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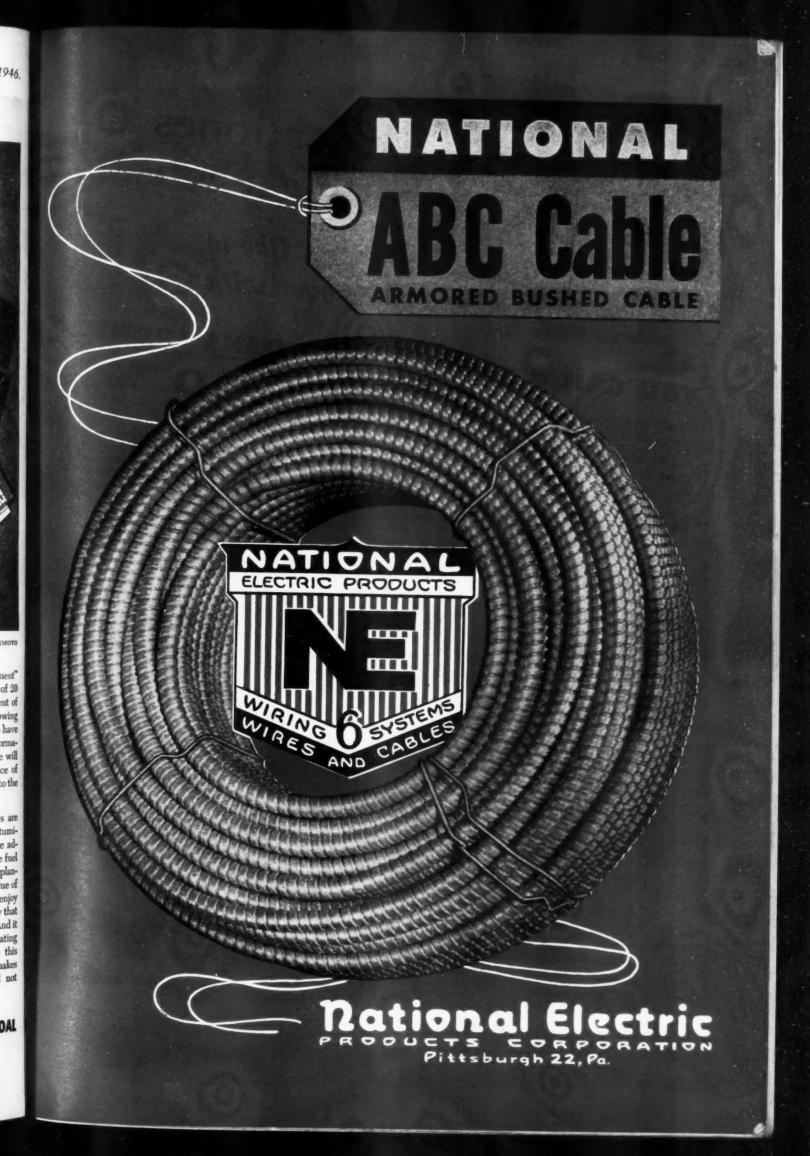
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### **Price-Fixing Versus Production**

Government is trying to use its war powers to fix prices and rentals although the war is over. It is helping labor unions in their efforts to increase labor costs, while trying to prevent the increases of prices and rentals that are the natural effects of increases in labor costs. The government's ostensible purpose is to prevent inflation. But the best way to prevent inflation or anything else is to prevent the cause or causes of it.

Advances in labor costs cannot, in the long run, be prevented from causing increases in prices. They can be prevented even temporarily from increasing prices only at the cost of curtailing business profits, or causing business losses. And no sane management of a business will produce at a loss that it can avoid or increase its production without reasonable expectation of thereby increasing its profits.

Those trying to enforce ceilings on prices and rentals regardless of increased costs disregard or do not know that the establishment and maintenance of two kinds of *economic balance* are essential to high level construction, production and employment. The prices of *different industries* must be so balanced as to enable each industry and its employees to exchange all they can produce for the products of other industries and their

employees. And the payrolls and profits of *each industry* must be balanced in accordance with the special requirements of that industry if it is to contribute its share of total national production and employment.

The only means by which these two kinds of economic balance can be established and maintained is *free and equal competition*. They are hindered from being established and maintained by monopoly practices of either business or labor. They cannot possibly be established and maintained under government policies of backing labor monopolies and fixing prices and rentals. For, obviously, the free competition and the profits made under such competition, which are the essential driving forces of private enterprise, are wholly incompatible with the dictation of wages, prices and rentals by monopolies and government.

Everybody desires the prevention of inflation. But in the long run demand and supply, not government controls, will determine prices and rentals. The demand for increased housing, goods and services is enormous. Only greatly increased construction and production can supply this demand. Therefore, the purpose of all government, business and labor policies should be to increase construction and production as rapidly as practicable. They are the only means by which supply can be made to equal demand.

Prevailing government and labor policies, by restricting construction and production, hinder increase in the supply of housing and goods while the demand for them continues increasing. Hence, they are the best means that could be adopted to make certain the inflation which it is the ostensible purpose of government controls of prices and rentals to prevent.

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#### Hits proposed housing laws

To the Editor: Present proposed building legislation will accomplish nothing other than producing fewer homes for the veterans in the first six months of 1946 than were built in this nation during the last six months of 1945. Diverting half of materials to homes under \$10,000, and permitting the balance of materials to flow into other forms of construction discloses a lack of knowledge of the building industry on the part of those sponsoring a plan that borders on the unbelievable.

There are not sufficient building mechanics in the United States at the present time to service one-fourth of present construction. Placing a ceiling on homes of \$10,000 or less, and no ceilings on other forms of construction will automatically draw into the latter field all available mechanics.

Factories, industries and commercial firms with large reserve funds will pay any price, no matter how exorbitant, to complete quickly their alterations, additions, etc. Small homes construction smothered with ceilings will cease.

If the boys at Washington are sincere in their avowed intentions to create more homes for returning veterans, here are suggestions that will positively unravel present building chaos, only to the extent of quickly producing a great number of small homes in a short period of time:

Stop immediately the issuing of permits for both remodeling and new construction of all commercial work, factories', industries, automobile agencies, churches, gasoline stations, race track additions, tavern alterations, schools, restaurant enlargements, and public improvements of all types.

Halt immediately the disgraceful, selfcrucifying program of monthly shipping to England and other cry-baby nations, tens of millions of dollars of vital building materials, such as lumber, plumbing, etc., now urgently needed at home to provide shelter for returning veterans.

Shake loose from his dictatorial trance that magnificent confusionist, Chester Bowles, whose arbitrary price ceilings on hundreds of essential building materials have successfully swept clean the shelves of all supply houses. Immediately step up prices on those absent necessary materials to the extent that the manufacturer can quickly return them to the supply houses with some semblance of profit.

Drastic changes, in some instances entailing the elimination of entire sec-

tions, must be made immediately in the building codes of all cities. The hundreds of monopolistic union restrictions and unnecessary materials now choking the industry will have to be entirely blotted out. Organized labor will have to operate a highly productive, efficient apprentice system during that period. The number of hours worked each month by every man connected with the industry will have to be increased.

The building trades, if they realize it, are given a wonderful opportunity to help solve the building tie-up. For a period of 36 months in order to test fairly, let all organizations permit all of their members to work 200 hours per month. Permit them to work any hours they see fit on any day of the week, with the exception of Sunday, on which day they shall be paid double time.

The building trades have repeatedly complained that the average building mechanic makes only \$1520 a year. Under the present set-up, established by organized labor, it is a physical impossibility for the average building mechanic to make over \$1520 per year.

With the allotted hours of time from 8 to 4:30 and the days—Monday to Friday inclusive—building trades labor would have to control the rain, the wind, the sun, snow and other elements that go towards making workable weather.

Naturally the returning veterans have turned their backs on learning a trade while the leaders of organized labor continue to shout from the house tops that the annual income of the average mechanic is \$1520. Let them reverse their policy by adopting the 200-hour monthly plan, and their golden opportunity to increase their membership with returning veterans will be realized. In addition, they will be doing the American public a service by furnishing needed housing in a short period of time.—JOHN J. MAN-GAN, Builder, Chicago, Illinois.

#### American Builder house plans

To the Editor: I read several trade magazines regularly and without any hesitation can say that I enjoy the American Builder more than any of the others.

In one of the last issues I saw a plan which I believe would make a dandy home to build for sale, and when conditions become favorable. I hope to be able to start it, if I am not too busy building and remodeling for others.— EVAN D. JONES, General Contractor, Toledo, Ohio.

#### Wholesaler advertising

**Our Readers Say:** 

To the Editor: With reference to the article "Hold That Storm Sash and Screen Market" by Mr. T. E. Weil of the Lumberman's Door & Trim Co., Cleveland, in your December issue, while the writer agrees with Mr. Weil's analysis of the picture, I'm wondering when the wholesale distributors are going to take the long view and do their share of advertising for stimulating the retail consumer. The only advertising that I've seen by the wholesalers is that which appears on the programs of charity affairs.

The writer wishes to take exception to the inclusion of the ad of the Forest City Material Co. with the others referred to as "Specialty Concerns." The Forest City Material Co. is not only one of the biggest retail lumber distributors in this area, but was the first retailer to go into large scale retail advertising. It has served to educate the buying public to the fact that the lumber yard is no different from any other store as far as ease of purchase is concerned and has proved of benefit to all retailers in this market.

Now that I've got that off my chest, I wish to express my congratulations on the excellence of your magazine and thanks for the information and inspiration which is derived from every issue. —MARVIN W. MEZI, Mezi Lumber Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Likes Kesslerwood story

To the Editor: I received a copy of the American Builder from a friend who is a subscriber. Contained in this issue is the article about Kesslerwood which is of vital interest to me. I was very much impressed with the story and the display and needless to say the whole content was very much appreciated by me because it has expressed a summation of the ideals and plans for this subdivision. Your office certainly did a fine job, and I wish to compliment you and express my thanks for making it a feature.

The thought has occurred in our office that it would be well to distribute a number of these copies to various people in Indianapolis who should be vitally affected. Will you have, if possible, thirty-five or forty copies sent to my office and I will remit immediately the expense of this delivery. I would like also to have the same number of the January publication.—KENNETH P. FRY, Real Estate, Indianapolis, Indiana. Amer

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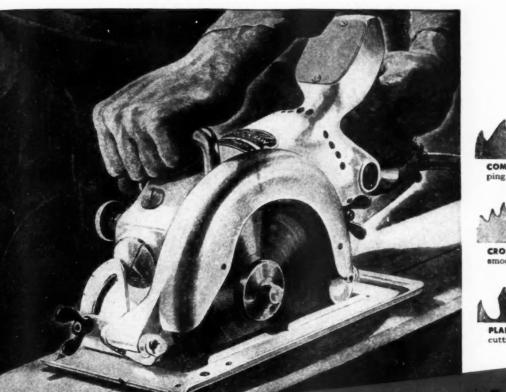
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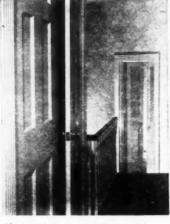
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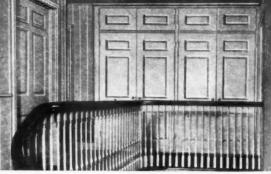


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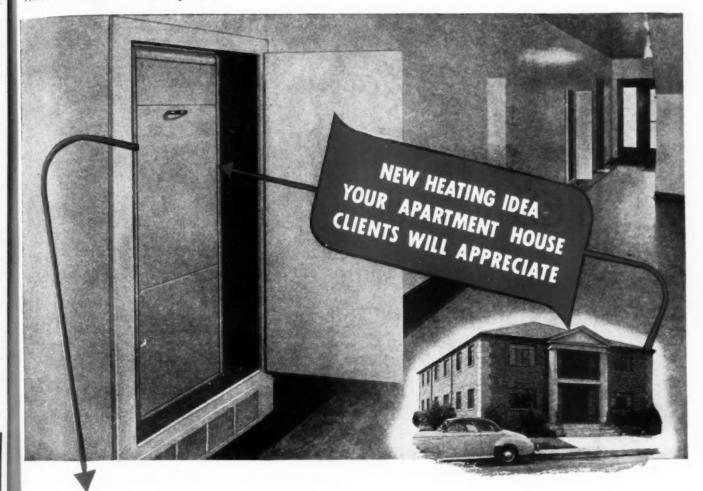
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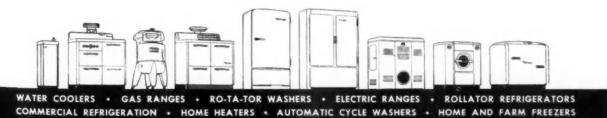
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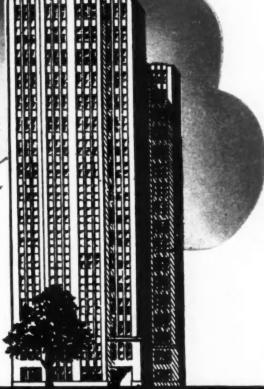
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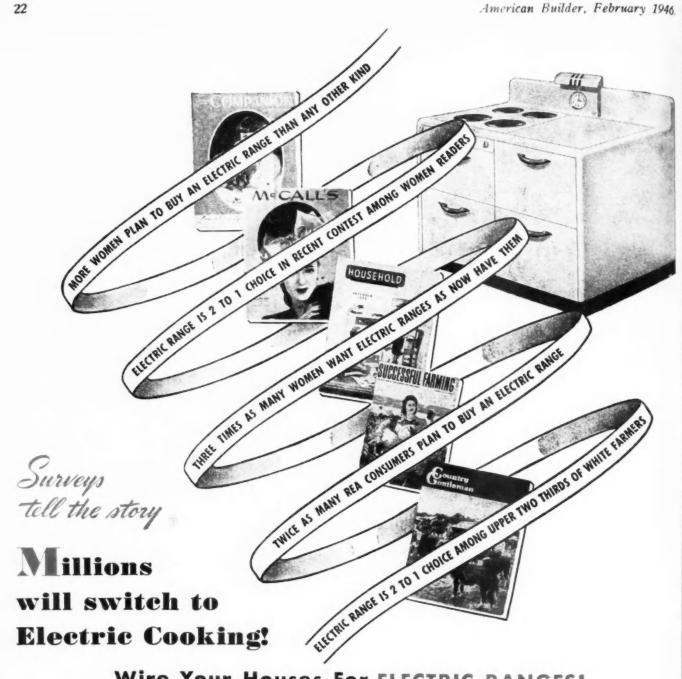
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PUBLIC HOUSING - A builder who favors public housing told us the other day that he could not go along with the Wagner-Ellender-Tait bill. He said the bill opens the door to unlimited mass public housing. Says the way to do it is to build a public house on order for each individual poverty case, and only after the poverty case has proved his need. Believes expense should be borne jointly by community, state and na-tion. That is about what American Builder has advocated from the start, although maintaining that public housing and all other housing are local problems, and that no one owes anyone a new home regardless of ability to pay for it.

SURPLUS GOODS-A recently discharged Service Command officer told us a few days ago that at his last post the men were refusing to buy bonds of the Seventh War Loan. He was assigned to find out why. Reason was that the men had hoped to buy several thousand high grade surplus tools. Army refused to sell, but did blunt edges, smash and otherwise render the tools useless. Men said that no government so wasteful and inconsiderate needed or was entitled to money. No bonds were bought at that post, and that post of the army, at least, can blame no one but itself.

GOVERNMENT AID-Credit should be given where credit is due. The government really is aiding San Francisco home builders by doing exactly nothing about the shortage of carpenters. Unhindered by the red tape of government influences, home builders and the carpenters union are solving their own problem to the satisfaction of everyone including returning veterans. It is safe to mention it now, since it is too ate for the introduction of some new piece of control legislation that probably would gum up the whole works.

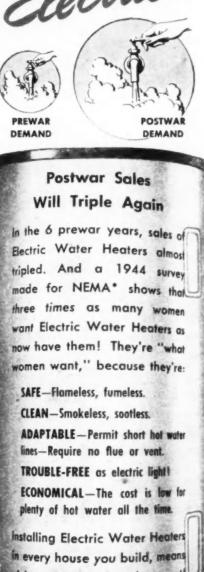
HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS -The only thing that is holding up hundreds of housing developments ranging from a dozen to a thousand houses each, and at prices the low income brackets can pay, is the para-lyzing influence of OPA on production of materials and equipment. If that could be removed it would make

no difference whether or not the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill were passed. By the time it got into operation builders would be so far along with new houses that the bill would be about as useless as a statute prohibiting cattle grazing at Times Square.

SOCIALIZED RELIGION-If your clergyman is one of those who preached a sermon advocating socialized housing on a January Sunday, tell him that he was also asking for government-controlled religion. Recently, a member of Jehovah's Wit-nesses was arrested at the request of the Federal Public Housing Authority's resident manager at Navigation Village, Medina County, Texas, for distributing religious tracts. He was convicted, lost his appeal in Texas, but was vindicated by the Supreme Court. At the trial the manager testified that the controlling federal agency had given him full authority to regulate the conduct of those living in the village, and that he did not allow preaching by ministers of any denomination without a permit issued by him in his discretion. The trend is clear. Public housing, public medicine, then public religion under a collectivist government.

IOE MEYERHOFF-It is appropriate now, before the 1946 NAHB convention opens at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, on the morning of Feb. 25, to spotlight Joe Meyerhoff, prominent Baltimore builder, and chair-man of the Association Convention Committee. For years a wise coun-sellor and dependable and modest work horse in association activities, Joe has reached a new peak of notable achievement as head of what assuredly will be the most significant and successful assembly of the home building industry ever held. Joe deserves a big hand, and it is not out of order to suggest that when you are looking for a way to register your satisfaction and pleasure, you look up the modest man from Baltimore and shake his hand.

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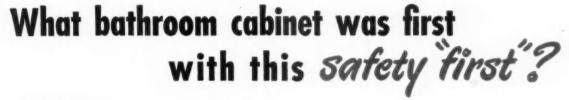
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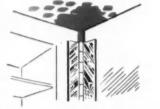
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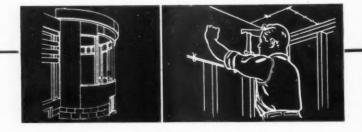


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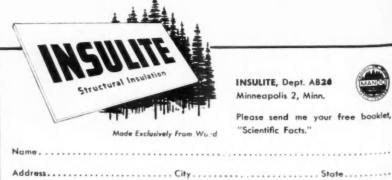
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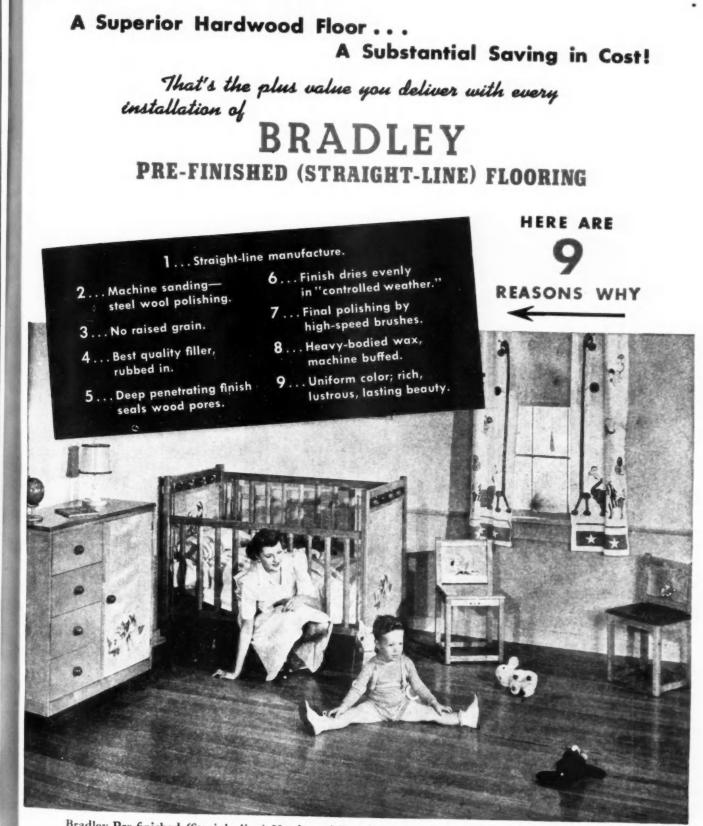
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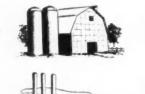
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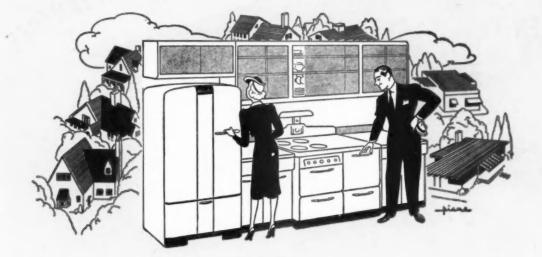
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#### NEWS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS AND AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

#### **Convention to Attract Huge Crowd**

More than 5,000 of the nation's leading home builders, coming from 48 states, as well as industry representatives from Canada and Hawaii, will convene Feb. 25-28 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, for their annual convention and to inspect the mammoth exhibit of home building materials, products and services which will be displayed by more than 120 prominent manufacturers and producers.

The convention program will feature some seventy outstanding authorities who will participate in panels and discussion periods on such matters as land planning, home design, efficient construction methods, modern sales technique and financing.

The Convention Committee headed by Joseph Meyerhoff, Baltimore, NAHB treasurer, is composed of: W. Hamilton Crawford, Baton Rouge, La., vice-chairman and treasurer; Joseph E. Merrion, Chicago, NAHB president; Frank W. Cortright, Washington, NAHB executive vice president; and Paul S. Van Auken, Chicago, convention and exposition director.

The Exposition, which will be housed in the Hotel Stevens Exhibit Hall, promises to be the greatest of its kind ever assembled and will overflow the more than 30,000 square feet available to the exhibitors.

#### Outline of Program

The Convention program is being arranged by NAHB Executive Vice President Frank Cortright who has assured his members that it will be "packed full of absorbing, timely subject matter."

Monday, Feb. 25, will be devoted to the official opening of the Exposition at 10 A.M. and committee meetings during the afternoon. In the evening a general convention session will discuss Land Planning and Shopping Centers. Outstanding authorities on these subjects will participate.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 9:30 A.M. the Convention program will be officially opened by a business session. The afternoon program will consist of a panel on The Vettran's Place in Home Building, followed by a panel on the subject, More Efficient and Economical Construction Techniques, and New Materials and Equipment.

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the morning program will be given over to a discussion of turrent problems on materials and supplies. In the afternoon there will be a panel on Mortgage Finance and a panel on Cooperation Between the Building. Trades Unions and Home Builders. On Wednestay evening the Annual Home Builders banquet will be held.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, the morning program will be devoted to a forum on Modern Sales Methods. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be luncheon meetings with top ranking speakers.



MEETING with President Truman at the White House recently were the following NAHB officials: left to right, Frank E. Ävren, C. Philip Pitt, George S. Goodyear, Ben C. Wileman, L. C. Simms, N. W. Watkins, William J. Guinan, John Olson, Robert P. Gerholz, President Truman, Frank W. Cortright, Ralph S. Duke, Edward R. Carr, Joseph Meyerhoff, Wallace E. Johnson, J. Harold Genrich, C. Finley Knight, and William E. Johnson.

### Home Builders Tell President Truman Housing Is Job for Private Enterprise

Twenty-five officers of the National Association of Home Builders met with President Truman in the White House last month to discuss the problems involved in meeting the housing shortage.

The builders endorsed the recent appointment by President Truman of a National Housing Expediter and the Presidential Order calling for a diversion of 50 per cent of building materials to construction of new low-cost homes for veterans.

The Association's officials emphasized the fact that the action recently taken by the President eliminates the necessity for such legislative panaceas as the Patman and Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bills calling for further governmental regulation and public construction. The present authority of existing governmental agencies concerned with housing is sufficient to correct current problems if realistically and effectively carried out, the builders declared,

While in Washington the NAHB officials also conferred with Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt, FHA Commissioner Raymond M. Foley, and CPA Deputy Chairman Lincoln Gordon. Details of the recently inaugurated HH priority procedure were discussed, including the necessity for rapid processing of applications, solving problems now retarding production of materials and other conditions of the President's program.

Members of the NAHB special emergency committee who met with President Truman included: Joseph E. Merrion, Chicago, president; Frank W. Cortright,

Washington, executive vice president; Joseph Meyerhoff, Baltimore, treasurer; Milton J. Brock, Los Angeles, secretary; Robert P. Gerholz, Flint, Mich., past president; Ralph S. Duke, St. Louis, member of the executive committee and regional vice president; and Harry J. Durbin, Detroit, member of the executive committee.

The following NAHB regional vice presidents also met with the Chief Executive: John Olson, Worcester, Mass.; J. Harold Genrich, Buffalo; George S. Goodyear, Charlotte, N.C.; Morris Macht, Baltimore; Wallace E. Johnson, Memphis; C. Finley Knight, Jacksonville, Fla.; Joseph B. Haverstick, Dayton, O.; John Cunnmings Lindop, Chicago; Ben C. Wileman, Oklahoma City; F. Orin Woodbury, Salt Lake City; and L. C. Simms, Portland, Ore.

Others in the meeting were Edward R. Carr, Washington, president of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington; William J. Guinan, executive director, and Rodney Lockwood, executive assistant of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit; William E. Johnson, Philadelphia, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Philadelphia & Suburbs; Normine W. Watkins, Pittsburgh, executive director of the Home Builders Association of Allegheny County; Wilburn Kerr, Columbus, O., representing Columbus Home Builders Association; C. Philip Pitt, Baltimore, executive secretary of the Home Builders Assn. of Maryland; and F. E. Avren, Washington, NAHB public relations director.



PICTURED above are views of the new home of the Seattle Master Builders Association.

#### Seattle Builders Move to Downtown Site

Recognizing the utmost importance of establishing the name and permanence of its organization in the public mind the Seattle Master Builders Association recently leased a location in the heart of downtown Seattle in which to house its home building exhibit.

Situated in a modern building at 1930 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, the entire display area, designed by Paul Kirk, is streamlined and makes use of curves to obtain maximum

#### San Francisco Builders Take Affirmative Steps To Solve Labor Problems

The home builders of San Francisco, through the efforts of Milton W. Morris, secretary of the Associated Home Builders of San Francisco, and the cooperation of the veterans' employment service and the local carpenters' union, are solving the problem of skilled labor shortages.

Morris decided that the two major impediments to quick resumption of large scale home building in that area were shortages of materials and labor.

Knowing that neither the builders nor their association could do anything about a shortage of materials, because that can be corrected only when government stops interfering with producers, he turned his attention to the labor problems.

A meeting of builders and carpenter union heads was held through arrangements made by Morris, who had also asked the veterans' employment service to send to his office all discharged Seabees, Army Engineers and others interested in working as carpenters or apprentice carpenters.

At the meeting the carpenters agreed to accept for apprentice training all veterans sent to them by Morris, and employ them. The veterans accepted in turn an agreement to attend night school for apprentice training under the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Many veterans have availed themselves of the opportunity to learn a trade under union supervision, and to work while learning. Home builders and carpenters report the new apprentices to be unusually adaptable, and notice that in a few days on a job they set new standards of efficiency that older men feel required to meet.

It is in ways like this, according to Morris, that industry and labor will solve any building problem that arises.

effectiveness of the unusual exhibits. A part of the builders' headquarters will be devoted to a Small House Bureau, a joint undertaking of the Seattle builders and the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, which will supply plans and specifications covering small homes, up to 1200 square feet, at a cost of \$50. A competition sponsored by the Seattle Trust and Savings Bank is now under way to provide an adequate supply of plans.

#### **Officers of NJHBA Announced**

New officers of the New Jersey Home Builders Association have been announced by President-elect Henry J. Shaheen, of Cranford, who succeeds the organization's first president, Walter J. Harring. They are: 1st Vice President, Willard E. Closs, Summit; 2nd Vice President, Walter Johnson, Bloomfield; Treasurer, Edward J. English, East Orange; Secretary, I. Samuel Sodowick, Newark. Directors for three year terms are: Harold Harring, Upper Montclair; Louis Levin, Newark; Thomas W. Moore Jr., and Leonard J. Zehnbauer, of Union. Mr. Shaheen also announced that a new executive secretary, Charles C. Beubel, Jr., had been employed.

#### American Builder, February 1946.

#### **Boston Builders Plan Big Show**

The Home Builders Association of Greater Boston is making elaborate plans to assure the success of its Home Builders and New Products Show to be held at the Mechanics Building, Boston, April 6-13, according to Arnold Hartmann, association president.

The show, managed by Campbell-Fairbanks Expositions, Inc., will feature new products and materials available to New England home builders for their 1946 building programs. "At this early date more than 40 per cent of the exhibit space has been sold even though public announcement thus far has been very limited," Mr. Harmann said. "Among the items that will be on display are electronic devices, laborsaving kitchen cabinets, portable power tools, insulating materials, modern heating equipment and numerous home appliances, to mention a few."

Another activity of the Boston builders is their participation in sponsoring the leasing on a long term of a large building on Boylston Street, Boston, to house the "Building Center of New England," described as the "world's largest permanent exhibit of construction materials and home equipment." The property has seven floors and 31,000 square feet of floor space. When alterations are completed in about 90 days the builders' association will establish its headquarters in the Building Center.

#### Milwaukee Gets New Secretary

Frank B. Blaisdell, of Waukesha, Wis, has been appointed executive secretary of the Milwaukee Builders Association, it has been announced. Entering the U. S. Army in 1941 as a private, he was discharged las September with the rank of major.

Before entering the Army, Blaisdell was connected with the Heil Company in the sales and advertising departments and also had served as executive secretary of the Milwaukee Junior Chamber of Commerce

#### Birmingham Builders Hold Annual Meeting



PICTURED at its annual meeting recently are the following members of the Birmingham Association of Home Builders. Seated (l. to r.) are Leo Mendel; Jos. Hammond; James F. Seelyby, Jr.; James Wood, secretary; Carl Groover; Earl Morgan; J. H. Tillis and J. M. Knight. Middle row: Sam Russel, president; W. A. Counts; Jack Wainwright, vice president; W. L. Harsh; William Fox; Raymond Srygley; John Rawls; and David P. Andersä Back row: Chas. R. Byrd; R. D. Stackhouse; C. G. Inscho; Levert Andrews; Alex McLeoft T. C. Guinn and O. D. Dodd.

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### Carletta Again Heads Northern New Jersey Builders

Ralph Carletta of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., home builder and community developer, has been re-elected president of the Home Builders Association of Northern New Jersey. A year ago he was chosen first president of the organization when it was established. He was re-installed Jan. 16 at the association's annual dinner meeting at the Hotel Plaza, New York.

Active in the residential construction field for 23 years, Mr. Carletta has built more than 1.000 homes and numerous gardentype apartment projects in Bergen County.



### RALPH CARLETTA

As a director of the National Association of Home Builders, Mr. Carletta has participated in many important Washington conferences of the national group.

The Reliable Homes organization, headed by Carletta, now has 70 homes under construction in Bergen County, and the company's plans call for the building of many times that number when materials are available.

Other officers of the Northern New Jersey association elected for 1946 are: Vice President, Harrison Vogel; Secretary, Emanuel M. Spiegel; Treasurer, Charles Costanzo. Directors for one year are: John S. Cucchiara, Alfred Hekemian, Joseph A. Goldman and Russell H. Willis. Those elected for two-year terms are: John A. Baldwin, Carl S. Carlson, Fred Ingannamort and Harry Wolfinger. Directors given three-year terms are: Uriah J. Cole, Leon Cosden, Morris Herman, Carl C. Low and Charles H. Reis.

### Lumber Exports Increased for 1946

Despite protests by the National Association of Home Builders and the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association, govrument agencies have approved the exportation of 225 million board feet of lumber or the first quarter of 1946. At this rate the total annual export will be 900 million feet. Export quotas are established by the OPA, Foreign Economic Administration, Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, and the Department of Commerce. Officials defending the program state that it is needed to "maintain export relations." About 25 per cent of the exports go to Latin American countries, with England, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Australia and African colonies also getting shipments.

# **Cortright's Column**

By Frank W. Cortright

Executive Vice-President, National Association of Home Builders of the United States



### Statement to President Truman by NAHB Emergency Committee

"The Home Builders of the nation are fully conscious of the unprecedented need for the construction of new houses, particularly low-cost housing for our returning veterans. During the war, this industry had the ability and courage to produce more than a million low-cost housing units for inmigrant war workers. This was done in spite of serious shortages of building materials and manpower. At this time, the industry can promptly and satisfactorily meet the most urgent housing needs if given a sufficient supply of building materials and if relieved of unnecessary controls. The housing needs of the country can only be met by private enterprise. Housing cannot be legislated—it can be constructed by an experienced industry determined to solve this, the most critical problem of our first postwar year.

of our first postwar year. "In our opinion, recent government estimates of a critical immediate need for five million housing units are too high. We believe the construction of a million new homes in the next eighteen months and the provision of 500,000 units through remodeling will relieve the extreme pressure. All needs in excess of this constitute the potential demand which will ensure maximum activity and employment in this industry for the next decade.

"An estimated 30,000 home builders in every part of the country are presently ready, willing and able to produce an unprecedented volume just as rapidly as building materials are made available. Approximately 100,000 are under construction but serious delays exist due to shortages of a comparatively few building materials. Recent surveys we have made in every large city indicate that the present rate of new starts now exceeding 20,000 units monthly can be increased four to five times, assuring production at the rate of a million homes annually by the end of the year if bottlenecks in the production of building materials and manpower are broken. Construction of homes at this rate is predicated not only upon a sufficient supply of building trades and cooperation of all segments of the industry, including production, distribution and finance. As construction accelerates, serious shortages of skilled building mechanics will exist unless a nationwide apprentice training program is instituted.

"We commend the President's recent action in appointing a National Housing Expediter and urge that Mr. Wyatt be given full authority to direct the OPA and other governmental agencies concerned to take immediate action in price and wage increases wherever necessary to secure the full production of building materials.

"We heartily approve of the President's action in calling for a diversion of 50% of building materials for housing under \$10,000 for veterans. The priority procedure now being established must be so designed as to assure materials for approved projects. Complete confidence in its effectiveness is prerequisite to the initiation of a large housing program by home builders.

"Such legislative panaceas as the Patman Bill, the Luce Bill, the Kilgore-Mitchell Bill, and the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill, calling for further governmental regulation and public construction, are totally unnecessary if the President's recent instructions and the action he has taken are promptly and effectively carried out by the government agencies concerned.

"The present critical housing condition cannot be met by shifting or erecting temporary, flimsy, barrack-type shelters. There may be a comparatively few cities and university towns where such an expedient may serve a temporary purpose but the diversion of materials and manpower for this purpose does much to retard the production of good housing necessary to properly solve the problem.

"In addition to the increased production of building materials, the present (Continued to page 148)



NEW OFFICERS of the Home Builders Association of Atlanta are pictured above. Front row (l. to r.) B. A. Martin, president, J. G. Howell, secretary. Back row (l. to r.) L. J. Boggs, NAHB director and retiring president, P. F. L'Engle, treasurer, and D. T. Nichols, vice president.

### Atlanta Builders Have Ambitious Program

President B. A. Martin of the Home Builders Association of Atlanta has announced the cooperation of his group and architects throughout the state to provide plans for small homes at nominal cost to prospective home owners.

As projected, all architects in the state will submit one or more plans for fiveand six-room houses. These will be carefully gone over by architects and builders, and some 250-300 chosen. These the State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects have available at a central

point in Atlanta for sale to builders or the general public at a nominal cost. Changes in a plan, due to lot contours, etc., also will be offered at a reasonable figure.

One of Atlanta's larger department stores is cooperating by setting aside space for the showing of plans as they are selected. Henry J. Toombs, A.I.A., is in charge of the work for the architects. The Builder's Committee includes Francis Shoup, chairman, L. J. Boggs, and J. G. Howell, all of Atlanta. American Builder, February 1946.

### G. A. Mezger to Head Long Island Builders Again in 1946

At its recent annual membership meeting the Long Island (N.Y.) Home Builders Institute, in addition to re-electing G. A. Mezger president, named Mack Kanner, of Merrick, vice president; James Graham, of Stewart Manor, secretary; and Charles W. Jaeger, of Rockville Centre, treasurer. Newly elected directors are Cy Williams of Port Washington; Fred E. Gibson, Rockville Centre; Sam A. Harris and Kalman Klein of New Hyde Park, and Leonard Frank of Hempstead. Incumbent directors who continue in office are Patrick J. Callan of Manhasset; Robert J. Rose, Great Neck; Frank Clauson, Roslyn; and Charles J. Rorech of Williston Park.

A home building survey of current operations and plans for 1946 made at the meeting of the eighty builder members of the Institute disclosed that about 1,000 homes are under construction in Nassau County, about 75% of them delayed in completion due to lack of certain essential, materials and equipment.

### Memphis Holds Annual Meeting

John B. Goodwin was elected president of the Home Builders Association of Memphis for 1946 at the first annual meeting recently. He succeeds Wallace E. Johnson who has headed the group since its founding in 1944.

Other officers chosen were William B. Clark, first vice president; J. Ripley Greer, 2nd vice president; and Manny Delugach, secretary-treasurer. The directors elected were W. C. Chandler, J. F. Inman, R. A. McDougal and Mr. Johnson.

### FHA Announces Washington Office Personnel Changes

Appointment of Franklin D. Richards to the newly created position of assistant commissioner, Field Operations, of the Federal Housing Administration has been aunounced by Commissioner Raymond M. Foley. Mr. Richards started with FHA in 1934 as the first state director of Utah. He was named zone commissioner, Zone IV, composed of the Mountain States and Pacific Coast States, in 1941 with offices in Washington.

Other changes announced by Mr. Foley are: Walter L. Greene, previously serving as executive assistant to the commissioner, was named to succeed Mr. Richards as zone commissioner, Zone IV. He became associated with FHA in 1934, serving in the Alabama office at Birmingham until being transferred to Washington.

Zone Commissioner Frederick A. Van Patten was transferred from Zone III to Zone II, composed of the southern and southwestern states, succeeding Kent R. Mullikin who resigned to enter private business.

George A. Bremer, previously serving as assistant zone commissioner, was named zone commissioner, Zone III, composed of the north central states. He joined FHA in 1935 as chief underwriter of the Idaho office in Boise.



WATCHING production of kitchen cabinets are the following Cleveland builders: Charles Keyes, James K. Chandler, Peter Kleist, Will Marquard, Alex Truehaft and Hugh Selby.

### Cleveland Builders View New Cabinet Production

Thirty members of the Home Builders Association of Cleveland recently were guests of the Mullins Manufacturing Co., Warren, O., plant where they viewed the first postwar production of the company's kitchen equipment items. Following a tour of the plant the builders conferred with C. D. Alderman, assistant sales manager; Marshall Adams, advertising and sales promotion manager; and C. J. Filson, manager of the new homes division, regarding designs best adapted to home building and the needs of the custemers in the postwar market.

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### **Stage Is Set for Home Builders** Annual Convention and Exposition

Nationally known authorities to appear program — Exhibits will feature on new materials, products and services



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"IT OMES and Jobs for Veterans" will be the theme of the second annual convention of the National Association of Home Builders to be held Feb. 25-28 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. Leading manufacturers and producers of home building materials and major appliances have reserved space in the show for home builders which will be held in conjunction with the convention.

The Stevens Hotel-the world's largest-was selected as the site of the activities because its Grand Ballroom will accommodate 3,000 persons at a meeting, and approximately 2,000 persons at a luncheon or dinner. Many smaller meeting and conference rooms have been reserved to take care of special committee requirements. The Exhibit Hall, with more than 30,000 square feet of space, will house the exposition and promises to be a center of attraction to the home builders and their guests who will be in attendance at this first peacetime convention.

The Convention program will be as important, constructive and coloriul as the Exposition. Seventy of the nation's experts on matters of land planning, design, construction techniques. mortgage finance, labor relationships and modern merchandising methods will comprise a succession of up-to-the-minute, hard-hitting panels and forums. There will be nationally known speakers for luncheon and dinner sessions, and inspirational talks will have their place. It will be a working conference designed to supply the home builder with answers to many of the problems he faces.

From 1941 to 1946 the home building industry has come a long wayhoff of Baltimore, Convention Committee Chairman, stated, "History's most titanic struggle has ended victoriously for our great nation. This war was won by GI Joes, the gobs, the WAVES, the WACS and the Marines who left their homes, jobs, friends, sweethearts, and willingly took up all the pain, discomfort and danger which makes

"Their job is done. A million of them will not come borne for the rest of their lives. Millions more will return to claim those things for which they so willingly risked their all. Two things they ask of us-a place to live and a place to work.

"It is appropriate, therefore, that the home builders of the nation accept as their primary responsibility a program of 'Homes and Jobs for Veterans.' No one else can supply them with homes and no other industry can supply them



The Exposition-the first real postwar exhibit of products, materials and services of vital importance to the home builder -will be the greatest of its kind ever assembled under one roof.

Referring to the exposition, Convention and **Exposition Director Paul** S. Van Auken said, "The list of firms participating is unquestionably the 'Who's Who' of the home

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better land planning, better materials and equipment, more efficient methods of construction and selling and vastly improved financing are now available. All of these things will be dealt with in detail, adequately equipping those who attend to capitalize to the maximum extent on the unprecedented opportunities which lie immediately ahead in meeting the nation's housing needs.

Commenting on the convention theme Joseph Meyer-

building industry. These exhibitors are bringing attractive displays of their products and materials for the home builders' consideration. Many months of thoughtful planning will be behind every item on display. To many the products will be brand new in character.

NAHB President Joseph E. Merrion has announced that the meeting is to be strictly a business convention and that there will be no organized entertainment.

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# The Story of the National Association of Home Builder of the

"There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained, if attained at all, by association."—Daniel Webster



HOME builders were the last great industry group in this country to become conscious of the immense value of local and national organization. During World War I, builders were forced to sus-

pend activities while the federal government constructed housing for war workers. In the period following, the reputation of the building industry was damaged by irresponsible speculators. Although home builders enjoyed prosperity during the boom of the late twenties, they fell deep in the slump of the early thirties when construction dropped to one-tenth its previous volume.

During NRA days, when government endeavored to assist home building, there was no industry spokesman. Organized builders had no voice in the formation of the Federal Housing Administration nor in influencing its method of operation. Until the National Association was formed in 1941, the history of home builders paralleled that of all unorganized groups in a highly organized economy. Riding the flood tides of prosperity and suffering through the sloughs of depression, they have been buffeted constantly by the strongly organized forces of labor, finance, production and distribution.

Many thousands of home builders

### By Frank Cortright

### **Executive Vice President**

throughout the country have associated themselves in the National Association of Home Builders for the purpose of mutual advantage and cooperation. They have pledged themselves to work together and with all branches of the industry to develop and maintain high standards of business practice. Through technical research and an interchange of experience they are striving to increase the efficiency of the home building industry so that constantly better values may be provided to the home buyer, and an ever greater number of our people may enjoy the benefits of home ownership.

The NAHB has two classes of membership—an Active Membership for those engaged in home building and an Associate Membership for those engaged

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in trades, industries and professions related to home building.

Both Active and Associate Memberships in the National Association are available to those who qualify under the National By-Laws as follows:

1. In cities where NAHB has an Affiliated Local Association through membership in that Association; or

2. In cities and towns where no local association has yet been organized—through an individual membership in NAHB.

Dues of all members of the National Association are \$10.00 per year—payable, in the case of members belonging to an Affiliated Association, through that association; and payable direct by individual members. All members receive the weekly Washington Letter—but only Active members have the privilege of voting at National meetings. Upon the payment of dues each year a certificate of membership is sent each member (active and associate).

In almost every large metropolitan center the membership of the National Association is organized into local associations of home builders. Each of these Affiliated Associations is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Association in proportion to the numerical strength of its *Active* membership and thus helps to determine its policies and plan its activities.

Each Affiliated local association is assigned a jurisdictional territory of operation by the National Board of Directors.

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elected at the Annual Meeting from the Active membership by the Board of Directors and serve without compensation for a term of one year.

By the voluntary enforcement of the National Association's Code of Ethics, its members are striving to make this the greatest organization in the countryone in which every reputable builder in the United States will seek membership. In short-to make membership in the National Association a "Hallmark" of quality and integrity by which the home buyer in any community can be assured of dependable value and service.

builders recognize the futility of individual effort in solving the many complex problems confronting the home building industry, and realize the need for a strong, vigorous, authoritative National organization. As its membership has grown steadily in numbers, so also has its strength and prestige increased with the years until today the National Association is recognized as "the voice of the industry" and its officers are accepted in Washington as the spokesmen for all home builders.

The battles which the National Association has won for the home building industry are too numerous to recount. Through its work with officials of government in Washington the opportunity was secured for private enterprise to do the major portion of the war housing job and most builders-both large and small-know the remarkable record of service rendered by NAHB.

The production of more than 1,000,000 war housing units provided by private builders during a period of unprece-dented shortages of materials and manpower is indisputable evidence of what

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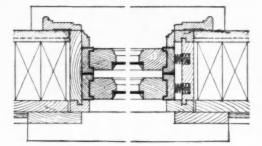
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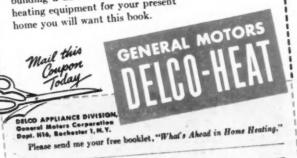
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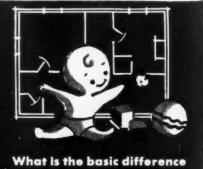
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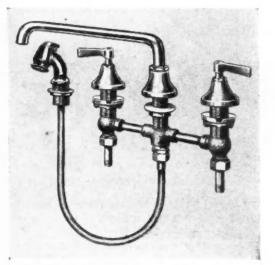
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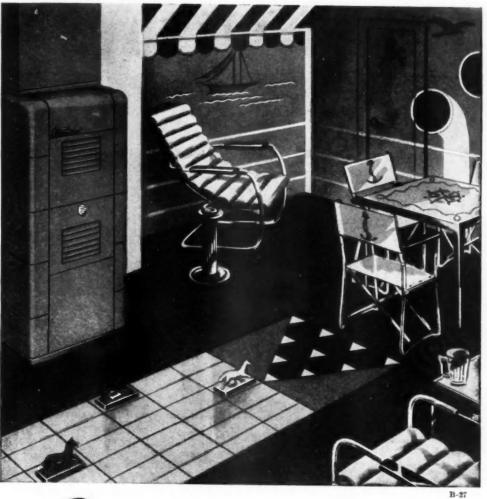
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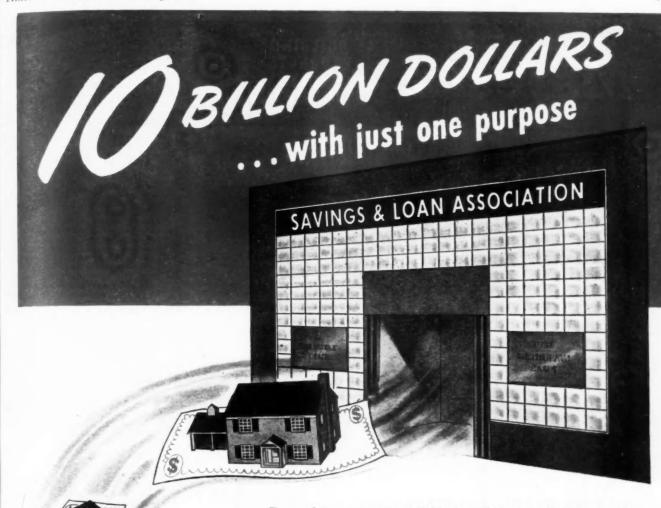
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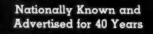
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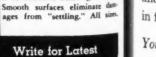
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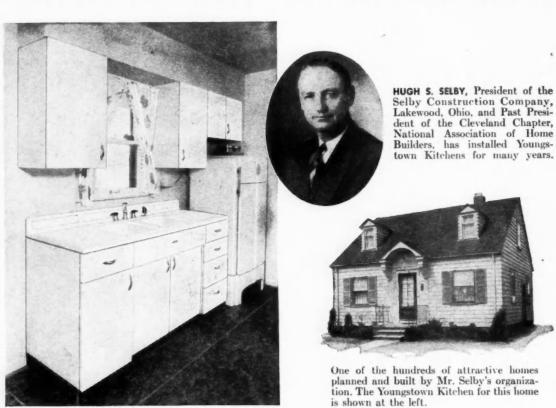
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# "Simple to install ... Help sell our homes"

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"WE HAVE installed several hundred Youngstown Kitchens," writes Mr. Selby, "and our clients as well as ourselves are very pleased with them. They are very simple to install and save carpenter and painting labor. We are convinced they have materially assisted in the sale of our homes.

"Equipment like this helps every builder join with the National Association of Home Builders in raising the standards of home building and providing America with better homes for the money.

"With proper cooperation between manufacturers and builders, private enterprise can build all the houses needed for the entire nation." Mr. Selby speaks from experience. He knows the advantages of Youngstown Kitchens. If you are not familiar with the Youngstown line, send for the booklet, "The Builder's Kitchen." It shows how Youngstown Kitchens will fit into your homes, and gives detailed experiences of other builders with this modern equipment.

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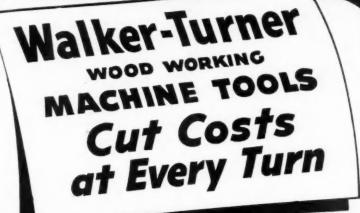
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ON building construction operations these Walker-Turner Woodworking Machine Tools are fast and accurate. The W-T Radial Saw is typical. All the framing for the average house can be cut in one-fifth the time (or even less) required by hand methods. And the cutting is far more accurate, the members fit perfectly and the finished job is better. All Walker-Turner Machine Tools have such wide ranges of cutting speeds that they permit the most economical speed for any material. Easily operated by semi-skilled or unskilled labor. Send for address of nearest W-T distributor. 14" and 16" models. Back gearing and cone pulley provide speed range from 51 to 5300 S.F.M.—cutting speeds for all materials.

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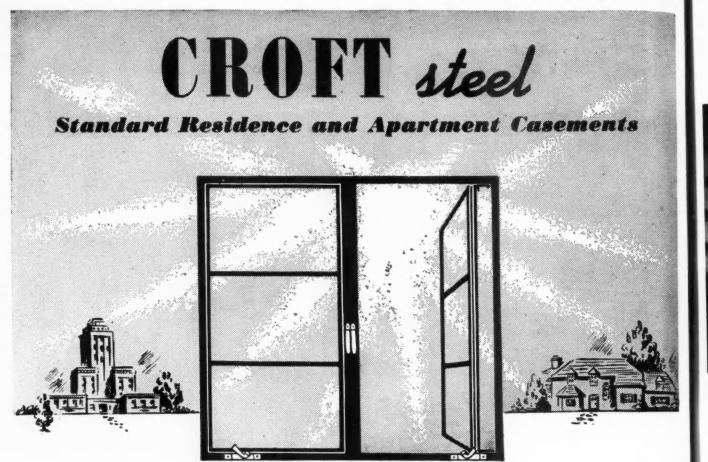
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# **BACK AGAIN IN 1946**

Our reconversion from all-out war production to the manufacture of the well-known Croft steel casement windows is now under way. Before Pearl Harbor, Croft standard casements were installed in thousands of homes, apartments, and housing projects... The features that signalized their superiority then are being incorporated in the new models. Plus narrow, pleasing lines and an over-all design that provides more light area. We invite dealers to send lists of stock requirements NOW—shipments will begin next Spring in standard window industry sizes.

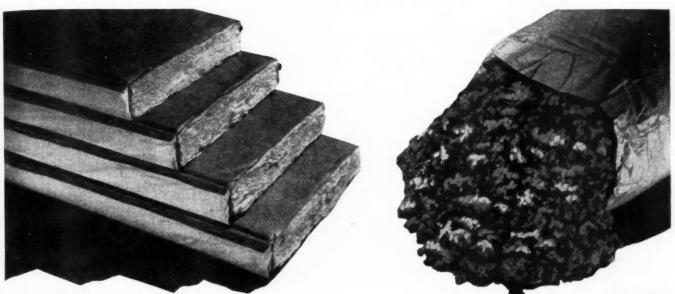
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# Now Armstrong's Building Insulations Include **ARMSTRONG'S INSULATING WOOL**



**Roll or Batt Blankets** 

Pouring Wool

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# **Five Types Available for** Immediate Shipment!

ARMSTRONG'S Insulating Wool offers new sales opportunities and advantages to builders and building supply dealers. Made of Fiberglas\*, it is a highly efficient, flexible insulation of extreme durability. It will not burn, settle, or decay. Of utmost importance to builders, dealers, and customers alike, is the fact that this material is immediately available without restrictions.

The springy glass fibers of Armstrong's Insulating Wool give this product high thermal insulation value plus low heat capacity. Roll and batt blankets have a wrapper that combines a vapor barrier on the warm side and a breather paper on the cold side. Its clean, attractive appearance gives eye appeal which, along with the many other advantages.

makes it an easy material to sell.

Installation is simplified because roll and batt blankets of Armstrong's Insulating Wool are cut with extreme accuracy. Flexible and compressible, they fit snugly in place and virtually hold themselves in position for tacking along the nailing flange. Their light weight and convenient packaging make them easy materials to handle and to install.

The complete line of Armstrong's Insulating Wool includes 15" and 23" roll blankets and 15" batt blankets in 1", 2", and 3" thicknesses; small batts, 11" x 15" x 4"; and pouring and blowing wool. packaged in bags. For complete data and samples. write to Armstrong Cork Company, 1602 Lime

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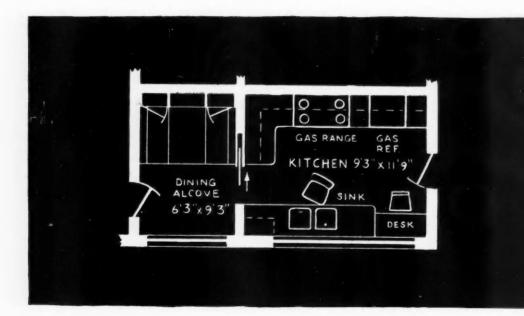
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This is no case of conjecture or "wishful thinking." We actually <u>tested</u> this "New Freedom Gas Kitchen" in a recent survey. And we found out exactly why this kitchen meets with enthusiastic approval among the very women from whom you draw your clientele.

Here's the story in their own words -



**RE THE LAYOUT:** "I like the all-in-one arrangement." "It's compact and practical." "Cabinets flush with the floor mean less cleaning." "There's plenty of light and storage space." "The sink directly across from the range saves you steps." "The breakfast room is so gay. Convenient, too."

**RE THE DECORATIVE TREATMENT:** "The colors are so bright and cheerful." "You won't tire of that color scheme." "It's good for summer or winter." "Looks cool and easy to clean." "I like the glass door — the black frame won't show fingermarks."

**RE THE EQUIPMENT:** "The new Gas equipment is certainly up to the minute!" "I'm sold on flame-cookery with Gas — it's fastest, cheapest, and easiest to regulate." "My new refrigerator will be run by Gas. It's noiseless — and more dependable." "I prefer Gas for everything. I've always found it completely satisfactory because it gives uninterrupted service."



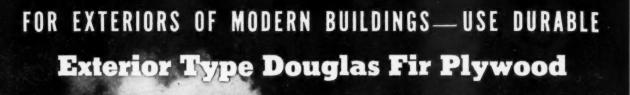
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THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! Gas is the overwhelming favorite as a kitchen fuel! Over 20,000,000 urban and suburban women are cooking with Gas now — want Gas ranges, Gas refrigerators and water heaters in their easy-to-work-in, modern homes. Capitalize on this preference by specifying Gas for every home you build or plan. And remember it pays to recommend Gas for the most effective house heating and air conditioning. See your local Gas Company for complete technical details on modern Gas practice, appliances and systems.

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 Exterior type Douglas fir plywood made with completely waterproof synthetic resin binder—has proved itself a superior material for exterior siding on homes, farm buildings, business and industrial structures. The large, rigid panels cover wall areas with a minimum of handling, sawing, fitting and nailing. They bend easily to simple curves without splitting. They will not delaminate even in boiling water!

• Exterior type is the rugged, durable plywood used in PT boats and other assault craft. It has served for years in work and pleasure boats, in freight cars, "reefers", troop sleepers, and as a superior material for outdoor signs.

 Write the Douglas Fir Plywood Association for any technical data you desire.
 For prices and delivery information, see your lumber dealer.



For permanent outdoor use, for marine use, and for indoor use where moisture conditions are abnormal, specify ONLY Exterior type plywood. It is easily identified by the "grade trademark" EXT-DFPA on the edge of every panel. Modern streamlined effects are easy to accomplish with large, rigid panels of durable Exterior type Douglas fir plywood. This radio transmitter building is a pleasing example of the material's adaptability—a building that is not

only more attractive NOW but will remain so over a longer period of time. Plywood's cross-laminated construction adds strength and rigidity to framing.



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"YES, AND IT'S FULLY AUTOMATIC SO CLEAN AND CONVENIENT"

> Comfort and convenience bulk large in a prospect's estimation of a home. Many builders have found that "heating by Crane" gives their sale a running start and more than that, helps keep homes sold by freeing home owners from cold weather worries.

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adapted to these fuels. You can specify radiators or convectors or if you want the latest in home heating, you may want to consider the new Crane Radiant Baseboard Heating soon to be in production.

The Crane line also provides oil burners, stokers, controls, water specialties, pipe, valves and fittings -everything for home heating.

Crane heating is now in production—naturally, the demand today exceeds the supply of all types of heating, so we suggest that you discuss your plans with your Heating Contractor or Crane Branch.

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# THE NEW TIMKEN

The new 1946 Model Timkens are now coming off the production line . . . the finest oil burners Timken ever built.

George Walker, one of America's leading designers, gave the new Timken its smart new lines: Timken Silent Automatic's unmatched engineering experience gave it 19 new features and improvements.

Result is an oil burner which, more than ever before, is "The Accepted Standard" . . . for quality, for economy, for dependability, for all that is latest and best in oil burner design and performance.

Timken Dealers made money before the war ... now have a product that assures an even wider margin of sales leadership. To be the leader in your community, sell the leader: SELL TIMKEN! TIMKEN SILENT AUTOMATIC DIVISION, THE TIMKEN-DETROIT AXLE CO., DETROIT 32, MICHIGAN

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# UNCLAIMED Your local merchants are your best prospects (BEFORE) - Now is the time to get after store remodel-ing jobs. These pictures show how new sales appeal was built into an old store in Lafayette, Indiana, with Pittsburgh Plate Glass Products. Architect, Walter Scholer; Contractor, George E. Dahm. (AFTER) PFROMMER BROS.

THE retail store keepers in your section are anxious to build new ales appeal into their store fronts nd interiors. And we are telling hem, in twenty retail magazineswhose readers total about 950,000low to attract more customers, to ell more goods, by modernizing their tores, inside and out, with Pittsurgh Glass and Pittco Store Front letal

There must be plenty of these prof-

itable jobs in your territory. A check of local merchants and architects should turn up a list of worthwhile prospects. And you will find them well disposed toward Pittsburgh Glass Products. These products are well known, not only because for years we have been advertising to the trade consistently, but also because the products, in actual service, have rolled up service records that are eminently satisfactory.

As a further inducement, if desired, you can offer your prospects the unique advantage of convenient financing through the "Pittsburgh Time Payment Plan."

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Fill in and mail the convenient coupon and you will receive free our new book of facts, figures and photographs about actual stores that have been remodeled with Pittsburgh Glass and Pittco Store Front Metal.



# Step out with color!

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Give your homes a personality that will attract prospective buyers and bring quick sales! P&L color-planned homes are decorated with colors that show individuality of hue and tint rarely duplicated in other paints. They possess enduring beauty and eye-appeal. Developed by intensive laboratory research, these authoritative colors were standardized only after actual testuse in more than 1,000 residential units. Pratt & Lambert decorative service and

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# AIR CONDITIONING The Inexpensive Way

No hookup. No vents. Just rock and feel the breeze.

It's not often that the easy way is the best way. But this is the case with DEXTER-TUBULARS. Just drill two holes. No old-fashioned, laborious mortising. At a saving of *one-third the time* a better product has been installed — a product you can depend on to give lasting satisfaction because it is backed with a written Lifetime guarantee.

To make it still easier, speed installations with the Dexter Bit Guide. It's a precision tool, so simple anyone can use it. Just clamp it on the door. It guides the boring straight and true.

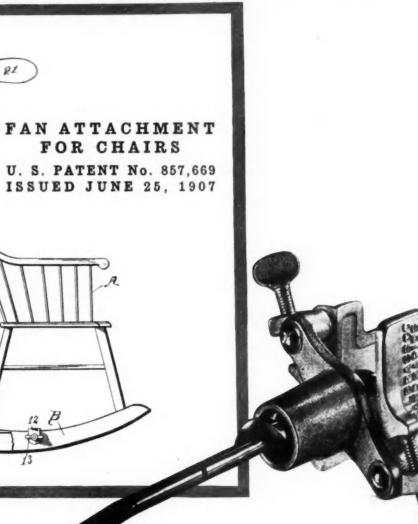
You may borrow this tool without charge from the dealer in your community handling Dexter-Tubular Locks and Latches. Drop in, or call him on the phone for complete information and demonstration.

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MAKERS OF BUILDERS, CABINET, SCREEN DOOR AND SHELF HARDWARE

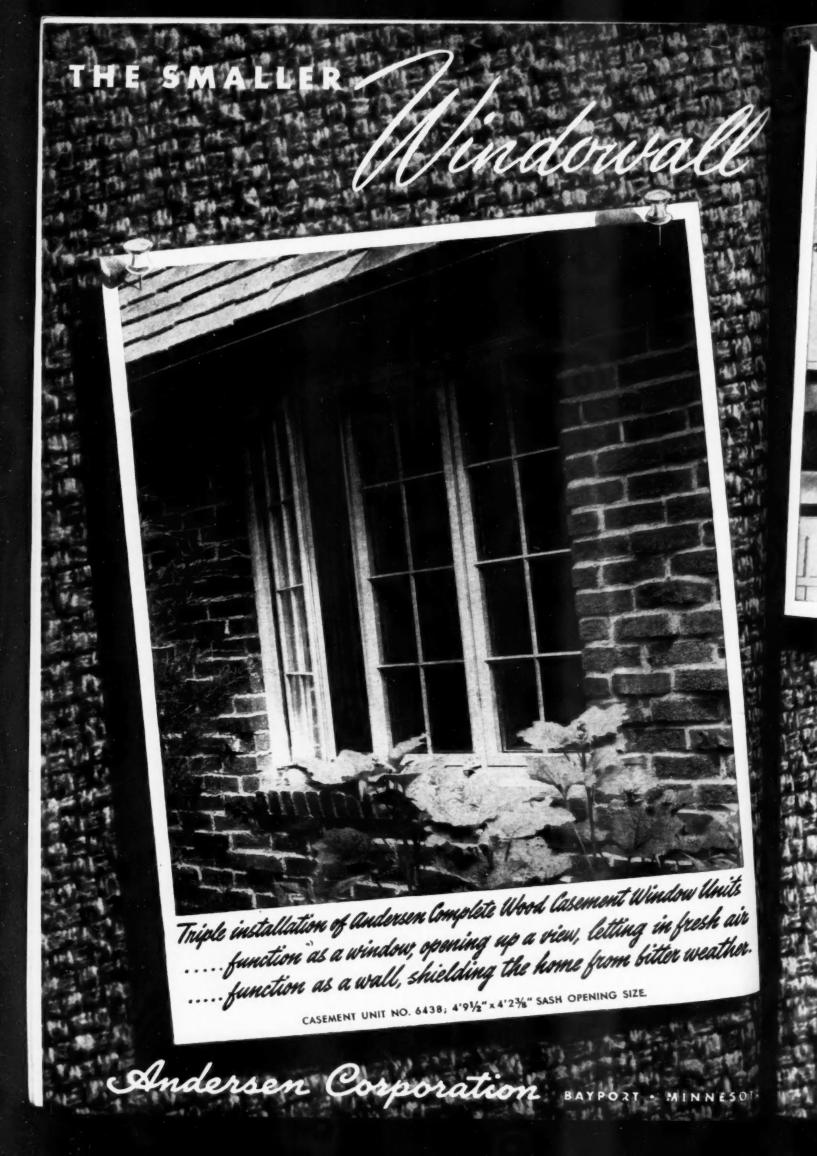


Catalog No. 1199 Bit Guide Set. Furnished with 15/10" diameter bit. For use in installation of all Dexter-Tubular Locks and Latches.



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### EQUIPMENT BECOMES REAL ESTATE

# National Life's New Packaged Mortgage Lowers Cost of Financing Homes

Here is big news for builders, contractors, lumber dealers! You can now offer a complete and fully equipped home financed under one, low-cost loan through the novel "Packaged Mortgage".

This greatly facilitates the sale of homes because new kitchen appliances such as gas or electric ranges, refrigerators and other major kitchen equipment are considered part of the real estate.

### ONE LOAN BY ONE LENDER

All financing is covered by the single "Pack-aged Mortgage" instead of a house mortgage plus burdensome instalment financing.

### UNIFORM PAYMENTS

Payments are uniform throughout the life of the loan instead of being heavy

first two or three years as in the case of instalment buying.

### LOWER COST

Money is saved because the high costs of ordinary instalment financing are avoided.

National Life of Vermont, with \$300,000,-000 assets, is the first large-scale financing institution to offer this simplified, low-cost plan.

Mail the coupon below; we will send you full information and the name of National Life's nearest loan correspondent.

Are you attending the NAHB Exposition in Chicago? Stop and see our representative in Booth 182.

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### Everyone has a pet feature in this bathroom ...

"THAT ULTRA-MODERN LOOK ... Just the thing I've been looking for to transform our old down-at-theheels bathroom. Maybe we can't manage the glass brick wall

heels bathroom. Maybe we can't manage the glass brick wall ... but the indirect lighting—tile partitions—and most of all, the gorgeous Briggs Beautyware would give me a bathroom I'd be proud to show the world!"

"2-ROOMS-IN-ONE ... Now that's a really practical idea, especially for the early morning 'rush hour'. And the smart looking safety-bottom bathtub! All I can say is ... somebody at Briggs must have had my harum-scarum kids in mind all the time!"

FREE BOOKLET-"Planning your Bathrooms and Powder Room". Write for yours today.

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## but they all agree on BRIGGS Beautyware

"THOSE HEAVENLY COLORS ... Particularly in the plumbing fixtures." Who would think that anything so functional could be so pretty. And they tell me that despite their 'rich look'... any one of Briggs decorative designs and colors is reasonable enough for the most modest budget!" IT WON'T BE LONG NOW ... until Briggs Beautyware is back on the market in quantities to suit every need and taste. The first of the completely postwar fixtures are off the production line and on the way to your local plumbing contractor. And when you see Briggs Beautyware you will agree they're the *smoothest* bathroom fixtures since plumbing became a profession!

BRIGGS MANUFACTURING COMPANY . 3007C MILLER AVENUE . DETROIT 11, MICHIGAN

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## Scientific survey\* proves FOR HOME INSULATION

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# What This Preference Means to You as a Builder ...

THE quality builder today knows that the immediate problem is not to sell houses...it is a problem of looking to the future and finding ways to compete with the jerry-builder who can see only as far as immediate profits, who will resort to misrepresentation, who will use slipshod methods and substitute inferior materials.

The quality builder knows that this is only leading to disaster and the ultimate collapse of his market and the source of an honest profit. Johns-Manville offers you an extraordinary opportunity to meet this type of competition by *identifying* your-



self with building materials which have outstanding consumer confidence.

Read the facts as reported on this page from a scientific national poll of public opinion.\* This public preference for J-M Home Insulation is more than just a reason for using quality insulation in your houses. It has values that go beyond that consideration: it can be made a leader in helping you maintain yourself as a *quality builder*.

#### In Home Insulation It's Johns-Manville 39 to I

Johns-Manville Rock Wool Home Insulation has earned this overwhelming consumer acceptance, and now we offer you a plan to identify yourself with the confidence in the name "Johns-Manville."

To help you, we have developed a complete merchandising program, a feature of which is the J-M sign of quality as shown on the opposite page.

This whole program is backed by one of the most powerful advertising campaigns ever offered to help the better builders of the country. We will tell the public just what good insulation is and how to recognize a quality job.

Thirty million people per month will be told to look to the builder who has been qualified to use the quality Johns-Manville sign. They will be told that it stands for Rock Wool Home Insulation uniformly applied at proper density and full thickness, and that the builder displaying the sign is entitled to their confidence.

Thus, Johns-Manville was named approximately 39 times oftener than any other manufacturer of home insulation.

**Johns-Manville Home Insulation** 

<sup>\*</sup> In a scientific public opinion poll recently completed, the question was asked, "For Home Insulation, what company do you think of first as a manufacturer in whom you would have confidence?"

<sup>75%</sup> of those interviewed knew the name of a manufacturet. 58.6% said Johns-Manville. 1.5% said Company "A". 1.0% said Company "B". 0.8% said Company "C". The remaining 13.1% was divided among 60 other manufacturers of home insulation materials.

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### Johns-Manville will tell 30 millions monthly to look for this sign!



Coast-to-coast radio network will broadcast messages like this:

Last Sunday a friend of mine went out to look at new homes. "Tony," he said, "how can I make sure that

the house I buy is properly insulated? When I ask the builder or his agent 'Is this house insulated?' he replies, 'Of course,' and I have to take his word for it." Now, Johns-Manville is glad to answer that question over the radio for the benefit of millions of prospective homeowners. You can be sure that a house is properly insulated if there is a sign in front of it which reads "Quality Built with Johns-Manville Home Insulation." Such houses are insulated with Johns-Manville Rock Wool and the insulation is uniformly applied at proper density and at full thickness. For your protection, we recommend that you look for this sign.

"Bill Henry and the News"—8:55 p.m. Eastern time, CBS, five nights a week. This Johns-Manville program has been on the air continuously since December, 1941.



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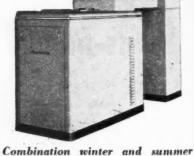
### How to Make New Homes Easier to Sell

Here's the last word in automatic central home heating—a heating system ready for the addition of summer cooling. It will make any modern new home an ultra-modern new home and increase its value.

It's the advanced automatic forced warm air system by Chrysler Airtemp. It is made to work in combination with the famous "Packaged" Air Conditioner pioneered by Chrysler Airtemp. The buyer can add summer cooling at any time! Installation is simple because the ducts; filters and blower of the heating system are used for summer cooling.

This "ready-for-summer-cooling" heating system is only one of a wide line of modern central heating products for homes by Chrysler Airtemp. No matter what kind of fuel is used—gas, oil or coal—Chrysler has an ideal system for your new homes. There are vapor, hot water and warm air systems—models for homes large and small and within even modest incomes.

All are streamlined, compact, beautiful in design. All benefit from the engineering skill and mass production economies for which Chrysler Corporation is famous. The name Chrysler Airtemp on the heating system in your new homes will enhance their value. For particulars write to Airtemp Division of Chrysler Corporation, Dayton 1, Ohio.



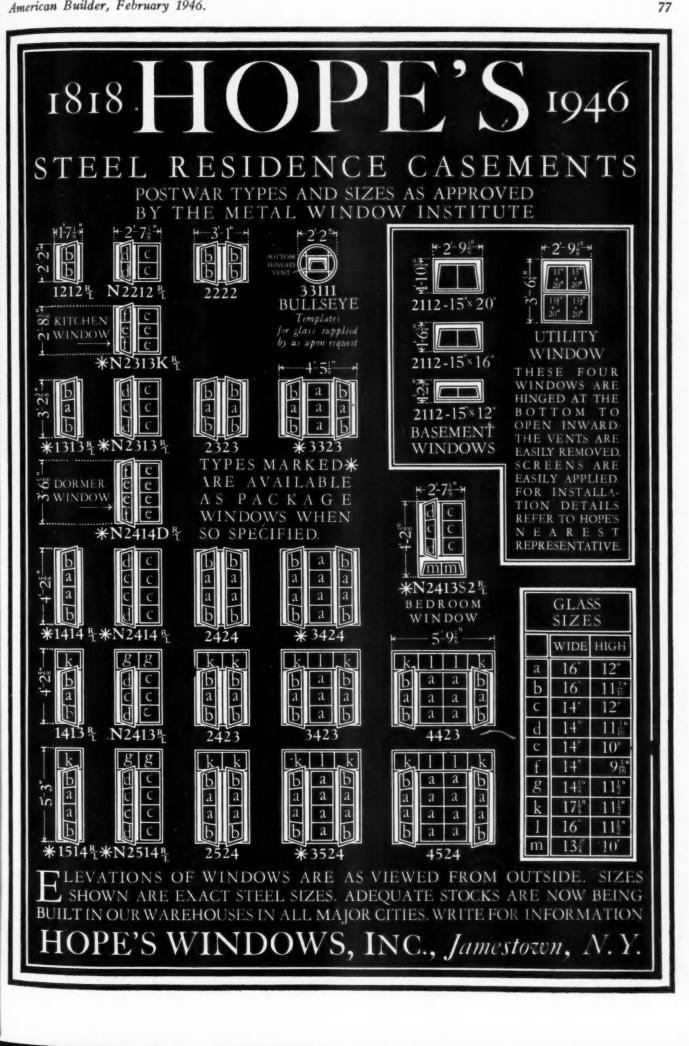
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Combination winter and summer central air conditioning system for homes. See it and other Chrysler Airtemp heating products at the National Association of Home Builders Show, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, February 25 to 28.

Invest in Your Future—Buy U. S. Savings Bonds! "REMEMBER THURSDAY NIGHT! The music of Andre Kostelanetz and the musical world's most popular stars—Thursday, CBS, 9:00 P.M., E.S.T."





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20000 1946 Resolution . that every American buy and hold U.S. Savings Bonds Assist in building the prosperity of your nation and your own industry-make the wise New Year's resolution to promote the continued sale of E, F, and G Savings Bonds through your Payroll Savings Plan! U. S. Savings Bonds, purchased regularly, form the thrift habit-and enable Americans to secure educational advantages for their children and achieve financial independence in old age. 161

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Corbin is now packing America's finest builders hardware in con-

venient consumer packages . . . Corbin Hardware in "Door-in-One" packages. Each package contains a complete matched set for a door. The Unit Lock "Door-in-One" hardware packages contain the new residence Unit Lock, knocker, letterbox drop plate, push button, and

the new Corbin Blendor Hinges . . . every piece Corbin high quality. The "Door-in-One" Packaged Hardware Line includes Unit Locks in two designs, and other matched sets in authentic styles for various types of homes. The Corbin trademark is your assurance of durability, correctness, style and security . . . the "Door-in-One" Package makes it easy to buy and to sell good hardware.

#### **Corbin Unit Locks**

Corbin Unit Locks are stylish, strong and amazingly easy to install. Locks are complete units, assembled at the factory. To install, just make two saw-cuts, slip the lock into place, and insert screws. Parts are never detached so Unit Locks always work properly and smoothly . . . pivoted

(swinging) latch for easy closing. Like other high quality Corbin locks, Unit Locks can be completely masterkeyed for key locks, if desired. Bathroom locks have push button locking and latch release, for safety. Unit Locks are made for the popular sizes of interior and exterior doors.

#### Your customers are getting the good NEWS!

The ad shown here appears in Better Homes & Gardens, and in American Home, March issues. More than 5,000,000 interested families will be told again that Corbin Unit Locks ... the easiest hardware to install ... are also easiest to buy in the "Door-in-One" packaged hardware line from their Corbin dealer.





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## ALLIED BUILDING CREDITS GIVES YOU PERFECT CONTROL

### Roll Up Bigger Profits by Selling With ABC

**P**ERFECT control is essential to good bowling—and it's just as important to good, profitable selling in the building industry. When you quote the "Nothing down, pay by the month" plan of Allied Building Credits, Inc., you retain control of the sale from start to finish. You sell the whole unit, the complete job—which means bigger, easier sales, better profits. Products available today can be used and sold at your regular price, and you gain a satisfied customer.

What's more, by using A B C you can get cash instead of "putting it on the books." For complete information on how you can put these services to work for you, write Allied Building Credits, Inc., 2501 First National Bank Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.



# WHAT HOME BUILDERS WANT

# in a Nutshell

Better Homes & Gardens exhibit of Homes for Today National Association of Home Builders Convention, Chicago, February 25 to 28

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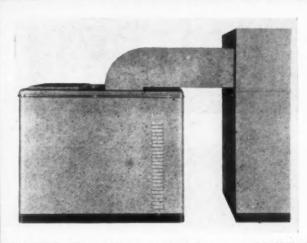
**H**OME BUILDERS and the manufacturers and distributors of building materials and equipment, together with mortgage lenders, know as well as anyone that the country is in the midst of the worst housing shortage in history. It should go without saying that the home building industry desires more than any other segment of the population to alleviate that shortage. It seems necessary to say, however, that in addition to motivation by a very real concern for the welfare of the country and its returning service men and women—thousands of whom are sons, daughters and neighbors of home builders—the desire of the industry for a large and sustained home building program is a very personal one. On such a program depends the future of whole communities and the welfare of builders' families. It seems necessary to say that, because the authors and advocates of the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill do not seem to know it.

If they did know it they would be engaged in taking steps to free the home building industry from government regulation and the uncertainties and vagaries of organized labor, instead of wasting time promoting a complex piece of inflationary legislation. If the bill passes it will cause neither more homes nor better homes to be built than the industry can and will provide without the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill. It will only tie the hands of home builders still tighter. It will create thousands of new, permanent government jobs. It will duplicate and negate some constructive legislation already in force. It will saddle a heavily indebted nation with billions of dollars of additional and needless unproductive expense annually. There is no need for more legislation to prime home builders or stir them into action. They are primed. They are impatient to start building. There is need for less control, particularly unrealistic price control which stifles production and produces black markets in materials and equipment.

The current bottleneck in home building results from shortages in building materials and equipment. The condition can be relieved almost overnight if the Office of Price Administration will remove price controls or at least adjust ceilings to conform to rising labor and other manufacturing costs. The operation of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law, the instruments used by the social planners after World War I, proved that attempts to change human conduct and tastes by legislation result only in social chaos. The evidence is already clear that attempts to change the working of fundamental economic laws by legislation will result only in economic chaos.

The next bottleneck in home building already threatens to result from a shortage of skilled building craftsmen. *American Builder* urges that the Office of Price Administration take the obvious steps to relieve the material shortage, and that Senators Wagner, Ellender and Taft drop their piece of unneeded legislation, and spend their time and energy on studies that might help to forestall the impending labor shortage.

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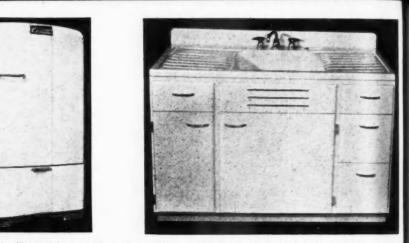
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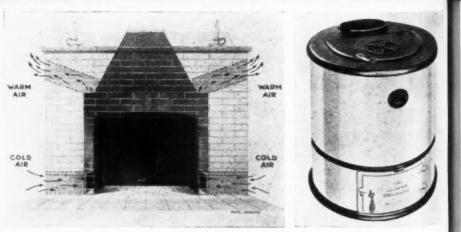
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AB 2611\*-New styling inside and out features the new 1946 Kelvinator line. The new group consists of four models. Three are seven foot models while the refrigerator shown is the nine cubic foot Moist-Master. AB 2612°—Standard unit cabinetry having flow-line design and smooth surfaces with sweeping edges are features of this sink unit, a part of the new line of wood cabinets being made by Kitchen Maid Corp.



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AB 2613—Shown here in a phantom view is the Heatilator fireplace. Besides circulating heat to every corner of the room it insures correct fireplace design by eliminating faults that cause smoking and poor draft. AB 2614—Installed in any basement and connected to any furnace flue the new, compact Majestic No. 30 incinerator, with a three bushel capacity, shown here offers a quick clean, economical way to dispose of garbage.



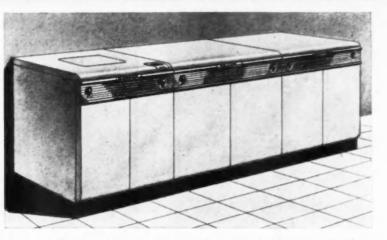
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AB 2615-Shown above, Bradley pre-finished straight-line flooring is manufactured in oak, beech and pecan. Factory finishing by assembly line methods supplies a floor of amazingly superior workmanship and appearance at a very definite saving in time and in cost over hand-laying and hand-finishing on the job.



AB 2616—Soon to start in production is this Blackstone combination laundry which will provide for automatic washing, rinsing, drying and ironing in a unit of standard counter height and depth and 80 inches in length. According to company officials the new model will incorporate important innovations in design technique.

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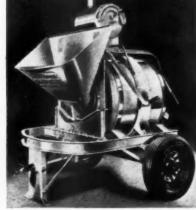
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AB 2617-Bethlehem Steel Company's Ammonoduct pipe, originally designed for the refrigeration industry, offers distinct advanlages in radiant heating installations like the above due to its unusual bending properties.

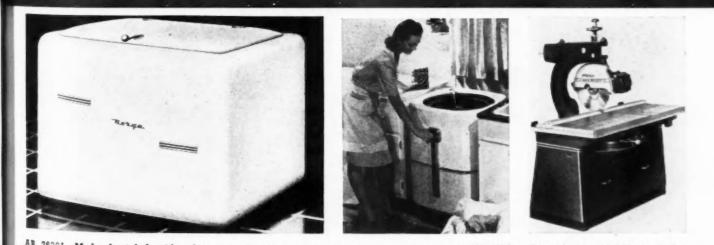


AB 2618-One of the new line of Jaeger Machine Company's concrete, plaster and mortar mixers is this 31/2S Auto-Motor model. Its actual capacity has been increased while retaining its half-bag loading feature.



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AB 2619°-A high degree of operating efficiency at remarkably low cost is claimed for this newly-designed, compact Timken Silent Automatic hot water boiler. Its small size and neat appearance add greatly to its appeal.



AB 2620\*-Modernly-styled with white exteriors to blend with other appliances is this Norge home and farm freezer. It is but one of the line which will be of the chest, lift-lid type with capacities from 6 cu. ft. up.

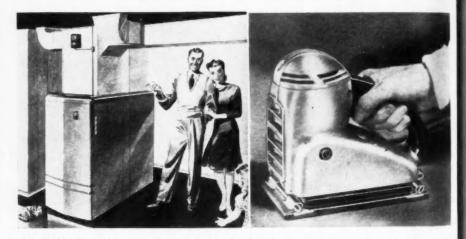
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AB 2622°-This cabinet model Monarch Uni-Point saw, made by the American Saw Mill Machinery Co., has several unique features Research and Science Have Combined to Produce Better Products



AB 2623—Five cubic feet of storage space for frozen foods is provided in this modern Pak-A-Way Deluxe 5 home and farm freezer. It is one of several models offered now in its 1946 line by the manufacturer, Schaefer, Inc.

AB 2624<sup>\*</sup>—Now coming in bright new marcon wrappers with distinctively designed end labels, and available in nine standard specifications, Kimsul Many-Layer insulation rolls are convenient to handle, display and use



AB 2625\*—To make the advantages of oil heat available to the lower income brackets at a comparative cost to coal is one of the many features of this newly designed, spacesaving Timken Silent warm air furnace unit.

AB 2626°—Speed, quality of finish rapidly produced and easy handling are important points about this recently developed Sterling 1000 portable electric sander which works uniformly well on wood, metal or plastics.



AB 2627\*—Streamlined beauty is now being built into the Rex 6-S concrete mixer. With a completely redesigned chassis, low overall height, wide wheel tread and low center of gravity it is easy to park, tow and spot.



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# **BUILDER PLANS** with Manufacturer for More Efficient Kitchens

ABOVE: Merle Wm. Hogan, designer, and Harry Durbin of Detroit examining plans for new homes. LEFT: John Fellman, manager, Kitchen Sales Division, Edison General Electric (Hotpoint) Appliance Co., with V. K. Stalford, sales manager, Graybar Electric Co. of Detroit, who have spent much time working out details on electric homes for postwar.

"I'M not building any of these radically modern places that I see so much of in the papers. I'm stringing along with traditional designs; that is where my market is. We shall build to meet the market for the well known and established type of home."

Thus Harry Durbin, well known contractor of Detroit, Mich., voiced his attitude when questioned relative to his plans for building new homes in the immediate future. Because he, together with his designer, Merle Wm. Hogan, has been "stringing along with traditional designs" and also upon occasion introducing types of construction that have changed many home owner's ideas of their future housing requirements, he has built up an enviable reputation for sound judgment and fair dealing. They have many interesting and sometimes novel ideas about what the custom-home buyer will want once the passing of "reconversion pains" permits broad action.

Builder Durbin willingly told the American Builder many bright and some dark phases of what faces home builders in the days ahead. The hopeful items include the

well known "pent-up" demand which, he said, is really an extension of a strong market for quality homes that was in full swing when the war interruption came; many new, branded building products that have been introduced or improved during the war period; and the new public recognition of the value of greater completeness in homes, including complete kitchens and home laundries.

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With restrictions lifted, Detroit builder now prepares for unprecedented activity in the field of custom-built homes with the installation of complete automatic equipment in planned all-electric kitchens.

Less hopeful is the Detroit builder concerning the immediate supply of skilled bricklayers and other artisans. He does not look for good materials to be plentiful for at least another year; and he expressed the belief that costs would tend to rise, rather than recede.

Commenting further relative to the future trend, Mr. Durbin says, "We will probably do something with ranch homes later on when things square around a little." It will be recalled that he built the first middle western ranch homes near Detroit in 1935. At that time many builders expressed the thought that it was all right to build one or two such homes, but they were not a "market." Later, almost all builders who supply homes to folks "getting away from the city" built ranch houses. The war stopped a boom in that direction.

According to the Detroit home developer, the fine home market is ready for a large supply of traditional, modern, but not radical homes. That is what they plan to design and build in as large numbers as conditions will permit. Mr. Hogan's drawing board has designs for buildings

> ranging in price from \$10,000 to \$40,000 and he said many more are coming. This Michigan building team has always built homes aimed at adding to its reputation for quality. It is not a question of a quick, nor easy dollar in the quality home field. Mr. Durbin pointed out. He here cited an example of his first installations of "all-electric" kitchens in houses built during the Mid-Thirties. "At that time



THIS well proportioned ranch house, adaptable for corner or inside lot, is characteristic of the custom-built types designed by Merle Hogan and built by Harry Durbin of Detroit, Mich.



there was no general demand for planning in appliance arrangements. We got into that work because we felt it was something that would help our reputations as builders. Now for postwar, we plan to include engineering-in of kitchen equipment in everything we build." Both men affirmed that the American housewife had

Both men affirmed that the American housewife had made it clear that she wants a "scientifically designed work-saving kitchen." The Durbin firm has completed arrangements through Graybar Electric Company in Detroit to make available "engineered all-electric kitchens" in each of its custom-built homes. Mr. Durbin pointed out that he has been laying plans throughout the period of war-slowed activity with V. K. Stalford of Graybar to install fully automatic kitchens with each "Durbinbuilt" home in postwar.

"We speak of our homes as being 'traditional' and we mean that in one very strict sense: we will never put any product or material into any house until it is proved. The builder who values his reputation is defeating his own purpose if he attempts any innovation for his client before its full value is determined," Mr. Durbin said, adding, "Actually the modern kitchen is a new product in 95 per cent of the American homes."

He stated that Mr. Hogan is collaborating with John Fellman, manager of the kitchen sales division of Edison General Electric (Hotpoint) Appliance Company, to offer a series of advanced kitchen designs such as illustrated in this article. These kitchens will feature automatic dishwasher, kitchen waste disposal, automatic electric ranges, steel cabinets and other devices.

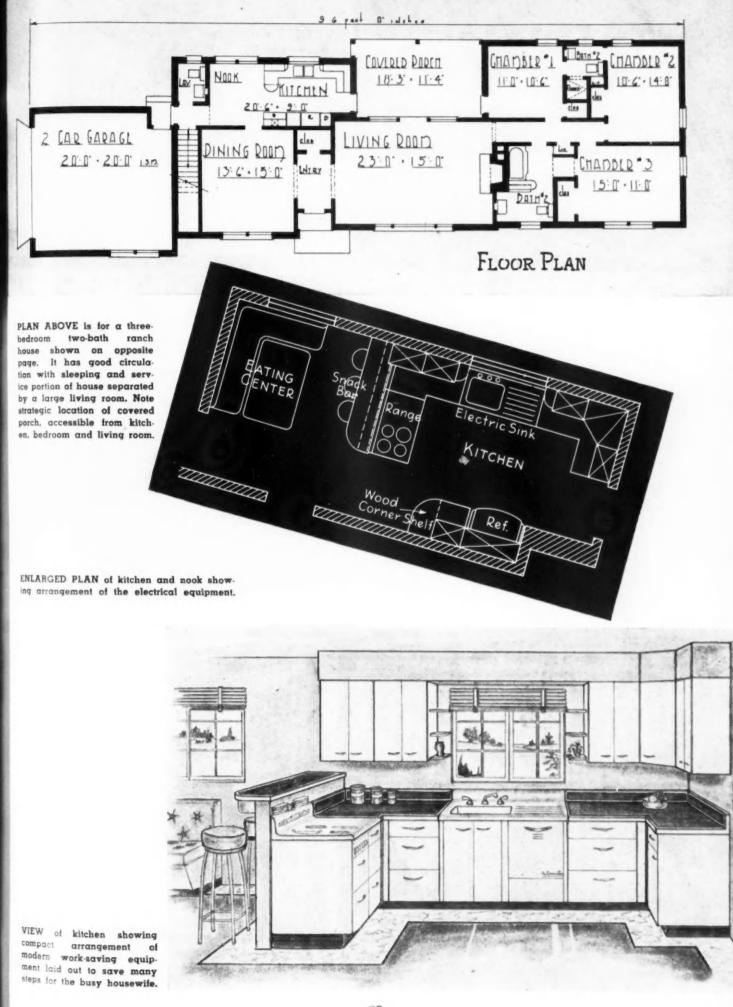
The Detroit firm will "string along" with the traditional, its head repeated, but when products and materials are proved to have merit they will go into the homes that they will build. On the subject of planned home laundries he expressed a personal interest in this useful room, and indicated that he thought it had lagged behind other "service facilities."

"Judging the future by the past, however, we can expect decided progress to be made on planning, layout and equipment for this part of the 'work center,' " Mr. Durbin concluded, "and we will keep pace with all the new improvements that find acceptance and merit approval."

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# The Heart of the Home of Tomorrow

The Ingersoll utility unit combines the fixtures, appliances and fittings of kitchen, bathroom, laundry, heating, plumbing and electrical lines.

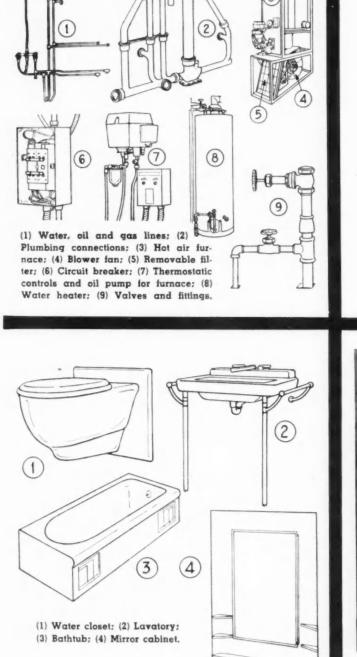
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WHEN the Ingersoll utility unit was announced several months ago (American Builder, November, 1945), its developers who had been laboring over engineering and design for many months quickly observed that few people comprehended it and adequate words could not be found to describe it. Now American Builder can give final clarification of this "mass-produced, line-assembled consolidation of household utilities, fixtures and appliances engineered to make home construction more efficient and economical."

It consists of a compact central steel core containing furnace, water heater, plumbing and other domestic utility fittings, and around the core complete kitchen, laundry and bath appliances and fixtures. The core and its cabinet attachments and paneling form an L-shaped wall which separates the kitchen-laundry area from the bathroom Amer and u

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KITCHEN-laundry side of Ingersoll utility unit core.

A FULL view of the Ingersoll utility unit bathroom.

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Water, gas, sewer, electrical, heating and ventilating systems of kitchen, laundry and bathroom connect directly to prepared connections in the central core. The unit utilizes 90 square feet of floor area, of which about 19 is covered by the central core and 71 by cabinets, work counters, refrigerator, sink, stove, laundry appliances, hath tub, toilet and lavatory. The components, preassembled in the factory, can be trucked in sub-assemblies directly to the construction site and can be unloaded, installed and placed in operation quickly after their arrival.

The central core containing the furnace, hot water heater, plumbing vents and stacks, chimney connections, electric connections and controls is the heart of the Ingersoll utility unit, around three sides of which the component parts of the kitchen, laundry and bathroom are assembled. This assembly around the core has taken into consideration the saving of floor area with its resultant economy, arrangement for appearance, convenience of use and adaptation to conventional floor plans.

On one side is a complete bathroom with hot and cold water, sewerage and electrical connections fitting into planned outlets from the core. In the same manner on the opposite side is a complete kitchen assembly similarly fastened to arranged outlets for water, gas and electrical connections. At one end, completing this compact arrangement, is a laundry unit.

This whole assembly covers a floor area of 9½ feet by 9½ feet, or 90 square feet, bringing into this small space all the domestic utility appliances and fixtures.

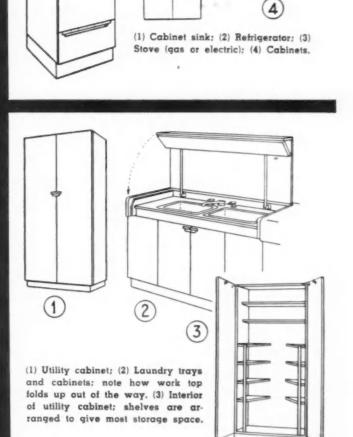
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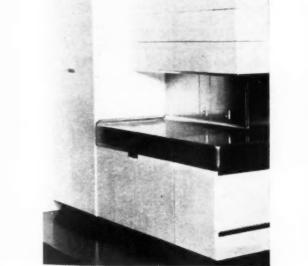
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A VIEW of the laundry section. Equipment is concealed.

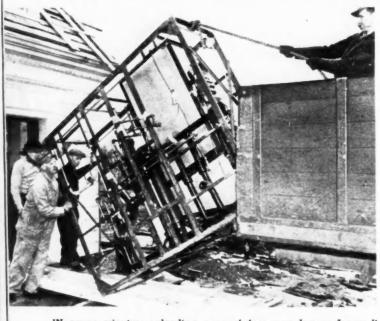




OUTWARD SLOPING windows are an original feature of the Dow house. This innovation extends the living space, makes the rooms appear larger and affords more protection from rain and snow.



INGERSOLL UTILITY UNIT core ready to unload at front door as it comes from factory. Already installed in this one compact frame are: furnace, hot water heater, plumbing and sewer connections, copper gas and water lines, electrical conduits and control boxes.

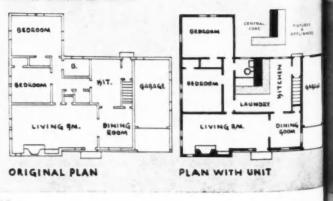


IN seven minutes, unloading crew of four men lowers Ingersoll utility unit core to a prepared position on the ground floor of one of the homes in the Ingersoll subdivision at Kalamazoo, Mich. The important element of the Ingersoll Utility unit is that it brings to the domestic services the first extensive application of industrial technology, promises mass production economy and assures a complete home, including **the** heavier fixed-position appliances in the long-term financing, thereby reducing buyer liability for heavy shortterm commitments. It also brings into reality a concept which has been a hope and despair among builders, engineers and designers, but which has never been a practical possibility before because its utility core would have been too cumbersome to achieve real economies in construction.

As now engineered, the core easily can be taken through framed front doors and through unframed inner doors for installation. It can be placed on its prepared base at any time during the construction of the house. Utilities are stubbed through the floor ready for the prepared connections in the utility core. Above the core, the builder provides a plenum chamber and must connect with flues and vents which he carries through the roof. The core is then ready for the attachment of the kitchen, laundry and bathroom fixtures which also have prepared connection. Wall panels are included as part of the cabinet and fixture work.

Because the developed product was revolutionary even though its components were standard in principle of operation, the Ingersoll company set up a proving ground adjacent to Kalamazoo, Mich., and erected twelve houses

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product in the building field. Its two main purposes were to show the elasticity of the unit in architectural design and to test the unit under actual living conditions. Secondary purposes were to develop installation techniques and to provide living show pieces for home builders. Seven of the outstanding small-home architects of the country were commissioned by Ingersoll to work on the BED ROOM

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country were commissioned by Ingersoll to work on the unit. They produced nine of the designs in the Kalamazoo group. They are: Alden B. Dow, Midland, Mich.; Harwell Hamilton Harris, Los Angeles; George Fred Keck, Chicago; Edward D. Stone, Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.; Hugh Stubbins, Jr., Belmont, Mass.; Royal Barry Wills, Boston; and L. Morgan Yost, Kenilworth, Ill. Three designs were contributed by J. Fletcher Lankton, Peoria, Ill., who brought the utility unit idea to Ingersoll originally as a prospective customer.

SHOWN under construction in the Ingersoll subdivision "proving ground"

are two versions of house designed by Architect Alden B. Dow. House

in right foreground is basic unit, one at left is expanded plan for wide lot.

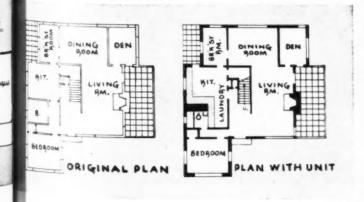
designed around the unit. This development is said to be

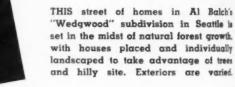
the largest demonstration ever staged around a single

The design shown here is by Alden B. Dow. Plans of other houses in this Kalamazoo group will appear in subsequent issues of *American Builder*.

If any questions exist as to flexibility they are quickly dispelled by an examination of the architectural plans pro-*(Continued to page 168)* 

RIGHT: Ingersoll utility unit with complete kitchen, laundry and bathroom is marked with an arrow in this view of the Dow house, designed to achieve maximum spaciousness within narrow limits.





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## Western Homes Planned for the New Era

Al Balch of Seattle is "out in front" as usual, with new developments in the making, fitted to today's market

THE MAN who continued to build homes all through the war period for sale and to rent to Seattle's war industry workers and Navy personnel is now busy with bulldozers and graders, opening up new streets and leveling building sites for new operations in the mediumcost home building market. Basing his plans on the success of "Wedgwood," his last prewar, or perhaps better to say his last pre-restriction, project, Al Balch is about to launch into "Wedgwood Rock" and his other North End Seattle tracts with a type of new-era home quite similar to the Wedgwood designs, of which several selections are illustrated here.

The architects are Thomas, Grainger & Thomas, A.I.A., of Seattle. These are two- and three-bedroom houses, each with a distinctive exterior design based on

STONE entrance typifies sturdy character of Wedgwood homes.

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ATTRACTIVE Colonial house with attached garage has convenient arrangement of rooms (at right), with two bedrooms on first floor.

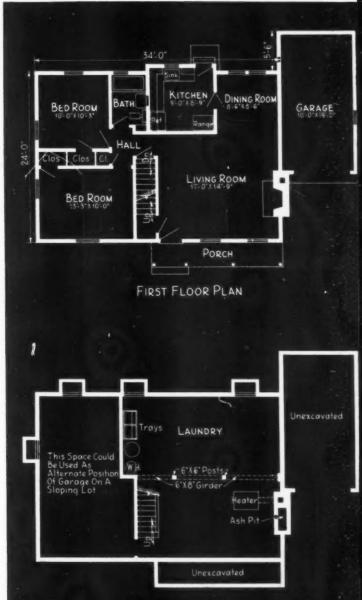
two dozen standard floor plans. Each is given thoughtful placing on its building site, a plot of good width, and each has individual landscaping to take advantage of and to supplement the natural forest growth of the locality.

In spite of general advances in building costs, both for labor and materials, which will necessitate a higher level of selling prices, Balch feels confident that the people want better and bigger houses than the restricted minimum war housing type, and can pay for them. Also he believes that the extra thought and care and the extra money he puts into oversizing of lots, into landscaping and into special added quality features in home equipment, appointments and construction materials (better than the minimum "just to get by" sort) will come back to him and to his home buyers in appreciated values for his entire home development area as time goes on.

In other words, extra expense for special features that might not be justified in putting up a single house for sale does pay out, he feels, in the long run when applied to an entire subdivision, such as Wedgwood. There, the original home buyers have seen their properties not only mature into a beautiful stabilized residential district with much "neighborhood pride," largely because of the careful planning and the extra-value features that were built in, but also those who have wanted to resell have had no trouble in disposing of their homes at a substantial increase over what they originally paid.

In the new Wedgwood Rock development 200 new homes are to be erected. Albert Balch is associated in this project with Maury Setzer, who was also his partner in the first Wedgwood project. During the past four years Balch has also built 300 homes in View Ridge, his first subdivision, and 100 more in Wedgwood and Eastwood, all under the name of Crawford & Conover, Inc., Seattle's oldest real estate firm, established in 1888 and now wholly owned by Albert Balch.

It was in View Ridge that he built three Life Magazine Homes and promoted model homes designed by Ladies' Home Journal and other national magazines. Visitors to

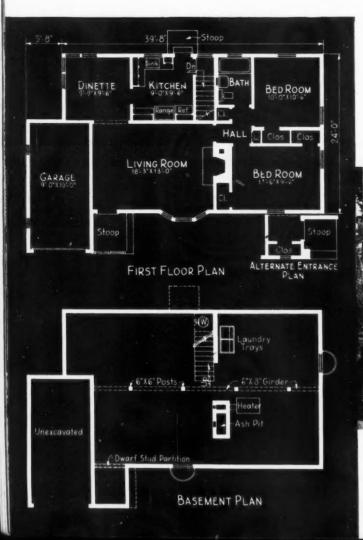


BASEMENT PLAN



THE horizontal lines are nicely balanced by the vertical accent of the stately pines.

### Beauty and Charm Achieved in Wedgwood by Var



the "Life" homes numbered 77,432. He will soon build his *American Builder* model home as published in the October issue. In "Parkwood," another budding new en development, Balch is to build 200 additional homes and in this he is operating alone.

The same firm of architects has functioned on plut layouts and home designs on all of these Balch jobs which have, during the past 10 years of continuous building and selling, totaled about 1500 homes. A great deal of credit THE ho one sh plans f pearan house o is an o shown principo lines, s picture



THE house above, with plans to left, was used by Frederic  $\delta$ Nelson, leading Seattle department store, as a model home.



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THE house at right above is a variation of the one shown in the large photograph above; plans for both are at right. Difference of appearance is achieved mainly by placing the house on a higher foundation. Directly below is an alternate exterior of the "model home" shown at the bottom of the opposite page. The principal changes are in entrance detail, roof lines, shingles instead of siding, and a large picture window in place of the bay window.



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One of Wedgwood's Most Charming Homes Presented Here with Complete Blueprints

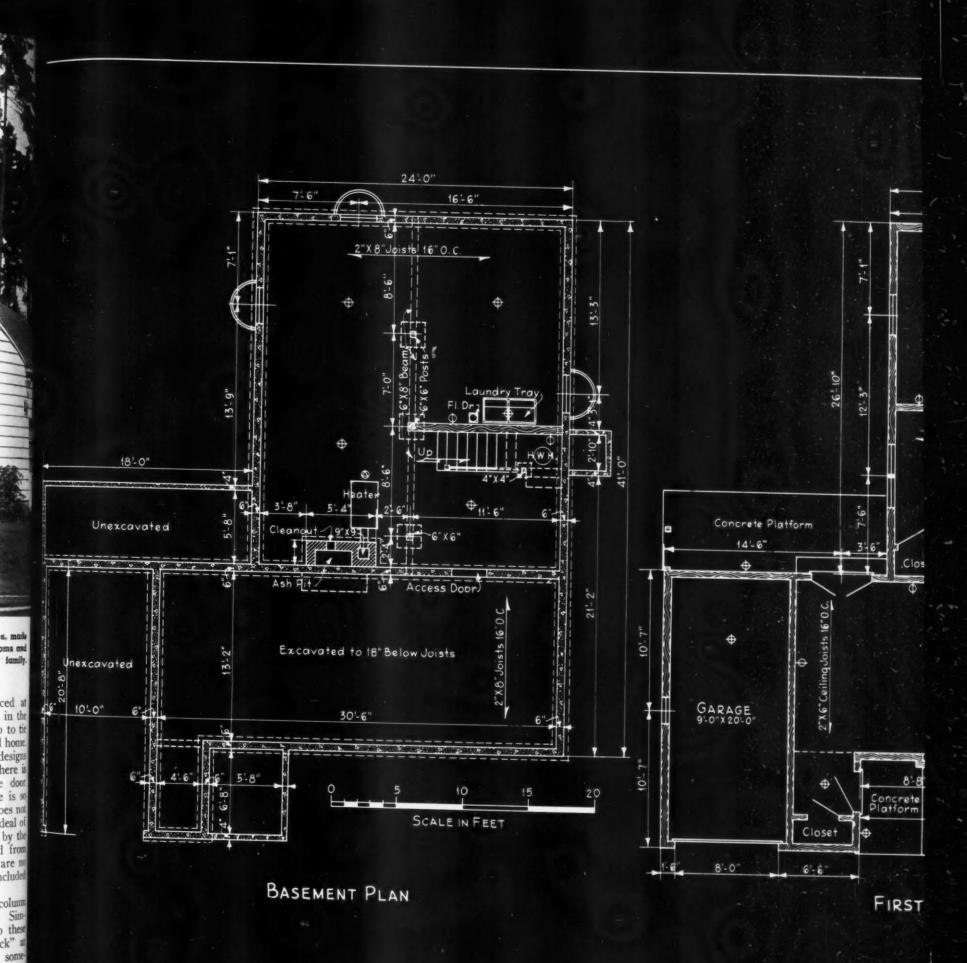
is due Clyde Grainger and Don Thomas of this architectural firm for the variety and charm that they have designed into these developments, at the same time retaining the economies of standard sizes and basic floor plans, used again and again to permit wholesale construction techniques.

A study of the accompanying photos and plans will reveal many details of this successful planning. Twobedroom homes predominate, with quite a number, however, of the larger three-bedroom type. Houses are broader than they are deep, calling for wide but shallow lots. The living rooms are of good size and the dining space is usually an adjunct to the living room or is designed as a dinette section of the kitchen. Fireplaces, modern baths, well equipped kitchens, attached garages and full basements are standard features of the plans. MODERN Colonial, corner windows, low, sweeping roof lines, made this one of Balch's most popular designs. With three bedrooms and large living area, this home meets demands of average family.

"Picture" windows of large size, often placed at the corners, are typical of all present-day homes in the Pacific Northwest. They let in the view and help to the the house to its garden surroundings to make a real home

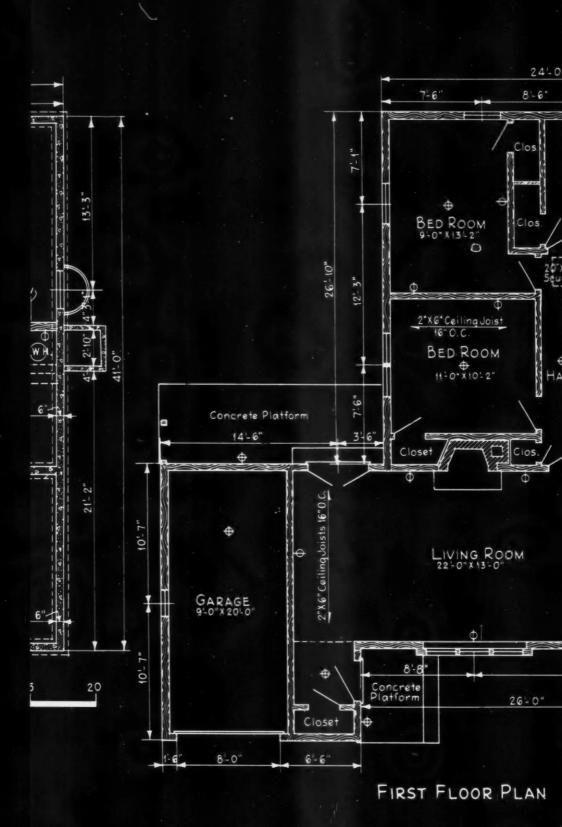
Good artistic judgment is shown in these home designs in the handling of the front entrance. Often there is enough porch or roof overhang to protect the door without darkening the interior. Also the garage is so placed that it is kept well to the background; it does not obtrude into the home entrance picture. A great deal of variety is secured for these standardized designs by the way the garage is shifted from left to right and from front to back. In all these developments there are m alleys, so the garage entrance always has to be included in the front elevation.

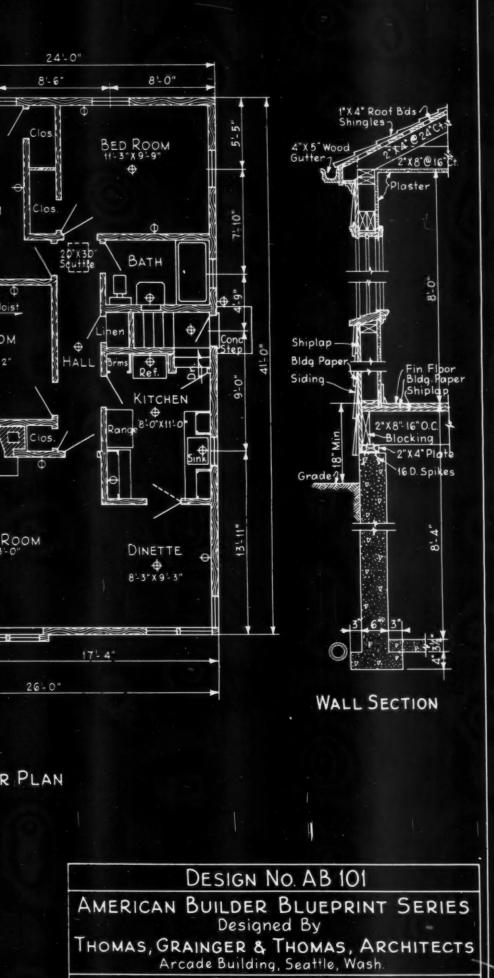
Gently curving streets and an impressive stone column entrance-way mark the Wedgwood development. Similar distinctive characteristics are to be given to these newer Balch projects. For instance, "The Rock" at the center of the Wedgwood Rock tract is really some thing to see! It may not *quite* equal Ship Rock of the Ner Mexico desert in size and mystery but is *some rock* just the same—a geological curiosity that will cause plenty of talk and give extra sentimental value to the group of at tractive homes which Al soon will be building around it



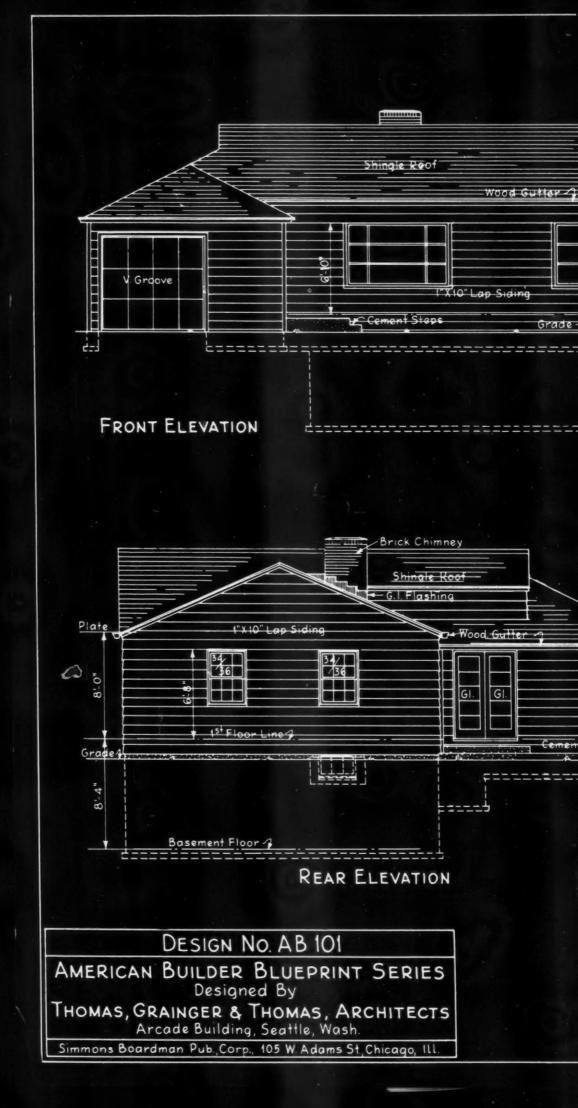
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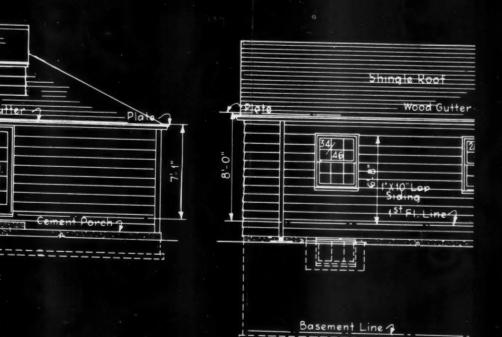






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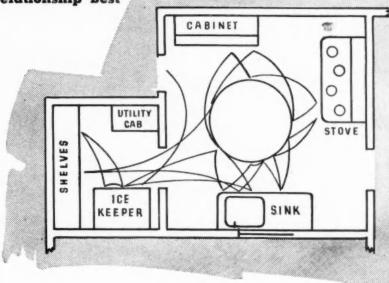
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# MANUFACTURER'S RESEARCH Assures Effective Kitchens

# Months of careful study of kitchen arrangement proved the triangular work relationship best

MODERN KITCHENS for postwar homes became a subject for intensive study and research by Servel Inc., Evansville, Indiana, manufacturers of refrigerators and refrigeration equipment, during the years when most of the company's production facilities were devoted to filling war orders. A small shop was made available to a few engineers and other specialists, and the result of their work is the group of model kitchens shown on these pages.

While most of the kitchen planning has been based on an attempt to locate equipment in a manner calculated to minimize the number of steps the housewife is required to take each day in the performance of her work, Servel research forces decided to give equal attention to vertical placement to minimize stooping, bending and reaching. Thus the kitchens were engineered in consideration of vertical as well as horizontal surveys. Study of the installations will reveal the manner



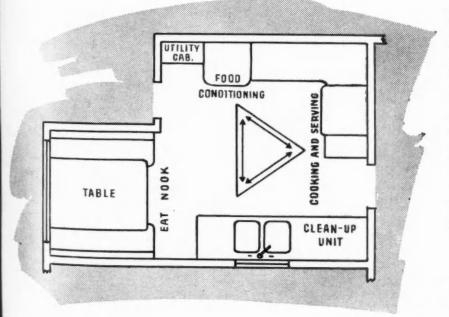
in which cabinets, drawers and under-counter shelving were planned to save effort.

In the old days, before kitchen planning became a technique, pieces of equipment were placed anywhere YESTERDAY the maze of work movements might have been aptly entitled, "How to do things the hard way in 999 steps." It was far from an efficient kitchen arrangement.

that they seemed to fit in a room. Little if any attention was given to convenience. If appearances mean anything, equipment was often placed to gratify the whim of the housewife, and much less attention given to efficiency than in the placing of furniture in the living room.

The result of such hit-and-miss use of kitchen equipment is illustrated in the accompanying diagram with the kitchen table in the middle of the room. If straight-line travel was possible between any two pieces of equipment, it was purely accidental. The placement of equipment in the diagram not only makes for inefficiency and lost time, but also presents physical hazards for the housewife in the kitchen.

TODAY by relating the three main units of kitchen equipment so that the work movements between them form a triangle, kitchen work becomes a pleasure, not drudgery.



Servel engineers and research specialists approached the problem of horizontal traffic—as shown in another sketch—by locating equipment so that principal travel arteries would be in the shape of a triangle. Assuming that the most practical shape for a kitchen would be triangular, but realizing that construction costs for a triangular room would be prohibitive, and that locating entrances and exits would be difficult and awkward, they adapted three-way travel to a rectangular room.

In order to preserve triangular work relationship in a four-walled kitchen, despite door and window openings and other fixed factors that sometimes interfere, six rules were developed for kitchen design. All of

#### "INDOOR-OUTDOOR" KITCHEN—For effective use of adjoining porches, lawns or terraces where outdoor living is desired.

these rules are applied practically in the kitchens illustrated here.

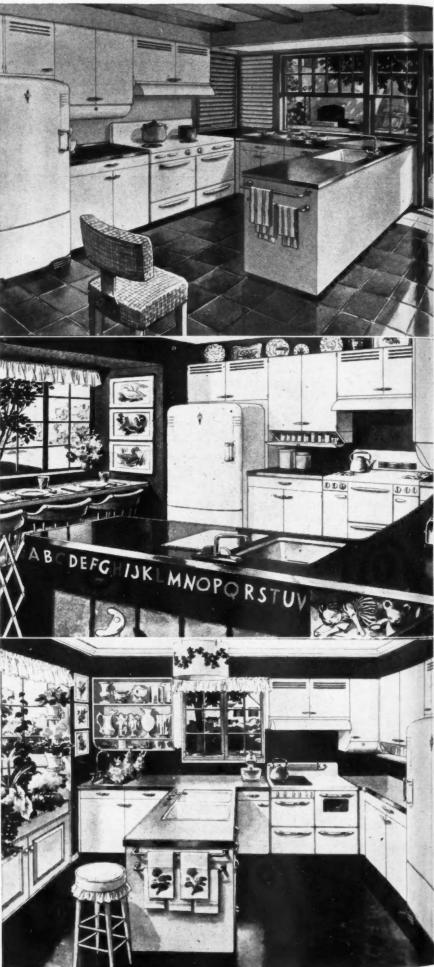
One notable feature of several of the kitchens is placement of the sink unit in the middle of the room rather than along one wall. In the kitchens where this arrangement was used it can be seen that features such as a built-in lounge, not ordinarily included in a kitchen, and the location of dining room or breakfast nook made the central location of the sink desirable from an efficiency standpoint. At the same time it neither detracts from the appearance of the room nor in any way interferes with

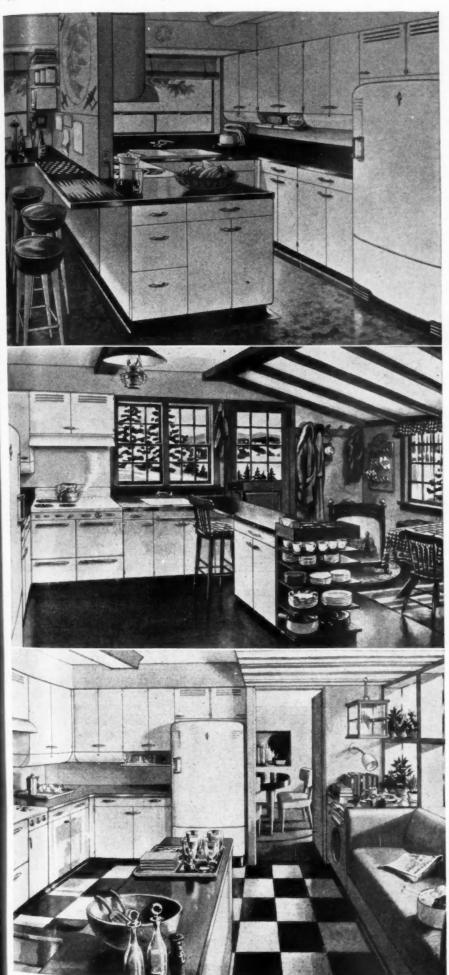
#### "TODDLER'S KITCHEN—Here a homemaker can supervise the activities of the small children while doing her kitchen work.

free access to all other equipment. The old principle of locating the refrigerator as near as possible to the entrance from outside was discarded. It was thought that this was a carry-over from the days of the ice box which, for very practical reasons, was placed just as near the kitchen door as possible. In many modern kitchens mechanical refrigerators continued to occupy the space of the old ice box on the theory that the grocer's delivery boy or the housewife arriving with the day's purchases of meat, vegetables and fruit would find the location a convenience. Servel studies showed any saving of time or effort in that respect to be negligible when com-

"HOBBY" KITCHEN—Collectors of china. glass, prints, growing plants and flowers can adapt their hobbies to this kitchen.

American Builder, February 1946.





pared with considerations of refrigerator use in the preparation of meals. Thus, the refrigerator in each of the kitchens shown here was placed as a result of a traffic survey of all-day use.

Each of the kitchens was designed to serve at least one purpose in addition to the preparation and serving of meals and the storage of food, dishes and cooking utensils. Recognition by the research staff that the modern kitchen should be the nerve center and work shop of the home, and should, therefore, include office facilities or hobby equipment for the housewife, or club, child care or lounging equipment led to the development of such models as the "Toddler's" kitchen, "Teen-Age"

#### "TEEN-AGE" KITCHEN—Planned so that teen-age boys and girls can enjoy afterschool snacks and games without interruption,

kitchen, "Kitchen Lounge," "Outdoor Living" kitchen and the others.

Final layouts of all the kitchens were determined after traffic surveys and time studies had been made. In each case a model kitchen, based on engineering research, was set up. Then a group of women, employees and the wives and daughters of employees, was selected. Each of these worked in the kitchen on one of a series of successive days, operating as if she were in her own home. Time studies and traffic surveys were made. The results were then analyzed carefully and discussed by

CABIN" KITCHEN—An ideal arrangement where outdoor living and cozy comfort combine to minimize work movements.

the research staff and the women. If adjustments or changes were found to be necessary they were made, and the time studies and traffic surveys repeated until data indicated that maximum convenience and utility had been achieved. The layout was then frozen, and the next type of kitchen studied in the same way.

Included in the cabinet assembly of the kitchens is storage space over the refrigerator, which is used as a conditioning area for cereals, crackers and similar dry foods. Directly above the stove, and built in the hood, is a trap that catches the greasy vapors and cooking odors as they arise from the stove. The trap is removable and washable.

"COMFORT" KITCHEN—This arrangement provides a lounging spot for relaxation while meals are being prepared. Four-bedroom houses, attractively designed and priced to sell for less than \$9,000, are the achievement of Anthony A. Paterno in his Belleville, N. J., development. Long experience, sound planning, careful buying and good building contribute to Paterno's successful formula.



SIGNS like that above drew home-hungry public in droves to inspect, buy. Forty houses are now completed, forty more under way.

PATERNO houses in various stages of construction line street in Belleville, N. J.

# Home Building Really Und Way

Anthony A. Paterno creates eighty one-family, four-bedroom units in several pleasing variations of one Chapman and Evans basic floor plan

> THE name of Paterno has been synonymous with the building of large-scale, high-grade apartments in the New York Metropolitan area for many years. The skylines of the better residential districts in the city itself have been invaded by Paterno apartments. And now the youngest of these building brothers is carrying on the family tradition, in the small home field, in the suburbs. He is building—and selling—one-family homes.

> His name is Anthony A. Paterno. His project is located in Belleville, N.J., and is one of the earliest "postwar" home jobs to get under way—and to keep going. With room for eighty homes, and forty already completed, Paterno's tract, laid out with the assistance of FHA land planning officials, and financed by the alert and active Clinton Title and Mortgage Guaranty Company of Newark, will help in some measure, at least, in the housing shortage in that area. If present indications are borne out, it will remain for years to come one of the more attractive privately-financed projects in a state that is famed for them.

An unusual feature of the homes in Paterno's development, and one which he feels will appeal to home buyers now and in the years to come, is the inclusion of four bedrooms. MOD (abor tions secon page

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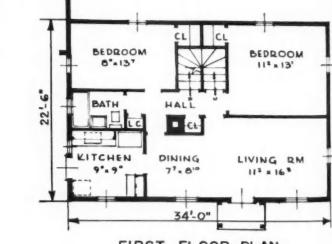
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The houses themselves, splendidly conceived by Chapman and Evans, architects, are worth close and long study. All offshoots of the same basic plan, a compact and complete utilization of space without waste, each first floor contains a living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and bath. Two more bedrooms and space for a future bath are provided on the second floor. Ready access to the completed first-floor bath is had from the upper-floor bedrooms down a flight of stairs and through a short hall.

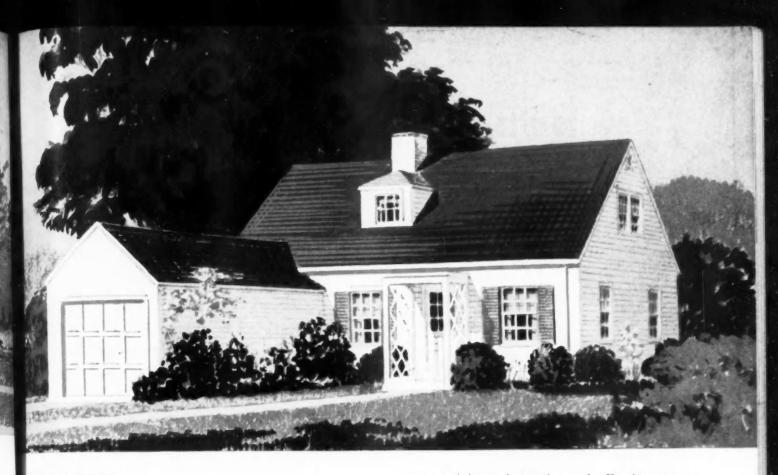
The hall on the main floor contains an ample closet, close enough to the bath to be used for storage of linens, and each lower-floor bedroom has its own closet. The upper hall boasts two ample closets for storage, while each sleeping chamber is also supplied with a full closet.

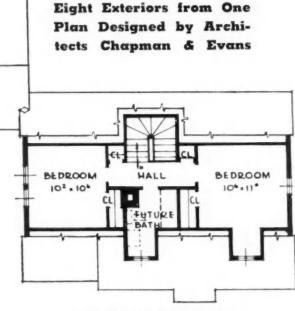
Eight different elevations, all based on the same basic room layout, were prepared by the architects. Exterior views of the homes, therefore, indicate a pleasing variety. This effect was obtained, as can be seen from the sketches, by swinging the garage to different locations, and by varying the location of the homes on the lots —i.e., in some, the living-dining-kitchen side of the house fronts on the street, while in others it **BASIC** first and second floor plans are cleverly varied to provide eight contrasting exteriors as shown at top and bottom of this and opposite page. Exteriors of houses are changed by placing garage in different positions and altering the roof lines.



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runs at right angles to the road. Further escape from monotony is achieved by different alignment of porches and variation in type.

Builder Paterno has had his headaches with one-family home construction in these times, as who has not; but he has enjoyed to the full the challenge they gave him. In construction for more than thirty years, his earliest efforts were devoted to skyscraper apartments in New York City. In 1933, he went to the suburbs, and his projects included several attractive garden-type apartments, including Knickerbocker Village and Chester Tracy Gardens, in northern New Jersey, and Park Manor, a distinctive development of onefamily homes in West Englewood. During the war years he constructed nearly four hundred houses for war workers in the area in and around Portsmouth, Va.

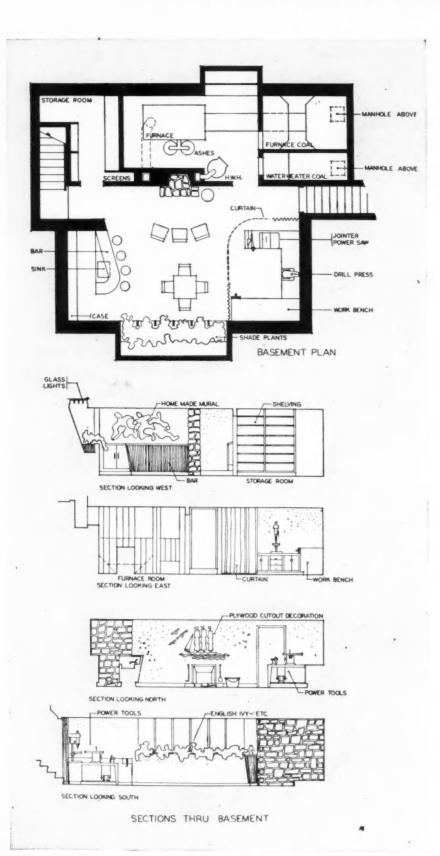
In addition to his activities in the building of single-family homes, Paterno sees a great future for builders in the garden type of apartment in suburbs surrounding metropolitan centers, whether built for sale or to be held for one's own investment. He is presently looking into the possibilities of including one such garden apartment in his Belleville tract.



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# **How to Plan Basements for Coal Heating**

Homes heated with coal can have beautiful, comfortable, clean work and play areas



**M**UCH has been said in the past regarding the relative merits of houses with basements versus those without, and coal heating versus other types, with adherents of each loyally proclaiming the advantages that one has over the other.

It is not the purpose of this article to settle this moot question, but rather to show how two talented architects approached this problem in a recent competition held by the Bituminous Coal Institute.

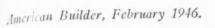
Stephan J. Alling of Cincinnati, Ohio, whose plan is shown on this page, has taken a straightforward type of layout and introduced some interesting innovations, particularly in basement where coal and furnace rooms are placed to the front of property under kitchen above. This permits delivery of coal through manholes which are located directly above coal room and adjoining the service and garage drive. Rear of rear porch extends over this portion of drive. An all-purpose recreation room occupies the balance of the basement with a portion of it curtained off to serve a dual role. The various sections indicate the interesting treatment of walls in this room.

On the opposite page is shown a delightful modern home designed by Kenneth M. Nishimoto of Rivers, Ariz,

Much of the objection which has been voiced against this type of house, in the past, because of its large glass expanse and the inability of adapting it to the normal size lot, has been overcome by providing baffle walls located strategically to insure a measure of privacy to the occupants. An innovation in planning is the depressed play area at basement level which permits light and air in abundance to enter into the recreation and heating rooms. Heating unit and coal him placed toward front of house permit case of servicing.

 PLAN shows compact arrangement of service units, permitting a maximum amount of space for recreation room and work room.

DEPRESSED open air play area at base. ment level is a feature of this modern house.



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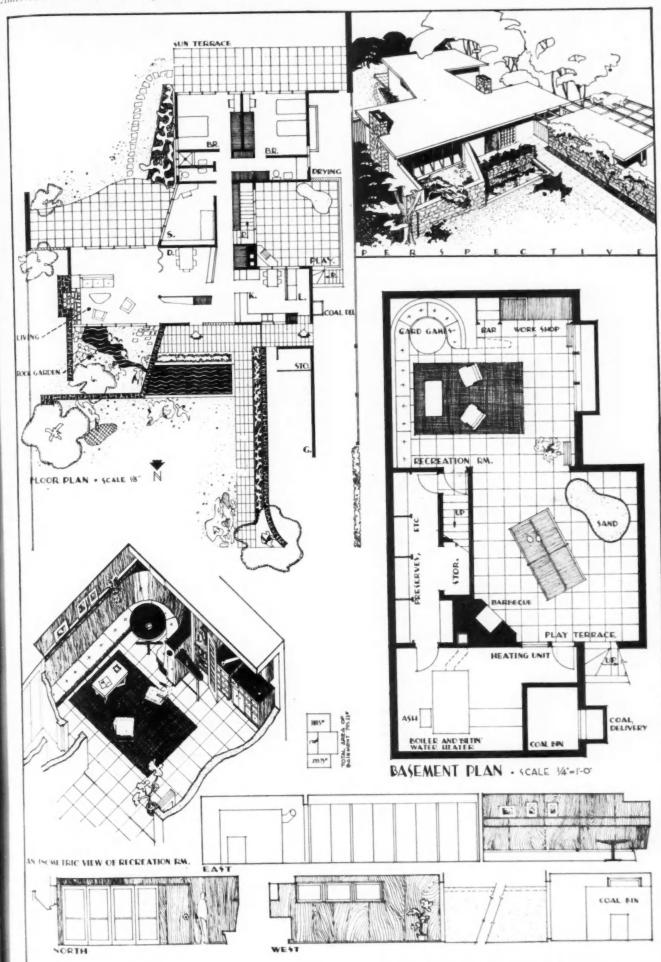
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BEFORE and after views (above) of cellar corner indicate the startling improvement resulting from installation of large, well-lit double bunks complete with built-in bookcases; new handcarved stair rail, wall storage space. Lally columns are covered with four varieties of birch bark. Mrs. Doyle and her sister (top of page) help Len Doyle complete application of ceiling blocks. **L**EN DOYLE, who plays the role of Chief Special Investigator for Mr. District Attorney on the weekly radio program of that name, had a problem of his own. He had a cellar that needed renovation.

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He was handy with tools. He had a hobby-big-game hunting and tramping the north woods-that demanded more time than he could give it between radio shows. So he sat himself down in a chair in the middle of his cellar floor and set to work to combine his handiness with tools and his hobby in the solution of his problem. The result, which is shown graphically on these pages, gives builders the country over some ideas to offer those of their customers who want remodeled basements and are not averse to adding a touch of the great outdoors to their redecorating schemes. This was a labor of love with Doyle, which he completed in his spare moments. But the finished

product, he declares, is worth the effort—a quiet spot for use as an office, cool sleeping quarters in summer, a spot for entertaining friends, a play and party room for the Doyle young-sters.

The soundness of the original construction was retained and added to, but the use of new, decorative materials transformed an eyesore into a place of beauty. The lally columns were covered with four different species of birch bark gathered on one of Doyle's north woods trips. He thoroughly waterproofed the floor, and then covered it with a bright linoleum. A new and hand-carved railing took the place of the former unsightly stair hand-rail, and an attractive overhead lighting fixture hangs over the stairs.

He lined the walls with knotty pine, and an erstwhile dark corner was transformed into a spot for two double-size berths, complete with inner Buil the cella two and

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DARK CORNER (above) was unattractive, used to store old furniture and bric-a-brac, before transformation into colorful bar with many unusual features.

UNIQUE BAR, with mahogany top set on barrel-shaped support of beveled boards (left), now occupies former dark corner shown at top of page. Hand-sewn buckskin covers top half of support, illuminated by soft indirect lighting. Curtains are made of cured mooseskin and valances are deer horns.

## Materials and Equipment Ceiling—Celotex Floor—Johns-Manville Walls — Ponderosa Knotty Pine Mirrors — Pittsburgh Plate Glass Mattresses—Simmons Beautyrest Glasses—Steuben Lamps—Lightolier Power Tools—Skilsaw, Duro Bandsaw

ner springs and deluxe mattresses. Built with a solidity meant to last, the bunks are ten inches from the cellar walls, and are supported by two by fours, 16 inches on center, and with pine flooring used in the bottom. Indirect lighting is in-

STONE FIREPLACE, flanked by two wellstocked deeply-set bookcases and built-in cabinets, now features one corner of cellar. Cut-in window allows for plenty of daylight while new overhead fixtures give pleasant lighting. Mooseskin rug and antlers above fireplace are results of Doyle's expeditions.

stalled over each bunk, and each has a built-in bookcase.

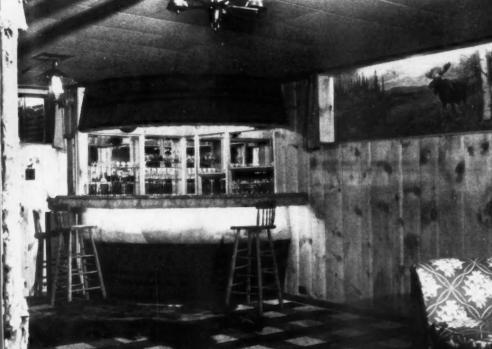
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Another corner of the room, once used to collect old furniture and other stray has-beens, was cleared out and a large stone fireplace installed. Deeply-set bookcases flank the fireplace, and modern lighting fixtures hang from the ceiling.

One of the attractive and unusual features of Doyle's cellar is his bar. The bar itself is of mahogany, atop

a huge keg-shaped support. This latter was made by beveling board edges till they fitted for the proper semi-circular effect. The top half of it is covered with large pieces of hand-sewn buckskin, the result of some of Doyle's hunting forays. Mirrors cover the back of the bar, which is illuminated by indirect lighting, and a hunting scene, done by one of *Field* and *Stream's* cover artists, breaks the long wall.





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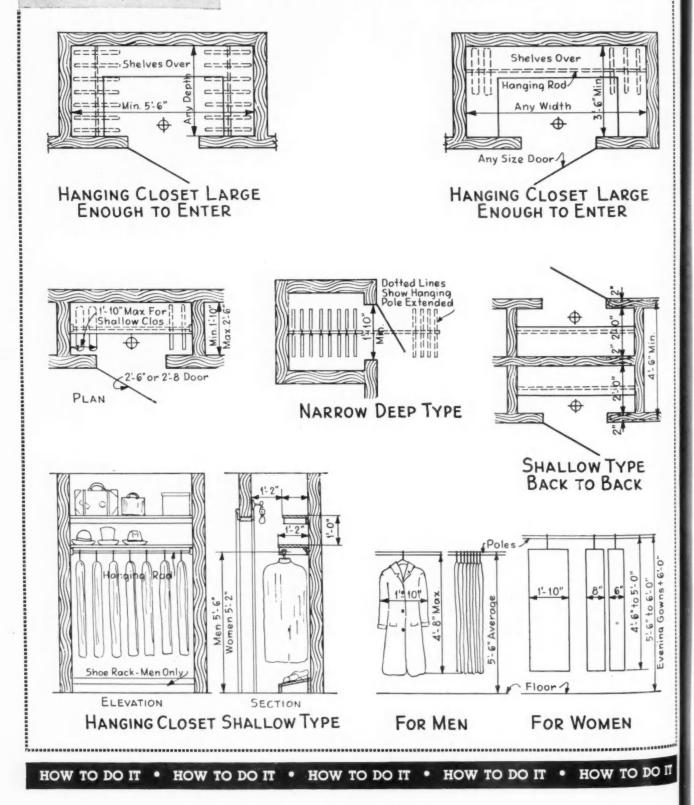
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#### How to Plan Closets for Efficient Use of Space

IN the accompanying drawings on this page are shown a number of typical closets with minimum sizes set forth, complete with location of shelves, hangers, coat strips, etc., arranged in such a manner as to obtain the maximum efficiency within the prescribed area. In the shallow type closet the clothes can be removed without entering. More than two shelves are not advisable in closets of small dimension.

The two closets indicated "large enough to enter" have the same length of hanging space. When depth is over one-half the width, use type with hanging space on each side of door. In computing the size of closets, it is assumed that eight coats or suits for men can be hung on one foot of pole; if in bags, four per foot. For women, allow ten garments per lineal foot; if in bags, eight per foot.



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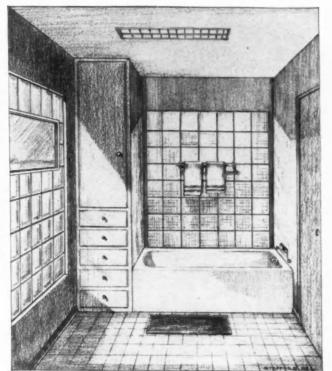
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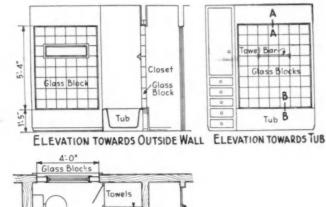
### How to Adapt Glass Block for Bathroom Use

**B**ECAUSE of its structural qualities and its inherent beauty, glass block has become almost universal in its appeal and in its widespread use in the home building field. Especially does this apply to the bathroom where its application promotes cleanliness and permits of a sturdiness and variation in design that could not be accomplished with other materials.

The bathroom shown in the accompanying sketch illustrates the possibilities and the extent to which this material can be used. When placed on rear wall of tub recess, it serves a twofold purpose: first, it provides a clean splashproof back panel that can be wiped off in a jiffy, and second, it permits an infiltration of light through the glass into the adjoining closet. Towel bars of structural glass can be securely fastened to glass block wall providing a uniform appearance. Details "A-A" and "B-B" indicate the ease with which glass units can be applied to flange of tub and to adjoining wall materials.



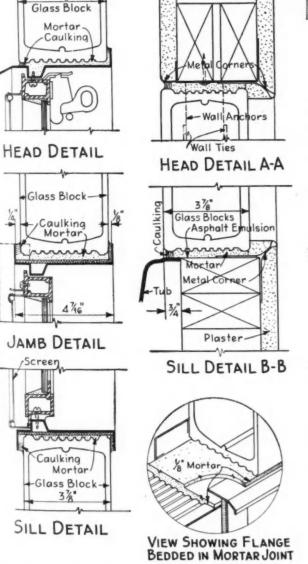
GLASS BLOCK forms wall in rear of tub, also panel for steel window sash.



Glass Blocks

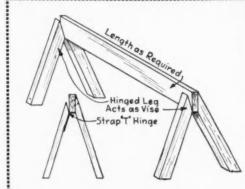
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The desire for an abundance of outside light without a sacrifice of the privacy which is an essential part of all bathrooms has been obtained by providing a large panel of glass block on the exterior wall as shown in sketch. A steel frame with hinged steel sash is installed in upper part of panel for ventilation. Detailed head, jamb and sill sections indicate the method of construction used. Note that a special steel frame with flanges on jamb and sill and drip at head provides enclosure for standard type sash to be used. All glass blocks are tied together with galvanized wall ties every third course.

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How to Make Combination Saw Horse and Vise THIS very practical suggestion has been submitted by Alex Iseppon of Niagara Falls, Canada, who says that a combination

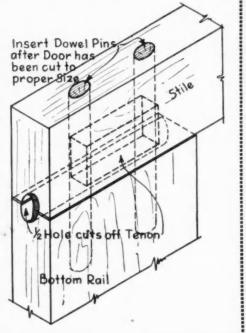
horse and vise is easy to carry and can pass through a very small opening.

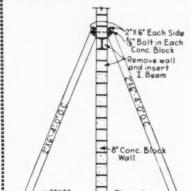
This saw horse is made of standard material in the usual way except that the two legs on one side are hinged on inside to top horizontal member to form vise.

#### **How to Reduce Height of Screen** or Storm Doors

ROM H. C. Ewing of the **F**ROM H. C. Ewing of the W. E. Terry Lumber Company of Barry, Ill., comes the following:

"Enclosed is a suggestion of a short cut that we use in cutting down the length of storm screen doors. We bore a and half-inch hole in the bottom rail and stile. This cuts off the tenon on each side which permits the bottom rail to slip out. Then the bottom panel can be removed and cut to the proper size. The panel and bottom rail are replaced, and the dowel pin is inserted through the stile into the rail from the face edge of the stile. The door then will be the correct size and just as good as before.





#### How to Set I-Beam in **Concrete Block Wall**

ROM H. P. Watson Sr. of Atco, N. J., comes a suggestion for setting an I-beam in an existing concrete block wall for the purpose of providing an opening below. Place 2 x 6-inch member on each side and secure to blocks after each has been drilled to receive 5/8-inch bolt. Place I-beam along floor and against wall. Secure 2 x 6-inch piece on each side of entire length of opening 3 feet 6 inches from wall and make fast to floor. Stud up on each side as shown.

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## Joints-**Their Definition** and Uses

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## By R. J. Alexander

PRESENT-DAY building prac-tices have all but eliminated the "finish carpenter." The large millwork factories and the smaller planing mills manufacture the trim. stairway, doors, windows, frames and cabinet work for most of the houses and other buildings.

The factories have the equipment, the materials and the skilled labor to do a better job on the items mentioned, than the carpenter could do on the job or in his shop. The laying out and building of a stair, the making and finishing of cabine work teach the carpenter accuracy, make him familiar with all the tool in his box, and mean the difference between being a carpenter or a real craftsman.

The large factories will undoubtedly continue to manufacture the bulk of the millwork and cabinet work used by the construction industry, but during the past few years the small, local cabinet-making shops have been doing an increasing amount of work on local proj ects. With the thought in mind that the local shops, lumber yard shops and carpenters will do an even greater amount of the work in the busy years ahead, the details on the opposite page are offered. Splined joints "A" would be used

in making up wide boards from sereral narrow boards. Wide boards made up in this manner are less an to warp and twist. In place of the spline, dowel pins about 4 inche long and spaced 6 inches to 8 inches center to center could be used.

The shiplap joint at "B" is often used where a flush surface is required, such as around an entrance or a dormer or in a gable. The tongue and groove joints "C" havea great number of uses. The simple tongue and groove is frequently used in fastening together the still and rails of panel doors, and all d them are used in connection with cabinet making.

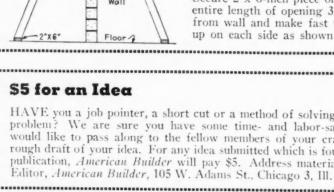
The matched and beaded materia is frequently used in the building of light wood partitions, while the V-jointed material is extensively used as vertical siding in gables. The twelve details "F" indicate

various types of corner construction used in cabinet work, china closets mantels, etc.

Details "G" indicate a few of the many joints and mouldings used for interior paneling of wood.

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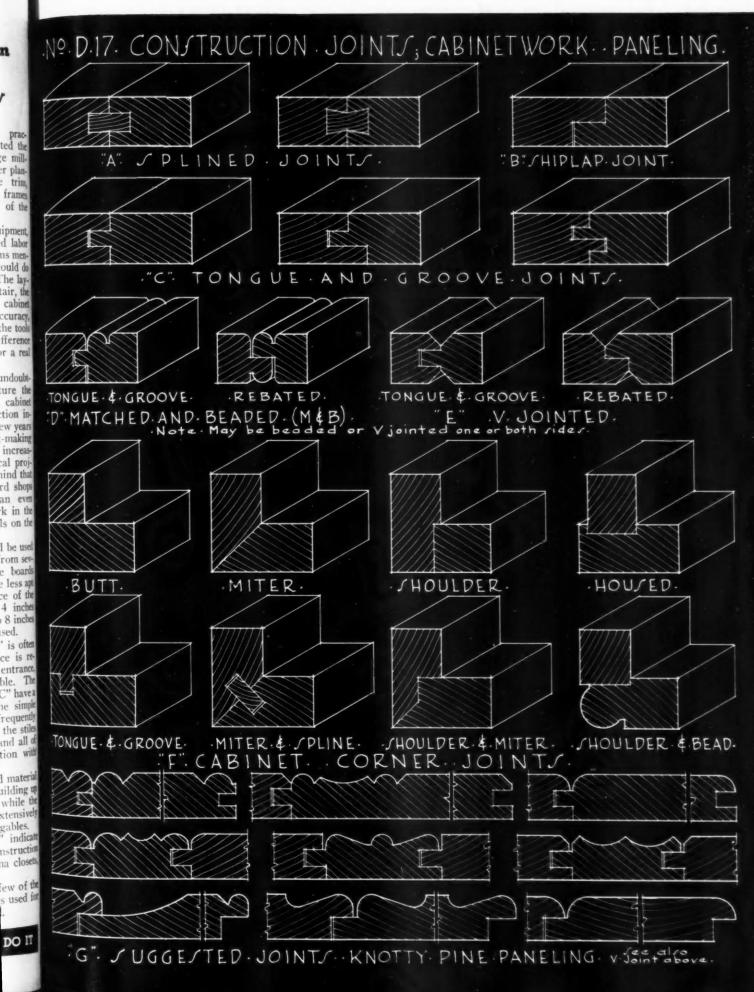
# AN BUILDER'S BETTER DETAIL PLATE

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THE untiring effort and ease of operation are exemplified by workman above in the use of electric saw powered by a Homelite portable generator.



TRANSPORTING of generator from one place to another as the work progresses can be done by one man.



# Portable Power Speeds Work and Avoids Delay

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N these days of increased building costs the use of a generator for power-driven tools, which can be moved from one place to another as the progress of the work requires, has come into distinct favor with contractors.

The accompanying photographs illustrate a few of the many uses to which the generator can be put and the ease with which it can be carried around.

The electric saw has been of great value in reducing the time element for carpenters. Since it takes but two days of hand work to cut material for an average frame house, it would not be feasible or economical for live current to be installed. Large operations necessitate long extension lines, causing voltage drop and slow cutting. The use of a portable generator, which moves with the work, is the only means by which a builder can get the full value from his tools.



THE adaptability of the generator to many different uses is indicated above. To the left is shown an accumulation of water disposed of through use of a gasoline engine driven pump. Americ



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# **CPA Sets Up Reconversion Housing Program** to Provide Priorities for Veterans' Homes

# Priorities Regulation 33 Became Effective Jan. 15, 1946

**P**RIORITY HOUSING, to be known as the Reconversion Housing Program, was announced Dec. 20 by the Civilian Production Administration with the issuance of Priorities Regulation 33 (PR-33) which provides for the giving of an HH construction preference rating for certain building materials. The order, a part of President Truman's three-point program to stimulate home building, is designed to assist private builders, educational institutions and others to build moderate cost housing accommodations to which veterans of World War II will be given preference.

The first step in the President's plan was the appointment on Dec. 12 of Wilson Wyatt, former Mayor of Louisville (Ky.), as Housing Expediter (*American Builder*, January issue), and the establishment of an effective procedure for releasing both surplus housing units and building materials held by the government. The final step in the program has to do with ceiling prices on old and new housing. Congressional action on this phase of the plan is necessary as now government has no authority to act.

The following digest gives the pertinent information concerning PR-33.

## FHA to Handle Priority Applications

Applications to (a) build, (b) complete, or (c) convert moderate cost housing accommodations for veterans' occupancy can be obtained from and should be filed with the nearest FHA field office. Applications will be accepted from (a) builders, (b) educational institutions, and (c) others (presumably veterans applying in their own names for owner occupancy).

The following materials presently in short supply can be obtained with the HH preference rating assigned under PR-33:

Common and face brick	Clay sewer pipe
Structural tile	Cast iron radiation
Gypsum lath	Gypsum board
Lumber	Bathtubs
Millwork	Cast iron soil pipe and fittings

Construction must start within sixty days of the issuance of the rating. At the end of that time the rating will expire and orders already placed under it will be unrated unless an extension has been obtained from FHA on the presentation of good and sufficient reasons.

The builder must state the type and size of structure, or structures, and the sales prices or rents for the accommodations. Maximum sales price shall not exceed \$10,000 to which may be added reasonable sales costs customarily paid by the purchaser when approved by FHA. Maximum rental shall not exceed \$80 per month shelter rent, to which may be added reasonable service charges not to exceed \$3 per room per month, when approved by FHA.

Preference ratings under PR-33 are issued when the (a) sales price or rental appears to be reasonable accord-

ing to standards determined by FHA, and when the (b) supply of materials available for the Reconversion Housing Program have not been fully allotted (50% of all the above listed materials are reserved for veteran priorities; the remaining 50% can be used for (1) non-veteran housing under and over \$10,000, (2) veterans' housing over \$10,000, (3) industrial, (4) commercial, and (5) government construction).

The established procedure provides that one copy of the approved application containing a serial number is returned to the builder with authority to purchase, with an HH preference rating, the materials needed for the project. A placard, or placards, will be sent by FHA and must be displayed on each dwelling unit stating that the accommodations are being constructed under the Reconversion Housing Program and will be rented or sold a or below the amounts stated in the application, with preference to veterans.

All accommodations must be held for rent or sale to veterans during construction and for at least thirty days thereafter.

#### **Use of HH Ratings**

The following certification must be placed on all purchase orders for any of the materials listed above, or which later are placed under control:

#### RECONVERSION HOUSING PROGRAM Project Serial Number — Rating: HH

I certify to the Civilian Production Administration that the materials covered by this order will be used only in a housing project being built under the Reconversion Housing Program at — (give location of project), and that I will comply with the limitations on sales prices or reuts and the preference to veterans provided in Priorities Regulation 33 and my approved application.

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The preference rating may be passed on through a handlers of materials to the manufacturer, but the manufacturer may not use it to obtain raw materials except in specially authorized cases.

The builder must not use his rating prior to think days from the time when the materials are to be incorporated into the construction.

- FHA will consider requests for:
- (a) Extension of time for starting construction
- (b) Change in plans or specifications
- (c) Change in ownership of priorities
- (d) Change in sales or rental price prior to first a cupancy

It is important to note that the *first* sale or rental figure establishes a ceiling on sales price or rental for the durtion of the Reconversion Housing Program, or unit PR-33 is revoked, unless changes are authorized as the result of an appeal filed with FHA.

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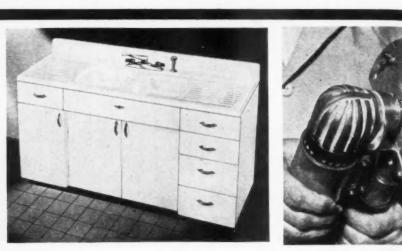
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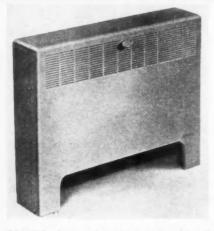
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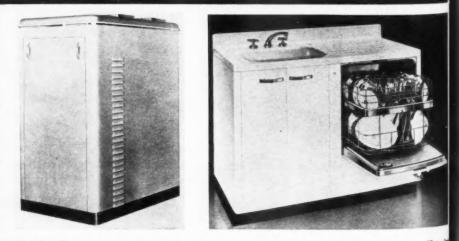
AB2629<sup>4</sup>—Designed to replace the old-fashioned kitchen sink is this Youngstown 68inch twin bowl Kitchenaider, a flexible unit developed by Mullins Mfg. Corporation. Convenient storage space is available in both the cabinet spaces and the handy drawers. AB2630<sup>•</sup>—A new device which looks list an electric buzz saw attached to the end of a vacuum cleaner hose—and is—has been developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell Requlator Co., to simplify installation of personal ized heating controls in existing building.



AB2631<sup>\*</sup>—Luxury heating in everything but cost is the way Modine Manufacturing Co. describes its Modine convector radiation systems. Shown above is a convector unit which consists of two basic parts—a copper heating unit and an attractive steel enclosure.



AB2632—A new refillable draftsman's peed ingeniously designed to eliminate the amorance of broken lead, has been developed by Charles Bruning Company. It features new type of clutch which holds the lead firmly in a non-slip protective rubber at



AB2633—Silence, economy and automatic operation are outstanding features of this Viking gas-fired winter air conditioner. Utilizing stainless steel ribbon type burners, heat is extracted out of each cubic foot of gas flowing into it through an extra long venturi tube. AB2634\*—This fully automatic Hetpe electric dishwasher performs 8 operations including drying by a Calrod unit, at an touch of the tiny button in the center pass Now in production, it is being offered by the Edison General Electric Appliance G America

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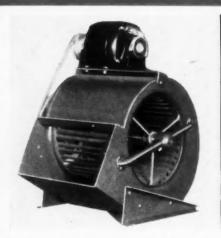
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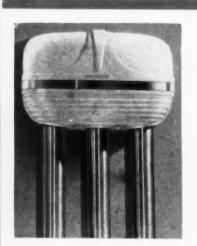
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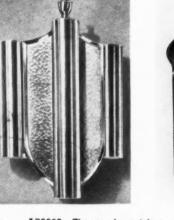
AB2635—Although radically different from blowers of conventional design, this Viking Air Conditioning Corporation series V blower unit, despite its decreased size, combines increased air delivery with quieter performance. It comes in three sizes.



AB2636<sup>\*</sup>—This four cubic foot Frigidaire home freezer is operated by the regular 1/9th horsepower Meter-Miser and has the following outer dimensions: Height, 36" to top of the cabinet; length, 34", and width. 24". It maintains below zero temperatures. AB2637<sup>\*</sup>—Composite fabrication, combining all the advantages of hardwood, plywood, new compositions and metals—each used where it serves best and gives greatest strength and longest life—are features of cabinets made by Kitchen Maid Corp.



AB2638°—Sound-engineered door chimes have been announced by NuTone Incorporated. Shown above (left and right) are two of the new series which range from two-door models to unusual chime combinations. Plastic push buttons are also featured.



AB2639—Those who wish to end the foul odor that comes from filthy, fly-infested, disease-breeding garbage cans will find the solution in the new Majestic formed steel underground garbage receiver, shown at right above, made by The Majestic Co. AB2640°—A new addition to the Norge line of household appliances is this automatic cycle washer. Although officials of Norge division of Borg-Warner withheld details, they did disclose that it is fully automatic in operation and standard size.



AB2641°—This close-up view shows the assembly of a semi-circular rib unit of Stran-Steel's arch-rib framing. Developed by the Great Lakes Steel Corporation, Stran-Steel Division, this construction permits economies, and unique flexibility.



AB2642—Designed by Raymond Loewy, eminent industrial designer, the American Central Manufacturing Corporation's new line of kitchen cabinets, like the one shown above, has knee-comfort and finger-tip control with its other labor-saving features.



AB2643—The extra convenience of automatic circuit breaker protection will be appreciated. When circuit breakers trip on short circuits or overload, and interrupt electric service, a flip of the handle of this Frank Adam load center restores it.

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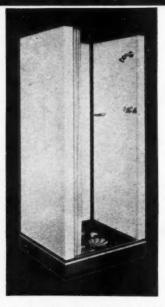
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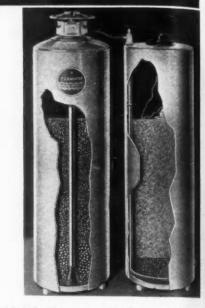
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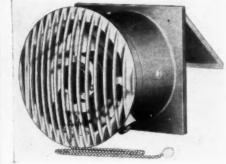
AB2646°—Smart modern design, the beauty and permanency of the vitreous porcelain walls, the sure-footed comfort and sanitation of the Foot-Grip, No-Slip floor of the receptor explain the popularity of this Weisway VP Master cabinet shower above.



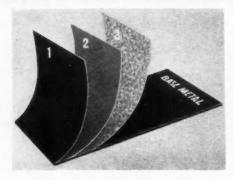
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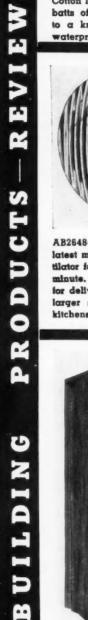
AB2648—Suitable for small kitchens, the latest model llgvent "Built-In" Kitchen Ventilator fan handles 350 cubic feet of air per minute. Now in production and available for delivery are the model shown and two larger size units of greater capacity for kitchens and rooms needing air change.



AB2649—This is a "peel-up" drawing on Armco Paintgrip, developed by the American Rolling Mill Co. It shows: paint or enamel finish that lasts longer than on ordinary acid-etched galvanized steel; a special mill-Bonderizing treatment that takes paint; a full-weight sinc coating on iron or steel.



AB2650—The Fireye flame-failure safe guard shown above is designed to provide explosion protection for all industrial, commercial oil and pulverized coal burners. It is photoelectric and therefore sees the flame. When the flame fails it automatically cuts off fuel and sounds an alarm device.



AB2651-This new method Roddiscraft door unit manufactured by Roddis Lumber & Veneer Company, is completely factory-finished, fits accurately into openings and is installed in one simple operation. Tests indicate that 12 door units can be installed in the time formerly required to fit one opening. They are made on a production basis by craftsmen using modern machines and jigs.



AB2653-A new shower cabinet has been placed on the market by Fiat Metal Manufacturing Co. It is a modernization of the regular Cadet model, restyled to include features such as rounded interior corners and stiles, thus eliminating "hard to clean" places. Shown at the right, it can be supplied either with shower curtain or the Fiat Zephyr aluminum framed glass door attached to the cabinet.

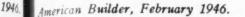
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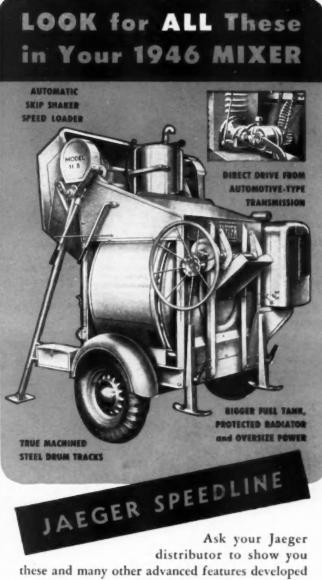
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AB2654°-As one of the first postwar additions to the Frigidaire line, kitchen cabinets in individual "Packaged Center," and complete kitchen sizes will be marketed by

۲ AB2655°—Particular design features which assure superior efficiency and outstanding overall performance in operation are completely engineered into this Delco-Heat AB2656-This new Diesel engine being built by the R. H. Sheppard Company is unique not only because it's the smallest Diesel ever built for commercial use, but

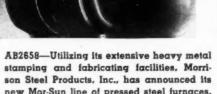
also because it is the only stationary Diesel that is air-cooled. It's a one-cylinder motor.

Frigidaire Division, General Motors Corp. One of these new units is shown above.

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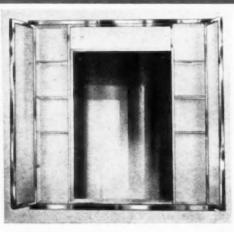


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AB2659°-Here's the new top-of-the-line



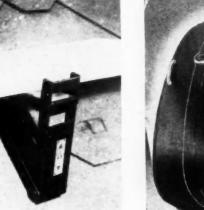
AB2660\*—With a bright dinette and a handy "lunch counter" conveniently placed close to the range, here is a General Electric kitchen showing what can be done with an L-shaped unit as the "working kitchen." G-E equipment is featured in the plan.



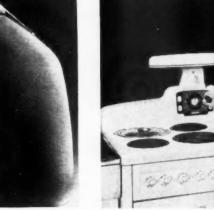
AB2661\*—This new Miami Imperial cabinet is distinguished by the skillful harmonizing of chrome and glass. Spacious side cabinets on each side of the recessed mirror add to the attractiveness. Made by the Miami Cabinet Div., Philip Carey Mig. Co.



AB2662°-The Comet radial power saw is offered in many different models, for all types of cutting, by the Consolidated Machinery & Supply Company. There are small, light and fast machines; air feed. panel cutting and hydraulic feed machines.



AB2657-Light and compact, the new patented adjustable Reimann safety roof bracket is used for applying most roofingwood, slate, asbestos, asphalt shingles, and rolled roofing applied horizontally. When opened, it forms a wide, sturdy triangle.





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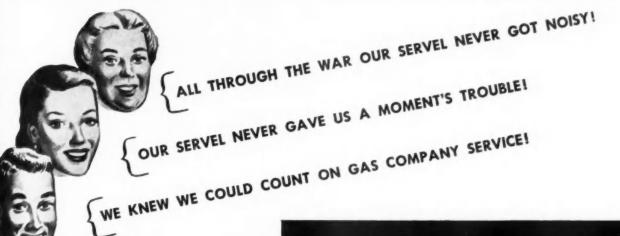
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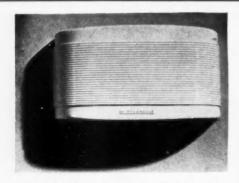
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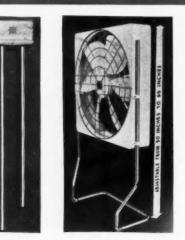
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AB2663<sup>•</sup>—Pictured above and at the right are two of the compact line of new model Rittenhouse electric door chimes. Distinguished by revolutionary mechanical features, excellent tone qualities and unusual beauty, they were styled by famous artist and designer, Norman Bel Geddes. A new Rittenhouse development is the percussion unit which, using techniques unknown before the war, eliminates objectionable chime static and results in depth of tone.



AB2664°—At right above is the new improved "Bar-Brook" 30" window fan for office, apartment and home use. Developed by the Shreveport Engineering Co., it is compactly built, portable or fixed, and quiet in operation. It is easily installed.

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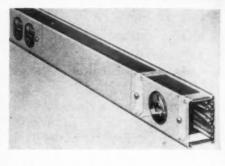
AB2665—The Ebco two-compartment dishwashing sink pictured above features a round bowl that is "just like a large dishpan built into the sink." It comes equipped with mixing faucets designed for efficiency, and handy spray with a disappearing hose conveniently and compactly assembled on the flat integral back-ledge. Produced by Ebco Manufacturing Company, it is evailable for every cabinet-type installation or it can be easily built into a site-fabricated installation and is ideal for modernization.



AB2666<sup>\*</sup>—Warehousing and building problems can be simplified with economical, easy-to-erect, fire-resistant Stran-Steel archrib buildings like the one pictured here. Secret of the ease of erection, demountability and portability is the light weight of the framing members, the fact that they can be assembled with sheet metal screws, and the "nailing groove." an exclusive feature found in Stran-Steel curved ribs, purlins, trimmers and other structural items.



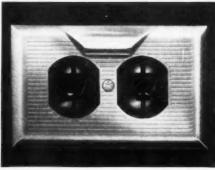
AB2667\*—The ease and simplicity with which Owens-Corning Fiberglas insulating wool can be installed in the attic floor of a home is demonstrated in the picture above. Its unique insulating qualities are testified to by the fact that it is regularly used in modern gas and electric ranges and for lining refrigerator doors and interior walls where insulation is important.



AB2668—A two-piece surface raceway of base and capping, called Surfaceduct No. 1700, has been introduced by National Electric Products Corporation. Designed primarily to facilitate the use of flexible power tools and machines. It also serves any electrical application required for light, heating devices and power. Embodying the lay-in principle, the new item and a minimum number of fittings provide a system requiring up to 60 ampere loads.



AB2669—No weights, cords or pulleys to trouble with in the R. O. W. spring cushion window pictured above. Easily removable without removing stops, it is applicable to all types of construction—frame, brick and stone veneer, concrete and solid masonry.



AB2670—Designed to replace the conventional outlet plate, by the removal of one screw, and featuring a tiny shielded electric bulb that is always lighted, the new LumiNite duplex convenience outlet plate not only enables one to see the outlet clearly when plugging in electrical fixtures, but also serves as a safety light or nite-lite. It is the companion item to the Luminite lighted wall switch plate introduced recently. Both items should become popular.



AB2671<sup>\*</sup>—The portability of the new lightweight Monarch Uni-Point 12-inch radial saw, which will save 25 per cent or more of the usual power saw time on the average house building job, is clearly demonstrated in this view taken on site. Amer

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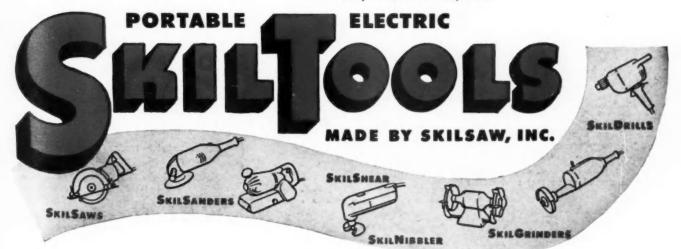
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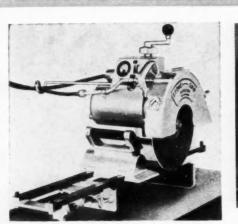
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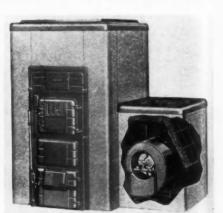
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AB2672—For cutting concrete and reinforced concrete products. Stone saws are flexible, fast cutting machines. Made by Stone Machinery Co., they are adaptable for cutting gables, conduit, joists, floor units, brick, stone, marble, metals and asbestos products. Other models are available.

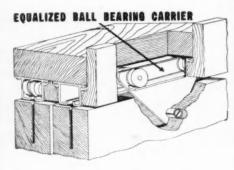


AB2673°—By simplifying the method of balancing the sash and the construction of the window frame, Unique sash balances have made possible an important improvement in the development of the doublehung window. Shown above is a packaged set for easy and quick installation.

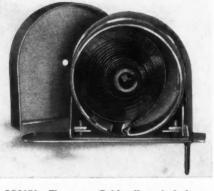


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AB2674\*—Pictured here is Luxaire's new coal-fired air conditioning unit. Made in sizes and types to fit any house, the line manufactured by The C. A. Olsen Manufacturing Co. also contains entirely automatic gas and oil-fired air conditioning models.



AB2675<sup>•</sup>—The principle behind Kennatrack, the new sliding door track designed and produced by Jay G. McKenna, Inc., is shown above. It is a one-piece unit on which eight ball bearing wheels roll smoothly: there are no riveted, soldered or welded joints. This insures quiet, smoothsliding, long-waring, economical operation.



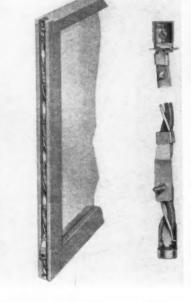
AB2676—The new Caldwell sash balance pictured above features a patented variable friction brake, controlled by means of screws in the face plate while the balance is in the frame. Aside from being adjustable, the balance, made by The Caldwell Manufacturing Co., is adaptable to metal or wood windows, and is easily installed.

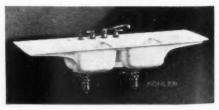


AB2677—Lev-L-Flor is a synthetic compound containing a special reinforcing agent which gives it compressive strength greater than concrete and insures durability and long life. It can be used to repair holes, cracks, ruts and decayed areas in wood, concrete, stucco, magnesite, stone and tile floors. Available in gallon cans.



AB2678—Shown above is Eject-o-matic, a patented, automatic-feed, electric soldering iron being introduced by Multi-Products Tool Company. It is trigger operated and ejects a measured amount of solder from a reel concealed in the handle. A special retracting feature prevents the melting of solder on the heating tip. The amount of solder deposited each time the trigger is pulled is regulated by a micrometer adjusting wheel mounted in the handle. It is the first advance in soldering irons in years.





AB2679°—Shown above is the new Kohler "Clearfield" ledge sink for building into linoleum top cabinets. The sink has an automatic spray for rinsing dishes and is one of the Kohler Company line which includes complete modern bathroom, kitchen, washroom equipment and heating systems.

AB2680—At the left is shown the Milwaukee Stamping Company's Rochester spiral sash balance. An exclusive feature of the balance is that there is no winding or adjusting of spring tension by the installer. Each pair is factory-adjusted and tested.

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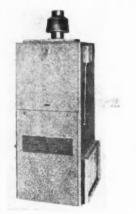
AB2681°-The Stanley Works has announced its new "Blue Ribbon Design" line of cabinet hardware in which functional efficiency is given emphasis with beauty. Each item has been carefully studied with the result that it is not only attractive. but smooth working, long lasting and easy to install. Each item is packed in an illustrated envelope.



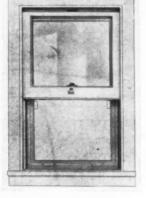
AB2682—Above is shown "Thermo-Lite" fireplace fixture in use. The glass doors retain dirt, smoke and ashes but allow the heat to radiate into the room. It is made by Merryweather Products Co. American Builder, February 1946.



AB2683\*-Tel-O-Post, shown above, is the original all-steel telescopic adjustable post with built-in jack. It provides a quick, easy, economical way to level and permanently support sagging floors. Scientifically de. signed, it will safely carry 20,000 lbs. Made by the Tel-O-Post Co., it is distributed by Quality Materials Co. and can be obtained in quantity lots.

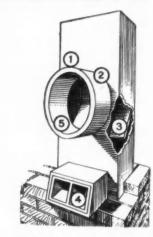


AB2684-Modern and attractive, the Coroaire gas-fired automatic winter air conditioning unit heats, circulates, filters and humidifies. It is a product of Coroaire Heater Corp.



AB2685\*—An important change in design of the Rusco all-metal combination window, above, incorporates storage of the lower storm sash within the window unit proper, a new principle.

AB2686\*-Pictured here is the new Luxaire automatic oil-fired air conditioning unit, a complete, compact and efficient product developed by the C. A. Olsen Manufacturing Company.



AB2687-The New Castle Refractories have announced the new Pittsburgh safety flue, illustrated above, which eliminates joints, cracks, and patches typical in chimney construction. Ho

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heating system, featuring undivided servicing responsibility in the supplier, has been announced by the Surface Combustion Corp., manufacturer of Janitrol gas-fired equipment.

AB2691—A new asphalt mastic underlay. ment called Ajax 88 has been announced by Ajax Floor Products Corp. It smooths rough floors of wood or concrete, leaving no marks or cups in lineleum or tile to show up later.

AB2693\*-Positive and permanent control of AB2694-Unique interior decorative effects termites is possible with the new Hill Termite control system which consists of installing a series of slotted pipes in all inaccessible areas at the time of construction. be reproduced easily with little practice.

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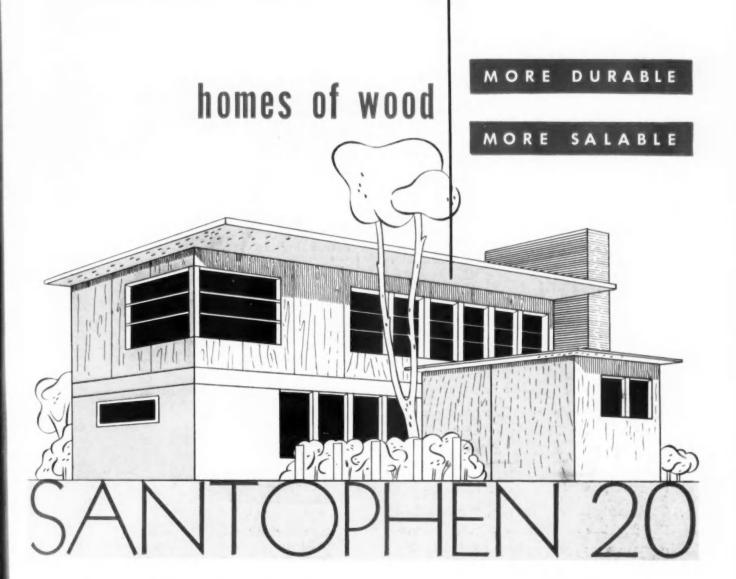
AB2692°-A new Fenestra "4-in-1" factoryfitted building panel is being introduced by Detroit Steel Products. It will take the place of sub-flooring, ceiling, joist and bridging in all types of residential and light construction.

can be obtained in fibre insulation board with use of Bevil-Devil tools, made by Kimball Manufacturing Co. Artistic patterns can

AB2688"-A new forced-flow hot water AB2689-The New York Wire Cloth Co. AB2690-Sisalation, a reflective insulation produced by the Sisalkraft Company, reflects heat and cold very much as a mirror reflects light. Sisalation seals out dirt and dust while insulating against heat or cold.

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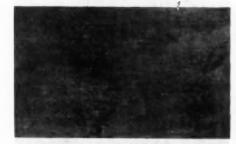
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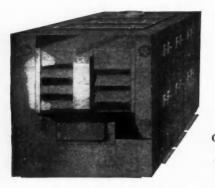


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**205—LOW COST INSULATION**—is offered by the use of Insl-Cotton, a product of Taylor Bedding Mfg. Co. New literature just released presents all the advantages of using this insulation, along with instructions for installation in every type structure.

206—SPECIAL PURPOSE SHEET STEELS—in building construction, built-in equipment, and appliances are described and illustrated in a new booklet issued by The American Rolling Mill Company. This 24-page booklet is designed to help home builders understand the applications and the reasons for special-purpose sheet steels.

207—HOME HEATING METHODS—past, present and possible future are discussed in a new lithographed booklet released by Delco Appliance Division, General Motors Corporation. Warm air, hot water and steam heat, and adaptations of these methods, are explained.

208—CORRECT ELECTRICAL WIRING—in your home is the subject of a new booklet by General Electric Company. The advantages of modern, adequate wiring over insufficient methods are given with illustrations and explanations for making changes in the present system. A summary of required outlets is contained showing the number of outlets necessary for each room.

209—CONCRETE FLOOR PROTECTION—hints are given in a new folder by Building Products Division of L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc. The folder describes how Lapidolized floors give maximum protection against disintegration resulting from concrete dust; acids, salts and alkalies; effects of alternate freezing and thawing; and mineral, vegetable and animal oils.

210—ARC WELDING MACHINE—accessories and operations are described and illustrated in a 12-page booklet by Air Reduction Sales Company. Equipment covered includes: electrode holders, graphite electrodes, welding cable, cable connectors, and cable lugs.

**211—LAUNDRY PLANS**—are illustrated in a booklet, "How to Plan a Modern Labor-Saving Home Laundry," just released by Bendix Home Appliances, Inc. Containing cutaway views and diagrams of seven home laundry layouts, it contains plans for a combination home laundry and sewing room, a laundry in the utility room, and other suggestions.

212—INSULATION APPLICATION DATA SHEETS—on the importance of ventilation and correct vapor sealing to eliminate condensation are two of the subjects covered by new sheets compiled by Kimberly-Clark Corp. Twelve subjects, fully illustrated, are enclosed.

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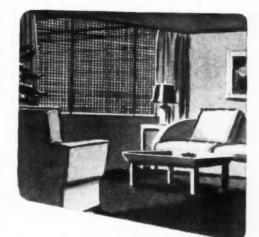


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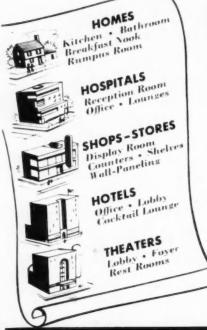
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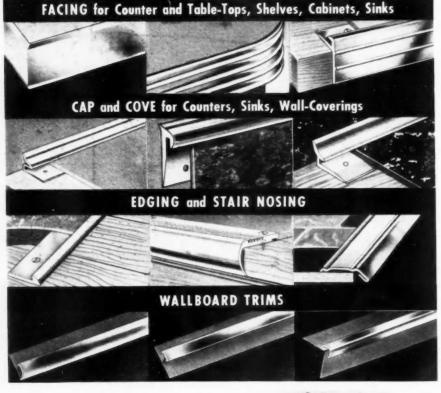




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#### Statement to President Truman—

(Continued from page 37) waste of lumber, brick, soil pipe, gypsum products and other critical short items in non-essential commercial and industrial construction and in federally-subsidized public housing must be eliminated. The export of some hundreds of millions of board feet of lumber to foreign countries should be stopped immediately until a sufficient supply for our most critical needs exists. Furthermore, immense quantities of war surplus materials in every part of the country must be made available promptly for veterans' housing under the new priority system.

"Manufacturers must be encouraged to produce the materials and equipment that go into the construction of housing and distributors must be allowed a proper profit margin. OPA must adopt a more realistic formula in the pricing of building materials. A wage and price adjustment policy must be evolved to prevent strikes or construction will fall far short of meeting the urgent need."

## The Story of the NAHB-

(Continued from page 41) can be accomplished through cooperative and organized effort.

With the end of the war it was expected that the demand for critical materials would be only slightly in excess of the supply. It was expected that the duties of the Washington staff, and of the various committees of the National Association, would change in character substantially. However, this has not been the case. Instead of facing entirely different problems, the need for intensified action on the same problems now exists. To meet this need, the National staff and its facilities have been greatly expanded. Facing the gravest situation in the history of the industry, NAHB's Board of Directors has authorized the following plan of action :

First, immediate steps are being taken to speed the production and distribution of building materials. Overcoming the complex problems of wages, labor and price ceilings which are paralyzing the production of the many materials needed so urgently requires the full time of one member of the National staff to work with the Housing Expediter, OPA. CPA, Surplus Properties and produc-ers organizations. To do this job the National must have the full cooperation of the officers of all of its Affiliated Associations, since the Washington office must have the latest information from the field on shortages, stockpiles, etc

Second in importance only to the securing of an adequate supply of building materials is the removal of the threat of new price control regulations as proposed by the Patman Bill. The National officers and staff have already made considerable progress in their fight against this bill but the battle cannot be won without the full cooperation of the entire membership.

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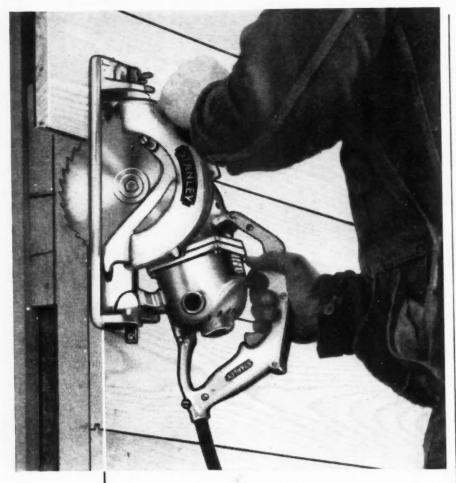
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A third major battle is against the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill now before the Congress. This would perpetuate NHA and authorize a public housing and slum clearance program of unprecedented proportions under the guise of remedying the current housing shortage and stabilizing the industry. Defeating this ominous threat to the housing industry will be the largest and most difficult program ever undertaken by the National Association. A completely integrated national, state and local program is now under way to combat the malicious untruths manufactured by the public housers.

Fourth, and of no less importance, is the Association's fight against the intensified wage stabilization enforcement program now under way throughout the country. Currently, heavy penalties are being levied against many builders in all parts of the country for alleged violations of wage ceilings on the various crafts. In many areas no prevailing wage scale for home building trades was ever published and while the enforcement of the law under such circumstances is very evidently unfair, it will require vigorous and concentrated effort on the part of the National Officers and staff to protect its members. Of course the National Association

will continue the other services extended to the industry in the past, particularly its work with FHA on improved regulations and procedures. Firm commitments to builders, a vastly improved procedure for rental housing, and the insurability of outlying properties have already been approved by FHA. Other objectives still being discussed between FHA and our Mortgage Finance Committee are eliminating the gap between current costs and stabilized costs, the 95 per cent mortgage for owner occupied property, approval of a lease-option form of purchase and additional aids in the financing of rental properties.

The President of the National Association serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and holds an important post on the Construction Industry Council of the United States Chamber of Commerce. By fostering closer cooperation between all segments of the industry represented by these groups and the Producers' Council, Mortgage Bankers Association, U.S. Savings and Loan League and others, the National Association is encouraging a "united industry front" in accomplishing its current objectives.

From time to time during the year as conditions change in the industry the Board of Directors of the National Association will direct new and timely action to meet the current situation. Of course, in addition to the various primary objectives briefly described above, the staff must devote considerable time to further building of the National Association. We must be sure it continues to grow stronger by organizing new local associations and by assisting affiliates to expand their membership and service. American Builder, February 1946. YOU, TOO, CAN GAVE WORK.

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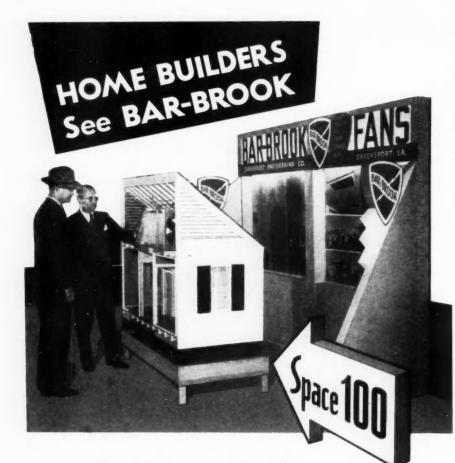
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### New Advertising Head for Pittsburgh Plate Glass on West Coast

T. Thomas M. Riley, USNR, has been appointed to manage advertising activities of the Pacific Coast paint division of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, with headquarters at Los Angeles. He will plan and direct all advertising for the forty retail paint stores located in the states of Oregon, Washington, and California.

Washington, and California. Lt. Riley joined the company at Los Angeles in 1937 in the advertising department. In 1940 he transferred to the general offices at Pittsburgh to handle the retail advertising for its branch outlets east of the Rocky Mountains, where he remained until entering the Navy in 1942.

### Timken Appoints New Manager

**T.** A. CRAWFORD has been appointed general manager of the Timken Silent Automatic Division of the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., according to an announcement by Walter F. Rockwell, president.



T. A. CRAWFORD

Crawford has been active in the Oil Heat Institute of America, and is one of the founders and directors of the Indoor Climate Institute.

He joined the Detroit branch as a retail salesman in 1926, and has been general sales manager since 1936.

# National Real Estate Foundation Counsel

**A**NNOUNCEMENT of the appointment of Henry E. Price, a Washington attorney, as executive director and counsel of the National Real Estate Foundation, has been made by Arthur W. Binns, president of the Foundation.

Price, recently released from the U.S. Navy, will have the responsibility of perfecting the Foundation's machinery for studying taxation and other problems affecting property owners, particularly small home owners. He will also supervise the organization of Home and Property Owners of America, a division of the Foundation.



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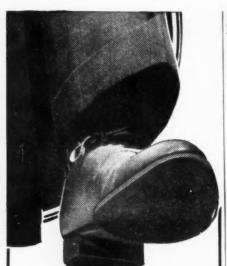
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### Insulation Board Institute Officers

L. M. CASSIDY, vice president of the Johns-Manville Sales Corporation and general manager of its building materials department, has been elected president of the Insulation Board Institute. He succeeded Henry W. Collins, vice president of the Celotex Corporation.

Stuart H. Ralph, a former Institute president, has returned to office as vice president. Ralph is a vice president of the Flintkote Company. Marland S. Wolf, merchandising manager of the United States Gypsum Company, was re-elected treasurer, and J. B. Blackburn, Institute manager, again was named secretary.

The new board, in addition to the officers and retiring president, includes James V. Jones of the Armstrong Cork Company.

### Berger Manufacturing Promotion

**C**HARLES E. HOWES has been appointed assistant manager of sales, Steel Equipment Division of the Berger Manufacturing Division, Republic Steel Corporation.



CHARLES E. HOWES

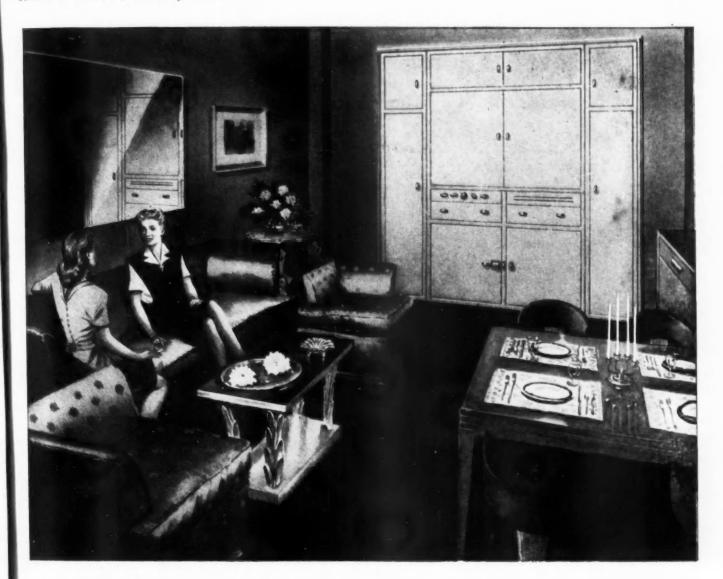
Howes has served continuously with Berger for the past 20 years, occupying various positions in the sales department of the steel manufacturing concern. In 1936 he became manager of kitchen cabinet sales, occupying that position until his current promotion.

## New Sales Representatives for Tappan Stove

APPOINTMENTS as division managers of Chester A. Pridham and Henry J. Hughes, Tappan Stove Co. sales representatives in eastern New York and the state of New Jersey, respectively, have been announced by Keith B. Miller, general sales manager of the firm.

Pridham will supervise the Mid-Atlantic division, consisting of metropolitan New York, Long Island and the state of New Jersey. Hughes will supervise the northeastern division, consisting of New England and the balance of New York state.





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## Veteran Employees Honored by Celotex

THREE pioneer employees of The Celotex Corp. became charter members of the newly created "Celotex 25-Year Club" at an anniversary dinner attended by officers, directors and special guests on Monday, Dec. 10. A birthday cake, commemorating the company's silver anniversary, and presentation of gold 25-year lapel emblems and illuminated service certificates to the three employees were features of the dinner.

Carl E. Dahlin, traffic and office manager of the company's original plant at Marrero, La., received the first emblem and certificate. The presentation was made by Chris L. Christensen, vice president and director, on behalf of the board of directors of the company.

Carl G. Muench of Chicago, a director and vice president of the corporation, was similarly honored.

Bror Dahlberg, president of the corporation, organizer of the company, was also made a charter member of the "Celotex 25-Year Club."

### New Director of Sales for Newman Brothers

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**N**EWMAN Brothers, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, have announced the appointment of William N. Mackey as director of sales and advertising.



WILLIAM N. MACKEY

Mackey is acting in an advisory capacity with S. J. Newman in the compilation of extensive architectural file data by the National Association of Ornamental Metal Manufacturers, which group Mr. Newman is serving as president for the eighth consecutive year.

### McIntyre Joins Bennett-Ireland

**R.** E. DEAN, sales manager of Bennett-Ireland, Norwich, N.Y., announces the appointment of J. E. Mc-Intyre as the New York metropolitan area representative for the Bennett line of fireplace and construction items and the Ireland line of farm hoists.

Mr. McIntyre had been with the Cyclone Fence Co. for several years.



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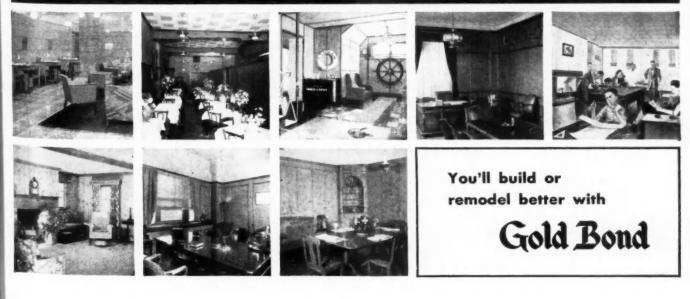
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### New Head of Roofing Industry Bureau

**E.** W. SMITH, vice president in charge of sales of the Philip Carey Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors of the Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau. He succeeds Herbert Abraham, president of The Ruberoid Co., New York City, who has served as chairman for several terms.



E. W. SMITH

Last year Mr. Smith was chairman of the Planning Committee of the Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau which is composed of 28 leading manufacturers of building materials.

### Minneapolis-Honeywell Appointments

**E**LECTION of four vice presidents of the Minneapolis - Honeywell Regulator Co., establishment of two new executive posts, and changes in the sales and production divisions have been announced by H. W. Sweatt, president.

The new vice presidents are Paul B. Wishart, in charge of factory operations in Minneapolis; Arthur H. Lockrae, in charge of the heating controls department; John E. Haines, in charge of the commercial controls department, and C. D. Lyford, who will be in charge of sales to the gas industry.

The board of directors also elected C. B. Sweatt and W. L. Huff to new positions as executive vice presidents. Mr. Huff will also continue as treasurer of the company. James H. Binger was elected assistant secretary. Other changes include the appointment of Thomas McDonald as vice president in charge of sales. Alfred M. Wilson, also a vice president, will be in charge of activities in connection with aeronautical controls.

#### **Change of Ownership**

THE Nagle-Eaton Lumber Co., located at 620-17th St., N. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been purchased by Frank S. Vetter and Phil W. May of Rochelle, Ill.

The company will operate under the name of The Vetter-May Lumber.



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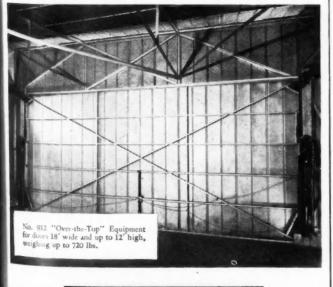
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ALFRED B. EGAN

From 1942 until March, 1945, he was in charge of the Washington, D. C., office. In March he was appointed district manager of the Chicago district. Sales of Sheffield products for the building and construction field will be under his supervision.

### General Electric Expands Field Staff

**T**EN district managers have been named to head the sales organizations of the General Electric Company's air conditioning department throughout the country, according to an announcement by J. P. McIlhenny, manager of sales. They are: R. S. Thurston with head-

They are: R. S. Thurston with headquarters in Boston, New England district; L. T. Brockbank, New York, New York district; O. S. Morash, Philadelphia, Atlantic district; G. B. Hightower, Atlanta, Southeastern district; J. F. Murphy, Cleveland, East Central district; J. F. Carland, Chicago, North Central district; J. P. Turner, Kansas City, Central district; V. L. Strange, Dallas, Southwestern district; E. W. Howes, San Francisco, Pacific district, and W. B. Stover, Portland, Northwestern district.

### Fairbanks, Morse Elects a Vice President

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**A**CCORDING to an announcement by Col. Robert H. Morse, president, Charles H. Morse III has been elected vice president of Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

He will be in charge of research patents, traffic, the company's western pump division, and the Inland Utilities Co., Fairbanks, Morse subsidiary. His headquarters will be in Chicago.

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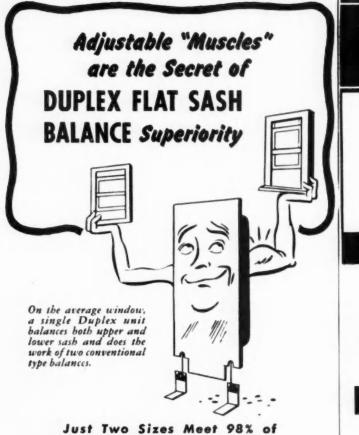
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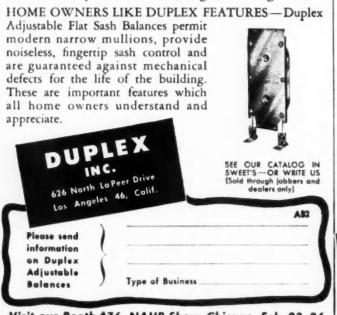


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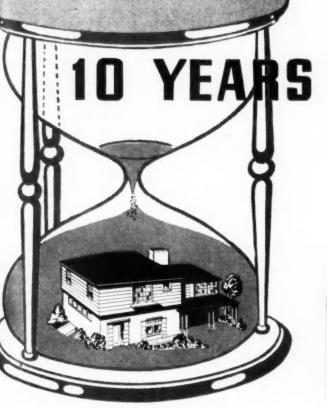
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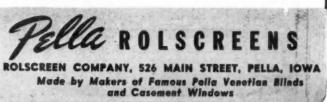
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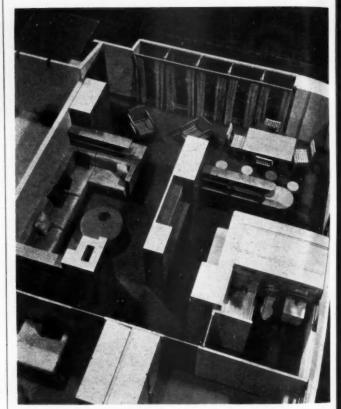
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The manufacturer's statistical studies indicate that a reduction in the budget requirements for home ownership could



THE Ingersoll utility unit is shown at the right in this perspective of the Dow model house.

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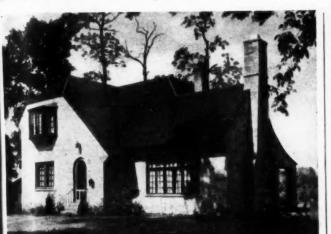
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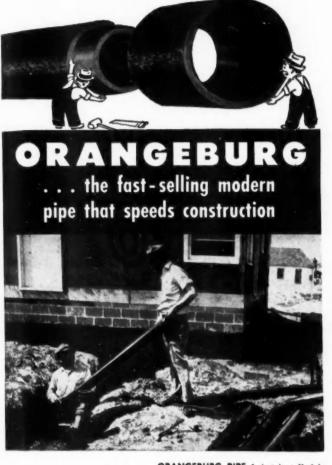
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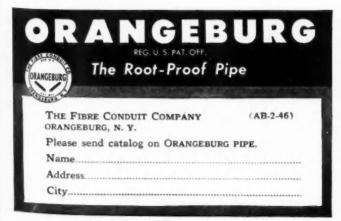


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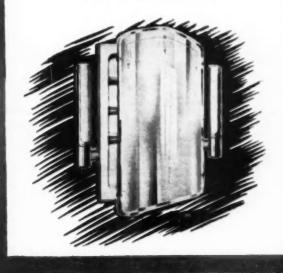
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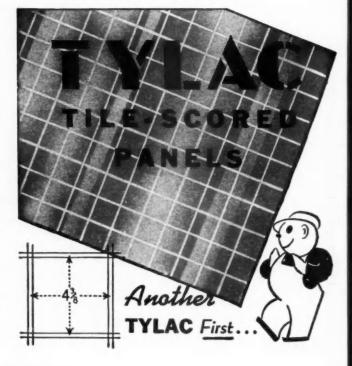
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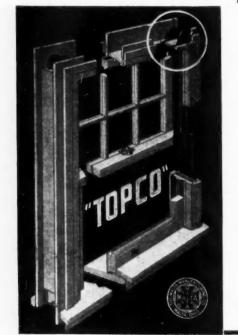
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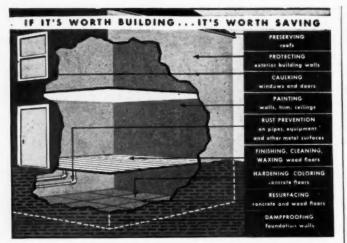
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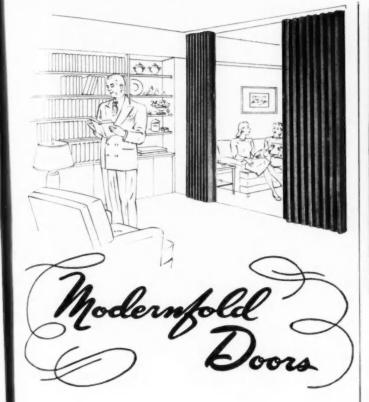
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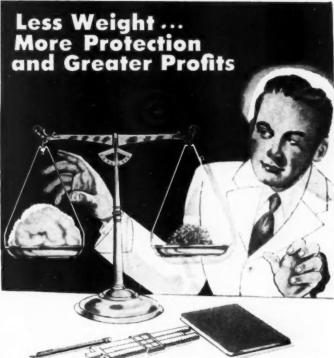
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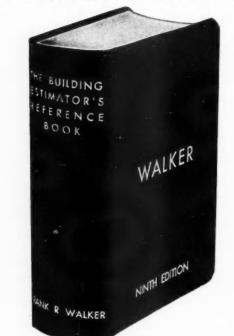
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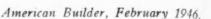
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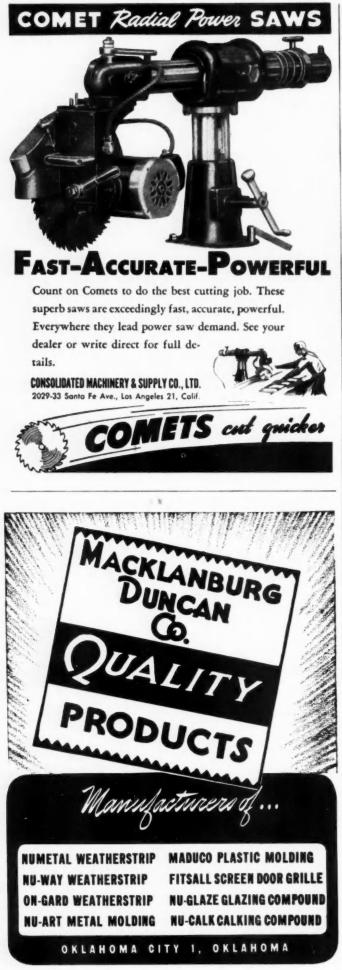
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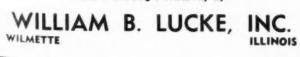
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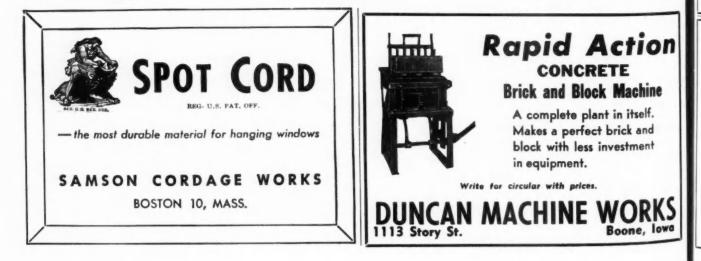
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