firm of Sauter and Schwertner agreed to act as general contractors and supervised and co-ordinated construction. The Warner Company, ready mix concrete manufacturers, agreed to furnish all the necessary concrete ready mixed and delivered to the site; concrete masonry was furnished by members of the Eastern Concrete Products Association. Concrete joists for the floor were furnished by the Formigli Company.

Other materials necessary to construction were secured with little effort. It is to be pointed out that one of the smartest things the people interested in this house did as soon as the design was finished was to arrange for the services of a competent interior decorator to lay out a harmonious interior for the house. Too often houses of this type are almost a maze of furnishings and equipment—the people furnishing the house being so anxious to show a little bit of everything they have in their store. With the interior decoration planned by the design department of the Armstrong Cork Company, the promoters were indeed fortunate to secure the co-operation of John Wanawaker Co. of Philadelphia for the furnishings. The house is distinctly not over-furnished. Every piece was carefully chosen and is in careful keeping with the architecture and design of the house itself.

During construction at various places in the building (and this is important) panels were left showing the type of construction. For example, in the living room a panel through the wall shows that the exterior concrete ashlar units were 8" thick with a 1" air space between these outside units and the 3" ashlar veneer units used in the inside. At another point in the living room a section was cut through the floor to show the 2" concrete slab resting

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New J.C. Nichols Model Home Sets

No building man should need to be introduced to the achievements of J. C. Nichols of Kansas City. His Country Club District with its well-planned communities, parks, planting, and thousands of satisfied owners, whose homes have grown more beautiful with each passing year, has set a high standard for the nation's home builders.

J. C. Nichols, president, is assisted by J. C. Taylor, vice president and general manager. Head of the architectural department and responsible for the splendid design of the Nichols-built homes is Edward W. Tanner.

Most recent achievement of Tanner and his associates is the Nichols Model Home illustrated above, which has set a standard that has been emulated on a nation-wide scale by developers in other sections. The basic floor plan was used by the Nichols Company in a number of houses in the Armour Hills Gardens section of the Nichols properties. Four exterior variations of this plan are shown on pages 58, 59 and 60.

This model home and its basic plan proved so popular that it was taken over by a national group of realtors which is co-operating with a woman's magazine and featured as a "home of the month" of this magazine.

The floor plan has many features to recommend it, including the downstairs bedroom and bath, the large screened porch, which can be reached from both dining room and living room, and the bathroom-dressing closet arrangement off the master bedroom upstairs. The plan is subject to wide variation as is shown in the designs previously mentioned. (See pages 58 to 60.)

The exterior of the Nichols Model Home is done in substantial native stone and stucco, with half timber trim, painted a dark, reddish brown. It was furnished by Alexander's on the Plaza, a local department store.

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NATIVE stone and stucco, with half timber trim, painted a dark reddish brown, is used in this model home located near Kansas City.

Nation-Wide Style

Basic Plan Adaptable to Many Variations. High Standard Set in Notable Kansas City Development

BELOW: basement room finished in knotty pine.

J. C. Taylor, vice-president
J. C. Nichols, president
American Builder, October 1936.

"Install FULL Equipment Now—Pay in

Builder Uses Easy FHA Terms in Selling
Ranges. Dishwashers. Air Conditioning

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RANK A. DROESCH is a young Long Island builder who believes
in keeping abreast or ahead of the times. He has been one of the
first builders on Long Island to grasp the opportunities offered by
the 20 year FHA finance plan to sell ranges, automatic heating, air con-
ditioning, dishwashing sinks and similar important modern equipment
as part of his houses.

The firm of Droesch & Sons has been building homes for more than
35 years. They put up well designed, well constructed houses, but Frank
Droesch believes that more than that is necessary today. He believes, and
has proved, that complete modern equipment is the strongest sales factor
in the present market.

"Figure it out for yourself," he says. "I can put in a range, refrigera-
tor, dishwashing sink, fan, automatic heating and air conditioning and
sell that equipment as part of the 20-year financing plan. I can buy such
equipment cheaper than any home owner can.

"Adding a thousand dollars' worth of the best modern equipment adds
only about $7 a month to the carrying charge. This enables the home
buyer to begin with a house completely equipped. He cannot possibly buy
this home equipment and appliances anywhere else at as low a price or on
as easy payment terms as I can provide."

The latest Droesch development is at Westbury, L. I., where twelve
houses have been built and sold since July 1. The project covers 95 acres
and is planned for 350 houses. On July 1, the first model home was
announced to the public. This was
an attractive colonial air conditioned
house, featuring G-E oil furnace, air
conditioning, and a scientifically
planned kitchen with latest refriger-
ator, electric range, dishwasher,
clock and ventilating fan. G-E wir-
ing was used throughout. This
model home (completely illustrated
in detail on pages 60, 61) was widely
featured in co-operative newspaper
advertising and brought many thou-
sands of visitors to Westbury.

The sales program got off to an
immediate good start. The model
home has been sold and ten others,
and four more houses are now under
construction. Much credit for the
successful sales is attributed by
Droesch to the complete equipment
and the excellent selling story its
installation gives him. Under the
plan recently put into effect by Gen-
eral Electric, Droesch in effect be-
comes a dealer in this equipment.
He buys the complete electrical
equipment, including heating and
air conditioning under one order at
approximately the dealer price. He
is able to point out to his customers
that they are "getting a real buy" on
the refrigerator, stove and other
equipment that they could not pos-
sibly get elsewhere. "Where else,"
the salesmen say, "can you buy a
refrigerator or a stove and pay for
it over twenty years?"

They point out that the down pay-
ment is small, the cost is low, and
The carrying charges extraordinarily small. An added thousand dollars' worth of electrical equipment, which adds only $7 a month to the carrying cost, increases the value of the house to a large degree. Most families would have to buy many of these appliances later anyway, and by purchasing them at the same time he gets the house, the owner gets the advantage of financing them over twenty years.

Usually the customer who can afford $42.50 a month for amortization and interest charges on a house can afford $49.50, when by spending that money he gets useful, value-giving equipment that would probably have to be purchased as individual items later on.

Under this method of selling homes, emphasis is placed upon quality and complete equipment rather than cost. The builder becomes a merchandiser of equipment and sells at a higher price and larger profit. He deals with products that are as merchandisable as the radio and the automobile, and which have wide consumer acquaintance and acceptance.

The Droesch houses range in price from $5890 to $8990. An outstanding feature is the large plots 85 by 100 feet, landscaped and shrubbed. The designs, done by Architect Fred J. Burmeister, are usually attractive and feature large rooms with compact arrangement. Foundations are of 12-inch concrete on 2-foot foundations; 3 by 8 floor joists in 16-inch centers are used on first and second floors. They are supported by steel girders.

Other features of the specifications include rustproof brass pipe. Standard plumbing fixtures, log-burning open fireplaces, Bangor slate roofs, attached garages, copper gutters, leaders and flashing, Celotex insulation, diagonal flooring and sheathing, one-inch oak floors throughout, Armstrong linoleum, Fenestra steel windows, specially designed and factory-made kitchen cabinets.

The development is in a rapidly-growing section of Long Island near the new Northern State Parkway.

BASEMENT of the Droesch Model Home, showing installation of General Electric air conditioner. House has 12-inch concrete foundation, 3 by 8 floor joists supported on steel beams.
Droesch Model Colonial Home
at Westbury, L. I.
Fred J. Burmeister, R.A., Architect

THE DROESCH Model Home is good to look at and easy to live in. Interesting feature of the plan is the center stair arrangement, permitting recess in living room wall and lavatory at rear. There is room for an extra bathroom upstairs, off master bedroom, if desired. Rooms are of good size and well proportioned. Architectural style is pleasing yet not unduly expensive to build.
Model Interiors

FOR a moderate price house the Droesch Model Home is unusually well built, equipped and finished inside. The living room, above, has a wood-burning fireplace that is very charming. The trim is performed in simple Colonial style, and wallpaper has a slight vertical marking that adds to the appearance of size.

THE master bedroom, at left, is spacious and well lighted. It is finished in cheerful light wallpaper. A glimpse of the bathroom can be seen through the open door. The pleasant alcove can be easily transformed into a second bathroom later on, with minimum expense, since pipes are conveniently located.
MODERNIZING project recently completed in Chicago again demonstrates the economic soundness of reclaiming buildings which are apparently beyond salvage. The two fifty-year old homes shown above occupied a good location north of the loop business district—at one time a fine residential neighborhood and now a convenient section for studio apartments.

Early this year a syndicate formed by Cook and Jackson, Inc., a firm which has had considerable experience in modernization work, bought this property. The old mansions were at that time being used for low-grade rooming houses and were in a run down condition, as indicated in before bathroom picture on opposite page. However, they had been unusually well constructed; good materials had withstood years of hard wear. These factors, together with an interior layout which could be suitably altered, made them ideal for rehabilitation.

Frederic B. Schmidt, architect, and Richard Powers were responsible for the planning of the job and A. L. Jackson Co. was the general contractor. Accurate cost estimates and reuse of as much old material as possible are important points for the builder; experience in this type of redesigning is needed by the architect so that unnecessary changes can be avoided.

The property is divided into fifteen apartments—ten one-room kitchenettes, four two-room units and a four-

LEFT: Before and after plans show changes made in remodeling old houses into apartment building; no bearing partitions were removed. RIGHT: Old balustrades were salvaged and reused. "Before" view of bath indicates typical conditions; completely changed appearance is seen in "after" picture.
ON OPPOSITE PAGE: The illustration on the left shows the apparently hopeless condition of the two fifty-year old Chicago houses before modernizing. Four months later remodeling has converted these wrecks into an attractive apartment building with a half-timbered front, shown at right.

RIGHT: Attractive living rooms are modern in decoration; wood-burning fireplaces are a feature in the new studio apartments. Rents range from $35 to $75, a total yearly revenue of about $11,000. Previous income as rooming houses was $600 a year; modernizing costs, $28,000.

room combination. Numerous fireplaces in the old houses made it possible to feature them in the new studio living rooms. The interiors are modern in style and equipment; dressing rooms are provided in the smaller units.

In making the interior alterations, no bearing partitions were removed and no extensions for extra space were added. Much of the original millwork was salvaged—the balustrade in the hall shown below was reused. A simple treatment of the painted wall surfaces, carpeting and light fixtures gives a clean-cut appearance. The halls and stairways were eliminated from one of the houses, the present halls having an entrance placed at grade level. Many of the old floors were still in a fair condition after years of hard wear; a sanding and refinishing job completely restored them for further service. All of the plumbing and wiring were torn out and replaced with modern equipment. The heating system required a new boiler installation.

Exterior changes were relatively simple. A dormer was replaced by extending the front wall across the third floor of the west building and the old entrances removed. Dark-stained, half-timbered treatment across the lower floors ties the exteriors together; white paint further unifies the front and suppresses the effect of old ornament. The result is dignified and restful.

Remodeling costs amounted to $28,000, the project taking about four months to complete. When finished, the building was completely occupied at monthly rentals of $35 to $75 a unit, making a yearly total slightly under $11,000. The revenue before modernizing was $600 a year and the property assessed at a value of approximately $10,000. These figures definitely show the possibilities of carefully planned and executed modernization.
The Atmosphere of the Home

What it means to those who live in it

It is generally unwise to start anything at all from the negative standpoint, and yet that is what I wish to do in this particular case. Those offered help before asking it are more than likely to resent the offer and to build upon the resentment. The source of the trouble is in their lack of appreciation, or, as you might say, knowledge of the help that is offered. Anything not fully understood is generally resented.

The tremendous growth of the radio industry has often been remarked as marvelous. But who can recollect that anyone connected with the industry ever implied a mystery beyond the reach of anyone who wanted to tackle the subject for his own interest or amusement? How many millions of wiring diagrams were published? It seemed to be the greatest game in the world. And who became the men behind the industry as we know it today? The original amateurs whose appetites for knowledge were never appeased, and whose sources of knowledge never gave out. These “amateurs” asked for help before it was offered, and there was no mystery in what they were after.

Those who remark at the tremendous growth in heating and cooling and in air conditioning can find a parallel in this. Help has been asked for by thousands and it has been forthcoming. Those thousands have grown and the growing numbers interested in heating and cooling and air conditioning are spreading the game to a point where the outcome is no longer a matter of speculation. And it has been the constant view of those first interested that a competent understanding of the subject was a necessity for the security of the industry. Can anyone recall a time when anyone suggested that air conditioning was a subject beyond our understanding, or when anything was done to make it mystifying? The help asked for has been given without any attempt to shroud it, and given freely. That is the reason for the growth of the industry, and for the insurance of a future market way beyond the present resources.

Of course we were not all radio amateurs, but few of us are without pretty good radios at the present time. Not all of us are going to be as excited as we might be about air conditioning, but there will be no great gap between the present and the time when most of us will be “plugging in” for a satisfactory climate station both through the winter and the summer.

“. . . I am building a new home for my own use and plan to summer cool with well water which has a temperature of 54 degrees. I plan to ventilate the attic with louvres and use storm sash in the windows. I want to insulate, but am puzzled as to what to use. I don’t mind spending an extra fifty or a hundred dollars if I get value received and yet I don’t want to waste any. My thought was to . . .

There you have a typical letter. The writer of the letter is interested in home comfort as a personal matter, and probably appreciates the fact that a comfortable home is the most salable home. With him it is an interesting and profitable game. While he may not do just what the specialists might prescribe he will know why he is doing what he does, and he will interest his friends in the venture without half trying.

He probably is in the fortunate position of having a well, but I’ll wager that before he gets through he will be pondering the desirability of an evaporative condenser to cut the pumping and eliminate the water disposal. He wants a ventilated attic, but it is in the books that he will add a fan to get a re-
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quired cooling capacity. He is going to insulate, and has decided what type he wishes to use. He is definite enough to make us believe that his choice is not a narrow one and would be open according to his purpose.

Then he goes on to show that his acquaintance with air density and temperature is enough to make him place great importance in ceiling insulation. Taking this letter along with plenty of others, and constant verbal inquiries of those who are intent on learning all they can, is it to be supposed that heating, cooling, and air conditioning are being "sold" to an unwilling public?

One of the most interesting features to the ordinary man is that air control is not a cut and dried affair. He has his choice in what he wants and how much he wants and when he wants it. In somewhat the same fashion as with radio equipment he can diversify. As in many homes this one of ours has three radio sets, one sort of public, another in the older boy's room, and a third, restricted to head-phones for the younger base-ball fan. In this fashion we get along tolerably well. This merely suggests that even the ultimate in air conditioning must not be required of everybody in the family. Of course there is far less reason for a necessity of choice in atmospheric conditions than there is between listening as the radios compete with symphony and the sports' review. But, then, there is a choice in air conditions, and it not only makes for final comfort but for economy as well.

Take, for instance, Fig. 1. In a home that is heated by radiation of the older type, or by radiation of the newest type, or by these most modern convector, it might be that the owner wishes to condition his home for winter weather. He can, whether his heating system is steam, vapor, or hot water. And he can condition one room, or the entire house, or just those rooms which are ordinarily occupied. This unit shown in Fig. 1 is hung below the basement ceiling, or, for that matter, in the most suitable place. The steam line is connected to the "tempering coils" as it would be to another radiator, and the coils are drained into the return as they would be ordinarily. The water is connected to spray line and a small drain inserted. When the motor is connected to a wall plug it is ready for operation. Now it may be that the tempering coils supply just enough heat to raise the temperature of the air passing through the unit to a point where it will readily hold the moisture content determined on, in which case the air coming from the winter conditioning unit would bring the rooms or room to the condition wished for without raising the sensible temperature of the rooms. The comfort of a moistened air of lower temperature over a dry air of higher temperature is of great importance to ourselves and to our furniture, not to mention the house itself.

It is no exaggeration to say that many houses have proved far more expensive in their up-keep through

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*THE BULKELEY CHART*

BASED ON THE CARRIER RATIONAL PSYCHROMETRIC FORMULA

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Atmospheric conditions, inside and outside, are definite and subject to calculation. They should not be guessed.
lack of proper humidification in the winter than they might have been with an original installation of the most expensive air conditioning equipment. I was once called to a city by a cousin whose home was in a sad state. What would in these times be considered a twenty thousand dollar residence was supplied with rather expensive trim and interior woodwork. The doors sagged from their hinges with actual gaps between the rails and stiles, various parts of trim had parted company, and even the stoutest furniture would groan to warn the user that the parts were not in accord. The house was hot and the house was dry. And the job of reconditioning the house and the furniture was considerably more of an item than the addition of proper humidifying equipment. There are many houses on the road to this condition and as many that have reached it. But there will not be as many in the future.

When we remark that heating, cooling, and air conditioning is not a cut and dried affair but something that is likely to interest anybody we also mean that a great many are starting in a small way with enough personal interest to follow it up themselves. Those who find interest in a present situation are likely to be those who go farther than the average by their continued interest. Here is a case: "We have just bought a house that has no heating plant. Neither does it have a cellar. To build a cellar would cost more than we can pay right now. We have a back porch that might be turned into a heater room. —— heat has been suggested to us. Please give us advice about this heating system. Our house has two bed rooms, a small hall, and bath room up-stairs . . . ."

Evidently the writer of this letter was not disturbed about final results. Knowing the locality and the climate it is easy to picture the reasons for buying, and the reasons for buying the house mentioned. The heating system mentioned as "suggested" in the letter is one that will entirely fill the bill if given the reasonable protection called for in basementless houses. This system is not the only one available but is surely a forward one in its possibilities. The writer of the letter had some very definite information of her own to go on in asking for help. She was not in any anxiety about the future, and had enough interest beforehand to make her inquiries very much to the point. As with others it was not a matter of curiosity but of genuine interest.

It has been said many times that correct air conditioning is largely a matter of circulation. That seems to be so generally realized now that the next letter is really typical. "Putting two bed rooms in a large wood-shingled attic of a two-family house, I would like to cool them without going to too much expense. Although there are full-sized windows on three sides there is no real draft or exhaust to relieve them of the accumulated heated air on warm days. I have in mind three possibilities: a metal chimney ventilator, a metal "wind" ventilator, and a hinged sky-light. I also would like to use 'metalized paper' under the southern slope of the roof . . . ."

Well, if he cannot at present afford forced ventilation he does not hesitate in getting the point of departure for the hot air. Whatever advice was given him in the way of choice it is hoped may be useful, but the present writer has a long considered plan in mind for his own establishment. Let the idea be prefaced with the thought that when we speak of air conditioning for the home we mean the use of equipment to such an extent that uncomfortable days and nights may be avoided so far as heat, chill, drafts, and dirt are concerned. Those living outside large cities are not so much concerned with dirt, and there are a great many days and nights when the more we can get of the out-of-doors the better we like it. In fact we are generally uncomfortable, at least in mind, because we are not getting enough of the out-of-doors. So we resort to roofless porches and garden sets and even riding horses. Well, to cut it short, some day the present writer wants a large sky-light, one of no mean proportions, on the south slope of his roof. It will open up in a large way, and when the sun is warm his study will get plenty of sun and not retain its heat, and on blistering days his sky-light will be shaded but sufficiently open to keep the air stirring up from below at a moderated temperature. Then many friends will be invited up to the study, for their pet aversions are closed windows.

It really is to escape the discomforts of a house that eggs us on to air conditioning. A hot stuffiness with a moisty basement, an overheated basement and a drafty discomfort above, odors that seem never to escape, ever settling dirt that does not come from outside, dessication in the winter, and mildew in the summer. Any manner of escape is a step toward air conditioning. When we add to these the conditions existing in large cities where the congestion of "houses" makes matters far worse, is there any wonder that long-term, easy-interest mortgages are readily offered to competent men and women who are bent on obtaining better housing conditions?

To clinch the argument that there is no mystery involved and help asked for is always available, let me point to Figure 2. This chart on atmospheric conditions is taken from the A.S.H. & V.E. "Guide" for 1936. This chart is based on the Carrier Rational Psychrometric Formula, and is similar in many respects to the original Carrier chart. Both of these charts have been previously shown on these pages. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page. Besides these charts there are others. One is presented through the publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Certain corporations have devised their own charts. The Trane Company, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, has an excellent one. They all go on the same page.

THE "ELECTROHOME", built this year as the model of the Indianapolis Home Show, demonstrated substantial and conservative building as a sound investment both financially and in all modern conveniences for living comfort. Besides having an oil-fired furnace and air conditioner, equipment included such items as electric water heater, kitchen ventilator, range and appliances.
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The pipe used for water lines and steam returns in this large Detroit office building failed. Some of it already has been torn out and new pipe installed. Eventually, all of it must be replaced at a cost of thousands of dollars for labor and new materials.

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American Builder, October 1936.
St. Louis Exhibit
Demonstrates Metal Lath
Concrete Doorway

By ERWIN M. LURIE
Secy, Metal Lath Manufacturers Assn.

THE lathers and plasterers in St. Louis have erected a permanent lath and plaster display at 15th and Market Streets as part of the new permanent educational exhibit. There you may see how to suspend a ceiling, furnish walls, or build partitions and walls of steel channels and metal lath. The unlimited flexibility of this construction is clearly demonstrated.

The accompanying photos show outside and inside views of the door they built from the street into the show room. At the top you may see the framing of channels and lath for the outer wall. The old opening was much wider than the present door, as you can see. This is framed in very nicely with regular plastering channels. No need for heavy structural members for such a height and span.

The second picture shows the finished doorway from the outside. Note the simulation of stone, made of concrete. This type of construction with concrete is often used in positions requiring great strength, simply by applying concrete with cement-gun to the back of the channels and lath, bringing the thickness to that required for the load to be imposed.

The third picture shows a view, looking outward, of the framing for the inside of the door. Note that corner beads are used on the inside, but none are used with the concrete on the outside. That is the correct practice.

In the final picture below you see the modernistic doorway, finished. The new wall ending and the beginning of the opening in the old wall are cleverly merged and thus have become invisible.

Several cities have very fine apprentice schools that are in themselves exhibits of this same kind. In order that those who are interested may avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the St. Louis display, or the apprentice schools in or near the cities in which they are located, the names and addresses of three in the central states are listed.

St. Louis—15th and Market Streets.
Chicago—Washburne High School, 1225 N. Sedgwick Street.
Detroit—Building Trades School, 1251 Sixth Street.

BAYSIDE and inside constructions and finished views of remodelled entrance at St. Louis Permanent Exhibit of Lathers and Plasterers.
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TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, homes are built to be lived in. In addition to the full measure of convenience that is the keynote of modern living, gas brings a confidence in dependable performance that is unequalled by any other fuel.

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Gas has a background of dependability and economy that has made it the accepted fuel in 15,000,000 homes. People know this perfect fuel, and trust it. In addition to its many other advantages gas brings definite economies to homes equipped to use this perfect fuel for every heating need. Your local gas company will gladly cooperate with you in the selection and installation of modern gas appliances.

There's Nothing Like Gas for
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WATER HEATING
HOUSE HEATING

Model planned kitchen from an advertisement in the Gas Industry's "Modernize Your Home With Gas" campaign in national magazines of 14,000,000 circulation.
Winter Conditioning Oil Furnace

A NEW type of winter air conditioning oil furnace, featuring low initial cost, compactness and extreme operating economy, has been announced by the Timken Silent Automatic Division of The Timken-Detroit Axle Company, Detroit, Mich.

The new furnace has a chromium steel fire-box used in connection with the Timken Model GC pressure oil burner. This metal fire-box replaces the usual brick or cast refractory, permitting bottom and all the sides of the combustion drum to be used as effective heating surface; rapid heating of the metal fire-box permits peak operating efficiency to be reached very soon after the burner starts. Saving in space made possible by the use of the metal fire-box has permitted the design of an extremely compact unit.

The unit is designed on the counter-flow principle, which enables air passing through the unit to absorb maximum heat. The air passes over increasingly hotter surfaces so that the hottest air contacts the hottest part of the furnace just before leaving the unit.

The cabinet of the unit is of heavy gauge steel, finished in baked, green lacquer; ventilation between the cabinet and inner casing prevents the escape of heat into the basement; the humidifier is equipped with an automatic water supply mechanism.

The unit has a capacity of 80,000 Btu's at the registers and can deliver from 800 to 1200 cubic feet of air per minute. Overall measurements are 41 3/4 inches wide, 50 3/16 inches long and 59 inches high.

Rubber Tile Flooring

A NEW inexpensive quality rubber tile offered in a variety of decorative patterns for home, institutional and commercial flooring, called Wrightex, has been introduced by the Wright Rubber Products Co., Racine, Wis.

Comparable in price to good grade linoleum, it is pre-set on a quality felt base that assures easy, proper installation. To allow easy handling and convenient stock control, the company packs this tile in boxes, each box containing 7 square yards.

Safe-T-Shower Valve

A N AUTOMATIC temperature-regulating shower valve to prevent scalding in tub or shower called the Doran “Safe-T-Shower” has been placed on the market by Doran Company, Seattle, Wash. This thermostatic mixing valve mixes hot and cold water from the supply lines and delivers it at a fixed temperature as desired.

The eliminating of scalding and discomfort of cold water due to pressure or temperature changes and foolproof operation make it readily applicable for use in homes, hotels or industrial plants.

The body and cover are made of high pressure cast bronze; outlets tapped % inch; check valves and strainers built in; thermostat elements permanent and non-corrosive.
From all over the country, Barrett dealers and applicators send us enthusiastic reports of their success in selling roofs with Barrett’s de luxe “Slow Fire” direct mail campaign. Above are a few typical records they have made.

Here is evidence of the most tangible sort that “Slow Fire” is a sound selling argument, that it captures interest and that it produces inquiries—and sales!

Have you circularized your prospects with the “Slow Fire” mail campaign? It’s a sure-fire way to help yourself to profitable business before winter and cold weather set in. Why delay? Ask the Barrett salesman to show you the Barrett sound-slide films, study the Barrett “How to Make Money in the Reroofing Business” booklet, and make the most of your campaign.

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2800 So. Sacramento Ave., Chicago, Ill. Birmingham, Alabama
Inside-Cleaned Ventilating Window

A NEW type of double-hung tilting sash which permits the outside of windows to be cleaned from the inside without removing screen or storm sash and allows for indirect ventilation—two features which have long been desired—are found in Jiffy-Kleen ventilating windows now being manufactured by Carr, Ryder and Adams Co., Dubuque, Iowa. This manufacturer is the first licensed by Jiffy-Kleen Corp. to install the feature in new sash at the factory. Windows equipped with these special sash are otherwise the same as ordinary double-hung windows retaining standard features; they fit any standard frame and can be used with any balancing device or weatherstripping.

The operation of the tilting feature is simple and foolproof. The stiles consist of two members which are hinged at the middle with non-binding metal pivot; a seamless brass tube extending the height of the sash fits in a slot in the stile and is kept in positive contact with the other member by a flat brass ribbon spring. As the sash is tilted the tube acts as a roller bearing so that there is no wear on the stationary member; when window is in closed position a groove in the upright pivot strip receives the tube to seal the joint and act as weatherstripping. The sash are rot- and water-proofed, the pivot edges are aluminum painted. No exposed metal or hardware are visible on the closed window. The easy-to-clean, accident-reducing and ventilating features make the window adaptable for use in homes, apartment buildings, hotels, schools, etc. Cost is comparable to that of a good balancing device.

Synthetic Stone Mantels

THE Mantel Studios, Detroit, Mich., who have developed and perfected a synthetic stone known as Corastone, have announced many new designs in their line of mantels made of this material which are suitable for all types of buildings. Corastone is a very fine, hard material with a beautiful texture, fire resistant, and may be washed with soap and water which leaves it clean and even in tone just as though it were a piece of marble.

Easily Installed Bathroom Accessories

A MONARCH line of recess flanged bathroom accessories in attractive modern design, having an entirely new method of attaching, is now being manufactured by the New Jersey Porcelain Co., Trenton, N.J.

No screws or hangers are needed. To install, the desired location is marked and a hole of proper size cut in the lath and plaster; a coat of portland cement is applied to the edges of the opening and fixture which is then set in place. The flange covers any irregular edges.

This new, moderately-priced line is known as the Champion and comes in an eight-piece set made of sanitary, durable high-fired vitreous china (see illustration). Stock fixtures are available in black and white; various colors can also be supplied.

Tilting Concrete Mixer

THE T. L. Smith Company, Milwaukee, Wis., is now building a new half-bag mixer having the same general design as the big Smith 112-5 tilters used at Boulder Dam.

The machine is equipped with spring mounted axle, Hyatt roller bearings and pneumatic or cushion rubber tired wheels. The charging height is unusually low, only 34½ inches. The drum can be charged directly through the 15 inch drum opening, which is in a vertical plane, or by use of a 31 inch wide feed chute available as extra equipment. To discharge the concrete, the drum moves through a short 40 degree arc.

Power is supplied by a 2-2½ H.P. Stover enclosed crank case engine, with oil bath lubrication and magneto. The drive to the mixer is through a machine cut gear and pinion. Both gears and engine are enclosed in a lockable steel house.
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**Refrigeration and Air Conditioning:** Refrigerant circulation lines, humidifying apparatus.

The low cost of this non-rust piping is due to the fact that no threading is required for “solder” connections. Consequently both tubes and fittings may be made lighter in weight than standard pipe materials. Yet the tubes and the joints provide more than ample strength for the conditions listed above.

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Counterflow principle of air movement through a separate pre-heating compartment of radiator baffles provides long distance of air travel to insure a large percentage of heat transfer. This preheated air permits carrying of the maximum amount of humidity. When air washers are used, they are placed below the radiators (see illustration); otherwise dry filters are placed in the top of the casing.

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Convenience and attractiveness are featured in a line of built-in-the-wall mail boxes made by the Master Mail Box Mfg. Co., Minneapolis, Minn. The boxes come complete ready to install in any wall construction. A large opening allows all mail matter, including magazines and newspapers, to be delivered into the home.

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Up-to-Date Plan Books

The 1936 Book of Small Houses
By the editors of The Architectural Forum
Contains exterior and interior views, with plans, construction outlines and brief descriptions of 115 houses ranging in price from $982 to $20,000. The book was designed as a complete manual for the prospective home builder.

Contents: How to Use This Book; Introduction; Getting Down to Building; The Cost of Buying Houses; 85 Houses in Tabular Survey; A Brief Check List of Questions; 40 Important Points in House Construction; The Architect and the $5,000 House; 46 Houses Costing more than $5,000; 69 Houses Costing from $5,000 to $20,000; A List of Books about Homebuilding.

1936. 251 pages, 500 illus., 9x12, boards, $1.96

New Small Homes
Designed by Iva G. Lieurance
Features 55 practical small homes of from two to six rooms, ranging in price from $550 to $4,600. Also 21 apartment garages of various types, both one- and two-story, and 28 small one- and two-story duplex designs.

1936. 48 pages, illus., 7¾x10½, paper, $.50.

Artistic Homes
Designed by Iva G. Lieurance
Contains 58 designs of artistic types of homes with from two to eight rooms and ranging in price from $1,350 to $6,500. Included are southern and modern bungalows. A photograph of the house and a blueprint of the floor plan is accompanied by a brief description of outstanding features.

1936. 40 pages, illus., 7¼x10½, paper, $.50.

New American Homes
Designed by Iva G. Lieurance
Features 93 designs of one- and two-story homes ranging in price from $2,800 to $10,000. Included are brick and stone finishes and houses of advanced artistic design. A photograph, blueprint of floor plans and a short description of the house is given.

1936. 64 pages, illus., 7¾x10½, paper, $1.00.

The House to Live In
Views of 57 houses with floor plans and brief descriptions of each, includes wood, stucco and brick veneer in English and Colonial design. Each house has been designed for a particular need or climate by an experienced architect. They range from 4 to 12 rooms.

1932. 62 pages, illus., 8½x11, paper, $1.00.

Beautiful Homes
By Frederick H. Gowing
Photographs, floor plan sketches and descriptions of features of 60 homes of New England design, by a leading Boston architect. They combine artistic conception with economy in construction. These buildings are finished with the latest equipment and best quality plumbing, but many items can be changed to meet individual needs without changing the plans. All plans provide for an outside entrance to the cellar which extends under the entire building and has a concrete floor. These buildings are of from five to 15 rooms and cost up to $30,000.

1935. 60 pages, illus., 8½x11¼, paper, $1.00.

The Modern House
By F. R. S. Yorke
Presents successful examples of advanced house design in the United States, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany and other European countries and describes the main problems of modern house design. Requirements to be met in the new type of home are discussed in component parts such as plan, walls, windows and roof. A section of more than 100 pages presents typical houses erected from 1924 to 1934.

1934. 200 pages, 500 photographs, plans and detail sketches, 7½x10, cloth, $6.00.

The Colonial and Federal House
By Rexford Newcomb
The Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts of the University of Illinois describes America's most important architectural type of house. Features of good Colonial homes are described and detailed plans of 100 antique and modern houses are shown. The author tells how to build an authentic Colonial house.

1933. 174 pages, 100 illus., 7x9½, cloth, $3.50.

American Country Houses of Today
Edited by Lewis A. Coffin
In this volume are illustrated 112 beautiful small houses recently built throughout the country, designed in all styles by 70 leading architects. Each house is shown with a floor plan. A special section covers the prize winning houses of the last two years of the Better Homes in America Small House Competitions.

1935. 160 pages, 350 illus., 8½x11, cloth, $8.00.

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The Decatur Pump Company, Decatur, Ill., is manufacturing a new deep well pump which has as one of its principal features, positive straight-line motion of crosshead without use of guides. Close precision in manufacturing insures performance and efficiency.

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The Harnischfeger Corporation of Milwaukee has announced a new high speed, 3-4-yard excavator. This P&H Model 355 is designed as an all-purpose machine and is built of the new high tensile steels by electric welding, thereby effecting a considerable weight reduction. In addition to the lightness, greater strength is also obtained in this structure through the uniform quality of rolled steels.

For the first time on any 3-4-yard excavator, the P&H Model 355 uses standard tractor crawlers of the type manufactured by the Allis-Chalmers Company. Mobility is one of the outstanding features of this new machine with greater speed and maneuverability. Resiliency in the track itself gives added protection to the tough rolled steel crawlers.

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News of the Month
Building Activities and Meetings

August Residential Construction Exceeds $100,000,000; Best Since March, 1931

A LEVEL of activity not seen since March, 1931, was reached in residential building during August, according to figures of F. W. Dodge Corporation. Not only did the August volume exceed the figure for July by about 41 per cent, but last month’s record of residential building contracts was 2½ times the size reported for August, 1935. For the 37 eastern states and the District of Columbia, these figures show an August volume of $100,522,500, as compared to $71,993,700 for July and $40,528,300 during August, 1935.

Part of the current gains are attributable to accelerated activities under the PWA housing program, but the bulk of residential work undertaken in August represented private operations.

Gains in residential work, as compared with totals for August, 1935, were well distributed geographically, with each major area in the territory east of the Rocky Mountains sharing in the general advance. (On less perfect data, i.e., building permits, striking advances over a year ago were likewise shown for the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast districts.)

The total volume of construction awards, covering all types of work, undertaken in the 37 eastern states during August amounted to $275,281,400; this was in contrast with $294,734,500 reported for July of this year and represents a gain of about the same amount over the figure of $168,557,200 reported for August, 1935. The decline from July was chiefly the result of decreased contract lettings for civil engineering projects under the PWA program of the Federal Government.

37 Eastern States August, 1936 August, 1935 July, 1936
Residential $100,522,500 $ 40,528,300 $ 71,993,700
Non-Residential 80,379,900 58,488,500 96,125,200
Public Works and Utilities 94,379,000 69,540,400 126,615,600
Total $275,281,400 $168,557,200 $294,734,500

Figures available on the first twelve business days of September show a residential volume of $36,567,100, as compared with $39,641,300 for the first thirteen business days of August which indicates about the same rate for the two months.

Masonite Starts Reforesting Plan

In Co-operation with the state of Mississippi, the Masonite Corporation is directing the work of reforesting more than 1,000,000 acres adjacent to their plant in Laurel, Miss. The program under way provides for the planting of approximately 300,000 new trees per year, the education of 300 timber land owners in forest management and education throughout the community in forest fire fighting and fire prevention.

An agreement between the corporation and the Mississippi Forestry Commission, of which Governor Hugh L. White is chairman, provides that the state will pay one-third the cost of the project, the other two-thirds being assumed by the corporation. This is probably the first time a large wood pulp-using manufacturer has undertaken forestry work on the lands of private individuals. The owners are being supplied with all materials, including the new trees, without cost and they are under no obligation to sell their forest products to the Masonite Corporation.

First year objectives in the reforestation program include aid in organizing volunteer and group fire control, the planting of 1,000 trees each by 300 timber land owners, schooling the owners in pruning and thinning, marking trees for stand improvement, supervising seed collection and farmers' nurseries and the establishment of permanent school forests. The work will be directed by State Forester Lee C. Sessions, former member of the U. S. Forest Service, who has been released to the Masonite Corporation by the State Forest Commission.
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The Arkansas Soft Pine Bureau, Little Rock, Ark., is now offering their recent book, "Snug Homes of Friendly Wood", at the price of $1.00. This is the most comprehensive plan book ever put out by the Bureau and contains 48 pages, spirally bound. Twelve excellent house plans in the $5,000 class are featured; it also contains details of correct frame construction and special information on Arkansas Soft Pine trim and panelling. Working plans of the houses are available.

Adds Housing Research Department

The United States Gypsum Company has announced the creation of a specialized Department of Architectural and Engineering Service under the direction of E. B. Johnson, formerly manager of the company's Contracting Division, and for several years active in the Public Works Administration at Washington.

While the newly created department will function co-operatively with architects and engineers toward the most efficient construction of all types of buildings, emphasis will be placed on low cost housing, with special reference to the company's materials that can contribute to the solution of the problem.

The United States Gypsum Company's Department of Architectural and Engineering Service, under Mr. Johnson's direction, will consist of a corps of men especially trained for the work. These men will headquarter in leading cities where their services will be quickly available to architects and engineers. Headquarters at Chicago will act as a clearing house of information developed, and will correlate field information with that developed in the company's laboratories.

For many years the research laboratories of USG have been working on the problem of the economical construction of small houses, working, however, from the point of view that the wood frame type offers perhaps the best opportunity for low cost construction of dwellings that will be satisfactory as durable construction, as places to live in, and that also will provide opportunity for individual taste in architectural style.

Mr. Johnson's experience over the past several years, first, as assistant director, Subsistence Homestead Division, Department of the Interior, and later as chief of Initiation and Recommendation Branch, Housing Division, PWA, excellently supplements the work already done by the USG Laboratories.

Complete 200 New American Homes

General Electric's 1936 "New American" demonstration home building program is by far exceeding the quota realization for the similar period in 1935, 200 homes having already been completed and opened for public inspection this year. It is expected many more homes are yet to be contracted for during 1936. Last year approximately 600 "New American" homes were erected in the U.S.

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UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY

American Builder, October 1936.

Model Store Front Exhibit on Tour

THE Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company has built and sent on tour a model store front caravan, as a contribution to the Federal Housing Administration’s drive to “Modernize Main Street.”

The project is intended to bring to architects, merchants and property owners all over the United States the possibilities of store front modernization as a means to increased prosperity, and consists of 12 model store fronts, built on one-seventh scale and of actual building materials. These miniatures, offered as style suggestions, are complete and accurate to the minutest detail and embody the latest developments in store front design, construction and lighting. The company will have available to architects plans of all models shown. The aim is not in any way to supplant the services of the local architect, but rather to cooperate with him at all times.

The exhibition is planned to cover most types of stores and shops, the following and similar businesses being represented: Bakery, gift shop, grocery or food store, shoe store, haberdashery, drug store, bar, tobacco shop, hardware store, camera shop, dry goods store, women’s accessory shop, jewelry, five-and-ten cent store and perfume shop. In each case, the type of business has been carefully considered in design, color lighting and materials used.

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Crane Consolidates Sales Activities

A CONSOLIDATION under a single department of all general office selling activities on plumbing and heating products used in the home and other buildings has been made by Crane Co. The immediate result will be close co-ordination in the sale of plumbing, heating, water systems, heaters, softeners and other products through heating and plumbing contractors.

This new sales department will be headed by George E. Hoffman, manager, and Neil D. Skinner, assistant manager. The three sections of the department will each have its own manager, as follows: Plumbing, J. A. Farley; Heating, Lynn G. Lindsay; Pumps, W. J. Pick.

Mr. Hoffman came to the Crane organization seven years ago from the Trenton Pottery Co., Trenton, N. J. In addition to his duties in the new consolidated department, he is vice-president and general sales manager of the subsidiary, Trenton Pottery Co., and general manager of sales of the Crane Enamelware Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Reo Now Making Commercials Only

THE Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing, Mich., will concentrate exclusively on the manufacture of commercial vehicles. Believing that the day has passed when trucks and buses can be considered as side-lines, the company will devote its entire attention to the problems presented by the increasing demand for efficiency in commercial vehicles.

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**Big Heating Contract to Mueller**

THE contract to furnish 730 cast iron warm air furnaces and 670 blowers for forced air circulation to be installed in the Greendale housing project at Hales Corners, a suburb of Milwaukee, Wis., has been awarded to the L. J. Mueller Furnace Co. The installations will be handled and supervised by the government.

Resettlement Administration engineers, in designing the heating installations, have followed the current trend of forced warm air circulation in all but 60 installations which will be of the gravity type.

The utility room in which the furnace is installed is located on the ground floor adjacent to the kitchen. This feature is of particular benefit to the housewife who, in the majority of cases, is responsible for the operation of the furnace during the course of the day.

The furnaces and blowers are all of the same type and size; it will require approximately two months to complete the entire order.

**Tanner Made Milcor Sales Manager**

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of the appointment of Mr. Earl A. Tanner as general sales manager of the Milcor Steel Company. For the past six years Mr. Tanner has been general manager of the company's eastern plant at Canton, Ohio. He was made a vice-president in 1931.

Previous to this, he was manager of jobbing sales for the company. His new duties as general sales manager will include supervision of sales of the five Milcor plants; his headquarters will be at Milwaukee.

**J-M Completes 1936 Guild Plans**

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made that nine training courses for building material dealer sales personnel are to be sponsored in nine strategically located cities this fall and winter by the Housing Guild Division of Johns-Manville.

The nine dealer personnel training courses will be held according to the following schedule:

- Atlanta—Nov. 16 to 25 inclusive.
- New York—Jan. 4 to 16 inclusive.
- Chicago—Jan. 18 to 30 inclusive.
- Cleveland—Feb. 1 to 13 inclusive.
- Kansas City—Feb. 15 to 27 inclusive.
- Minneapolis—Mar. 8 to 20 inclusive.
- New Orleans—Mar. 29 to April 10 inclusive.
- From April 26 to May 8, there will be a training course at a city yet to be selected on the south Pacific Coast, and from May 17 to 29, there will be another course offered at a north Pacific Coast city which will be named later.

The plans are contained in a new booklet, "Training for Profits," which Mr. A. A. Hood, Guild manager, has prepared for general free distribution to explain the organization and objectives of (Continued to page 102)
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J-M Completes 1936 Guild Plans

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the Housing Guild system of consumer selling and to provide all material and information required by a lumber dealer who wishes to take the course of training.

To launch the Housing Guild plan in the fall of 1935, Johns-Manville sponsored special "clinics" in New York City and Chicago, where 576 retail building material dealers assembled to hear the plan revealed, with a result that the total enrollment for four special courses of training for building material dealer sales managers and salesmen held in these two cities reached 300.

This year the course of study which is offered without charge develops a merchandising plan to include all the materials stocked or supplied by the dealer and embraces his six major markets which are structural improvements and maintenance, custom-built homes, speculatively built homes, farm construction, special market and industrial uses of building materials, and heavy construction.

Advanced estimating systems for all types of contractual work will be outlined by G. Meissner, who has developed these methods after more than 20 years of experience as a contractor and director of consumer sales.

Problems of selling the farm market will be dealt with by Paul E. Kendall, who recently joined the Housing Guild Division of Johns-Manville following more than 20 years of practical experience as dealer and merchandising executive, and who is a former FHA director for the state of Missouri.

A thorough study of consumer financing will be conducted under the direction of J. L. Wood, Johns-Manville credit manager and pioneer in the development of successful deferred payment plans in the building industry.

H. M. Shackelford, sales promotion manager, and R. L. Johnson, his assistant, will offer training in the development of practical advertising and sales promotion plans.

Canada Adopts Housing Loan Plan

The Canadian government has announced, as part of a revised housing and employment scheme, that a system will be started similar to that of National Housing Act in making loans to home owners for improvement of their property.

The Canadian government will guarantee lending institutions against losses up to 15 per cent for loans to a maximum of $500,000 to home owners, it was reported. Personal loans up to $2,000 will be made to home owners without indorsement, at 5 per cent for five years.

The government is also preparing a plan to provide low rental homes in urban centers, possibly involving slum clearance and the construction of houses to rent at a figure which can be paid by those whose incomes, though low, would be sufficient to purchase if convenient payments could be arranged.

Plan 350 Homes for Employees

PLANS have been completed on a $2,000,000 housing program for the construction of 350 homes to be sold at cost to employees of International Business Machines Corporation's Endicott, N. Y. plant, under the plan of the Federal Housing Administration. The homes will be built 10 at a time, construction of the first group now being under way. Six of them are already sold and 134 requests for purchases have been received to date. The entire program will require two years to complete.

The development will occupy 84 acres in the town of Union, adjoining Endicott, and is the largest real estate subdivision in Western New York to be approved by the Federal Housing Administration, according to officials. It adjoins the golf course and gun club grounds which are a part of the country club facilities provided for the recreation of its employees by the company. Besides these sports, the club also affords facilities for baseball, tennis, archery, bowling, dancing, banquets and other social activities of the employees.

The homes are individually designed, in Colonial style. They will be mostly of frame construction with six rooms and attached garages. The tract will be fully improved subject to no future encroachment, and will be mostly of frame construction with six rooms and attached garages. The tract will be fully improved subject to no future encroachment.

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Jaeger Now in Modern Office

A NEW general office building, having such features as completely insulated construction, year-round air conditioning, sound-proofing and the use of glass block windows, diffusing skylights and Venetian blinds for the scientific control of lighting, has recently been completed at Columbus, Ohio, for the Jaeger Machine Co., manufacturers of construction and road machinery. Expanding business made necessary this move to larger and more efficiently arranged quarters. All offices have been located on one main floor, each department grouped in relation to its work with other departments. On the floor below is a 10,000 sq. ft. show room for displaying and demonstrating the company’s products.

Year-round comfort for employees is provided by full automatic air conditioning, which controls both humidity and temperature. This system filters and completely changes the air throughout the building every three minutes. Executive offices are sound-proof and specially insulated. Insulating glass block walls line the north and west sides, and the completely enclosed central general office is roofed with 480 sq. ft. of special skylight. A conference room for visitors is equipped for the projection of motion pictures taken on construction and paving jobs.

The building, of fireproof cement block and stucco, with floors of reinforced concrete pan construction, occupies a landscaped site with wide approaches leading to the private entrance drive. It is stated that modern arrangement, equipment and attention to such factors as lighting and air conditioning, have increased the efficiency of employees and routine operations as much as 30%. The company’s former office building has been converted into shops and experimental plant.

More Copper and Brass Used

THAT durable materials are being used in new construction and in modernization of homes is indicated in a survey made by the Copper & Brass Research Association, which shows that the amount of money expended in the building field during 1936 will be only about half the amount spent in 1929 and considerably less than in any of the other “boom” building years preceding 1929. Despite this fact, the tonnage of Brass pipe and Copper tubing for water lines will exceed the consumption of any “boom” year by more than 10,000,000 lbs.

According to statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Service, there was expended for the first seven months of 1929 a total of $3,664,482,900 in building, while for the same period of 1936 the amount given by that organization is $1,532,565,100. With much less than half the amount of money spent in the building field during the first seven months of this year, compared with the same period of 1929, the tonnage of Brass pipe and Copper tubing for water lines has shown more than a 20 per cent increase. The total for the year may well exceed 90,000,000 lbs.

Named FWD Advertising Manager

FRANCIS M. HIGGINS, market research analyst of the Four Wheel Drive Auto Company, has been appointed manager of advertising to succeed W. M. Hanson, resigned. Since 1926, Mr. Higgins has filled various sales and advertising capacities and is recognized for his work on road laws and highway truck regulations.

American Builder, October 1936.
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Contractor's Lumber Discount

To the Editor:

This summer I took a job of finishing a man's upstairs—"time and material basis." I had been down to the house several times and helped them figure out plans. I made out lumber bill and obtained figures on lumber, painting and plastering. I made out the lumber bill the second time and revised it the third time to take care of some changes.

The lumber was bought by me, charged to me, and statement made out to me showing discount allowed.

I completed the job and it was satisfactory, and the customer's wife told me that they were well pleased with everything.

When I went to the lumber yard for a statement I found that the owner had been there a few weeks before and paid $300.00 on the bill. Neither the owner nor yard manager had mentioned the fact to me.

I made out my bill including balance of lumber bill, and presented it to the owner, who quite abruptly said, "I am paying for the material." He then deducted the amount of the balance on material and handed me a check for the rest.

I gave the lumber man to understand that I was holding for my customary discount of 10 per cent, amounting to $25.68.

Did they, either of them, make themselves liable for damages when they interfered with my account? Am I entitled to that discount?

"CONTRACTOR"

Above question has been answered by American Builder's Legal Department editor as follows:

It does not seem that you have a worthwhile case for damages because, according to your letter, it is difficult to see how you could show you had been damaged to any great extent.

Since you have accepted the owner's check, that would seem to take him out of the picture, and your only damage would be the amount of the discount, $25.68, which is now, as I see it, between you and the lumber company.

In the absence of a federal or state law, forbidding the giving of this discount, it would seem in good faith and conscience that the lumber company should allow it. That may be the trouble.

It has occurred to me that in view of the passage of the Robinson-Patman law last June, the attorney for the lumber company may have advised against paying discounts. Nobody knows just how far reaching this law is; it has not been tested in the courts to date; eminent attorneys disagree on how it should be applied. But it is an amendment to the Clayton act, directed against discounts and rebates, and the penalty for its violation quite severe.

From the meager facts in your letter, I am unable to even guess (and it would be but a guess) whether the character of the lumber company's business brings it under the law. But it is an amendment to the Clayton act, directed against discounts and rebates, and the penalty for its violation quite severe.

From the meager facts in your letter, I am unable to even guess (and it would be but a guess) whether the character of the lumber company's business brings it under the law. But, if by any chance it did, that would justify it in refusing to allow the discount, because such practice if it violated the law might be serious indeed. I am not saying this is true in this case, but am merely suggesting the possibilities here, as being the reason for the refusal to allow the discount.

Now assuming, however, that the payment of the discount may lawfully be made, your best method of collecting would seem by a friendly approach. Now let us see.

By your letter, all the parties to this transaction are friends. You don't want any publicity. The amount involved, $25.68, is too small to justify your bringing suit, conceding you have a case.

The lumber company doubtless desires to retain your good will. It knows, in reason, that when you figured on the job you counted in as part of your profit the amount of the discount you thought you would be allowed. The lumber company no doubt expected to allow you this, since it showed it on the statement (Continued to page 108)
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rendered to you. And the mere fact that the owner without your knowledge paid this bill would not seem any reason for the lumber company to refuse to allow it to you...

Now, it is my guess that if you approach the lumber company from this angle, and appeal to its sense of fair play, you will get a satisfactory settlement. This assuming that the discount may lawfully be paid, without risk of violating either a federal or state law against the practice.

LESLEY CHILDS

Benefited by Using Industrial Clinic Questionnaires

To the Editor:
Enclosed is our questionnaire sheet as recommended by the American Builder, August issue, pages 32 to 34. We changed the wording slightly to accommodate our conditions. We have just begun to send these out to deed holders in various subdivisions. A little later we will let you know the results.

SPEW HOME BUILDERS, Inc.
Edward E. Beals, Secretary.

Editor's Note: Words come that other subscribers are making good use of this Industrial Clinic survey to locate live home building prospects. Questionnaire forms have already been furnished and distributed as follows:
Raynor Park Investment Co., 420 Clinton St., Joliet, Ill.—500;
Foley Lumber Co., Jacksonville, Fla.—200;
L. E. Broeffle, Inc., 298 Locust St., Lockport, N.Y.—500;
Arco Construction & Fireproofing Co., 1141 W. 69th St., Chicago—500.
In addition to the above numerous inquiries from other American Builder readers have been received by Findley M. Torrence, secretary of The Ohio Association of Retail Lumber Dealers, Xenia, O., who is handling the printing and distribution of the forms at cost.

Criticizes "Model" Plans

To the Editor:
As a prospective home builder and also one who has followed the building industry for some years, I would like to offer some constructive criticism of the many plans offered in various books, magazines and even the American Builder.

Many of the home plans are captioned, "The Home of the Future," "Fault Proof Home," "First-Prize House," etc. On careful inspection of these plans I find that the kitchen often has only one window and that it is placed in between a dining room and cellar stairway or utility room. Now what housewife wants to work in a kitchen with only one window when she could have a kitchen on the corner of the house with windows on two sides? Women folks like air and light. They like to be where they can look out and see things. I saw one "First-Prize Home" which had a large living room with only one window and a lighted front door. One plan even left out a doorway to the bedrooms. It was not a fault of the tracing of the plan. The stairway and bathroom absolutely prohibited an entrance to the bedrooms.

Designers often overlook the necessity of a space for large pieces of furniture and when you go to place a sofa or other large pieces of furniture you find that a doorway or offset is in the way, when it could have been otherwise, had the designer but considered for a few minutes. Recently I saw an expensive home on display, in which the master's bedroom, though a very large one, had only one place in which a bed could be placed, and that would barely permit it there.

The exterior of many plans also shows that the designer has let his imagination run wild. A lot of useless gables and cut-ups are expensive in both first cost and in repairs. Furthermore, they do not add to the resale value of the home.

The little home on page 41 of the August American Builder is a dandy, but check the dimensions given and see if you can get rooms of that size in the outside dimensions given. I could not. Neither could some contractors whom I showed it to.

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How to Display a Model House
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air space between the wall and plastered metal lath is shown with an appropriate description and promotive sentence for each part of the wall. This same plan was carried on throughout the building.

Although there are a number of attendants in charge of the house there have been many times when the crowds have been so great that it has not been possible to contact everyone going through the house to tell them the virtues of its construction or to adequately describe them. It is in these cases that the wall sections, together with the framed descriptive drawings do yeomen’s service.

The exterior walls of the house are concrete ashlar. Three sides of the house are painted with two coats of Portland cement paint brushed with a short bristled fiber brush into the block and then adequately cured by being kept damp for a week after the paint was applied. The interior finish of the living room is also cinder ashlar blocks and 3” veneer painted with a cream colored cement paint. All floors are concrete—a 2” slab laid on precast concrete joists.

Floor covering throughout the house is linoleum furnished by the Armstrong Cork Company. Special mention should be made of this linoleum as special pains were taken to make the various designs fit in harmoniously with the interior decoration.

The walls of the little dining nook are of Armstrong Linowall in a knotty pine pattern. Walls of the kitchen are also furnished with this same material as are those of the bathroom. The upper part of the kitchen walls however are papered, as well as the walls of the bedrooms.

The exterior has been carefully landscaped and a charming little fish and lily pool is the feature of the exterior grounds.

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The house was opened for inspection on May 1 and to date some 40,000 people had gone through it up to Sept. 1. R. L. Girvin of American Homes Exhibitors, which the crowd sponsoring the house calls itself, states that as a result of the little exhibition house, eight similar houses are either under construction or soon will be in the Philadelphia area, while between 30 and 40 similar houses will be constructed as a result of the demonstration, within the next eight or ten months.

Interest in the house has not confined itself to people in the Philadelphia area alone but its charming appearance has even resulted in churches being designed of the same type of material as far away as Texas.

The house has received a great deal of publicity not only locally but nationally. Portland Cement Association has featured it in its advertising; FHA has made it the subject of a general release to all newspapers.

Incidentally, FHA has co-operated very splendidly in making the demonstration a success. As quickly as the architect had his design prepared it was taken to the Philadelphia office of FHA where J. Griffith Boardman, district director of FHA for Pennsylvania, saw to it that they were checked over very quickly by his architectural and appraisal staff. Several suggested changes were made and before actual construction started the plans had the complete approval of the local FHA office. FHA participated in the dedication of the house and has had a man on duty most of the time since the house was opened.

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MAPLE FLOORING MFRS. ASSN., 1781 McCormick Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
3—Hard Maple Flooring—Complete information regarding MFMA maple floorings. Also information on beech and birch flooring.

WYEREAUER SALES CO., St. Paul, Minn.
4—4-Square Lumber—"Improved Lumber for: House Construction, Modernization and Repair!"; this book explains how Weyerhaeuser 4-Square lumber assists in getting better homes at lower costs; contains 22 photographs and details.

FORDYCE-CROSSETT SALES CO., Fordyce and Crossett, Ark.
5—Wolmanized Lumber—"Crossett Creates a New Day for Lumber," a 12-page illustrated folder stressing the Wolman Salts process of preserving lumber for indoor and outdoor domestic uses, protecting it against decay and termites. Oak and Gum Trims—"Trim and Mouldings in Arkansas Soft Pine," an illustrated leaflet on interior trim and mouldings produced by Fordyce-Crossett.

FROST LUMBER INDUSTRIES, Inc., Shreveport, La.

EXCHANGE SAWMILLS SALES CO., Kansas City, Mo.
7—Lumber Through Retailers—Complete information regarding the line of forest products, precision-manufactured by this old reliable group of mills.

SHEVLIN PINE SALES CO., First National Soo Line Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.
8—Shevlín Pine—Complete information on Shevlín Pine, a choice, Service furnished through better retail lumber dealers; species furnished being Northern white pine, Norway or red pine, Ponderosa pine and sugar pine.

POLSON LUMBER & SHINGLE CO., Hoquiam, Wash.
9—West Coast Lumber and Shingles Through Dealers—Latest information regarding fir and hemlock kiln dried lumber and red cedar shingles furnished through the lumber trade.

SOUTHERN PINE ASSN., New Orleans, La.
10—Southern Pine—"Architect's Specification Manual for Residences," a remarkable book giving recommended lumber specifications for three types of residential work, namely, highest quality, average quality and low cost, substantial housing. Table of floor joint sizes and loadings, explanation of grades and quality, together with directions for avoiding trouble, directions for painting, etc. A valuable book for architects, dealers, contractors, carpenters.

WESTERN PINE ASSN., B-15, Yeon Bldg., Portland, Ore.
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FLORIDA LOUISIANA RED CYPRESS CO., Jacksonville, Fla.
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RED CEDAR SHINGLE BUREAU, Dept. AA, 836 White Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
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WEATHERBEST CORP., 1936 Main St., North Tonawanda, N.Y.
14—Wood Stained Shingles—"Homes of Enduring Beauty by Weatherbest," a complete story of the production, use and re-staining of Weatherbest red cedar wood stained shingles.

ANDERSEN FRAME CORP., Bayport, Minn.
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16—Curtis Silentite Windows—Complete information on this improved insulated window. Also complete information regarding Curtis millwork, doors, kitchen cabinets, stair work, etc.

FARLEY & LOETSCHER MFG. CO., Dubuque, la.
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HUTTIG MFG. CO., Muscatine, la.
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MALTSA MFG. CO., Malta, Ohio.
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TRIMPAK CORP., 44 Whitehall St., New York City.
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WHEELER-OSGOOD SALES CORP., 2 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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THE SILKRAFT CO., 203 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, III.
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lite Insulation of a Thousand Uses for Home
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—"Ruberooid Mineral Wool," a
descriptive folder on insulating with
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ing color photographs of four Sheetrock
wood grained finishes, all of actual instal-
lations. Suggestions for using wood grained
Sheetrock with moldings.

Perforated Rocklath—4-page folder de-
scribing fire tests, strength tests, etc.

Red Top Insulating Wool—New folder
explaining principle of insulation, the ad-
vantages insulation brings, with detailed
discussion of Red Top insulating wool
characteristics.

Weatherwood Insulating Board Products
—"A Home Structures Handbook," a 20-
page booklet reviewing the history and
advantages of insulation. Shows many
constructions.

Texas Bent—"Brighten Walls at Low Cost," a
16-page booklet giving complete infor-
mation about a new type paint. Contains
photographs of actual jobs, and also nineteen
color chips of actual paint.

WOOD CONVERSION CO., Room 119
First National Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
29—Balsa-Wool—Complete information
regarding this windproof, waterproof
blanket insulation now available in 3 thick-
nesses. A product of Weyerhaeuser.

MASONIC AND CONCRETE MATERIALS

OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS CO., Struc-
tural Materials Division, Muncie, Ind.
30—Insulux Insulating Masonry—Complete
information in detailed form concerning this
distinctly new building material answering
many modern problems of design, air
conditioning and lighting.

LOUISVILLE CEMENT CO., 315 Guth-
rie St., Louisville, Ky.
31—Brixment, A Waterproof Masonery
Cement—"Better Masonery at Less Cost," a
small booklet which describes important
characteristics of mortar and explains the
advantages of Brixment.

NATIONAL MORTAR & SUPPLY CO.,
32—Banner Lime—Information regarding
Banner Finishing Lime-Hydrated furnished
through retail lumber and supply dealers.

OHIO HYDRATE & SUPPLY CO.,
Woodyville, Ohio.
33—Ohio White Finish—"Ohio Hydrate
Line for Planting & Stucco," a 16-page
book, size 8'/4x11 inches, containing tech-
nical information with illustrations and
detailed specifications on all products.

"Ohio Hydrate Lime for Masonry Mortar
and Concrete," a 12-page booklet giving
technical information and specifications on
this subject.

MARQUETTE CEMENT MFG. CO.,
140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
34—Marquette High Early Strength Ce-
mant—"A User's Manual," description of
uses and value of High Early Strength
cement to owners, public, contractors, archi-
itects, engineers; 22 pages, 75 photographs,
5 graphs and charts.

Also informative booklet, "Marquette
Mortar for Patching and Repairing
Concrete."

UNIVERSAL ATLAS CEMENT CO.,
388 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
35—Atlas White Portland Cement—In-
formation regarding the many uses of At-
las White for building projects. Contains
several detail pictures of the assembly
where Kalman steel door frames are used.

SOLVAY SALES CORP., 40 Rector St.,
New York City.
36—Calcium Chloride for Anti-Freeze
Complete information on Solvay Calcium
Chloride in cold weather structural con-
creting.

ROOFING MATERIALS

THE BARBER ASPHALT CO., Phila-
delphia, Pa.
37—Genasco Shingles, Sidings, Roofings
—A 32-page booklet illustrating in four
colors Genasco shingles, sidings and roof-
ings, and giving detailed specifications re-
garding weights, sizes, colors, headlap, etc.
Genasco Resurfacer—"Larger Life for Old
Roofs with Genasco Resurfacer," an
illustrated 36-page booklet printed in off-
set, telling of the economies and advan-
tages effected through the use of Genasco
Resurfacer for old roof areas.

THE BARRETT CO., 40 Rector St.,
New York City.
38—Asphalt Roofings, Protective Paints
"Barrett Roofing of Roofing and Other
Building Products," a 52-page booklet com-
pletely describing the Barrett Company's
roofing products; profusely illustrated; in-
cludes complete specifications on all mate-
rials; direct color photographs of actual
shingles; complete description of all prod-
ucts. Primarily designed as a handbook
for building contractors, jobbers and applicators.

Built-Up Roofing Materials—"The Bar-
rett Reference Manual for Architects and
Engineers," a 70-page refer-
ence manual on built-up roofings, flash-
ings, roof drainage, waterproofing and
damp-proofing. Contains detail drawings
and complete specifications on the above
subjects.

THE EDWARDS MANUFACTURING
CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.
39—Edwards Twin Two-in-One Metal
Shingles—A new handbook, No. 1413,
shows photographically and descriptively
the advantages of this unit roofing in
pressed metal.

Spanish Metal Tile—Form No. 1411 illus-
trates actual photographs of homes where
this tile has been applied. Contains many
good design suggestions.

40—Asbestos Roofing—Information re-
garding the K & M line of thatched roofing
and siding shingles in various styles,
sizes and colors.

Also data on K & M asbestos heat in-
sulation board, asbestos flexible wall-
board, asbestos-cement structural board and
shredding, and Amroc mineral wool
insulation for the home.

NORTH BANGOR SLATE CO., Ban-
gor, Pa.
41—Roofing, Blackboards, Structural Slate
and Flagstones—"Consider The Roof
Over Your Head"; information on
roofing slate; also slate for floors, walls,
etc.

THE TEXAS CO., 332 S. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.
42—Texaco Roofings—Full information
regarding the Texaco roofings, shingles
and felts produced in Texaco's Lockport,
Ill., plant.

STEEL AND IRON

BETHLEHEM STEEL CO., Bethlehem, Pa.
43—Kalman Steel Door Frames—Booklet
91 describes the simplicity gained by the
elimination of standing trim on doorwa-
s where Kalman steel door frames are used.

Presents many large pictures of installa-
tions with about 50 detailed drawings of
applications of both steel bucks and steel
jamb.

Steel Doors—"Bur-Vett Steel Doors—
Folder 37J"; information regarding these
straight vertical lift doors with detailed
drawings and installation pictures.

Steel Studs—Folder 340 presents a new
development in steel frame construction
for all types of light load structures; con-
tains several detail pictures of the assembly
of steel joists, studs, metal lath and insu-
lating wool.

Steel Joists—"Booklet 124—Any School
Can Be Re-Built," a non-technical treatise
of steel joist construction for the fire
safety of schools.

CINCINNATI IRON FENCE CO., Inc.,
3410 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
44—Steelcrete—"Steelcrete Expanded Metal—
"Steel-
crete Safe-T-Mesh Necessities," a 24-page
booklet presenting Steelcrete cellular window
guards, screen doors, lawn guards, tree
guards, shelves, etc.

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THE EDWARDS MFG. CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.
45—Herringbone Tile Steel Ceiling—"Herringbone Tile Pattern," a new folder showing ceiling plate with harmonious filler and cornice, especially designed for room new tile sidewalls and floor.
Sheet Metal Building Material—"Catalog No. 91"; 50 pages showing sheet and unit roof, including new Luxoseam interlocking sheet.
Steel Buildings and Garages—New catalog sheets multiple gages, individual gages, small warehouses, etc.
MILCOR STEEL CO., 4111 W. Burnham St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Metal Trim, Interior—"Milcor and Rich- to Metal Trim"; 40 pages with over 200 illustrations giving complete dimensions and descriptive data on all interior trim products presented for convenient use by architects and designers.

47—Fencing—Full information regarding Mid-States steel fence of patented galvannealed wire. Supplied locally by retail lumber and supply dealers.

REPUBLIC STEEL CORP., Cleveland, Ohio.
48—Toncan Iron—"The Pass to Perma- nence" tells many interesting facts about this long-lasting sheet metal for eaves, dormer outs, ridge and other sheet metal work.
Farm Fencing—Full information regarding the new Republic fence of electro-gal- vanized copper bearing steel. Distributed through jobbers and properly equipped lumber and supply dealers.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORP., Pittsburgh, Pa.
49—Steel Sheets and Terne Plates—"Steel Sheets for Modern Construction"; description of sheet metals for building uses, sheet metal work for ventilating and air conditioning systems, etc.
Galvanized Sheets—"American Galvan- ized Sheets," a booklet descriptive of Apollo Best Bloom and rust resisting copper steel galvanized sheets for all uses in the construction field.

METAL DOORS.
WINDOWS, TRIM

DETOUR STEEL PRODUCTS CO., 2250 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
50—Steel Casement Windows—"Hidden Savings in Window Costs"; complete analysis of window costs, showing the builder how to figure costs of materials and in- stallation. "Fenesta Steel Windows in Colonial Buildings" pictures attractive Colonial type houses equipped with Fenes- tra windows which combine traditional beauty with modern convenience.
Steel Windows, Air Conditioning Windows," a folder descriptive of new inside storm sash which attaches on the in- side of Fenestra casement, replacing side storm sash which attaches on the in-

THE KAWNEER CO., Niles, Mich.
51—Light Sealair Windows of Aluminum or Bronze—"Kawneer Offers an Entirely New and Better Window for the Aver Home," an 8-page illustrated booklet out-

lining the practical features of Kawneer aluminum or bronze windows. Full size sections and typical installation are de- tailed. Additional details on request.

GENERAL BRONZE CORP., 480 Han- cock St., Long Island City, N.Y.
52—Bronze Doors and Windows—Full in- formation regarding the extensive line of bronze work by this well known company.

TRUSCON STEEL CO., Youngstown, Ohio.
53—Residence Steel Casements—New cat- alog Series 5 is a 28-page catalog illustrat- ing and describing Truscon casements in residence construction, giving complete details and specifications; a beautifully pre- sented handbook of information.

WILLIS MANUFACTURING CO., Inc., Galesburg, Ill.
54—Hollow Metal Windows—Full informa- tion regarding the complete Willis line of hollow metal windows, tin clad fire doors, skylights and ventilators.

FLOOR AND WALL TILES.
LINOLEUM, SLATE, RUBBER, ETC.

LLOYD FLOOR & WALL TILE CO., Kansas City, Mo.
55—Tile Fireplaces and Mantels—"Lloyd Fireplaces," a 32-page illustrated handbook of designs.

THE TILE-TEX CO., 1229 McKinley Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill.
56—Tile-Tex Resilient Floor Tile—"Floors That Endure"; 12 pages devoted to description of product, color charts and illustrations, including technical data. Tile- Tex wall tile is also featured in a 6-page booklet, "Beautiful Walls by Tile-Tex."

ARMSTRONG CORK CO., Lancaster, Pa.

Armstrong Linoleum for Floors and Walls—Complete information regarding these important products.

CONGLOMERE-NAIRN INC., Kearney, N.J.
58—Sealex Floors and Walls—Complete information regarding this modern linoleum floor and wall covering. Instructions for installing these money-saving, money-mak- ing materials.

W. & J. SLOANE CO., New York City.
59—Linoleum Floors and Walls—Complete information regarding the Sloane line of linoleum floor and wall coverings.

60—Rubber, Plastic—"Goodyear Rubber Flooring"; complete information relative to types of rubber flooring available, with design suggestions for both tile and sheet rubber flooring. Rubber tile is also pre- sented in a special booklet, "Wingfoot Rub- ber Flooring." "Goodyear rubber tile made in 14", 16", 34" and 54" gauge in full rolls 1 yard wide by 25 to 30 yards long; available in a complete line of colors.

WRIGHT RUBBER PRODUCTS CO., P. O. Box A-44, Elkhart, Ind.
61—Prefelt-Set Wrights—"The Wright Idea," a booklet describing this rubber tile which is mounted on 30 lb. saturated felt at the factory; contains sales suggestions, installation instructions; shows 10 designs in color.

GLASS, PAINTS AND WATERPROOFS.

KAWNEER CO., Niles, Mich.
62—Kawneer Storefronts—"The Kawn- eer Book of Store Fronts," a 52-page book with over 250 pictures showing what mer- chants all over the world have done to increase sales and profits. New Kawneer store front construction, both rolled and extruded, are illustrated.

LIBBEY-OWENS-FORD GLASS CO., Toledo, Ohio.
64—Window and Plate Glass—Full infor- mation regarding the L-O-F quality glass for homes, store fronts, decorative mir- rors, etc.

PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS CO., 1229 Grant Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
65—Carrara Structural Glass—"Personal- ity Bathrooms and Character Kitchens," a beautiful booklet illustrating decorative schemes using Carrara, the modern struc- tural glass.

Full information also available on Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. paints and Penn- vernon window glass.

ALABASTINE CO., Grand Rapids, Mich.
66—Alabastine Oil Paints—Full informa- tion regarding this new modern Alabastine oil paint line sold through paint and lum- ber dealers.

ALUMINUM CO. OF AMERICA, 2120 Gulf Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
67—Albron Paste and Powder for Alumi- num Paints—Aluminum Paint—Its Uses and Applications," a fact-packed booklet giving detailed information and complete directions for applying aluminum paint on various surfaces under many conditions.

THE FOY PAINT CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.
68—Enamelized House Paint—Full infor- mation regarding Foy's Enamelized house paint and Foy's 4-hour Dri-Fast enamel; made in white and 24 colors.

THE GLIDDEN CO., Cleveland, Ohio.
69—Glidden Paints—Complete informa- tion on paints, varnishes, lacquers and enamels comprising the extensive Glidden line.

THE LOWE BROTHERS CO., Dayton, Ohio.
70—Pictorial Color Chart—Information regarding the Lowe Brothers pictorial col- or chart available through local dealers to help contractors sell more quality paint jobs.

THE MURALO CO., Inc., 568 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, N.Y.
71—Carrara Structural Glass—"Mural-Tone, The Money-Saving Paint in the Orange Can," a new folder discussing uses and advantages of this type of Casein wall paint for the decoration of walls, ceilings and other interior surfaces. Also in- formation regarding Mural-Tone Positive Colors and Muralo cement paint especially designed for painting concrete, cement.
stucco, brick, unglazed tile, cinder block, stone and other porous masonry surfaces, outside and inside.

PECORA PAINT CO., 3501 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia, Pa.
72—Paint, Weatherproofing, Caulking—Full information regarding the extensive Pecora line of mortar stains, Pecora caulking compounds, Pecora Perfect Patching Plaster, Pecora asbestos furnace cement and Weatherite roof-coating.

THE REARDON CO., 2200 N. Second St., St. Louis, Mo.
73—Bondex Waterproof Cement Paint—“Question Mark Bulletin” giving full particulars regarding waterproofing and weatherproofing masonry surfaces.

Plaster plastic texture paint and Modex, the modern cassein paint, are also presented in new bulletins giving complete information.

SPENCER KELLOGG & SONS, Buffalo, N.Y.
74—Improved Boiled Linseed Oil—A new manual for salesmen describing the manufacturing processes and uses of linseed oil, how desirable qualities for paint purposes are controlled.

TENNESSEE EASTMAN CORP., Kingsport, Tenn.
75—Wood Preservation—“Preservation with NO-D-K,” a new guide which contains the answers to your questions on how best to prevent decay, dry rot and the attacks of termites.

76—Caulk-O- Seal Handy-Load Cartridges—Information regarding this handy caulking compound put up for use with caulking gun.

F. D. KEES MFG. CO., Box 91, Beatrice, Nebr.
81—Metal Siding Corners—Full information and free samples of these galvanized metal siding corners, made for all sizes of lap siding, Colonial included.

RITSCHE SPECIALTY MFG. CO., St. Cloud, Minn.
82—Kitchen Bin Hardware—“The Law of Gravity in the Kitchen,” a folder containing ten reasons why you should use “Slide-well” bin swing, and installation details.

HONEYCUTT MFG. CO., 2715 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.
83—Sash Cord Saddles—Full information regarding the Honeycutt sash cord saddles made of selected birch treated in oil and kiln dried to eliminate shrinkage, to take the place of sash pulleys.

ACCU RATE METAL WEATHER-STRIP CO., 218 E. 26th St., New York City.
84—Metal Weatherstrips—Information regarding the accurate metal weatherstrip and profit opportunities in becoming jobber agents for this material.

ALLMETAL WEATHERSTRIP CO., 231 W. Illinois St., Chicago, Ill.
85—Metal Weatherstrips—Set of display charts with mounted samples of materials used to illustrate the installation of weather-stripping on double-hung windows, casements and doors.

Display board also available of carpet and linoleum hardware, illustrating stair nosings, desk edgings, linoleum bindings and binder bars, with actual mounted samples of material used.

CRAWFORD DOOR CO., 7881 Conant Ave., Detroit, Mich.
86—Upward Acting Door Hardware—“Banish Garage Door Troubles,” a 6-page folder describing equipment for converting swinging or sliding doors into upward-acting doors.

Sectional Type Upward Acting Doors—“Something New in Garage Door Operation,” a booklet describing the simplicity, ease of operation and quietness of the new Crawford model SC sectional type doors for residential garages.

FRANTZ MFG. CO., Sterling, Ill.
87—“Over-the-Top” Door Equipment—“Garage Door Magic,” a 16-page brochure completely illustrating and describing the construction and application of this door.

HALL MANUFACTURING CO., Cedar Rapids, la.
88—“Overall” Garage Door Equipment—“Modernize Your Garage Doors,” a folder showing garage door troubles overcome by an “Overall” equipped door; includes diagram showing installation details.

THE KINNEAR MFG. CO., Columbus, Ohio.
89—All-Steel Rol-Top Door—“Bulletin No. 11,” a 16-page folder illustrating completely the mechanical details and installation of this Kinnear all-steel sectional upward-acting door.

NATIONAL MFG. CO., Sterling, Ill.
90—Garage Door Hardware—Full information regarding the National No. 900 garage doors, upward acting. Also complete information regarding the very extensive National line of shelf and builders’ hardware.

OVERHEAD DOOR CORP., Hartford City, Ind.
91—The “Overhead Door”—“Why We Bought the ‘Overhead Door’”; a folder describing this pioneer upward-acting door for private garages and industrial buildings.

ROWE MFG. CO., 735 Holton St., Galveston, Tex.
92—Way Overhead Type Doors—“Descriptive Folder D-45” presents full specifications and illustrated description of this product.

Electric operator for overhead type doors described in folder D-38; complete with detailed drawings.

THE STANLEY WORKS, New Britain, Conn.
93—Garage Doors—“Stanley Roll-Up Doors,” a folder showing how easily these doors may be installed in residential garages. Companion folders feature the Stanley Swing-Up doors.

Information on Stanley hardware. A complete line also available.

PLUMBING PIPE AND FIXTURES

THE AMERICAN BRASS CO., Waterbury, Conn.
94—Copper Tubes and Fittings—Information regarding Anacoda copper tubes installed with Anacoda “Solder-Type” fittings for hot and cold water lines, waste, underground service lines, low pressure steam lines, hot water lines, fuel lines and refrigerant circulation lines.

REPUBLIC STEEL CORP., Cleveland, Ohio.
95—Tancan Iron Pipe—Information regarding this non-corrosive pipe for water lines and steam returns, and other severe service uses.

BRIGGS MFG. CO., Plumbing Ware Div., Detroit, Mich.
96—Briggs Beautyware—“Personal luxury in the Bathroom and Kitchen,” a most remarkable 40-page de luxe presentation, in full color, of the Briggs Beautyware line of bathroom fixtures.

EVERBRITISH LAUNDER TUB—“Cone Laundry Planning Guide,” 16-page book full of illustrations, layouts and photographs useful in planning the modern laundry.

STANDARD SANITARY MFG. CO., Pittsburgh, Pa.
98—Neo-Angle Bath—Descriptive literature and floor plan layout for bathrooms where the Neo-Angle bath is to be used. Something entirely new in modern plumbing fixtures, and especially suitable for small homes and apartments.

TRACY MANUFACTURING CO., 3215 Preble Ave., N.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
99—Perfected Sinks and Cabinet Tops for Built-in Kitchen Cabinet Units—A series of illustrated brochures presenting the Tray line of sinks and cabinet tops in moulded linoleum and stainless steel: also Monel Metal.
CONSULT these pages for new ideas and information; and, if in the market for materials, supplies or equipment not now advertised, write "American Builder" Reader Service Department, 105 W. Adams St., Chicago, and latest data will be sent you.

BENNETT FIREPLACE CORP., Norristown, Pa.

129—Fireplace Heating Units—New booklet complete with pictures, detail drawings, performance ratings and specifications. Presents Bennett units, models F, M and C. Standard dampers for fireplaces also included.

SUPERIOR FIREPLACE CO., 1046 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, Cal.

130—Fireplace Heat Circulator—Complete information of this ingenious heating system which circulates four times more heat than the ordinary brick lined fireplace.

COLONIAL FIREPLACE CO., 4611 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago.

131—Fireplace Equipment—Catalog and Design Book of Fireplaces, Mantels, Fireplace Furniture, Dampers and Throat Construction.

PEERLESS MANUFACTURING CORP., Inc., 1400 W. Ormsby Ave., Louisville, Ky.

132—Peerless Fireplace Dampers—Complete information regarding the Peerless Dampers and other Peerless products, fireplace fixtures, ash dumps, coal windows, ash pit doors, etc.

MANTEL STUDIOS, 4242 14th Ave., Detroit, Mich.

133—Corastone Fireplaces—Big new portfolio "Fireplaces in Corastone," illustrating many new and distinctive types.

THE MAJESTIC CO., Huntington, Ind.

134—Underground Garbage Receivers—Full information regarding this backyard convenience for every home.

KIMBALL BROS. CO., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

135—Passenger Elevators for the Home—Descriptive literature and engineering data on both electric and hand power elevators of reasonable cost. Also information on passenger and freight electric and hand power elevators and push button operated passenger elevators.

THE MARSHCIE CO., 511 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

136—Folding Stairs—Folder on the Marco Folding Stairs offered in four different models, all at reasonable cost.

FRAZIER STAIR COMPANY, 1817 Basilique Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

137—Self-Balanced Disappearing Stairs—"Save Space," a leaflet illustrating six models of the Frazier Self-Balanced Disappearing Attic Stairs.

CONTRACTORS' EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

AMERICAN FLOOR SURFACING MACHINE CO., 511 S. St. Clair St., Toledo, Ohio.

138—American Standard Floor Sanders—Eight-page three-color booklet fully describing and explaining the uses of these models in 8-in. and 12-in. drum widths.

Also information on the American Spinner Floor Sander and American Sanderpom and electrically driven belt sander handle alike a plane.

CLARKE SANDING MACHINE CO., Muskegon, Mich.

139—Dreadnaught 8"Sander—Illustrated Circular fully detailing the construction and performance of these machines. Also information on the Dreadnaught combination sanders.

LINCOLN-SCHLUETER FLOOR MACHINE CO., INC., 222 W. Grand Ave., Chicago.

140—Speed-O-Lite Floor Sander—New circular describes this new model lightweight, high-speed Speed-O-Lite floor sanding machine, which attains greater efficiency and faster cutting speeds. New information also available on the new improved Schluter floor sanders with "V" belt drive.

THE REIDWAY CORP., 2909 First Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

141—Reidway Floor Surfacer—Information on the new professional 8" floor surfacer with the "one moving part."

AMERICAN SAW MILL MACHINE CO., Hackettstown, N.J.

142—20th Century Woodworker—Complete information on this light machine which does the work of five ordinary machines.

DE WALT PRODUCTS CORP., Lancaster, Pa.

143—Power Woodworkers—"How Much Money Are You Losing?": a broadsid setting forth the savings to be effected by the use of versatile power equipment featuring the De Walt Woodworker. Also timely information on the De Walt Dado machine, Tenon machine and Routing machine.


144—Home Builder Jr. Saw Rig—Complete information regarding this efficient portable saw rig for use in the shop or out on the job.

THE PARKS WOODWORKING MACHINE CO., Cincinnati, Ohio.

145—Woodworking Machines—Accept These Helping Hands" an instructive bulletin detailing the Parks Woodworker and showing the work it will do.


146—Power King Woodworking Tools—Handy circular completely illustrating this extensive line of power shop tools: also information on the Power King electric handsaw, power drills, etc.

STETSON-ROSS MACHINE CO., Seattle, Wash.

147—Portable Power Saw—The Stetson Ross TX-24A handy saw is described in a new 4-page descriptive booklet illustrating its various uses.

WALKER-TURNER CO., Inc., North Ave., Plainfield, N.J.

148—Bench Saws—"Driver Power Tools," a 48-page 2-color catalog with 150 photographs of operations showing these bench saws, band saws, jointers, belt sanders, etc.

J. D. WALLACE & CO., 136 S. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.

149—Wallace Portable Woodworking Machines—Information regarding the Wallace Universal Saw, 6-inch and 8-inch jointers, lathes, band saws, radial cut-off saws, electric shapers—all popular among contractors, lumber dealers, cabinet shops, pattern shops, etc.

PORTER-CABLE MACHINE CO., 1721 N. Salina St., Syracuse, N.Y.

150—Speedmatic Electric Hand Saws—"Manual on the Uses of Electric Hand Saws in House Building," 24-page handbook giving definite information regarding practical uses and savings obtained. Also information on the Speedmatic "Contractor Special" floor sander and the Porter-Cable Take-About portable belt sander.

SKILSAW, INC., 3314 Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill.

151—Skilsaw in 7 Models—New pocket size pamphlet with all information in condensed form as contained in large general catalog. Each page, each tool illustrated and priced, including new Model 77. Also information concerning Skilsaw sanders, belt type, and Skilsaw electric drills, in 16 models from 3/16" to 7/8" capacity.

SPEEDWAY MFG. CO., S. 52nd Ave., Cicero, III.

152—Portable Electric Tools—A 32-page booklet describing a complete line of portable electric drills, saws, hammers, weath- estrip groovers, etc., and their application to building.

WAPPAT Incorporated, 7357 Meade St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

153—Portable Electric Handsaws—"They Save You Money," a 12-page folder showing how electric handsaws can be used to the best advantage in building operations and in industrial plants. Also gives prices and specifications on all Wappat handsaws. Also information on Wappat lock mortis- ers, portable electric planes, portable electric drills and Wappat handsaw guides.

WODACK ELECTRIC TOOL CORP., 4630 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill.

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STANLEY RULE & LEVEL PLANT, New Britain, Conn.
155—Carpenters’ Hand Tools—“Stanley Tools, Catalog No. 34, New Edition,” a comprehensive listing of all Stanley hand tools and parts; contains also valuable tables and information of use to every carpenter and builder. All items illustrated.
Stanley fibre board tools are presented in a special 8-page folder showing how to make grooves, bevels, mitre joints, ship lap, form circular and other cuts with these tools.

156—.Convertible Level, Model No. 40, and giving the Universal Level.”

STANLEY ELECTRIC TOOL DIV., The Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.
157—Stanley Electric Tools—Catalog 64M, 48 pages, new edition of Stanley Electric Tool Catalog, listing specifications and showing illustrations of drills, grinders, hammers, sanders, saws, screw drivers, and accessories.

KEUFFEL & ESSER CO., Hoboken, N.J.
158—Builder’s Transits and Levels—“K & E Transits and Levels for Architects and Builders,” an 8-page handbook showing surveying instruments of particular interest to builders.

K&E Measuring Tapes, Folding Rules and Bob—A 64-page catalog including the popular Wyteface steel measuring tapes.

MASTER RULE MFG. CO., Inc., 815 E. 13th St., New York City.
159—Master Inside-Measure Steel Tape Rule—“Master Rules for Master Craftsman,” a 6-page catalog illustrating the entire line of Master Rules, describing certain new features of rule construction which every craftsman should know about. Also information on the new Master Metal-End folding rules.

DAVID WHITE CO., Inc., 351 W. Court, Milwaukee, Wis.

161—Sterling Convertible Level—New Bulletin F-19 describing the Sterling Convertible Level, Model No. 40, and giving details of free trial offer and easy payment purchase plan.

COLORCRETE INDUSTRIES, Inc., 505 Ottawa Ave., Holland, Mich.
162—Colorcrete Stucco Coating—“Brochure No. 36” and “Proven Business Opportunity,” two 12-page booklets in color, illustrating actual buildings before and after Colorcreting, and pointing out profit opportunities operating this equipment.

CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY CO., Waterloo, Iowa.
163—Wonder Half-Bag Trailer Mixers—New information presented in a 4-page illustrated folder covering latest developments in the small mixer field. Information also available on the new 1, 2 and 3 bag Non-Tilt mixers, and the new CMC Dump-over carts.

JAISER MACHINE CO., Columbus, Ohio.
164—Jaeger Mixers—New 36 page bulletin giving complete illustrations and specifications of all types and sizes of Jaeger building mixers. Also complete information in regard to Jaeger Pumps, Jaeger Hoists and Jaeger Truck Mixers. Each fully covered in a separate bulletin sent on request.

Kwik Mix Concrete Mixer Co., (Div. of Koehring Co.) Port Washington, Wis.
165—Concrete, Mortar, Plaster and Bituminous Mixers—Complete information regarding the 3½-5 Mixer.

RANSOM CONCRETE MACHINERY CO., Dunellen, N.J.
166—Concrete Mixers—“Vest Pocket Edition” 26 page booklet describing and illustrating the complete Ransome line of concrete machinery.

T. L. SMITH CO., 2849 N. 32nd St., Milwaukee, Wis.
167—Smith Mixers—Complete information on the Smith line in 2½-5, 3½-5 and 5-5 capacity.

RELIABLE JACK CO., 1401 W. Second St., Dayton, Ohio.
168—Reliable Scaffold Bracket—Complete information regarding this old established line of scaffold brackets.

THE STEEL SCAFFOLDING CO., 402 E. Missouri St., Evansville, Ind.
169—Scaffold Brackets—Complete information regarding the complete line of “Towable” brackets for all types of construction jobs.

FORD MOTOR CO., Detroit, Mich.
170—Ford V-8 Trucks and Commercial Care—Full information regarding these distinctive items of performance equipment on display at your local Ford dealer.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO., 600 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
171—International Trucks—Full information regarding International Harvester Trucks and Tractors.

SPECIAL SERVICES
W. E. DUNN MFG. CO., 450 W. 24th St., Holland, Mich.
172—Dunbrisk and Dunstone—“Dunbrick Manufacturing Digest” describing the manufacturing process and the superior qualities of a new lighter weight brick and a multiple size unit that is particularly adapted to the new trend for modernizing construction at lower cost—business opportunity for local manufacturer.

REYNOLDS CORP., 19 Rector St., New York City.
173—Reynolds Building Products—New literature of a very interesting type covering the Reynolds system of home building and a complete line of Reynolds building materials and equipment.

THE RUBEROID Co., 500 Fifth Ave., New York City.
174—Ruberoid Building Products—“Ideas for Building and Home Improvement,” a 16-page consumer booklet describing the various Ruberoid products used for residential building.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSN., Chicago, Ill.
175—House Designs and Details—“Designed for Concrete,” a de luxe portfolio of 48 pages and covers presenting the competition drawings in the recent “Pencil Points” architectural competition. Also numerous photographs of actual construction, and graphic details showing important points of concrete home building.

“Reinforced Concrete Houses—Construction Details” in a 40-page illustrated handbook to explain the various construction details of reinforced concrete house building of interest to contractors.

MARSH WALL TILE CO., 43 Marsh Place, Dover, Ohio.
176—Marsh Wonder Walls—Complete information regarding the sheet tiling comprising the Marsh line, including “Marlite,” a plain surfaced sheet in wide range of colors; “Marshile,” a sheet with tile marking; “Marshwood,” reproducing the rare imported marbles, and “Marshwood,” reproducing rare and imported woods. Sheets range from 4 inches to 4 feet by 12 feet.

FRANK ADAM ELECTRIC CO., St. Louis, Mo.
177—Electric Quikheater—“Real Comfort Instead of That Chilly Feeling” is a 4-page illustrated data sheet on the Frank Adam built-in electric heater for bathroom, bedrooms, dressing rooms and other locations where quick auxiliary heat is wanted.

PROTEX WEATHERSTRIP MFG. CO., 544 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill.
178—Weatherstrip Dealers Wanted—Information regarding profit opportunity, free literature and installing Protex weatherstripers and calling on request—a 78-page illustrated catalog “B.”
Taxes can make us all "LAND POOR"

What do we mean when we say a man is LAND POOR?

We mean that his regular expenses are EATING HIM UP. We mean his overhead is TOO HIGH. He may do as well as the next man in a good year. But when a BAD YEAR comes, he goes DOWN AND OUT.

We used to think a man couldn't be LAND POOR if he owned his farm outright. We thought just so long as he had no mortgage interest to pay, he could get by.

But that was BEFORE TAXES WENT UP. There's land all over the country today that a man can't afford to take as a GIFT. Even if he owned it clear, TAXES would prevent him from making a living out of it. TAXES have made fair land worse than worthless, and TAXES have made good land WORTH LESS than it should be.

You could stand land taxes IF THEY WERE ALL YOU HAD TO PAY. But taxes are also hidden in everything you buy. Our National tax bill equals 1/3 of what is spent in STORES. GASOLINE for your car averages 40% to 60% taxes. GOVERNMENT SPENDING NOW EQUALS ALMOST 1/3 OF OUR NATIONAL INCOME.

For years the tax-grabbing politicians have been RIDING the farmer and the city worker alike. Total expenses of government now equals $517.00 A FAMILY. Probably 1/3 of this is WASTED—or $166.00 yearly per family. IS THIS WORTH SAVING?

Let's stop government waste. Let's replace every tax grabber—no matter what party he belongs to—with a wise, careful lawmaker. Hard-working citizens in city and country can do it if they will TEAM TOGETHER in a non-partisan effort. Here are two things you can do RIGHT NOW. They can't do any harm, and if everybody works together, they can do AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF GOOD.

MAKE THIS RESOLUTION—"I will oppose every political candidate who cannot prove that he has used all his influence to reduce government expenditures."

WRITE THREE LETTERS—one to your County Clerk, one to your Governor, one to the President of the United States. Say, in each letter, just this: "I want the cost of government reduced."

REGISTER—VOTE—Give your support to candidates, regardless of party, who WILL cut the waste out of government.

Space for this message is provided by AMERICAN BUILDER AND BUILDING AGE because of a firm conviction that a reduced cost of government is vital to the interests of all its readers.
"Women and Children First"

By R.E.S.

A FEW YEARS AGO if you had tried to tell us that the time would ever come when it would be possible to get women and children interested in a lumber yard we would have poohpoohed you out of the place. It wasn't so long ago that the average woman didn't know what a lumber yard looked like or cared less. So far as the children were concerned, it was nothing more or less than a good place to play hide-and-seek until the irate lumber dealer chased them back where they belonged.

In other words, lumber yards just didn't seem to mean anything except to the head of the family, who found it necessary from time to time to buy some 2x4s and boards. He usually ended up by kicking like a bay steer about the price and making the unqualified statement that "you can't buy good lumber any more and the cost is becoming prohibitive."

Well, thank goodness we have lived to see the time when such is no longer the case and it was only this month that we had the privilege of spending a Saturday in a lumber yard where an official "opening" was taking place which brought people from far and near to participate in the many activities that had been planned to interest and amuse them.

It was a beautiful day in late August. Not too warm or too cold—the kind of a day when everybody liked to be outside. Blue skies and a gentle breeze.

We arrived rather early in the morning but the crowds were already gathering although the program was not scheduled to start until noon.

The new layout was altogether beautiful to behold. Modernistic architectural effects had been used to change completely the traditional appearance of the yard and to transform it into an establishment than which there was none more attractive in town. It didn't look any more like a lumber yard than the moving picture theater looked like an oil station. It was painted snow white with the result that it couldn't fail to attract the favorable attention of everyone who passed. Of course there was the main office, the display room on the corner, as well as the usual driveways and the rear yard; but it didn't really look like a lumber yard as we have known them to these many years. Yet it wasn't overdone. Nor had the owner gone hog-wild so far as costs were concerned because the entire layout didn't call for the investment of a lot of money. It was merely that so much thought had been put into the project in order to make it look different and to arrange the stocks of building materials so that they could be conveniently warehoused and effectively displayed. All of which created a highly satisfactory result.

But we were going to tell you about the interest of the public in the opening of the yard instead of dwelling at length upon its unusual attractiveness.

The thing that impressed us most about the whole affair was that this dealer had advertised the fact that the new yard was to be officially opened on this particular afternoon and that manufacturers' representatives would be on hand to display their wares; also that there would be contests of various kinds for the adults and races galore for the children.

A loud-speaker conveniently located on the platform at the rear of the main sheds made it possible for the announcer to acquaint the crowd with the results of the various contests and keep them posted concerning the next event. It also provided an opportunity for a well-known agricultural engineer to deliver an address which was exceedingly well received by the large number of farmers and their wives in attendance. Here was unfolded the story of better farm buildings for less money

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—a story of vital importance to every farm owner in the trading area. The professor who made the address came from the state agricultural college and is one of the best-known in his profession in the U.S. During the day he mingled with the farmers and discussed with them their various farm building problems.

A large section of one of the sheds was devoted to the Ladies Aid Society where doughnuts and coffee were served during the afternoon. It goes without saying that the Society was liberally compensated for the services it rendered.

The contests created great rivalry and much amusement. No one was overlooked and there were plenty of prizes.

A moving picture camera made a permanent record of the different events and arrangements were made by the dealer to display the film at the local moving picture theater the week following the opening. Several hundred feet of film, appropriately titled, re-enacted the scenes of the afternoon for the eager audiences which came to see their friends and neighbors perform in the movies.

A particularly interesting feature was the fact that the children—tomorrow’s customers—were not only especially invited but were made welcome and generously rewarded for their attendance. All-day-suckers were distributed by the hundreds. Foot races brought so many entrants that it was necessary to run them in several “heats.”

It was a jovial occasion indeed.

As usual, everybody registered. At the end of the afternoon scores of gifts were distributed through the efforts of co-operating manufacturers.

We know, of course, that there have been innumerable similar openings during the past few years but it was our first opportunity to be an eyewitness to the fact that every one in the community can be interested in the lumber yard and that there are probably more interesting items to be found in said lumber yard than in almost any other place of business in town.

Boards and 2x4s are no longer merely boards and 2x4s. The interest now shifts to what can be done with them to bring convenience and comfort to their purchasers. And the same thing is true of practically everything else that is carried in stock in the modern lumber yard.

We heard an expert fence salesman talking to a prospective customer and were fascinated by the story of profits which was unfolded to the listener. Once upon a time this same salesman would, no doubt, have launched into a glowing description of the quality of the materials used in making the fence. Now he took the fence as a matter of course and sold what it accomplishes in the way of added profits for its owner. In other words, he was selling profits instead of fences and he had no difficulty whatever in obtaining a receptive audience.

And so it was right down the line. It is unquestionably one of the reasons why the modern lumber dealer can so readily obtain the interest of men, women and children in his community, especially when he forgets raw materials and begins to talk what these materials do for their owners. After all is said and done, who among us is not vitally interested in a home while only casually interested in the innumerable component materials which are required to construct it.

Even came and the crowd gradually faded away. We sat and visited awhile with the tired dealer and his employees and there was a sigh of satisfaction all around as we contemplated the interesting and enthusiastic reactions which were heard and seen on every side.

—R.E.S.

"Volumitis"

ONE outstanding thing that we found out during the past month is that many, many dealers are sorely afflicted once again with that strange malady which seems to find such a persistent foothold in the lumber yard—"Volumitis."

To our own way of thinking it is the curse of the lumber industry.

During the past thirty days we have visited yard after yard where the dealers were volume-mad. Business had been good for several months and they were already beginning to reach out on every hand for still greater volume.

So eager were they to build up impressive sales totals that they were taking bills right and left even though the transaction represented no profit whatever.

One dealer in particular had found it necessary to buy a new truck—hire a new driver—employ another yard man in order to handle the added volume which came from the sale of a grist of profitless deals.

True, his volume went up. So did his expenses. The more sales of this kind that he grabbed off the poorer the service that he rendered his regular customers.

There was a great hullabaloo going on in this establishment and the dealer was very much impressed with the seething activity but all the time that he was emphasizing the importance of volume we couldn’t help but detect the innumerable signs of inefficiency which were prevalent on every side.

The inability of the lumber dealer to resist the temptation to roll up greater and greater volume is perhaps only natural in every line of business but sometimes we wonder if it isn’t a failing that is especially peculiar to the lumber yard. Otherwise, how can you account for the fact that so many dealers are willing to sell so many large lumber bills at cost or, at best, slightly above cost but not enough to pay the overhead?

Last week we heard a dealer quibble for more than two hours with a lumber salesman over a difference of 50c per M on a carload of lumber—a difference of less than $15.00. Within an hour from the time the salesman booked the order at the reduced price, this same dealer told us he had sold an $1800.00 bill of lumber that same forenoon at a discount of 20 percent.

Will some one be good enough to point out to us why any one will quibble about a $15.00 saving on a carload

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Dealers Boost Fibre Board Sales

Find Special Promotions Increase the Sale of Products for Insulating and Interior Finish Purposes

THIS ARTICLE on merchandising methods used in promoting the sale of fibre building boards both for structural and insulating purposes is a broad survey of the field—the purpose being to show some of its many phases and the general sales helps which are available to the dealer wishing to increase his volume and profit. Leading manufacturers in this field have developed carefully planned campaigns and special promotions. Here a dealer in the Midwest capitalized on such a program to boost his sales to many times his former volume will be told in a later article.

IN A SURVEY recently completed by American Builder, it was found that over 80 per cent of individually owned yards and about 90 per cent of the line yards stock fibre building boards. This indicates a wide acceptance both by the dealer and consumer of these products which have been developed in little over a decade. On the other hand, some yards have not yet awakened to their potential merchandising possibilities.

Determining the type of market served by the dealer is the first consideration for expanding volume, since selling methods to the several types vary widely. First there is the urban market offering new construction and modernization of residential and commercial structures; second, the farm with houses, barns, outbuildings, etc.; third, the specialty field in which sales are for such uses as building trailers, concrete forms, acoustical installations, cold storage jobs, small industrial and shopcraft consumption. Some dealers are located to serve all these markets, others are limited to one or two.

The usual sales methods are naturally the basis for successful selling in this field. Manufacturers furnish helps such as turning over to the local dealer, inquiries received from national advertising; supplying direct mail pieces and booklets on the products and offering truck and job signs, display racks and mat service.

The dealer has the problems of doing a good local advertising job; getting proper salesmen if a special department is decided upon; making up prospect lists by canvassing neighborhoods for attic insulation prospects by observing roofs from which new snow has melted, checking building permits for new construction and modernizing, and making farm visits to explain profit benefits; consulting with local manufacturers regarding fabricating purposes. The dealer to do a thorough job must also familiarize himself with all details concerning proper use and methods of application and know which product should be sold to assure consumer satisfaction. Moreover, he should pass along to his contractors such information as they should have on the job.

However, being a comparatively new line of products and one which in recent years has been constantly improved, dealers most successful in increasing sales either through better merchandising to the usual market or finding additional outlets, generally have been those who have most closely co-operated with the manufacturer. New selling campaigns, contractor education and advisory services are being developed and offered to the dealer; new uses are being suggested; special promotions are available to create local interest and tie up with the large volume of national advertising in this field. Some of these new developments and promotions will be briefly considered.

As well as furnishing a market for fibre boards themselves, trailers are being used by several companies as a means of promoting wider sales of their lines. One of these demonstration trailers is now touring the country and contacting dealers to help them with their advertising program. It is equipped with a highly efficient public address system and carries a stock of records which include popular music, hymns, dance tunes and a recorded advertising playlet. If there happens to be a political or church meeting or some other sort of social function scheduled for the community in which the trailer is at the time located, the sound reproducing equipment is placed at the disposal of that particular group. Any speeches are amplified and then a program of music suitable to the type of gathering follows. The advertising recording is included somewhere during the proceed-

SALES HELPS available include decorating guides, engineering and plan services, application instructions and monthly promotional booklets.
ings, and a local dealer's name ballyhooed. This has been a very popular promotion device. It has even led parades and is much in demand for local use by many dealers.

Another successful form of traveling exhibit is the product demonstration show. First started several years ago to create interest in modernizing work when new construction volume was small, the purpose was to display the many possibilities of fibre board products for remodeling jobs. Now such traveling shows have increased in size and numbers until they now include all types of insulating and building board for use in both new building and modernizing. They are now classed as home decorating and insulating shows.

Arrangements for staging one of these demonstration shows are made between the dealer and the salesman of the territory. The dealer is furnished with invitation cards to be sent to his prospects and uses local newspaper display and radio advertising so that the show is also open to the public. Groups such as builders, architects and decorators are sometimes given special showings.

The show itself is a complete demonstration of the product. Exhibits include samples of wall construction, methods of application, insulation displays, painting and decorating suggestions and building information.

That such demonstrations actually result in sales is indicated by some of the comments made by dealers as to their experiences with the shows.

A New York dealer reports: "... We have pulled two nice jobs as a result of the exhibition and have numerous good prospective jobs in sight."

In Ohio, a company comments: "... At no time previous to the show did we feel that it would have particular value from an immediate sales standpoint. We did not expect the show to pull footage. Before it was over one of our local yards had already landed three very nice jobs."

A lumber dealer in Montana states: "... We would like to see this show come to our city two or three times as often as it does now. As a direct result, we closed one particularly desirable order for about 25,000 feet of building board."

Farm Market Promotion Varied and Effective

In the rural market, promotion methods are varied and effective since potential sales of these products to the farmer cover a very wide application. The natural way to interest this trade is through an appeal to money-saving and greater efficiency of production. Once this has been satisfactorily demonstrated in a small way, additional sales are a matter of course. Direct mail advertising pieces of an educational nature, backed up by advisory and engineering service furnished by the manufacturer, will carry the major portion of a farm selling campaign. Plans for all regular types of outbuildings having the use of board properly specified for correct insulation are available as part of this service. Special problems can be handled through the company engineering department. Such service is being constantly pub-
licized in farm journals and can be tied up with local advertising.

A new method of putting across the story of board products to a dealer's farm prospects was recently announced by one manufacturer—the use of talking film to present facts on how farmers can benefit by the use of insulation. Construction pictures show step by step how the material is built into a structure, accompanied by an explanation of reasons for these steps. Meetings at which these films are shown are arranged through dealers. How to get more business by using a merchandising program and general insulation facts are likewise presented on other films.

As a means of familiarizing the farmer with the value of insulated buildings, brooder houses using the products are stocked as a leader by many dealers. They can be built at the yard in the slack season and delivered complete to the farm, thus serving as an introductory item for the complete program of board use in other buildings.

Some dealers have found that the brooder houses are themselves a very profitable line. By staging an all-day party at his yard once a year, one dealer sold 16 of them and found 150 good prospects out of 500 farmers attending this affair, all of which is a mighty good example of what can be done in selling to the farmer. A brooder house awarded as a contest prize has been found to be one way to stimulate additional interest. The winning of the prize carries with it an agreement that the lucky farmer will carry out a test in which a record is kept of the results obtained from starting chicks in this house as compared to an ordinary one. The fact that such tests have shown over thirty per cent more profit to the farmer is in itself the best sales argument. This type of promotion can be effectively backed up by a seasonal mail campaign; country fairs provide another opportunity for the display of these insulated brooder houses.

Finally, there is the problem of displaying samples of these products in the yard or office. The best and most used method of demonstration is to display such products permanently as part of a salesroom or yard building. This will cover both interior finish and structural uses. Several rooms, or parts of them, such as wainscotings and ceilings, each having a different treatment, will show the many variations possible. Where space is limited, a corner or booth divided into panels can be used to show such a line. Cutaway wall sections labeled to point out features are good educational displays. Along with the many other sales helps provided by manufacturers, swinging wall racks having sample panels, each of a different type and finished surface are available to the dealers.

To summarize briefly, the large market which exists for fibre board products can be merchandised most successfully and profitably by using manufacturer co-operation to keep up with new developments in this field so that today's products and possibilities are well known, contractors can be informed on correct application, and advantage can be taken of special promotions as they are made available.
Comparative Cost of 12 Houses

By A. W. HOLT
Director of Service, Merchandising Council

The inevitable questions, "How much will this house cost?"—"How much more for this one?"—"Which is the cheapest to build?"—and many more, have been asked me dozens of times the past few months when displaying my "Holt's Magic House" to dealers, contractors and other friends.

In hopes I may render another service to the building industry in general and readers of American Builder in particular, I have prepared FACTS that will upset the apple cart for many who have been guided by supposition as well as serve as a measuring stick of comparative costs when a prospective homebuilder begins looking around.

First of all, consider the plainest kind of a roof shown as No. 1 of the twelve. Consider this as standard and consider the other roofs made with this one model, using the same roof triangles.

Note how two of the four triangles forming one side of the plain roof are reversed and another gable added to form the three-gabled roof shown as No. 2.

No. 3 is a four-gabled roof formed in the same way on the other side of the roof.

The fourth one is a cut-up roof that requires no more wood shingles than No. 1 because the shingles that are cut off to form the hip are used to start the valley. Whenever hips and valleys are equal, there is no waste of wood shingles. This may or may not be the case with asphalt shingles which must line up with every alternate course. It depends upon the size of the shingle and the pitch of the roof.

The one-gable-and-hip roof in No. 5 has the very same roof surface as the others, but because of hips and no valleys will require more shingles than No. 1 and No. 4. All hip roofs involve extra work on the hip and jack rafters. This is more than off-set by the saving of the gable wall in the rear.

The hip roof shown in No. 6 is the cheapest of all because of no gable walls and only four miters for the cornice besides requiring less cornice. The saving is not of enough consequence to influence choice of this roof even if means are limited and it is necessary to cut corners. All too many build this house because it looks cheap. An attractive home costs but little more and has much greater resale value, besides enhancing community values.

Adding a dormer to No. 6 makes No. 7, which looks like a lot more house for so little more money. The roof surface is only increased to the extent of the projection of the dormer roof at each side which "doubles up" on the roof directly under it. This is termed "duplications."

Except for the duplication of dormer roof at each side, all the remaining houses have exactly the same surface as the first six without the dormer. Of course,
I—Comparative Construction Units above ceiling joists for Roofs Shown in photographs

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<td>$619.28</td>
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<td>$381.64</td>
<td>$353.88</td>
<td>$414.82</td>
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With this basic information for these twelve roofs, it is a simple matter for each firm to figure its own costs if figuring "by the square," as is fully explained in Bulletin No. 4 of *House Valuator service. Dealers who

*Write your Lumbermen's Association for information about this estimating service.

the cost of each will vary, according to the gables, hips, valleys, etc., as given by Table No. 1. This is based on a house 28 ft. by 28 ft. with 3/4 pitch (9 in. per foot run) roof projecting 12 in., making the roof 30 ft. square at the eaves.

Roof No. 7, House 4% less; Roof 3.3% less.

Roof No. 8, House 1.0% more; Roof 8.9% more.

Roof No. 9, House 2.9% more; Roof 24.3% more.

Roof No. 10, House 7.7% more; Roof 5.5% more.

Roof No. 11, House 2.5% more; Roof 20.9% more.

Roof No. 12, House 5.1% more; Roof 43.2% more.
use my first system, "Holt Bid," can also figure all twelve roofs very quickly. I did so by hand in thirty-five minutes. Incidentally, it required twenty-two minutes to figure and check the house "under these roofs" by the square and four minutes with the House Valuator. You can do so even easier with the following schedule of units required, exclusive of the roof. All you need do is to change unit costs and extensions.

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<td>Cellar Sash, 5 ops.</td>
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<td>Outside Walls, 10,64 sq.</td>
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<td>Floor, 7.84 sqs.</td>
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<td>Ceiling, 7.84 sqs.</td>
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<td>Partition, 91 lin. ft.</td>
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<td>IS Finish OS Walls, 112 lin. ft.</td>
<td>.98</td>
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<td>Front Door, 1 opg.</td>
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<td>Rear Door, 1 opg.</td>
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<td>Interior Doors, 9 opgs.</td>
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<td>Windows, 12 opgs.</td>
<td>23.60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chimney, 8 sq. ft.</td>
<td>2.40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plumbing, Heating, Lighting and Cabinet Work</td>
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House Cost to Top of Ceiling Joist $3,177.54

With this much of all houses costing the same, it was only necessary to figure all roofs and add $3,177.54. By ruling a sheet of paper and figuring the walls for each, then the roofs, and so on for the other units, according to the schedule given in Table No. 1, it wasn't much of a job to do this as illustrated by Table No. 2.

Remember, costs will vary everywhere. The basic costs I used are those in effect at the present time for frame construction by a lineyard firm that has House Valuator in all of its fifty odd yards in the Northwest. The men of this organization KNOW that these are reliable for them because they have checked my systems on hundreds of houses for twelve years.

Your dollar cost will be correspondingly more or less but your comparative costs should be practically constant as you can prove by figuring three or four roofs. Then you can apply the "Comparative Roof Costs" to your cost of the standard roof in the first column rated at 1.000, thus: If your standard roof (No. 1) costs, say, $400.00, your cost of roof No. 8 should be very near 89 percent more, or $436.00. Likewise, if your total cost of house No. 1 is $3,300.00, house No. 8 should cost practically 1.1 per cent, or $36.30 more.

This page of illustrations with comparative costs should be invaluable in convincing prospective housebuilders that they cannot afford not to build their dream house. In a few minutes anyone can understand why the variation in cost cannot be of any consequence when resale values are considered.

Checking with House Valuator

Dealers who now use House Valuator will be interested to know that it gave the total cost as $3,575.03 and in one-fifth of the time required to figure in units, or FOUR MINUTES. You can check your unit costs, or let your unit costs check your House Valuator, from the following information:

I figured this as having a total of nine rooms, five major and four minor, per page 47 of House Valuator. For 28 ft. by 28 ft. size, 8 ft. 6 in. ceiling height, 12 in. cornice, 00 pitch roof, the cost-rate is given at .874. Since these twelve houses are of 00 pitch, .011 was added because this is one-quarter of the .044 difference between the rates for 00 and 00 pitch, which is .918. This makes total cost-rate .885. Since the Basic House used with House Valuator (not this No. 1 Roof) figured to $2,173.29, which I called $2,175.00, multiplying by .885 gave $1,924.88 for the superstructure. Adding $16.35 for the one extra interior door, $47.20 for two extra windows, $38.80 for the four gable windows and $547.80 for the foundation, per first four items of house costs, made a total of $3,575.03. This is less than one percent off and just as apt to be correct as the unit cost of $3,606.52. Both will prove more accurate than the old list-of-material drudgery that presents too many chances of error or omission. A few check-ups like this will satisfy anyone that they cannot meet present-day competition with century-old methods.

After writing the foregoing, I was asked to review a comparatively new adaptation of the cubical contents way of gues-timating. Every time I see cubical contents, I would see red were it not that I try to be charitable. In this case, the author gave co-efficients which meant:

"Hip roofs cost 2 percent more."

"All other cut-up roof 3 percent more."

How's that for misinformation as compared to actual facts given by Table No. 1? The "Fools' Paradise" editorial which appeared in the June issue of American Builder applies to those who are largely responsible for misleading prices frequently published. To refute some of the false theories was the main inspiration that culminated in my "Holt's Magic House." Let's hope it serves that purpose as well as the "first house" that thousands of little girls may own for themselves.

Several dealer employees have asked me how to figure rafter lengths, hips, valleys, roof surfaces which I will do next month with reference to Roof No. 8. To be ready for it, write your lumbermen's association for a "M-C Roof Gauge," enclosing stamped self-addressed envelope. It's free to dealers.

"Volumitis"—By R.E.S.

(Continued from page 134)

of lumber and then turn around and throw $360.00 out through the window to obtain an order?

"Volumitis" appears to be the answer—a mad desire to run the sales totals up without apparently caring how great the loss may be.

Here, there and everywhere we find dealers gravely afflicted once again with the same old malady that has laid so many of them low in the past—"Volumitis." Would that some one could develop an antidote that would make us more and more immune to its deadly attacks!—R.E.S.

*Mystery

IT TOOK 15 years for installment selling to find its way into the lumber yard. Now that it is here, dealer after dealer is giving it a swift kick and sending it back down town where they say it belongs.

To our wholly unimportant way of thinking this procedure is sure to bring disaster to the lumber dealer who isn't taking advantage of the greatest opportunity that has come to the industry in many a moon, i.e., financing services which enable him to create non-competitive cash sales where he can deliver the right kind of materials and render the service that the ultimate consumer is entitled to receive when he purchases them.

Here is a dealer doing business in a city of 75,000

(Continued to page 158)
Lumber Dealers Now “in the Money”

Profits Discovered in Sink Tops of Linoleum and Stainless Steel

DEALERS alive to present-day building trends have been keeping a watchful, and an anxious, eye on the home kitchen. They have seen it grow in importance, taking on restyled beauty and demanding more and more in expensive equipment until today the kitchen is not only the center of house building or remodeling interest for the women but also has become the most studied and perfected room in the house. Where formerly the kitchen “took what was left” in the way of floor space, and usually back on the dark side of the house, today the kitchen is planned first, it is given the best location, and it is filled with most carefully designed and manufactured equipment.

In this development there has naturally been an increased use of factory-manufactured steel case work to go along with today’s line of refrigerators, ranges and sinks. Lumber dealers have noted this trend with apprehension because it was becoming more and more evident that the local carpenter and the local cabinet shop were losing out before this factory competition. Advancing standards were making the product of these good old time lumber dealer customers seem crude by comparison. The women might like the wood cases and cabinets but they were steadily being weaned away by the shine and brilliant style of the factory products offered in competition.

Recently, however, there has been a change that is bringing the local millwork and cabinet work back into the picture; a new line of custom-made sink tops has been developed in molded linoleum and in stainless steel which is being distributed exclusively through retail lumber dealers and which, combined with locally produced cabinet work, creates “the last word” in kitchen styling and elegance. These sink tops are each made up to exact measure and the manufacturing process has been so programed that there is no hold-up on the job waiting for the sink and cabinet tops; by the time the local case work is ready the specially ordered sink top has been processed and delivered.

This factory-built sink top service has been perfected by the Tracy Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, and is being very successfully used by one of the local lumber dealers—the Bennett Lumber & Mfg. Co., Millvale, a Pittsburgh suburb. The photograph above shows a Bennett installation in a fine home in West View Borough, this being a “Perma Sheen” sink of linoleum drainboards and stainless steel bowl finishing off in proper style the wood cabinet work turned out by this local lumber dealer. An average of one sink a day has been the sales record of Mr. Bennett since taking on this line. He finds that they go well, both in new homes and in remodeling work. They carry a good profit margin themselves and also carry with them the sale of wood cases and other lumber dealer items.
THE constantly increasing amount of interest in trailers during the last year has been well indicated by the surprising amount of publicity on this development. It is estimated that the rapidly growing army of trailerites is now above the 100,000 mark, some using trailers for seasonal touring purposes, others as permanent homes.

How to Build a HOUSE TRAILER

Construction Plans Give Dealer Needed Information; Most of Materials Are Already Stocked

The lumber dealer can capitalize on the made-to-order market since most of the materials, including framing lumber, hardboard covering, cases, etc., are already in stock. The bill of material and plans on these pages, as furnished by the Masonite Corporation, give all the necessary construction details. The item numbers on the drawings refer to the first figure in the bill of material.

An exterior view of this same trailer is shown on page 137; interior details are illustrated above. The equipment and conveniences include large locker space, two convertible lounge beds, cooking facilities, running water and radio. Trim and decoration give an opportunity to show the same individual taste as one likes to express in his home. Interior surfaces can be left natural as in the one shown, or can be painted according to a desired color scheme.

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In these hectic campaigning days all dealers and their customers can safely unite on one big issue, namely, more and better low cost homes for families of medium income. Here is the “plank” that fits the present needs of practically every community. Good small homes are as scarce as hen’s teeth, and are getting scarcer. You can hardly find one to rent, and you certainly would not want to buy any that are offered. They are out of date—entirely unsuited to the standards and requirements of today.

What is needed in every community is a new supply of new, small, modern homes designed to take advantage of late developments in the art of home building and in line with the times. Lumber and supply dealers are supposed to have up-to-date plans, and most of them are well supplied. In this department we have reproduced half a dozen of the most popular.

**THE DEVONSHIRE**

Efficiency Four-Room Cottage with English Half Timbered Gable

New ornamental features built into the exterior of a small home make a wonderful difference in its appearance. Take this little English design, for instance, illustrated below. The Elizabethan stucco work and paneling in the front add little to the cost, yet combined with the rough hewn porch timbers and the small diamond leaded panes in the casement windows, we have a front here which possesses real distinction. The front bay window is attractive from without, and very practical within, adding materially to the size of the living room. Dinette and kitchen are connected to make a really splendid arrangement. The bedroom with private bath completes the layout effectively. A bed closet off the living room accommodates a roller type of bed, giving this house emergency capacity. This closet also serves as a convenient hang-up for outdoor wraps and as storage space for game boards and other living room extras.

**COMPACT three-room and bath cottage, size 24 by 22 feet, “The Devonshire,” designed by the Packard Service Bureau, Davenport, la.**

The economy of this little home is indicated by the following Cost Key: .761—100—564—25—12—8
ALWAYS IN GOOD TASTE
"The Stafford" Containing Five Rooms, Bath and Garage Embodies the Best Early American Traditions

ABOVE is a type of home that is distinctly Colonial that has proved its merit and economy over a period of years. This design offers a maximum of room area for the minimum cost. Without qualifications, this type, simple yet well within the sphere of pleasing treatment, offers the most economical home possible. Do not overlook the convenient garage.

A FIVE-ROOM layout plus two additional chambers to be finished off later upstairs is shown in "The Stafford" designed by the National Plan Service, Inc., Chicago. A low construction cost is indicated by the Cost Key: 1.630—165—744—33—18—14
American Builder, October 1936.

INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS

Can be Bought on

ATTRACTIVE EASY TERMS

AT LOW RATES

International Harvester has probably had more and longer experience with time-payment financing in the sale of its products than any other corporation that you might name. Long before the very birth of the automotive industry the builders of this century-old organization were selling millions of dollars worth of agricultural equipment annually, on "time." Many younger enterprises may be said to have "gone to school" to International Harvester in the financing of time payments.

In the past 30 years tens of thousands of men have been helped to ownership of International Trucks by International Harvester's extension of credit. The most liberal of the many partial-payment plans in the industry today reflect International policy of long years' standing.

Pay CASH on delivery for your trucks when you can, and save all financing charges, but when cash must be conserved see what International's liberal time-payment plan may offer you. Inquire as to our materially reduced financing charges — let Internationals earn their way as you pay.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY


$415 for 1\frac{1}{2}-ton chassis; $610 for 1\frac{3}{4}-ton chassis, f.o.b. factory, are great values for International quality. International time-payment rates apply to every model, Half-Ton to big Six-Wheelers. Call any International dealer or nearby branch.
A CONSERVATIVE CHOICE

"The Staten" Shows How to Combine Garage and Colonial Home Under One Roof

In this design, Colonial detail is followed throughout with harmonious results. The ground area is small considering the accommodations provided—28 feet wide by 27 feet deep including the built-in garage. This decidedly modern feature has been cleverly added to the traditional Colonial in a way that would perhaps surprise the Pilgrim Fathers but looks okay to the modern young couple desiring a real home of compact lines and streamlined convenience. A fire wall of metal lath and plaster should isolate motor room from the rest of the house. This would include two side walls and ceiling.

HISTORIC design modernized, "The Staten," designed by the National Plan Service, Inc., Chicago, Ill. Cost Key is 1.420—114—554—25—18—11
INSULATED COTTAGE

"The Wildernest" Three-Room Cottage Features Celotex Construction

OFFERING this little three-room insulated cottage the Architectural Dept. of the Celotex Corp. has drawn off the following bill of materials as required for its proper construction:

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| 10 sq. ft.| Sill         | 750 ft. B.M. | 50 x 10" x 16'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 250 ft. B.M. | 4" x 10'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 350 lin. ft. | 4" x 10'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 110 lin. ft. | 2" x 4" x 16'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 110 lin. ft. | 2" x 4" x 10'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 115 lin. ft. | 2" x 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Beam        | 110 lin. ft. | 2" x 4" x 2'-0"
| 1        | Ceiling joint | 100 ft. B.M. | 1" x 6" x 12'-0"
| 1        | Beam above ceiling joint | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 6" x 12'-0"
| 1        | Rafters     | 750 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Wood panel strips | 100 ft. B.M. | 6" x 12'-0"
| 1        | Base board (exterior) | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Base drip | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Core molding | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Sill-ribbon | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
| 1        | Studs and Plates | 100 ft. B.M. | 4" x 8'-0"
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**Detail of Window Jamb**

**Part of Cross-Section**

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The Robinson-Patman Act
Its Highlights and Difficulties
By P. K. SEIDMAN*

On June 19, 1936 business was chartered for a new course under the auspices of the Robinson-Patman Act. The ship quickly floundered and is now literally and figuratively all at sea. The hows, whys and wherefores of the Act, are admittedly difficult of answer, especially in view of the far-reaching consequences that are involved, one way or the other. We cannot here hope to allay all doubts. It may however be laughed away.

The Act has too many ambiguities to try, with any feeling of security, to completely analyze it. Especially is this true since the enforcement agency (Federal Trade Commission) is now struggling with the interpretation. The best we can hope to accomplish at this time is to touch on some of the highspots and consider their implications a bit.

Outline of Provisions
To start with, the heart of the Act may be briefly outlined as follows:

1. All persons who buy or sell commodities in interstate commerce are subject to the prohibitions and penalties of the Act. Commodities embrace all those that are sold for use, consumption, or resale within the United States and its territories.

2. The Act declares it to be unlawful (a) for a seller to discriminate in price between different purchasers of goods of like grade and quality, or (b) for a customer knowingly to induce such discrimination, where the effect may be to substantially lessen competition. The criminal elements enter in knowingly participating as buyer or seller in a price discrimination that is designed or tends to blight the competition that the buyer or seller, or their customers, would otherwise have. Sales at a discriminating price, deliberately calculated to eliminate the competitor of the seller or buyer, furnish a glaring example for the invocation of this provision.

3. This price discrimination clause has, like most laws, a train of exceptions. Here are the important ones:
   (a) The sale of large quantities at a lower price unit than that established for smaller quantities, is permissible, but the differential must be premised solely on the difference in cost of dealing with quantity sales.
   (b) Price differentials and discounts may also be made by reason of factors other than quantities, such as "differing methods" of selling or delivering, again provided that differentials are supported by differences in cost (or as the Act says, not in excess of "due allowance" for cost differentials).
   (c) Price changes may be made to reflect changing market or marketability conditions, such as distress sales under court order, imminent deterioration of perishable goods, discontinuance of business, etc.
   (d) A "good faith" clause makes it possible for a seller to meet an equally low price of a competitor.

4. The exception for quantity discounts in turn has an exception, namely, where the Federal Trade Commission finds that available purchasers are so few that the differentials become discriminatory and promote monopoly.

5. To prevent beating the price feature, it is declared unlawful to pay brokerage or to make advertising allowances or to pay for services or facilities furnished by selected customers in connection with the processing, handling or sale of the commodity, or to provide them with special services not accorded.
September 21st started the MID-STATES RADIO Contest (3 times each week—each station). 15 radio stations will broadcast the Contest; the merchandise; the MID-STATES dealers’ names.

Fence buyers will know more than ever about the superb quality of patented “Galvannealed” wire; the advantages of copper-bearing steel. They’ll also learn that this good fence is NOT priced any higher than standard fences.

Here’s an opportunity for you to sell more fence and make more money; an opportunity for us to work closely with you at point-of-sale. Between us we can make your trade want MID-STATES fence—and want to buy it from you.

How about writing us? You’ll be interested in the Radio Contest and dealer tie-in idea.

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Dept. S-32
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Stiff-stay and hinge-joint field and poultry fence, poultry netting, industrial fence, corn cribbing, wire, barbed wire, nails, staples, bale ties, fence stays, steel posts, gates, fence stretchers, ornamental fabrics, roofing and sheet metal.
ed to all purchasers on proportionately equal terms.
6. The inhibitions run generally against both buyer and seller, and it is specifically provided that a purchaser is in violation of the law, if he receives a commission or allowance that in effect is a price rebate.
7. The Act levies no tax of any kind, nor does it require the filing of any reports with the Federal Trade Commission. It is not a price-fixing measure, nor is it designed to require the maintenance of the resale price.

The foregoing is far from a complete analysis, but it brings to light these important factors: The Act neither requires nor compels the granting of differentials of any sort. It leaves anyone who wishes to do, entirely free to sell to all customers at the same price regardless of differences in cost, or to grant such differentials as are justified by differences in cost. While sellers may not discriminate, they may charge different prices in different communities to persons who are not competitors. The seller may give advertising allowances to stimulate trade in one community but this does not require him to give an identical or a proportional allowance to a customer in another community who is not in competition. Discriminations without limit are permitted when made in good faith to meet competition. Furthermore, sales abroad are not affected by the Act.

We perhaps are now armed with a sufficient acquaintance with the content of the Act to examine some of the economic pros and cons.

Some Pros and Cons

The proponents envision the Act as an insurer of fair competition and the means of giving the smaller fellow some place, if not a better place, in the sun. As to the desirability of these objectives, it is not likely that sharp issue can be drawn. The field of controversy is whether the Act, as drawn, provides in practical fashion the means of securing the well-nigh universally sought goal.

An obstacle looms at the outset in the glittering generalities on which the Act rests its entire weight. “Differential methods,” “like grade and quality,” “Due allowance” for differentials, etc., can be as amiably expansive or narrow, depending on the attitude of the interpreter. This generally means “fight” and litigation.

More important, however, is that a good deal hinges on that cute little word “costs.” For a mono-syllable, it can certainly provoke a good deal of uncertainty and strife. Accountants have been battling it out for years, with both sides still in the lead, and the prospect that it will thus wind up. The cost provisions in N.R.A. codes brought this home very clearly. It is difficult therefore to believe that, except in flagrant cases, the drastic penalties of the law will or can be harnessed to different interpretations of accounting theory that has rooters on both sides.

Aside from these more or less technical matters, serious question has been raised in many sources whether the Act, instead of promoting fair competition, may bring on just the opposite result. The freight situation, and the right to absorb part of the freight or make additions to it, is one fraught with delicacy and the possibilities of upsetting the distributing processes. Then again, the Act being an attempt at standardizing aspects of human nature that refuse to be, or perhaps cannot be, herded under our economy, all sorts of freakish but permissibly circumventive transactions may be contrived. New vistas may also possibly arise for racketeering.

Aside from these inherent aspects, there is considerable doubt whether the Act can be properly enforced,
Southerner: “In the South the name has been a magic password to roofing sales for 26 years.”

Midwesterner: “Yes, but Texaco Roofings are new here. People don’t know them.”

Southerner: “Maybe they don’t know Texaco Roofings but they sure know Texaco. And they know it well enough to know it means quality. Actually Texaco is the best known name in roofing today.”

Midwesterner: “I guess you’re right, there. But what have they got to back it up?”

Southerner: “They’ve got the goods—as fine a quality line of roofings and shingles as you want to see—and well packaged, too. They’ve got the prices—no premium is asked. And they have the goods where the dealer wants them when he wants them. You’ll learn what cooperation and service really means.”

Midwesterner: “I’m going to look into them.”

Southerner: “You’ll find it’s a fast moving line. Take my word for it.”

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Conveniently located to serve the entire Midwest, Texaco’s Lockport roofing plant, modern in every respect, will supply Texaco Roofings, Shingles and Felts to the Central States trade. Write for information. The Texas Company, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
This advertisement, which directs the public's attention to the important services of dealers in steel products, appeared in The Saturday Evening Post, Sept. 26... Collier's, Sept. 26... Business Week, Sept. 26... Nation's Business, October.
REAL telephones are ringing, placing real orders like this—thousands of times every day, all over the country. At the other end of the wire is a local merchant who sells steel and steel products—there is at least one in every community. He is the dealer, the jobber or the distributor selling by the pound, foot or ton.

In this intricate age of ours, living would come to a standstill without steel distributors. For example: An explosion wrecks a small factory building. Men are out of work; the plant can't operate. The contractors rebuild the structure over a week-end because they can get the many necessary kinds of steel—tons and tons of it, at once—from a nearby steel warehouse. Or a homeowner, doing a few odd jobs around the house, needs a pound or two of assorted nails. He gets them, right away, from a local dealer, who has all sizes in stock because he is able to replenish his supply overnight from a nearby jobber.

Other steel jobbers and distributors supply the pipe that plumbers use, or the steel girders to be placed in the basement of a home, or a small piece of alloy steel needed by a machine shop, or the electrical cable required by an electrician—even a few pieces of stainless steel for a store window. Farm and lawn fences, poultry netting, wire rope, galvanized sheets for barn and house roofs—practically any kind of steel that anybody uses—are carried in stock by these distributors, ready for delivery at a moment's notice.

United States Steel is proud to be a part of the service made available by these distributors. Bridges, ships, buildings, railroads—these require huge tonnages of steel. But the biggest purchasers of all are the distributors—selling to thousands of individuals and businesses. Their success is vital to the success of United States Steel.
Decide Your Campaign Now!

There are several more laps to go in the great political race. We haven't seen such a spirited campaign for decades.

The rallies, oratory and excitement will continue for another month. Then the people will gather to make their choice.

In the lumber business, you don't have to wait—or abide by the votes of others. You can make your decision right now.

The issues are quite clear—more sales and better profits for dealers—better values and better buildings for customers—advancing the industry by supporting the cause of better wood construction.

ESSCO makes it easy for you to have the lumber items customers need—and the old-time lumber quality and value that always satisfies.

ESSCO Quality is backed by a broad-gauged service that assures every dealer, promptness and accuracy in the filling of his orders.

Doesn't that sound like a ticket that will put new life and strength in your Fall selling campaign, offering your customers the maximum values in

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ESSCO OAK FLOORING

Exchange Sawmills Sales Co.

1111 R. A. Long Building,
Kansas City,
MO.

Mystery — By R. E. S.

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flames of price competition and puts the retail dealer in a far more serious competitive position than in the past. Under such circumstances the low bidders foist inferior materials upon innocent purchasers and the ultimate consumer is deprived of the all-important factor of intelligent lumber yard service, which is so vital to the success of the transaction.

Dealer-controlled financing services are absolutely essential to the future success of the lumber dealer and if he allows some other agency to do the job for him he must be content to make profitless sales if he wishes to make any at all because no one has ever been successful in making a profit on a lumber bill when the buyer was running rampant with a fist full of money and encouraging dealers to underbid each other.

Unquestionably the buying public is entitled to a satisfactory price but there is far more to every transaction than price alone because when competitive bidding rages viciously it naturally follows that the ultimate consumer is going to get it in the neck, whereas the man who buys good materials at the right price obtains a lifetime of satisfactory service and profits greatly in the long run.

No other industry that has made the most of installment selling has ever done so by delegating the financing to outside agencies as lumber dealers are now attempting to do and the thing that the industry needs most is a dealer-controlled financing service that is sound, practical, economical and safe—a service that is immune to varying rates and terms and the ups and downs of local financing.

Just the moment the demand for money springs up so that higher interest rates are available in other places, capital will quickly desert the construction industry and go where people are willing to pay more for it than it is possible to obtain on long-term, low-interest-rate loans.

That is why we claim that it is to the best interest of the lumber dealer to protect and nourish carefully the dealer-controlled financing services that have now come to him to help him solve many of the serious problems which have raised so much havoc in the past.

And so, upon each and every possible occasion, we say to dealers everywhere: KEEP CONTROL! Don't give away your birthright. Don't throw away the very thing that the industry has needed and been clamoring for for 15 years. Now that it's here, make the most of it. It's a grand chance to roll up some highly satisfactory profits and render an all-important service to the community!—R. E. S.

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INTEGRATED
Manufacturers of Quality Paints
for Over a Quarter Century
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WHAT WILL THE Next One BE?

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FLORIDA LOUISIANA RED CYPRESS CO.
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

LEGAL HELPS

for Lumber Dealers

Bank's Approval of Order for Lumber
As Guaranty of Payment

By LESLIE CHILDS

WHERE a lumber dealer furnishes lumber or other materials on the strength of a guaranty of the account by a third party, some care should be exercised in respect to the form of the writing. In other words, the dealer should make certain that the supposed guaranty is in proper form to bind the guarantor.

This is true because contracts of guaranty should by their very terms guarantee, for they will not as a general rule be enlarged by implication. It follows, a mere approval, or other loosely worded document, which may or may not bind its signer, should not hastily be accepted as a guaranty and acted upon. A dealer may well take his time here. The possible danger in overlooking this point of law is illustrated in a striking manner in the following case.

Lumber Shipped On Approval of Bank

In this case a lumber company received an order for two cars of white pine casings from the Lawrence Company, a firm with which it had an account. The order was signed by Lawrence the company's president, and directed that shipment be made "to the order of" a certain bank, and that the Lawrence Company be notified. At the foot of the order there also appeared the following:

"Order approved. Federal Trust Company, by Albion F. Bemis, Treas. * * *"

Upon receipt of this order, the lumber company jumped to the conclusion that while the Lawrence Company was buying the lumber, the bank was guaranteeing the account. In other words, that the written approval of the bank's treasurer which appeared upon the order constituted a guaranty of payment. And, in the light of the facts and circumstances of the case, the shipment being made to the order of the bank, coupled with its approval, this was not an unreasonable conclusion; a conclusion that any business man might on the spur of the moment have reached as was done here.

So, without more ado, and without taking the matter up with the bank and ascertaining just what its "approval" meant, the lumber company shipped as directed. The account was charged to the Lawrence Company and the latter thereafter billed in due course.

Upon its failure to receive payment, the lumber company made demand upon the bank upon its supposed guaranty. The bank promptly denied that it had guaranteed the account. It then developed that the lumber had been shipped to the order of the bank, and the order "approved" by the latter's treasurer under some business arrangement with the Lawrence Company which does not appear in the report.

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Legal Helps for Dealers

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The lumber company thereupon filed the instant action against the bank to enforce payment. This was predicated upon the lumber company's contention that the "approval" of the order by the bank's treasurer amounted to a guaranty. The lower court rendered judgment in favor of the bank. The lumber company appealed, and the higher court, in reasoning upon the question presented and in affirming the judgment of the lower court, had this to say:

Bank Held Not Bound

"These facts [as outlined above] fail to show any contractual obligation on the part of the bank to the plaintiff [lumber company]. The order was signed by Lawrence as president of the Lawrence Company. It emanated directly and exclusively from him. The approval of the order signed by the treasurer of the bank was neither in form nor substance an initial obligation from the bank to the plaintiff.

"It was not in form nor by fair import a guarantee of the primary obligation assumed by Lawrence, or the Lawrence Company. The words used in their ordinary sense in this context will not admit of such construction. Approval signifies assent, not personal liability."

The words seem to indicate some arrangement between Lawrence and the bank. The contract of guaranty is one well known to the law. It is simple in phrase and concise in expression. There is no difficulty in stating that obligation when it is intended to create it.

"There is no evidence that the words used by the treasurer of the bank had acquired any peculiar trade-meaning or had any usage been impressed with special significance. The mere delivery of the merchandise to the bank or receipt thereof by the bank by virtue of an order of this tenor did not impose any contractual obligation from the bank to the plaintiff."

So that was that. In other words, the receipt of the lumber by the bank and its written approval of the order therefor fell far short of a guaranty on its part of the account. Result, the lumber company was denied any recourse upon the bank in the collection of its claim against the Lawrence Company.

Conclusion

The foregoing case constitutes a striking example of the importance of care in construing a document, letter or paper, in respect to its legal significance. And especially is this true in relation to guaranties of accounts by third parties. For, as heretofore noted, guaranties are clearly defined in law, and an essential feature of their composition is a promise to pay on the part of the guarantor.

Doubtless, had the lumber company communicated with the bank before making the shipment, the latter would have explained its connection with the transaction. But in acting upon its hasty conclusion that the bank's "approval" constituted a guaranty, the lumber company assumed the risk of mistake therein; and this mistake is not only costly to the bank's treasurer. A nice case, indeed, on the point involved and one that lumber dealers may well have in mind when passing upon credit situations similar to that involved here.