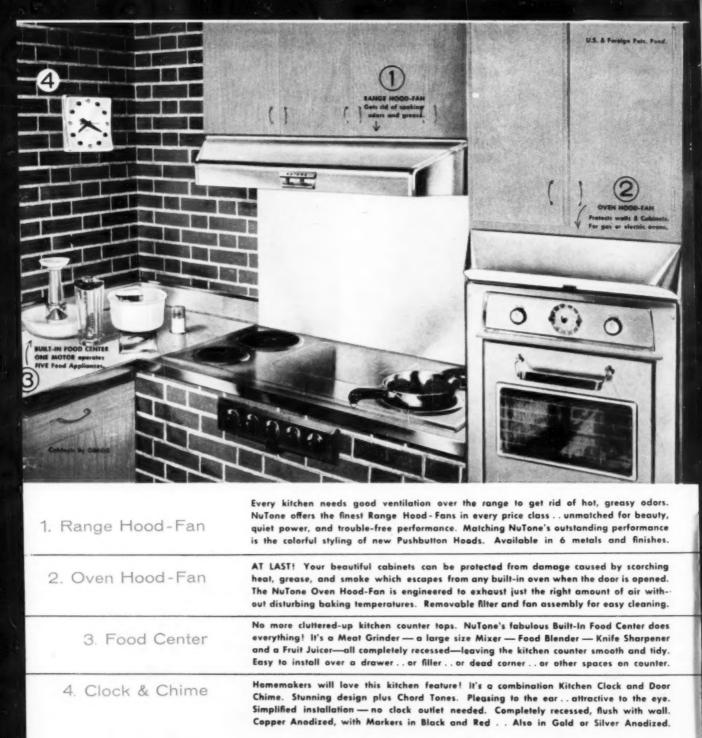


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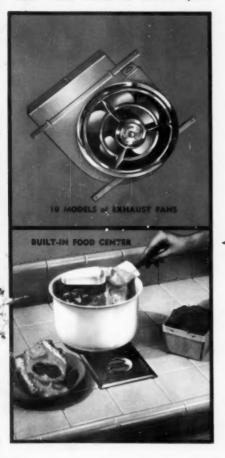


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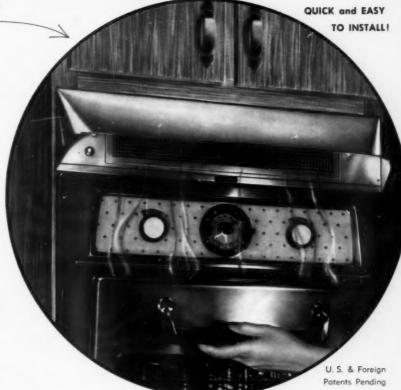
Here's a PERFECT PAIR for complete Kitchen Ventilation. The NuTone Range Hood-Fan gets rid of odors, grease and excess heat over the range cooking zone. — And NuTone's OVEN Hood-Fan captures the overflow of heat, smoke and grease which escapes in the oven baking zone!

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# **Bring Splendor and Value**



1. Ventilation

2. Instant Heat

There are many months when bathrooms are too chilly for comfort or good health. — Even in Homes with central heating — AUXILIARY HEAT is needed early in the morning after the furnace has been turned down all night . . . or in off-seasons. NuTone Ceiling Heaters are SAFEST . . for QUICK HEAT . . when and where needed.

3. Built-In Scale

Weight-conscious Americans have made the bathroom scale A MUST in every home — but the big question is . . . "Where to store the scale when it is not in use?" Now NuTone has the perfect answer to solve this problem . . . with a BUILT-IN Bathroom Scale which folds into the wall . . . leaving the floor unobstructed.

walls. NuTone offers three types of ceiling bathroom exhaust fan — designed especially for bathrooms, where closed doors require a fan with a high static pull.

# for Your 1958 HOMES!

# New NUTONE BUILT-IN SCALE

No more stumbling . . no more fumbling with portable types of bathroom scales. The NuTone Built-In Scale FOLDS OUT OF THE WAY WHEN NOT IN USE. Outside door can be painted to match wall.

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It's a CEILING HEATER — plus a CIRCULATING FAN — plus an EXHAUST FAN — plus LIGHTING ... The only Ceiling Fixture of its kind with <u>TWO BLADES</u>! — Propeller for circulating warm air — and Blower Wheel to exhaust lingering odors and damaging bathroom steam.

Best of all, the exhaust fan automatically shuts off when the circulating fan for the heater is moving. Enclosed heating element gives years of trouble-free operation.

Nulone



Now you can have an Exhaust Fan PLUS Overhead Lighting in the ceiling of your bathrooms...BOTH for the cost of ONE COMBINATION UNIT! Fan Blower is quiet and moves just the right amount of air without causing chilly drafts.

It's ROUND... to provide more and better lighting..enough to cover the entire bathroom area. Easier to install between the ceiling 2 x 6 joists. Hinged lens for replacement of bulbs. Meets FHA requirements.



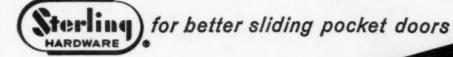
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# Kwikset helps sell homes

It's not a coincidence that Kwikset "400" line locksets greet more home buying prospects than any other. Successful builders have found that Kwikset's distinctive designs and flawless finishes help make sales. And Kwikset's dependable performance guarantees permanent customer satisfaction. In addition, Kwikset's national advertising helps to sell prospective buyers on the importance of buying a home where Kwikset locksets are installed.

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# The Opportunity Page

(Keynote page of the AMERICAN BUILDER, which is opportunity cover to cover, advertising and editorial)

## Saving time saves money

Here's a time- and money-saving building trick which comes via the Springfield (Mo.) HBA. Builder J. D. Gillenwater had a house plastered and there were some pretty heavy ceiling cracks which had to be fixed before the new owners moved in. Instead of patching, the builder used tape-just as though the original job had been dry-wall. He says it works like magic. This trick should be particularly helpful to builders who have extensive patching jobs to do on old trade-in houses.

# New book helps you sell

Everyone agrees that today's tough market has to be "sold." To make the job easier for you, Simmons-Boardman Books has combined the talents of one of America's top marketing experts, Al Gross, with that of members of AMERICAN BUILDER's editorial staff in a new book, "Selling Houses Successfully—Builder's Sales Guide." Emphasizing the necessity for a coordinated selling plan, the book includes scores of case histories from some of the nation's top builders and other materials drawn from the pages of AMERI-CAN BUILDER. The book will be available Jan. 25th for \$5.00. Write: Simmons-Boardman Books, 30 Church St., New York 7, N. Y.

# **Timing is important**

You've heard a great deal lately about the correct way to write new home ads. You have also heard about the pros and cons of one advertising medium over another. But, there's more to it than that, according to Neil E. Bahr, general manager for R. A. Gall, one of Ohio's largest real-estate companies. Families, he said, like to plan their tour of model homes well in advance. Given an evening to look at the ads on "homes for sale" within a particular area, the prospective buyer can plan his itinerary to save time and miles. When Gall began running his current series of large ads on Saturdays, he

found a marked increase in the number of people who came out to inspect his homes.

# Industry united for progress



All roads lead to Chicago this month. The annual NAHB convention gets under way Jan. 19-23. This year's theme-Industry United For Progress-will pinpoint the need for closer cooperation between all segments of the indus-

try-manufacturers, sup-pliers and builders. If you plan to attend the convention, AMERICAN BUILDER presents a preview, in this issue, of what will be going on (p. 25) and a guide to exhibits (p. 82). If you aren't able to attend the big show, be sure to see AMERICAN BUILDER's convention round-up in March. It's the best way to find out what's ahead for this crucial year.

# **Opportunity for small builders**

Small-volume builders did well in 1957; will continue to do all right in '58, says Nels Severin (see p. 67). One big reason: they can give each house a custom-like individuality that is a strong factor in selling today. Their opportunity is limited only by their ingenuity and creativeness.

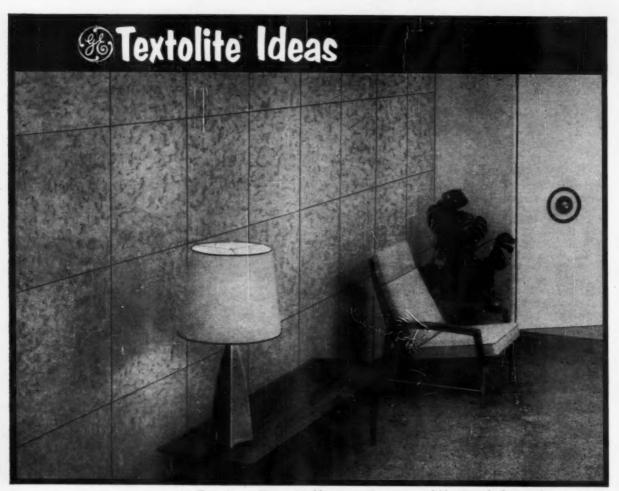
## There's profits in odd sites

Another good tip for small-volume builders: You can turn hillside lots into money-makers. Design your houses to fit the terrain. In Monterey Park, Cal., the Security Development Corp. cut site costs by building its houses on 4x4" and 6x6" poles rather than making a "cut" into the terrain. (See Better Detail of the month, p. 226.) This is an ideal way to make use of small "hard-to-build-on" lots. These sites usually cost less-an important factor in these high-cost times.

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To The Editors: American Builder 30 Church Street New York 7, N. Y.

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# The Building Outlook

# SMALL TALK

# **USED-HOUSE TROUBLES**

Second-time buyers make up a good portion of the potential market for new homes. They are faced with the problem of a drop in used-home prices. Although houses built over 20 years ago are taking the heaviest slash in prices-as much as 20 per centsome of the newer used houses are selling at ten per cent less than they did about a year ago. Blame for the situation is being laid at many doors, but the shortage of mortgage money is the worst of the culprits. Realtors point out that lending institutions are putting most mortgage money into new home loans.

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There have been many stories about rising land costs: Here's a case to top them all. A lakefront lot in Milwaukee sold for \$10,000 in 1951; for \$15,000 in 1954; for \$25,000 in 1955. A couple of months ago it was sold for \$35,000. Supply and demand is the answer, says broker Harry Scheer. He claims he could have sold two more lots of the same kind at the same price if he had had them.

## **ANOTHER BUILT-IN?**

More and more families look for water-softening units when they plan to buy homes in "hardwater" areas. A recent survey of several hundred families conducted by a Chicago research organization indicates that both men and women are aware of the disadvantages of hard water.

## AD MEDIUM GROWS

Planning your advertising budget for the year? You'll be interested in a recent Census Bureau report that 80 per cent of the households in the United States now have TV sets, a jump of 68 per cent since 1950. AN EXCELLENT LONG RANGE FUTURE for Los Angeles County builders was forecast by the county's regional planning commission. Estimates for 1975 indicate the county can expect a 9,000,000 population—an increase of nearly 67 per cent—by that date. Areas having the greatest amount of undeveloped land at the present time are expected to experience the greatest increase.

WILL CONGRESS EXTEND THE VA PROGRAM? Majority opinion is "no." Although pressure has been put on legislators by various veteran groups, most lenders and builders don't believe there will be any extension. Main drawback is the low interest rate which just doesn't attract any money into GI housing. To find out what builders feel should be done, see "Meet the builder," page 23.

**BIG BUSINESS WILL FINANCE** the home-building industry within the near future to give it rightful status as a ranking giant in the U. S. economy. E. D. Mann, president, Tile Council of America, made this prediction. He believes large stock corporations will enter the home-construction field to handle home building from A to Z-from land planning to moving a family into a house and helping to get necessary financing.

APARTMENT UNITS WILL CONSTITUTE almost onefifth of 1958's total number of housing starts, according to a joint Commerce-Labor departments forecast (See Pulse of Building, December.) This will be the largest proportion since 1949. Then, apartment-house construction was assisted by easycredit conditions and by special financing aids under the former Section 608 program. The rising number of rental-type units is attributed to several influences: (1) expanding programs for rebuilding urban centers; (2) anticipation of greater returns on rental investments; and (3) a large core of demand for convenient, central-city locations from the fastest growing adult segments of the population—young couples without children and the elderly.

SLIGHTLY EASIER CREDIT should result from the Federal Reserve Board's recent discount rate cut. Reversing a two-andone-half-year trend in which the rate increased to 3%% in August, FRB knocked off % point because conditions have "changed" and "inflation, at least temporarily, has ceased to be a dominant factor in the economy."

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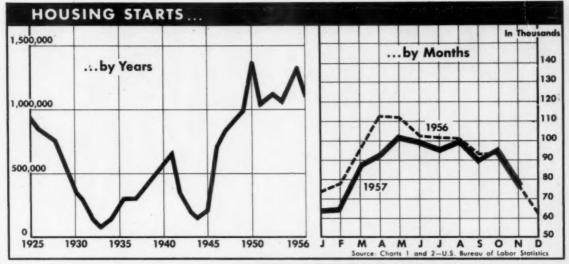
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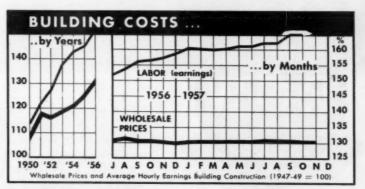
Despite early dire predictions that 1957 starts would fall below 1,000,-000, starts have held above that mark (seasonally adjusted) for seven successive months. Stability has been the striking feature of the housing market since May. It appears that as long as confidence in employment and income holds up, starts are unlikely to fall below the magic million. However, any continuation of the recent drop in employment could introduce a more serious set-back to the market than came from tight money.

# 15 LEADING HOME BUILDING AREAS

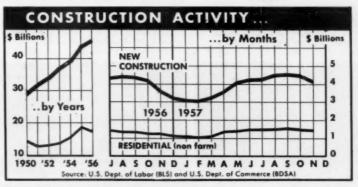
Dwelling units in Metropolitan areas during the first eight months of 1957, (BLS)\*

	Units	% Change JanAug. 1956-57
Los Angeles	57,703	-12
New York	42,033	24
Chicago	29,968.	-19
Detroit	17,386	-27
Philadelphia	14,568	-20
Miami	13,149	+14
San Francisco	12,704	-22
San Diege	10,515	+24
Washington	9,677	-21
Baltimore	9,564	+15
Cleveland	8,195	-12
Phoenix	7,550	+34
Milwaukee	6,098	**
Denver	5,668	-14
Seattle	5,603	+ .

\* Based on building permit reports and of estimate of units started in non-permit issuing parts of these areas. \*\* -+ less than % of 1%. NOVEMBER'S 78,000 STARTS virtually assured about 1,040,000 starts in 1957. This results from a mid-year reversal of the downward trend we had early in the year. Volume through November was 975,000 units.



HOURLY EARNINGS steadied in October, although they were 6% above the 1956 level. November's material prices held at the October figure—less than 1% below the Nov. 1956 index and July 1956 record.



A NEW NOVEMBER HIGH was set for construction activity, although there was a seasonal decline from Oct. to \$4.1 billion. Major increases over 1957 were for utilities, highways, schools and offices.

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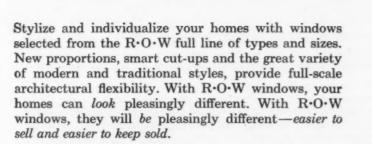
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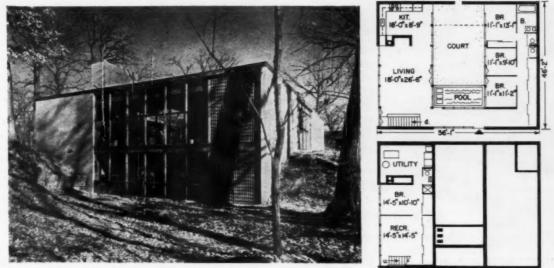


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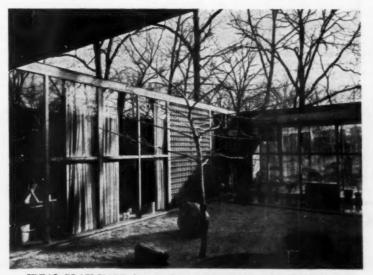
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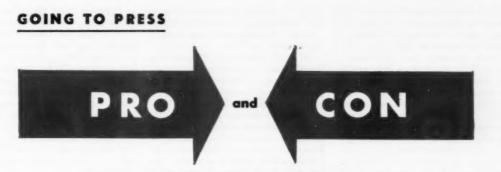
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# SECONDARY FINANCING: is it a threat to home building?

**B** uilders and lenders say they're being forced to resort to secondary financing. They deplore it because it adds to buyer's costs. But, they're using this method to sell homes because many purchasers just don't have the necessary downpayments—even though they do have good, steady incomes.

American Builder

An AMERICAN BUILDER press-time survey indicates there is a growing trend to multiple financing. Blame is laid at the door of the government's tight-money policy—which has forced a majority of buyers into the conventional mortgage market. This trend has led to a series of warning speeches by FHA Commissioner Norman Mason and his deputies.

"When I hear about broad-scale plans for home financing that completely disregard established standards, I don't feel so optimistic about future sales," Mason cautioned.

This fear, echoed in replies to AMERICAN BUILDER, is tempered by these factors: secondary financing is set up on a more realistic and sound basis than it used to be. During the depression, many people had sad experiences with multiple financing, and a "bad taste" lingers on. However, builders and lenders today feel that most "extra" costs involved in secondary financing are not dangerous—IF buyers can afford them.

Typical of the comments received by AMERICAN BUILDER were those from Leo Mullin, executive vice president, HBA of Greater Kansas City, and Charles Wellman, executive vice president, Glendale (Cal.) Federal Savings and Loan Assn.

Said Mullin: "Feelings here are divided. Some builders contend it is a necessary evil born of necessity caused by tight money. Others feel it is not sound because it oversells beyond the ability to pay.... Our personal belief is the situation must be tailored for each individual's circumstances."

Said Wellman: "My own opinion is that some shade of gray best describes the current condition. A great deal depends on the terms under which secondary financing is arranged and its relationship to customer's monthly income available for housing expense."

What's the answer to the secondary-financing problem? FHA has a proposal under consideration which may help. A new program would insure private lenders against the top 20% of the risk rather than 100 %. In addition, private mortgage companies are working out their own plans. (See p. 20.) U.S. Savings & Loan League's proposal for 90% conventional loans might also provide a solution.

What builders and lenders say

# GOING TO PRESS . . .

# "If secondary financing is necessary now,

The most debatable point about secondary financing is whether or not such financing "over-extends ability of buyers to pay."

Such a feeling is a throw-back to the '30's, when many home owners were unable to meet payments on multiple mortgages.

Said one West-Coast bank president: "Although I haven't noted any appreciable trend towards secondary financing of new homes, I do feel secondary financing is bad. Many of the mortgage problems of the '30's were caused by this....

"I do not believe that secondary financing is the answer to the mortgage lending problem."

His feelings are echoed by another West-Coast bank president who wired: "Most builders are not in a position to take on secondary financing. I believe that the trend ... is bad, and I doubt its necessity even today. While supply of funds for home lending is less than a year ago, the demand is also less. They about offset each other."

Some East-Coast lenders agree with their West-Coast counterparts:

"With FHA loans available, I would deplore any heavy trend in this direction," said Levi P. Smith, pres., Burlington(Vt.)Savings Bank.

"A development along these lines would be unsound from a credit and investment standpoint. Secondly . . . we feel we have a moral obligation to make effective the tight-money policy of the Federal Reserve System and would not engage in practices which would have an inflationary impact."—Island Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Hempstead, N.Y.

"I have noted with concern the trend towards secondary financing of new homes to stimulate the slack housing market in some areas. The apparent slackening in corporate demand for money is likely to influence primary mortgage lenders towards acceptance of minimum down payment requirements to an extent which should minimize the need for secondary financing."— R. Stewart Rauch, Jr., president, Philadelphia Savings Fund Society.

Rauch's point about lenders accepting minimum down-payments is well taken. For, the scarcity of low down-payment, government-insured loans has led many buyers to conventional financing with resultant higher down-payments.

One solution may lie in adoption of the U.S. Savings & Loan League's proposal which would up its lending ratio to provide 90% conventional loans. (See AMERICAN BUILDER, Nov. 1957 Forecast.)

This solution is suggested by Howard Edgerton, president, California Savings & Loan League. Edgerton reports no more trend towards secondary financing than existed for the past couple of years.

"On high-priced merchandise, secondary financing is probably necessary," he stated. "And, it is not particularly harmful on medium and lower-priced houses. "Builders and financing institutions must be very careful that buyers are not sold a deal they cannot live with financially. If the U.S. League's program for 90% conventional loans is approved in the next session of Congress, I believe it will eliminate most of the need for secondary financing in medium- and low-priced houses."

Norman Strunk also feels that the problems generated by secondary financing emphasizes the desirability of adopting the League's plan.

The League's executive vicepresident stated: "If there is any increase in secondary financing it is probably taking place in those areas which have grown most accustomed to the extremely low down-payment mortgage programs."

Replies from other lenders indicate they feel that while using secondary financing is not the ideal way to sell homes, it isn't too bad if buyers can afford it.

Robert V. Walker, executive vice president, First Federal Saving & Loan Assn. of Miami, has noted a moderate increase in secondary financing in recent years.

"This is mostly sound, but sometimes bad," he said. "Tight money does increase down-payment requirements. It is O.K. for some people . . . but not for others who can't meet stiffer terms. Latter group should defer purchases, but don't always do so."

A similar reply came from an officer of an up-state New York

# ... New FHA proposal, private plans

It may be that a solution to the secondary financing dilemma will come with adoption of a new FHA program or by formation of more private-loan insurance firms.

Principal aim of FHA's program would be to avoid prohibitive expenses of second-mortgage financing. HHFA Administrator Albert M. Cole made this clear in outlining the proposal which is being considered by the Administration. Here's how it shapes up.

FHA would insure private lenders against loss of perhaps the top 20% of their risks. Since the private lenders would be assuming the balance of the risk, FHA would not have to apply the full requirements it uses for its present programs. (This new plan would not eliminate or alter present FHA programs.) Said Cole: "Although FHA will not undertake to fix the interest rate, it will . . . take measures to see to it that interest rates are fair from the viewpoint of the home owner and that exorbitant charges are not permitted."

The proposal has been hailed by W. Franklin Morrison as a way to "revitalize the nation's housing industry." The president of the National Savings and Loan League (he's also president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Washington, D.C.) said he believed enactment of the proposal would result in a 15% increase in home-mortgage financing.

FHA isn't alone in looking for a solution to the mortgage problem. Some private companies have adopted loan "insurance" plans to increase the amount of money available for home loans. In Milwaukee,

# where do we go from here?...

bank who wired: "I do not feel that this (trend) is good; however, it is not too bad if stability of employment and ability to manage both obligations come within reasonable scope of applicant's budget.

"I do not believe secondary financing is necessarily due to 'tight' money. It appears mostly in distressed situations. I believe the major problem is inflation. . . ."

An opposite view is taken by Harold L. Nason, treasurer, Bangor Savings Bank, Bangor, Me.

"We have conventional, FHA and GI mortgages. We have always permitted some secondary conventional mortgage financing principally where borrower is not eligible for FHA.... We require that second mortgage rates be reasonable (usually not over  $\frac{1}{2}$ % more than first mortgage rate) and total payments in line with ability to pay.

"Both mortgages are amortized by monthly payments. The seller usually is the second mortgage holder. I consider secondary financing necessary and desirable under these conditions."

Two lenders—both from the New England area—report no noticeable secondary financing in their area. They are Maynard L. Harris, president, Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank of Boston, and J. Fred French, president, Amoskeag Savings Bank of Manchester, N.H. Both report there is ample firstmortgage money. The most salient point brought out by AMERICAN BUILDER's survey is that not one builder or lender unqualifiedly approves secondary financing. Even those who acknowledge its necessity in today's market, do so reluctantly.

"Secondary financing is good for the continued sale of homes, although mortgage heads question the ability of some of the families to carry the double load," reported Lawrence W. Nelson. The executive vice president, Minneapolis HBA, acknowledges that there is currently more secondary financing. But, he questions whether it is a trend. Rather, he states, it might be termed an interim method of "financing during the 'tight' period."

Other HBA executives agree that there is a trend toward secondary financing. Some cite it as a necessary evil. Most feel it is "bad." Here's what they told us:

"There has been a definite increase in secondary financing in Alabama. Under present conditions secondary financing seems necessary here. Looking ahead, the trend will continue upwards in proportion to tightness of money; it will decrease by the same barometer."— Arthur Stewart, executive secretary, HBA of Alabama.

"There has been a trend toward secondary financing. The trend is bad because of high costs, both to builders and purchasers....

"As long as money for mortgages remains in short supply, secondary Some areas have not been hit by the secondary financing "bug" to any great extent:

This is true for the Portland area, where Robert L. King, executive secretary, HBA, reports: "Very little secondary financing... according to spot check. Prime lenders' restrictions govern this type considerably. It is not a good policy because of the possibility of overextending mortgagee's ability to pay....

pay.... "It is not absolutely necessary in today's market."

"Secondary financing is at a minimum," states Sidney Davidoff, executive vice president, Oklahoma City HBA. "Money is tight—going interest rate is 6%. FHA money on new program is very tight."

The question most builders and lenders ask is, "What does the future hold?" As Tom Kane, executive secretary, Phoenix AHB, said:

"Secondary financing seems necessary for the time being. But, the question is where do we go from here?"

That question may well be answered if FHA's proposal is adopted for insuring private lenders against the top 20% of their risks rather than 100%. (See below.)

# may answer most mortgage problems

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Co. has had great success with its program to insure lenders against possible mortgage losses. (See AMERICAN BUILDER, April and November, 1957.)

Another plan is that adopted by the Globe Mortgage Co. of Hackensack, N.J. The purpose is to make available more 20% -down conventional mortgage money.

If a builder arranges to have his homes financed through the Globe plan, Globe charges him a 1% service fee and agrees to arrange conventional financing with 20% down payments. Thus, the builder can advertise his homes for sale with conventional financing at 20% down. The usual down payment for conventional loans is 33%%. Murray L. Beer, president of the firm, emphasizes that the plan does mean any

additional cost to the home buyer. The builder is charged the service fee. Briefly, here's how Globe's plan works:

Mortgage lenders, whose policy is to limit conventional mortgages to two-thirds of the selling or appraisal price, are offered loans with down-payments of only 20%. This makes 80% loans available to purchasers. Globe then deposits with the lenders—in savings accounts—the difference between the 80% actually given by the lender and the 66%% usually allowed by the lender. The money deposited by Globe draws current interest rate. Money is left on deposit until the mortgage is reduced to the normally-committed 66%%. The company reports that initial response was overwhelming.

# National home-owner contest highlights HIC promotion

Home Improvement Council is making an all-out effort to get builders to participate in its program.

Builder benefits will include a two-phase, nation-wide home owners contest. First phase will interest home owners in repairing and remodeling; the second phase will move the home owner to an actual remodeling project. Here are some of the benefits available to you through HIC membership:

• Only builders who are HIC supporters will be permitted to use the council's membership seal. Prospective customers will be aware of the seal because of the contest.

• Builders will be provided with a package of materials for use in identifying them as members.

• Participants will be supplied with copies of the 16-page official

contest entry blank for distribution to their customers.

• All contest entrants will receive a mailing from HIC thanking them for entering the contest with assistance of a local HIC member.

## Names in the news

Douglas Whitlock, board chairman, Structural Clay Products Institute, was presented with the American Vocational Assn. Award of Merit. The award was made by Lowell Burkett, AVA acting executive secretary. Burkett paid tribute to Whitlock's direction of a SCPI apprenticeship training program. The program has resulted in more than 50,000 skilled journeymen since the end of the war. SCPI officers for 1957-58 are: Kenneth W. Dunwody, president; Paul B. Belden, Jr., vice-president; George Gammie, treasurer; and Joseph J. Cermak, secretary.

New officers of the National Assn. of Real Estate Boards include H. Walter Graves, president, and Stewart B. Matthews, treasurer.

National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. has elected N. Floyd Mc-Gowin, president, and Robert M. Ingram, vice-president. Regional vice-presidents include A. B. Hood, Edwin R. Thomas and Q. T. Hardtner, Jr.

Two men closely connected with home building are included in the initial group to serve as Housing and Home Finance Unit of the Executive Reserve. They are Robert P. Gerholz, Sr., Gerholtz Community Homes, Inc., Flint, Mich., and James C. O'Malley, newlyelected president, National Retail Lumber Dealers Assn. Other men named are Robert Patrick, James Klaver, Lindell Peterson and Paul Bissinger. The men were designated to serve by HHFA Administrator Albert M. Cole.

# LUMBER DEALERS . . .

# Why modern sales training is necessary

by H. R. Northup, Exec. Vice Pres., National Retail Lumber Dealers Assn.

The retail lumber industry is branching out and expanding the scope of its services to the public at a quick pace. This means

that the need for a comprehensive sales training program for dealer employees is becoming more urgent as each month passes. Until a few years

ago, an adequate



Northup

sales training program merely needed to provide basic knowledge about traditional lumber yard products and give the salesman the fundamental principles of over-the-counter salesmanship. Today, however, such a limited course would fall well short of total requirements.

For one thing, the fact that most dealers are stocking and selling a broader range of products means that there are just that many more products for the salesman to learn about. He needs to know what each one is used for and how to use it properly. He needs to know which sizes and grades are best for each purpose. And he should know the mistakes that must be avoided in its use.

More and more dealers are going into the business of building houses both on speculation and on a custom basis. So, the salesman also needs to know how to sell homes. This means he also needs to become informed on mortgage finance and other ramifications of house selling. The rapid growth in the use of components in home building adds further to the fund of information the well-trained salesman needs.

The sales training problem is further complicated in those numerous yards where the dealer has gone into the home improvement business in an important way. Selling home repair and modernization jobs requires its own techniques and specialized information. The increasing trend toward outside selling, especially in the home improvement field, brings still another complication. Even an experienced counter salesman has a lot to learn about using his time profitably and closing sales successfully when he starts selling big ticket jobs outside the yard.

Granted, the fundamental principles of salesmanship are the same whether a salesman is selling to a contractor, a home builder, a home owner, or a handyman. There are a good many variations that must be understood and mastered before the counter salesman is competent to handle these other types of selling.

Obviously, the industry cannot afford to wait for its employees to acquire these new types of selling skills by the slow and painful process of trial and error. The training challenge is not an easy one to meet. Neither is it impossible. It merely requires farsighted planning and prompt action.

# Meet the builder

# **QUESTION:** Do you think Congress should extend

all the conflicting

# the VA loan program for another year? Why?

# I believe VA has outlived its usefulness

In the past VA has been an excellent program, expediting the building of vast numbers of houses for the great pent-up demand of our servicemen. Now, however, I believe the VA should meet with the FHA at the highest level and include in the FHA program benefits for those veterans who have just cause for not having purchased a



home prior to this time. This should provide an adequate solution to the housing problem and keep the great building industry strong and healthy. It would be possible

to provide more and better homes for veterans and non-veterans alike at the lowest practicable cost. Donley Stephenson, Abilene, Tex.

# It is important to extend the VA program

I definitely believe the VA loan program should be extended through 1958, as present commitments

made by banks are being cancelled rather than extended due to the expiration of the present loan program. The FHA program has been of no

value to us in this area. Every effort should be placed on extending this program in order to maintain the slowselling program in which we are now involved. Our sales are very slow on FHA due to down payments.

William Blackfield, San Francisco

# **Current conditions de**mand a new law

VA has served its usefulness in furnishing veterans with adequate housing, with low down payments and a low rate of interest. One government agency would eliminate



rulings and confusion of VA and FHA as they have been in the past. I recommend that Congress create a new program under one direction

to take care of both agencies. Harold Larsen, Seattle, Washington

# If FHA terms can work, we don't need VA



In my opinion the VA guaranty loan program should not be extended by Congress for another year. This is particularly true if terms of the current FHA loan

program can be made workable. R. Reese Myers, Los Angeles, Cal.

# **Congress won't adjust VA** interest rates

Congress should not extend the GI loan bill. Under present conditions no money would be avail-



able unless Congress raises interest rates. And, let's not kid ourselves, it won't be done. Our adjustment to the new FHA program is about

complete and any extension of the GI bill will only delay making this FHA bill workable.

Harold F. Smith, Dallas, Tex.

# VA's basic purpose has been accomplished



I do not think the VA loan program should be extended for the following геаsons: (1) The basic purpose for which it was originally estab-

lished has been accomplished, viz., to show the country's appreciation to its veterans for a job well done; (2) The program is expensive to the taxpayers of the country and since its purpose has been accomplished, it should be eliminated; (3) It has become, to a large extent, a partisan political issue and housing for any segment of Americans should not be partisan; (4) Elimination of the program will cause FHA-insured loans and conventional loans to become more realistic in their values.

J. S. Norman, Jr., Houston, Tex.

# **Congress should lift VA** interest rates

Unless Congress lifts the ceiling on VA interest rates to make them competitive, there's no reason to



extend the program for another year. I would much prefer to see Congress authorize FHA to veterans give some special consideration in the form of lower

down-payments and no mortgage insurance. This could be similar to FHA's section 124, public law 560 of the 1954 Housing Act for inservice personnel.

Cecil H. Mason, Savannah, Ga.

# Any extension wouldn't benefit all concerned

It is my personal opinion that Congress should not extend the VA loan program for another year. I am heartily in favor of the vet-



eran getting every possible. break However, with the present thinking of the Vet-Adminiserans the tration in conduct of its loan guaranty division, I firmly

believe that it would not be in the best interests of all concerned for this program to be continued for any further term.

Joseph Singer, Philadelphia, Pa.



ALABAMA BUILDERS attend first regional conference to stem from *McCall's* "Congress on Better Living." At head of table: Walter Reese Browder, Editor of AMERICAN BUILDER: Mrs. Keith Russell, Birmingham, Ala., delegate

to *McCall's* "Congress"; builders Vondal S. Gravlee retiring president of Alabama Home Builders Association, and Tom Rast, new Alabama Home Builders Association president.

# What will sell tomorrow?

**Builders can adapt agenda of recent "Congress** 

on Better Living" to uncover local preferences

in housing. Alabama HBA sets pattern for

regional conferences

M cCall's magazine is "localizing" its national "Congress on Better Living." The big idea: builders can check the national picture of what women want in housing against regional preferences.

The idea was put to a test at a recent HBA convention in Birmingham, Ala. New owners of houses in Birmingham's recent "Parade of Homes" were invited to a meeting where they could say what they liked—and didn't like—about their new houses. The meeting was moderated by Birmingham's delegate to *McCall's* recent "Congress on Better Living," held in Washington, D.C., last October. She is Mrs.

Keith Russell, one of 100 women who attended the national event.

Mrs. Russell used an edited version of the agenda that was used in Washington. Here's how Alabama home buyers agreed and disagreed with delegates to the national "congress":

• Family Rooms. The national "congress" called it a "must" and specified its location as "off the kitchen" and "away from the bedroom area." The Alabama conference agreed, but went one step further: they'll take smaller kitchens, smaller living rooms and, if necessary, no dining room at all, to have a bigger family room. Said one Alabama home owner: "The rest of the house could blow away and we wouldn't care!".

• Bathrooms. The national "congress" voted for two, and the Alabama conference agreed. But the regional preference was for the second bath (or half-bath) to be located somewhere in a hall area off the family room. The national group wanted the second bath off the rear door, as a "mud room" for children.

Kitchens. It's the hub of their household activity, but conferees had complaints: ovens with chrome are "impractical"; corner cabinets are "too deep" and should have revolving shelves; colors on appliances, walls and floors often clash.
 Prefabs. The national "congress" liked the "freedom of room-planning permitted by prefab packages." Most conferees could not define what "prefab" meant; two did not know they lived in prefabs.

Other local preferences: builtins; eating space in the kitchen; a large patio rather than a small screened porch; plenty of glass particularly sliding-glass doors.

# Here's what they'll talk about



# at the 1958 NAHB convention

# MERCHANDISING . . . how to sell in a changing market

Men see a home as a symbolic mother; women see it as an expression of themselves. And Vance Packard, author of "The Hidden Persuaders," will tell home builders how to make the most of it. But motivation research is only part of the merchandising program. There'll be a one-day

short course ranging from how to find out what people want and how to get them out to see your houses through to closing the sale and post-sale public relations. Other topics: hiring, training, management of salesmen; building a reputation; advertising; stimulating business with trade-ins.

# COST-CUTTING . . . how to save \$100 (or more) per house

N ew products, new techniques, new ideas for using *old* methods and materials. Industry leaders will be specific, tell how *they* do it—with masonry, gypsum, plywood, gluing, wiring, plastics, heating, air condi-

tioning. They'll show you *where* to save on land, labor, materials, money. Manufacturers will tell how to use their products to cut time and other costs. Bring your own questions along.

# FINANCING . . . what's the rate for '58?

The nation's most informed money men will put their fiscal minds together to answer: How much? How soon? How expensive? Bankers, government men, businessmen, legislators will debate 1958's most pressing topics: Discount controls and the

effect on the mortgage market; Fanny Mae's role in the year ahead; second mortgages; the S&L proposal on conventional loan insurance. Leading builders will get into the act, too, and discuss your best bets to collar the dollar in 1958.

# LEGISLATION . . . what's Congress cooking up for you?

S till plenty of improvement needed on top of the 1957 Housing Act. Key legislators—chairmen of Senate and House housing committees—will discuss the chances of getting important changes, additions. Changes in the tax treatment of capital gains on the sales of real estate and investment property,

home improvement, trade-in transactions, demolition of existing housing in urban renewal projects. . . Extension of the VA loan guaranty program and increase in the VA interest rate. . . Acquisition of more federal funds for urban renewal capital grants. . . Federal public housing program.

# SHOP TALK . . . on assorted headaches and remedies

Design ... Community facilities ... land use ... income taxes ... rental housing ... FHA-VA construction problems ... prefabs ... low-cost housing ... housing for the aged ... interior decorating. You name it; chances are it's on the agenda.

Experts in each field will take part in panel discussions, dramatizations, and workshop sessions and you'll have the opportunity to get solutions (or at least some authoritative advice) for your particular problems during the next 12 months.

# Time: January 19-23 .... Place: Chicago For what they'll look at, see page 82

# Wage moratorium proposed: but don't expect miracles

"Nothing will come of it!" That's the reaction to some unique proposals made by Richard J. Gray, president, A.F.L.-C.I.O. Building and Construction Trades Dept.

Speaking at last month's big labor convention, Gray proposed that: (1) The nineteen major building-construction unions refuse wage increases during 1958 in order

to combat inflation; and (2) the unions permit the use of laborsaving tools, machinery and material which would help cut production costs. He also urged that the construction union heads try to get unions in the cement, lumber and other allied industries to accept the voluntary wage moratorium.

This "unorthodox proposal for

a labor leader," he said, is aimed at "stabilizing past wage gains and obtaining full employment through increased production."

In proposing the wage freeze, Gray declared that inflation has brought a sharp decrease in construction in the past two years. This has resulted in many construction plans being postponed because of inflation-caused money shortages.

Gray's proposals got a frigid reception from construction union officers. Several bluntly answered "no," when asked if they would follow the suggestions.

# DICKERMAN'S COLUMN . . .

# Something for everyone at NAHB show

by John M. Dickerman, Executive Director, National Assn. of Home Builders

There's something for everyone -everyone in and associated with home building-at the annual convention-exposition of the National

Assn. of Home Builders. The convention has its formal opening in Chicago, January 19.

Prospects are that 1958 is going to be one of those years when everyone in the industry



Dickerman

can use that extra bit of "knowhow." Whether it is in construction, financing or selling-or all threehe'll need it to stay ahead of his competitors.

All indications suggest 1958 is going to be another highly competitive year. The home-building industry again will have to make an uphill fight for its share of the consumer dollar. It is likely, however, there will be some easing of mortgage money. But mortgage money and markets go hand in hand. One without the other is of little use.

The 1958 convention, stream-lined from previous years, has as its central theme the slogan, "An Industry United for Progress." The growth of home building, particularly following World War II, transformed it from a craft into an industry. But unlike some industries, it has not congealed into a mono-

and complex ramifications, it probably never will. It is highly improbable, for example, there will be, as in the automobile industry, a "Big Three" of home building. But I do believe it is fair to say that the industry's various segments are joined closer together. There has been a growing recog-

lithic structure. Because of home

building's many diverse elements

nition that if an unfavorable monetary or economic climate exists for the home builder, his adversities are not his alone. Rather, they spread out into every business which supplies the products and services required in the construction, sale and furnishing of a house. It seems highly appropriate, therefore, for NAHB's great convention to give emphasis to this movement for closer collaboration.

The program for the 1958 "Big Show" has been tailored to fit today's problems in the home-building industry. The problems are readily identifiable. They are merchandising, financing and cost cutting. Which problem takes priority will vary in accordance with the operations of a particular builder.

Experts from every branch of the industry-and from the outside as well-have been invited to present their views on these problems and to discuss ways of solving them.

The perennial question of mort-

gage money will come in for a searching examination; so will the outlook for home building in 1958 and subsequent years. The plaguing problems of rising costs for land, labor and materials will be given a fresh look in programs demonstrating how costs can be held down without impairment of safe-andsound construction. Merchandising? This subject will be covered from A to Z.

The 1958 convention is being geared to answer every conceivable question in the builder's mind. Question boxes will be set up at strategic points in the convention area. Special programs have been devised to give every builder an opportunity to pose his questions and problems to experts.

There will be outstanding speakers, the traditional "how-to-do-it" circus-spotlighting a new masonry process, new applications of gypsum products and better uses of plywood. There will be a National Housing Center school of interior decoration; panels on public relations, urban renewal and housing the aged, to name but a few. There will be hundreds of manufacturers' exhibits of new products.

To repeat, there will be something for everyone associated with home building at the 1958 convention-exposition. We confidently believe it will be the biggest and oest show NAHB has ever staged.

# "Co-op tracts": one answer to high building costs

Public interest in new housing continues at a high pitch. But rising costs of borrowed money for both builder and buyer have created a tight market.

Many builders who do not want to speculate alone on massive subdivisions have found a new way to stay in business. To keep operations going with a minimum land investment, risk and cost, they're working together to build co-operative tracts. The results are usually a diversified subdivision with custom-built homes. Julian Weinstock Construction

Co. of Sherman Oaks, Cal., is now working on this type of tract called Valley Community Developers. Weinstock, a builder himself, is offering 158 lots to other builders which must be bought in blooks of eight or more.

Lot sizes range from 80 to 100'



ELECTION MEETING: over 120 members of the Peninsula General Contractors and Builders Assn., San Mateo, Cal., recently chose new officers. (Seated L to R): R. Knutzen, vice pres.; R. Grant, pres.;
A. Carstens, secy.-treas. (Standing L to R): Directors J. Whelan, H. Christensen, H. Felt, W. Dickman, W. Gould.



SMILING BUILDERS take office. San Antonio HBA chose (L to R): H. P. Orts, treas.; E. H. Jaroszewski, pres.; M. M. Hughes, Jr., vice pres.; and E. S. Johnson, secy., to serve in 1958. New year plans include a spring home show and fall Parade of Homes.

wide. The builder has his choice of buying the lots next to one another or separated.

Here's how payments work.

The price per lot is \$7,450 with a \$1,500 down payment. When construction is finished, or 60 days from close of escrow, the builder pays in another \$1,750. Thirty days later he puts in \$375, and 60 days thereafter another \$375. The balance is subordinated for 18 months.

One big advantage to builders is that eight lots can be bought for a down payment of \$12,000. The balance can possibly be made as money is realized from sales.

Another advantage for the builder is that he saves money on advertising. It is anticipated that advertising and promotion for the tract will be done as a whole by the group.

A general brochure is already in the works, and full-page ads and designs for billboards are being drawn up.

In addition, a fund of \$50,000 will be provided by the company when all the lots are sold. Of this, \$40,000 will come from setting aside \$250 per lot.

Weinstock estimates another \$10,000 will be raised from a co-op program with manufacturers. These companies are invited to sell their products to the builders. The Hotpoint Co. has already promised an advertising allowance, and it is expected that others will participate.

## Other services offered

If a builder wishes, Weinstock will sell his homes. The charge will be considerably less than the usual 5% real-estate fee.

Weinstock also helps the builders with interim and take-out financing. Title and escrow charges come to less for participating builders.

The houses built will sell in the \$25,000 class. Architectural supervision will of course be exercised by the company to make sure the houses blend with one another. For this purpose, the company has an office on the project where builders can leave plans for "subs" to inspect.

The company has sold about one-sixth of the lots, and Weinstock is optimistic about a complete sellout.

He already has four model homes of his own on the tract, and will use more of the lots to build his own houses.



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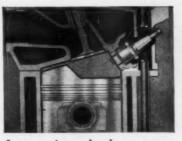
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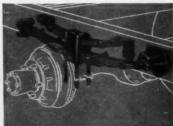
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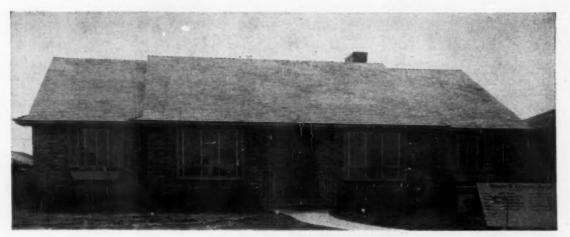
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**BUILT-IN CHARCOAL GRILL** in kitchen is talking point. Use of antique brick on the wall is in keeping with the traditional mood set in the house.

# ... build a conservative house;



All the quality built-ins and bonus features which are pictured on the opposite page go into the basic Robert W. Kennedy-built house shown above.

Designed by architect Robert Davies, the house sells for \$29,750 including landscaped 75'x140' lot. In addition to the sales-making extras illustrated, the price includes an O'Keefe & Merritt built-in wall oven and top-burner range, plus Hotpoint dishwasher and disposer, a charcoal grill (indoors), Payne heating and air conditioning, range hood, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

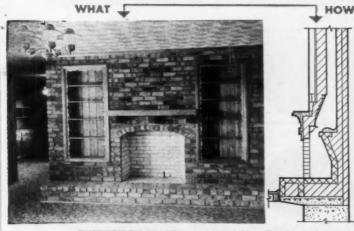
A National Home Week contender, house drew plaudits for interior use of antique brick.

LIVING-CORE IDEA is immediately apparent in the plan with central positioning of family room-den, which empties onto patio, is accessible to kitchen.

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### then pack it with extras

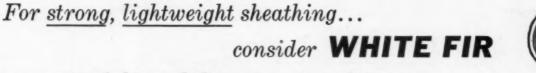


BRICKED-IN WALL serves both den fireplace, shown here, plus barbecue grill and wall oven on kitchen side. Note use of high-fashion Averill light fixture.



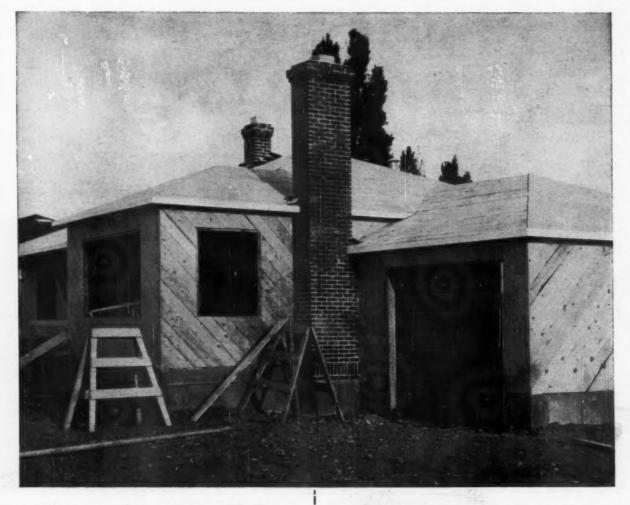
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"LOS ANGELES BEAUTIFUL" is a slogan as well as the name of a committee formed by the Chamber of Commerce. Its function is to enlist individual and community organization support behind its program-designed to eradicate the litter habit. The committee wants to encourage pride in appearance of home and neighborhood. It is an activity every builder could support. It increases property values, reduces taxes and promotes population growth. Visitors come back to buy homes in cities where they are favorably impressed.

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THEY SAWED THE CHURCH IN HALF. When it became necessary to enlarge the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew in San Mateo, Cal., lengthening the nave seemed the only prac-

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tical solution. It was finally decided to slice through the nave at the connection to the narthex. The next step was to move the 400-ton narthex with its \$80,000 stained glass window, 30' west and fill in with two 15' bays which exactly matched the existing bays. Morris Daley Co., general contractors, accomplished the cutting and moving without a hitch.

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PUBLIC-RELATIONS COMMIT-TEE of the HBA of Greater Seattle is preparing an active campaign to stimulate home building. The association is using the themes "Now Is the Time to Buy" and "A Home Comes First." Support of suppliers and lenders is being enlisted and members are asked to appear before civic groups. One, Archie Iverson, recently did. He led a discussion on housing with the Jackson Street Community Council, with excellent results.

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\$800,000 IN SALES IN TWO DAYS is the proud record of John F. Long Home Builder, Inc., Phoenix, Ariz. This phenomenal record occurred at the opening of his Futurama Exhibit of eight model homes. The reasons: there are models in every price class from \$8,295 to \$21,550 and models to suit every architectural taste. Long offers almost unbelievable values plus full community facilities including swimming pool, baseball diamond, tennis courts and others. All this is backed by a tremendous public relations, advertising and merchandising program. Long, two-time winner in American Builder's model home contest, is cur-rently completing 12 homes per day.

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THE CAMERA AND THE REMOD-LING CONTRACTOR. George Bertch, of South Pasadena, Cal., remodeling specialist, recently bought a Poloroid Land Camera and said it paid for itself quickly. He uses it to take pictures of complicated jobs. When he gets back to his office to figure the jobs he has a reminder of all the problems involved. The pictures help to explain jobs to sub-contractors. too. These photos are satisfactory as "before" shots on jobs. Later, Bertch has a commercial photographer take the "after" shots as a permanent record.

#### By BILL RODD

## BONUS products from the WEST

Like the effectively designed ceramic tile at right, there are more and more unique products coming from western markets. Here's a look at some of the latest

**CROSSES ON TILE** used to create symbolic theme on this church exterior. The 6x12'' Hermosa glazed ceramic tiles are cadet blue with crosses of dark blue. Tiled portion of exterior is about 325'. Baptist Church in Fullerton, Cal., was built by Shepherd and Morgan. Gladding, McBean & Co., Dept. AB, 2901 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. (No. J366-W on page 114.)





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#### Folding door is space saver

Attractive room divided with an elegant touch describes new space-saver wood panel, accordion type, folding door. In colorful Philippine Mahogany wood (plus other woods), in many sizes to fit any need.

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SEEPAGE IN CONCRETE BLOCKS — Thompson's Water Seal puts a deep-penetrating seal into concrete blocks to help maintain texture and color and to protect for 5 years or more against moisture seepage, leakage, stains, paint blistering and peeling.

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#### **NEW BOOKLET WITH COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS -**

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#### **Trailers suit many purposes**

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#### This furnace runs "whisper quiet"

Smooth, quiet operation and streamlined air flow are among the features cited by Tamco for its newly introduced Counterflow and Upflow models. Part of its Clipper line of gas-fired, forced-air furnaces. Easily installed in alcove or closet, units are readily convertible to air conditioning applications. In 17 models; 80,000 to 200,000 btu input. Tamco Corp., Dept. AB, 1005 A St., San Rafael, Cal. (No. J371-W, p. 114.)



#### Logs are pre-cut, precision-fitted

Montana logs can be used to erect a home in only one day. Machined to uniform diameters ranging from 5" to 10", the logs are tongue and grooved with a hollow-ground underside to give tight weatherstrip seal. Fibre glass is put between each layer for final air seal. Versatile logs will adapt to any type floor plan or structure. Lumber Enterprises, Inc., Dept. AB, 2815<sup>1/2</sup> First Ave., N., Billings, Mont. (No. J372-W on p. 114.)

# Mr. Builder

# Look for that



# difference!

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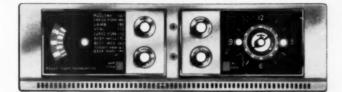
Available from your HOTPOINT Distributor: New color-sound film and booklet that shows how to sell the home and its kitchen.

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Hotpoint Cooks-Automatically!



Hotpoint Sells-



It's love at first sight—the instant that home-buyers see your Hotpoint Kitchens.

To women, the Hotpoint name means the ultimate in quality-in exclusive, years-ahead features that bring them completely automatic cooking.

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Women want all of these wonderful features. That's why Hotpoint sells automatically-that's why home-buyers know you're a quality builder when they see the Hotpoint Built-Ins in your kitchens.

Cash in on the glamour of Hotpoint in 1958!

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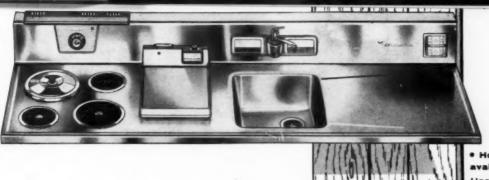
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Pictured at left-Super Deluxe Bi-Level Oven, Super Deluxe Surface Unit. Built-In Refrigerator and Freezer. Available in Stainless Finish, Coppertone, and four Colortones-Pink, Yellow, Green and Brown.



#### In one unit, a complete cooking, clean-up, and storage center

- DeLuxe Super Oven with Panorama Window.
- 4 Calrod<sup>®</sup> Surface Cooking Units, including raisable unit under deep-well cooker.
- Automatically-controlled plug-in Griddle.
- DeLuxe pushbutton Spot-Less Dishwasher.
- Seamless, stainless-steel countertop and sink with Wonderflo single-control faucet.
  Pushbutton controls and appliance outlets.
- Roomy storage cabinets and drawers.
- Disposall' Food Waste Disposer (optional)



• Hotpoint Modular Top available separately – Use with natural wood cabinets and any Hotpoint wall oven. Available with

cooking center at right

or left.

#### In a class by itself-

the distinctive, beautiful Hotpoint Modular Kitchen!

At first glance—you know that you are looking at one of the most dramatic home-selling features in America.

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Contact your Hotpoint Distributor today for details—or write to Hotpoint direct for your copy of "Kitchens by Keck," 16 pages of sketches by architect George Fred Keck, showing many of the Modular Kitchen design possibilities.

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## Dual-Cycle Spot-Less Supreme is the **GREATEST** Dishwasher in America!

The instant that women see Hotpoint Spot-Less Supreme Dishwashers in your kitchens, their estimates of your homes will soar!

Women know that the Spot-Less Supreme is so brilliant in performance-in flawless beauty-in years-ahead features-that it's in a class by itself.

The Hotpoint Spot-Less Supreme Dishwasher will be one of the most powerful "selling features" in your entire home-so contact your Hotpoint Distributor today.



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PUSHBUTTON DUAL-CYCLE SELECTOR

Utensil Cycle does pots and pans in just 16 minutes ... loosens stubborn soil and flushes it away. Normal Cycle washes dishes, glasses, silver, and lightly soiled pots and pans . . . spotlessly!

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**ROLL-R-RACKS** Roll out separately for easy, random front loading. Large 13-inch plates, tall tumblers, platters, pots, pans, even broiler racks go in quickly and easily. So roomy even large families can enjoy once-a-day dishwashing.



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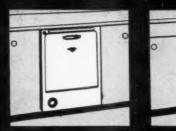
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Model MA in your model homes and-with Hotpoint selling aids-you'll quickly sell-up home buyers to the MC or DE. Or, you can in-stall the MC and sell-up to the great DE.







GOOD **Deluxe Model MA** An unequalled value for the economy-minded-with Pushbutton Control, Dual-Detergent Dispenser, two washes, two rinses, roll-out racks,

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Spot-Less Drying!

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- 1. New Miracle MLC-7: Exclusive new chemical compound coats bottom of every Perma-Seal tank, neutralizes rust-inducing properties of water. This exclusive Hotpoint discovery can lengthen the life of tank as much as 200%.
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**Deluxe models have new MAGIC CONTROL.** This insures constant supply of hot water at the right temperature for every purpose. Dial "NORMAL" for everyday needs. Dial "EXTRA HOT" for hotter water to supply your family plus a house-full of guests. Dial "VACATION" to store hot water at small operating cost while you're away.



All models feature Calrod<sup>®</sup> Magic Circle Heat—Automatic Thermostats...Cold Water Baffle...Extrathick Insulation.

Hotpoint has the *right water heater* for every need... deluxe Perma-Seal round and table-top models, low-cost round Silver Line models, low-cost table-top models, Quick-Recovery Super-Speed models, and cement-lined Perma-Stone models.

#### **Guaranteed Tank Protection for 10 Years1**

In 1,500,000 homes, Hotpoint-built water heaters have proved their superiority. In 40 years, only 3 out of every 1,000 have ever required servicing. Now they're better than ever!





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#### made-to-order for the

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- Model home pennants
- Site signs
- TV and radio scripts
- 4-color brochures
- Point-of-purchase signs
- Talking House promotions
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#### Sound-slide films that pre-sell prospects

In addition, our staff will help plan kitchens that qualify builders for Honor Home Certificates and Planned Kitchen Citations.

Hotpoint offers these services for one good reason—we want builder business. We know the way to get it is to earn it—by helping to sell your homes—with fine appliances and with powerful merchandising support. For complete details, contact your Hotpoint Distributor's Builder Specialist today.

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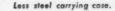


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"We use Andersen Windows exclusively because of their excellent acceptance by people we sell to," says Marshall Erdman of Marshall Erdman Associates in Madison, Wisconsin. "When we tell prospects about Andersen WINDOWALLS, they recognize a name that stands for quality."

"Andersen Windows add charm to any home," says Walter E. Crismer, president of Estates, Incorporated of Baltimore, Md. "We use Andersen Flexivents because they are easy to install, have outstanding modern design and flexibility. And they add livability to our homes."

### These project Andersen Flexivents

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See the versatile Andersen Flexivent in our booth 571-574, Hotel Sherman, at the NAHB Convention, in Chicago.

"A pleasing variation in window treatment is easy with Andersen Flexivents," writes Mr. H. M. Abele, president of Atlas-Tennessee Corporation of Knoxville. "This variation helps us achieve interesting variety using a minimum number of different floor plans."

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"We find Flexivents eliminate callbacks for servicing after owners have moved says A. S. Battiato of A. S. Battiato Construction Co., Omaha, Nebraska. "These units are a help in merchandising our homes to both men and women prospects."

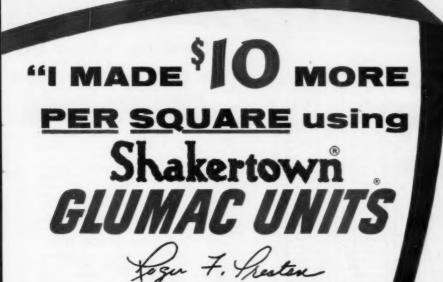
"A mark of superior quality-that's what the Andersen name means to our customers, writes Saul Fox of Fox Brothers, Englewood, New Jersey. "Flexivents help establish ours as quality homes-and their horizontal lines blend with the 'long, low look' of the homes we build.'

## builders tell how help sell homes...fast!



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#### Writes Mr. Preston:

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#### TRACK FD-57

Sturdy, extruded aluminum track with beorings properly installed comes in standard lengths for 2'0", 2'6", 3'0", 4'0", 5'0" and 6'0" openings.

No Floor Track Necessary

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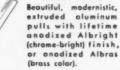
Heavy-gauge, cadmiumplated steel hanger with lifetime nylon pivot. Used on all thicknesses of doors for both guiding and pivoting.

Fits All Width Doors

#### FLOOR PIVOT BEARING FLANGE



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#### INTERLOCKING DOOR GUIDE

Cadmium-plated steel, formed to align doors perfectly and smoothly. Eliminates need for bottom track. Furnished with 4 panel door sets.

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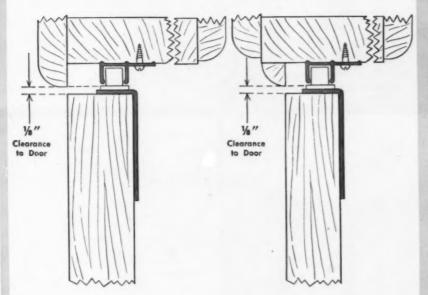
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Here's hardware that can't be matched for ease-of-operation, ease-of-installation! New M-D Folding Door Hardware can be used on any interior door, on any thickness, for every opening! Gives full access to closets, yet saves valuable wall and floor space. Comes completely packaged with all necessary parts, screws and instructions. Try new M-D Folding Door Hardware today!

## DOOR HARDWARE





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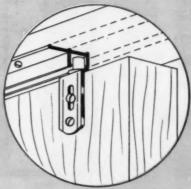
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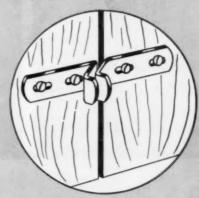
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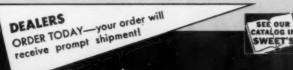
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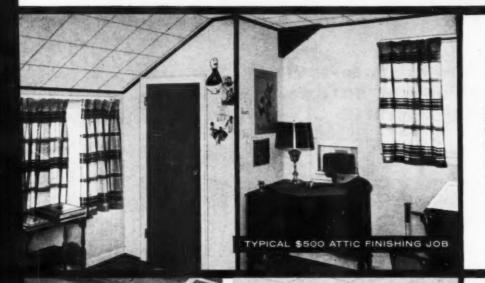
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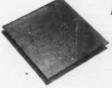
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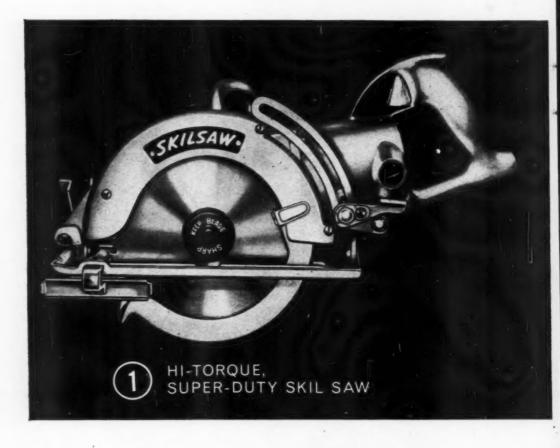
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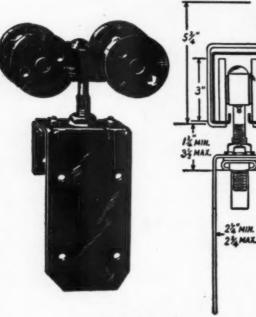
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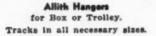
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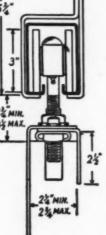
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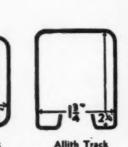






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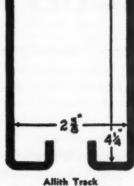
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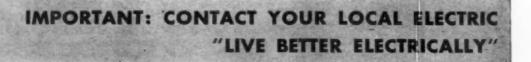
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... plus 15 more full-color ads in 6 national magazines that will sell the *idea* of living better electrically with the appliances and equipment found in Medallion Homes.

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# Electrically' Program

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"We see the new Medallion Home program as a tremendous step forward."-James H. Goss, Vice President and Group Executive

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"National advertising will support this market-development drive."-J. C. Sharp, President and General Manager

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#### RCA-WHIRLPOOL

"... will employ the Medallion Home program to help upgrade the electrical content of new homes."-John Hurley, Vice President



Seven major electrical manufacturers joined forces with the Edison Electric Institute on October 7, 1957, to announce the Medallion Home program at the "Live Better Electrically" Press Conference, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.



D. W. Jones of Duke Power awards certificate of the "Live Better Electrically" Medallion Home program to Neil Ervin of Twin City Builders, Inc., at a public ceremony launching an intensive 3-week promotion that attracted 20,000 visitors to this all-electric Medallion Home in Hickory, North Carolina.





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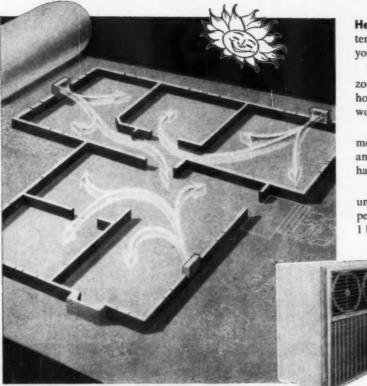
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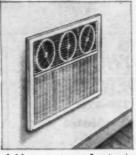
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**Builder Nels Severin says:** 

# "A housing shortage creeps

# up on you..."

#### "... we need to re-awaken

the USA to an urgent need

#### for more and better housing . . . "

"... even now, vacancy rates are falling, young home wanters are not able to buy, families are doubling up, older people are not going off by themselves to the right kind of retirement. It's high time to reawaken the USA to the urgent need for better housing. We must particularly reawaken government people, for until they see Americans sleeping in cars they may not realize the urgency. We've got to make them understand that *now* is the time for Americans to buy the housing they are entitled to," says Nels Severin.

It's axiomatic that NAHB's first vice president is a "man in motion" at the Chicago convention, a man everyone wants to question. When the man is also chairman of the NAHB's legislative committee, there's even more reason to pinpoint his views on housing for the year ahead. American Builder editors asked the questions and pinpointed the answers in an exclusive interview with Nels Severin that we think is essential to our traditional "convention preview" issue.

Turn the page for Severin's answers to your 1958 housing questions

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#### NELS SEVERIN'S ANSWERS ON 1958, continued

Q: In terms of a well-housed USA, are 1,000,000 starts a year adequate for 1958?

A: "We must build to meet need, not to hit a magical number. The answer is no."

We must better our 1957 efforts (latest projection: 1,025,-000 starts). We're not overbuilt, except in limited places and in limited price classes—where the tendency has been to "upgrade" until the builder reaches a point of diminishing return.

Our additional housing should take in all segments of the income scale, of course; but the need for housing is greater in the lowerincome class. And please understand this: I don't believe in cheap houses for the sake of cheap houses. We want to upgrade the standards of living of lower-income people and we are increasing our technology to do this. But the lower-income groups need our attention first.

In this respect, it's unfortunate that so many areas have sharply raised their site requirements; that's one of the reasons why FHA 203 (i) cannot be significant on a full-scale national level. Other reasons: high land



costs and high labor costs.

Speaking of low-cost houses, I think it's important to understand that "low cost" in one area is not "low cost" in another. The tendency to "lump" low-cost housing is bad, and Congress often does just that.

Q: What is the first step that must be taken to meet fully the need for more housing in '58?

A: "The removal of discount controls is of paramount importance—our first objective."

Since the passage of the Housing Act of 1957 (last July), it has taken only these few short months to prove that discount controls are unworkable. In the West and deep South, the proof is most dramatic. That's why the removal of discount controls should be our number one objective in Congress. And we've strong support, including Cole, Mason, even the President, himself. Practically everyone agrees that the Housing Act of 1957 could do a tremendous job in raising the American standard of living were it not for the inhibiting effects of discount controls. There is another reason, of course: the tendency among



mortgage people to require terms higher than those permitted under law . . . for which, by the way, I do not necessarily blame them.

# Q. What is the second step that builders must take to build more houses than in '57?



A: "We've got to revamp our FHA set-up, most importantly in terms of relaxing the interest rate."

We've got to have a flexible FHA interest rate, and I'm glad to say that the American Bankers' Assn. and the Mortgage Bankers Assn. are supporting us. It should be a rate established—and, more importantly, subsequently *administered*—by a government board



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I also think that the maximum mortgage insurance on one-tothree family dwellings should be adjusted upward from \$20,000 to \$30,000. That's important.

A third development in our FHA program should be the facilitation of trade-in housing. I favor a trade-in program to make it possible for a builder, realtor or seller to deposit in escrow up to 15% of a loan approved by FHA on a trade-in house. The builder then has 18 months to find a buyer eligible to FHA for the full amount of the loan.

A fourth modification of FHA that would help us build more houses in 1958 seems to be very much 'in the works': allowing FHA to insure the top portion of

conventional loans, perhaps the top 20%. As we see it, this plan would not set a maximum interest rate. Thus, lenders would be much more apt to part with mortgage money. Still another modification of our present FHA set-up: I hope that FHA will be allowed to insure up to 80% of a builder's program to develop private water and sewerage facilities. You can imagine what this would do to bring to the market land that has not been available because of the high cost, to the builder, of financing his own community facilities.

#### Q: How about FNMA? What about a Central Mortgage Bank?



#### A: "I definitely urge builders to support several improvements in the Federal mortgage picture."

We strongly urge the formation of a true Central Mortgage Bank to encourage and permit the free flow of funds for building on a national scale. It should be able to set realistic interest rates and issue advance commitments so that lenders or mortgagees may borrow on their mortgages. And it should be able to market long-term debentures. Until we have this, FNMA should perform as many of these functions as possible. Recent "tightmoney" policies have tended to discriminate against the housing



industry. But in 1958 we'll be expected to "take up the slack."

# Q: How does the small-volume builder fit into the picture for 1958?



#### A: "He's in a better position right now than the large-volume builder."

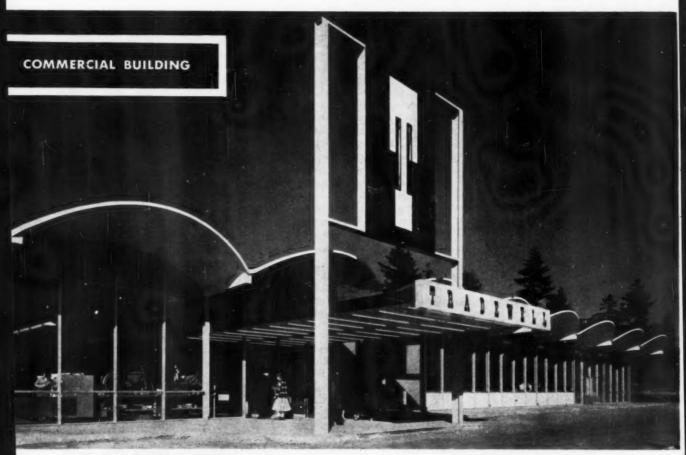
In most areas in 1957, the small-volume builder has done all right because he has been able to operate on conventional loans. His increased volume has taken up some of the slack of the larger operations. I think he will continue to do all right in 1958. His biggest problem is land, and one good solution to this is a cooperative development of sites. He should join with other builders to develop land cooperatively.

A good example of this type of profitable cooperation is what six builders did in Savannah (see May, 1957 American Builder). Individually they're in business for themselves; together they are developing the scarce land they need so much.

I want to say also that the NAHB is ready and able to give small-volume builders plenty of help in 1958. Actually, the smallvolume builder can gain more



from his NAHB membership than the larger builder. That's because the larger builder could perhaps get (on his own) much of the information that the smaller builder could not possibly get except through his Association.



NEW MARKETING CONCEPT awaits the customer from the time he enters the convenient parking lot until he returns to his car. Thin-shelled concrete roof has a 12' overhang that provides covered walk and loading area.

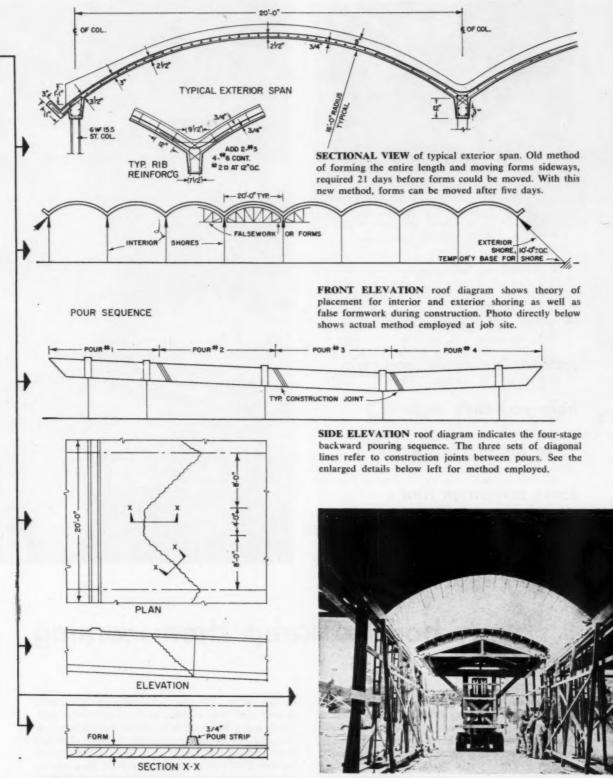
# How a thin-shell concrete roof saved 25 cents a sq. ft.

The vaulted-roof supermarket shown above is a striking example of contemporary design. But the success of the design is its naturalness—natural because, here, form follows function. The construction techniques used create beauty because the building's primary concept is low cost. Answer: use thin-shell reinforced concrete for the roof, use fast pouring cycles. Result: a saving of 25 cents a sq. ft. Complete building cost: \$10.30 per sq. ft.

Heavily reinforced, the shell is only  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" thick. The shell was used in lieu of wood joists and steel because of economy. Sprinklers and suspended ceilings were eliminated—added economies. Suspended ceiling wasn't used because vaulted ceiling is a completed design. No acoustical treatment was needed. The arch provides its own acoustics. Underside of the vaulted bays needed nothing but paint.

Shells were formed by moving forms along their length, similar to the method used in building tunnels. The forms were moved after 5 days. Because of the fast cycle of moving and pouring, a relatively small area of forming was required.

Builders: Jentoft and Forbes. Architects and engineers: Welton Becket FAIA and Assoc. Project: Tradewell Market, Burien, Wash.



**CONSTRUCTION JOINT DETAIL** from three views. To ensure proper bond between pours, edge of first pour was roughened with wire brush, exposing aggregate, thoroughly wetted prior to placing adjacent pour.

NOVEL MOVABLE FORM innovation utilized at the site allowed the builder to make maximum use of the fourstage pouring cycle. Hardboard-coated form was mounted on fork lifting mechanism of a rubber-tired tractor.

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of new homes wired, lighted and equipped for modern living—is focal point of new home-merchandising program.

A seal of approval plus nationwide promotion can help you cash in on a "Live Better Electrically" sales campaign that's made to order. Here's the story on ...



### ... how to keep them coming

Today's home builder, if he's at all interested in turning out a quality home, no longer has to rely solely on his own local efforts to promote it. There's a trend toward using coordinated, nationwide merchandising programs, backed by industry, to help out. Off to a fast start this month, the "Live Better Electrically" program promises to be one of the most effective in the home-merchandising field.

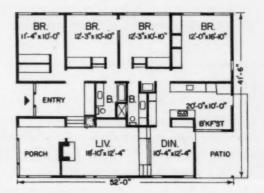
Designed by the electric industry to give home buyers a recognized symbol of electrical excellence in the homes they buy, the program features a bronze medallion awarded by local utilities to qualifying home builders. Meanwhile, hard-hitting advertising in national magazines, network TV and local newspapers pounds home the message: "Look for the Live Better Electrically Medallion on the home you buy."

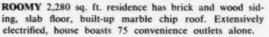
Opened recently in Hickory, N.C., the first home to get the electric nod of approval set a pattern for similar Medallion home promotions to be under-





**HOUSE IN HICKORY, N.C.**, first to qualify as a Medallion home, is priced in the \$25,000 class. Contemporary in style, it has sloping roof and deep overhang.





**EARLY ARRIVALS** pass site sign—one of many in area —on way up driveway. Whirlwind promotion tactics guaranteed intense interest in house by Hickory residents.

# to your model house

taken by other utilities, builders and manufacturers across the country. Here's how it worked:

• Built by Twin City Builders, Inc., sponsored, certified and promoted by Duke Power Co., the home qualified for the Medallion according to 5 criteria: all-electric kitchen, all-electric laundry, heat pump, light conditioning (AHLI standards), full housepower (200 amp service entrance).

• Preliminary publicity heralded the event, with the local newspaper carrying heavy editorial cover-

age along with a barrage of trade tie-in ads.

• Opening-day ceremonies were covered by area radio, TV and press and a telecast was run.

• Utilities provided 3,000 descriptive brochures for visitors, kept the home well manned with home service staffers, floodlighted the exterior at night.

An unqualified success, the home stands as a tribute to the power of well-planned promotion. The electric industry has every chance of meeting its goal for '58—120,000 more electric homes.

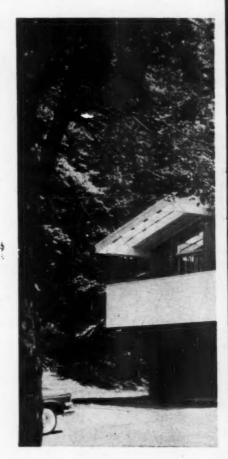
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#### American Builder Blueprint for January



"If you're going to sell contemporary houses to tradition-minded buyers, you've got to give them something more than just a contemporary-looking exterior," award winning builder Bill Shroder says. Here he tells you how . . .





### ... he sells contemporary



CLEVER USE OF EALCONY gives house a design character as well as enhancing adjacent space it serves. It actually serves only kitchen and end bedrooms, but gives the illusion of extending completely around the house with its wrap-around lines. As can be seen from this view, looking up toward the house, the basement is kept out of the ground. A strip of high windows and a door are provided, readying space for future expansion.

HOUSE FITS snugly into rolling terrain, making maximum use of the existing site. Two design elements can be seen at work that tend to lower the high end of house; they are: 1. wide overhang; 2. projecting balcony.

### houses in a conservative area

Contemporary design is hard to sell in most parts of the country. In conservative Westchester County, N. Y., it's even harder. Yet builder Bill Shroder is having no trouble at all selling the house shown here, one of the winners of AMERICAN BUILDER'S 1957 Best Model Home Contest.

First question: why does Shroder build a modern house in such a difficult market? "Because," he says, "its simplicity and clean design make it very economical to build."

Second question: if his market is so traditionally minded, how does he sell the house? Here's Shroder's answer:

"We give them things they can't get from any other kind of design—principally a feeling of space, both inside and out. Lots of buyers aren't fond of modern design—in fact many of them even dislike it. But when they see what they get inside the house, they buy it anyway."

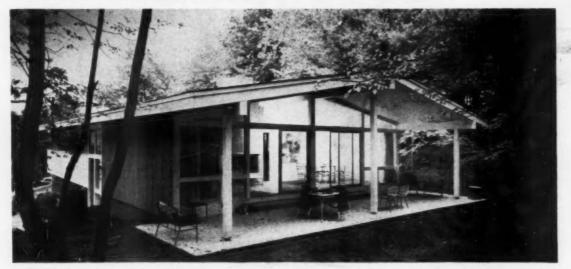
Shroder is competing in a high-cost market, and this house sells for \$37,650 including land. In that price range, says Shroder, he is competing with older homes.

"The older house can give them just as many rooms, plus a beautifully landscaped lot that has had a hundred years to get in shape, for the same price. So we have to give them something more."

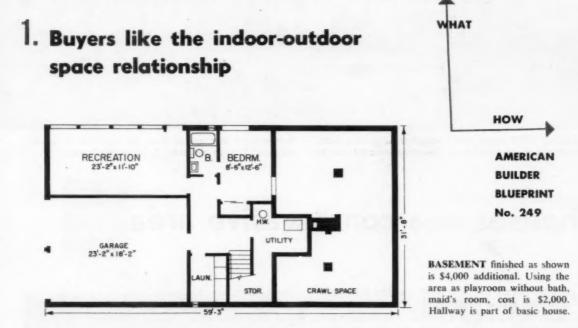
The "something more" is over 1,800 sq. ft. of living space; a spacious openness that uses outdoor areas to emphasize it; and an additional 700 sq. ft. of basement area that can be finished off into a huge recreation area, or a rumpus room and bedroom. By keeping the basement out of the ground and adding windows and a door, expandable area is available at lowest possible cost. For more on Shroder and how he handles land planning, see p. 210.

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HOW HE SELLS CONTEMPORARY IN ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE AREA, continued



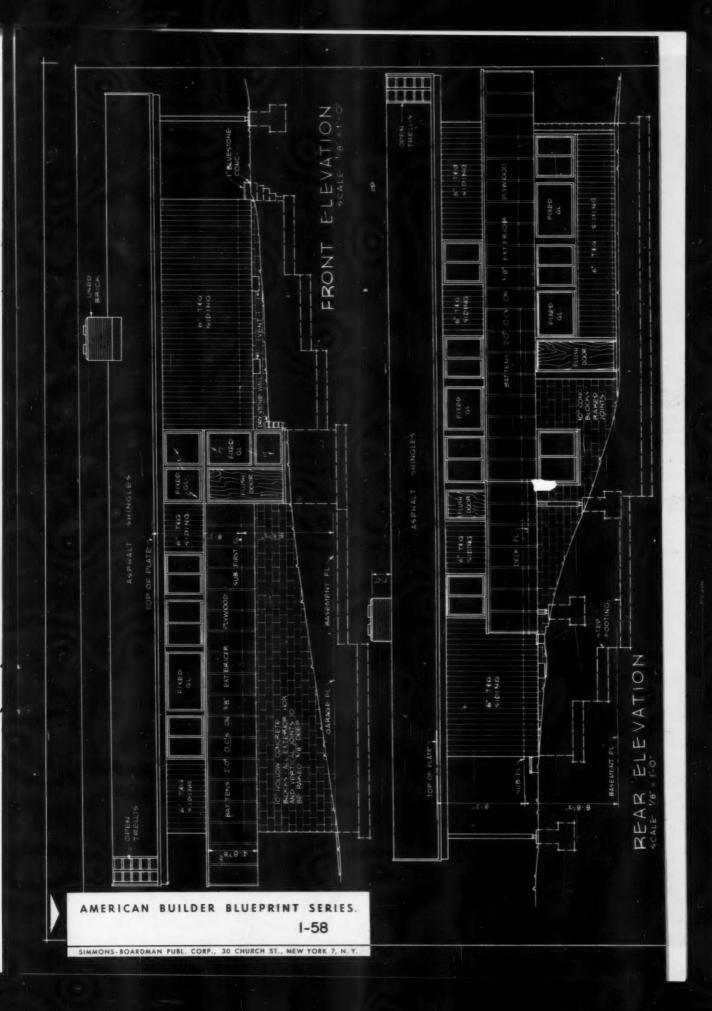
OUTDOORS floods into living and dining areas through the fully glazed wall at the upper rear of the house. Tenfoot roof projection covers inexpensive gravel patio, which is accessible through sliding-glass doors.

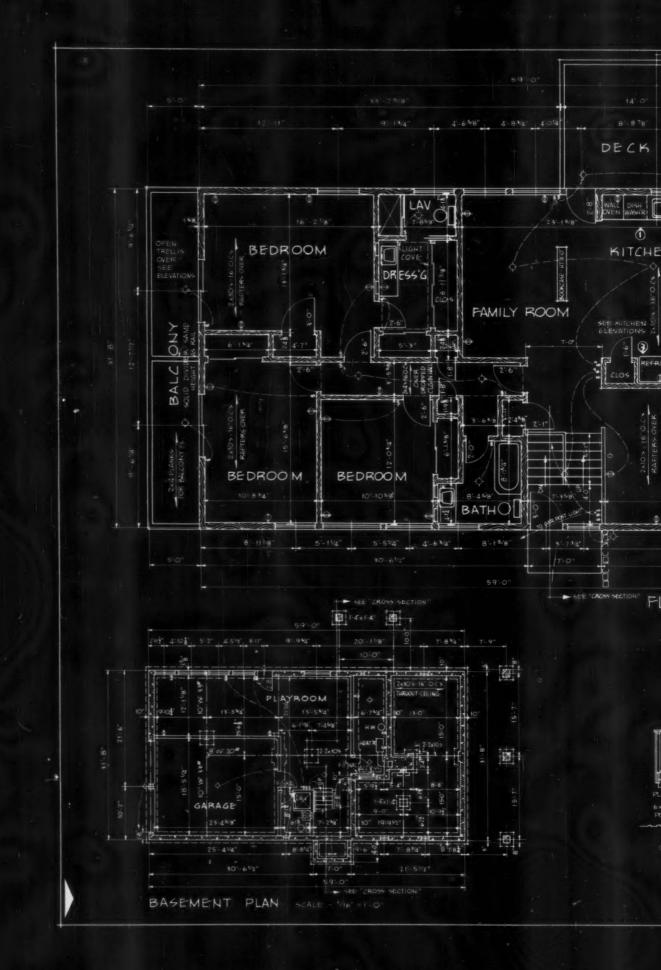


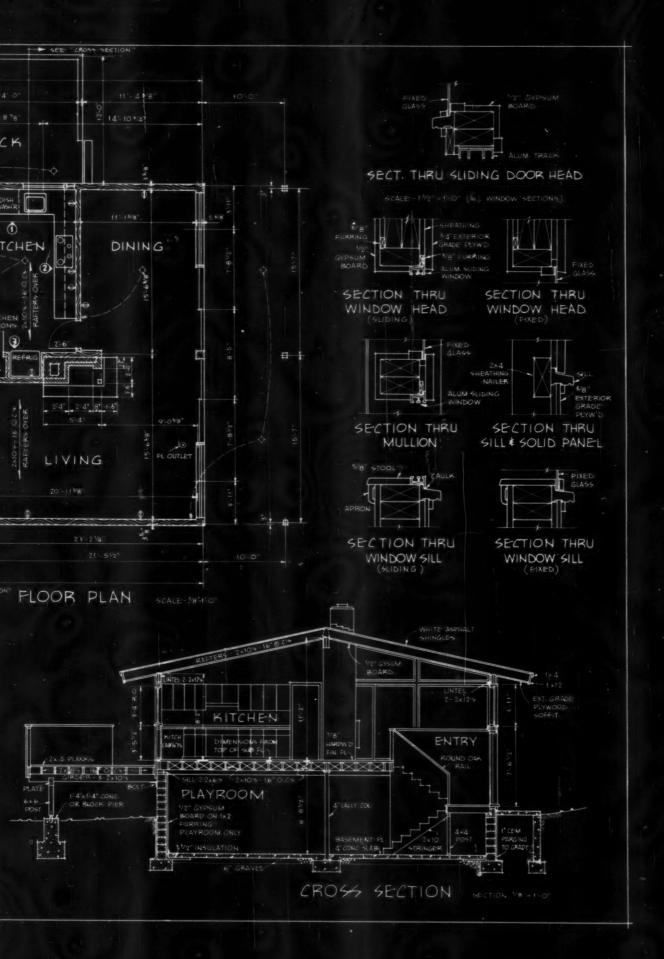
# 2. Buyers like the expandable space Shroder builds in

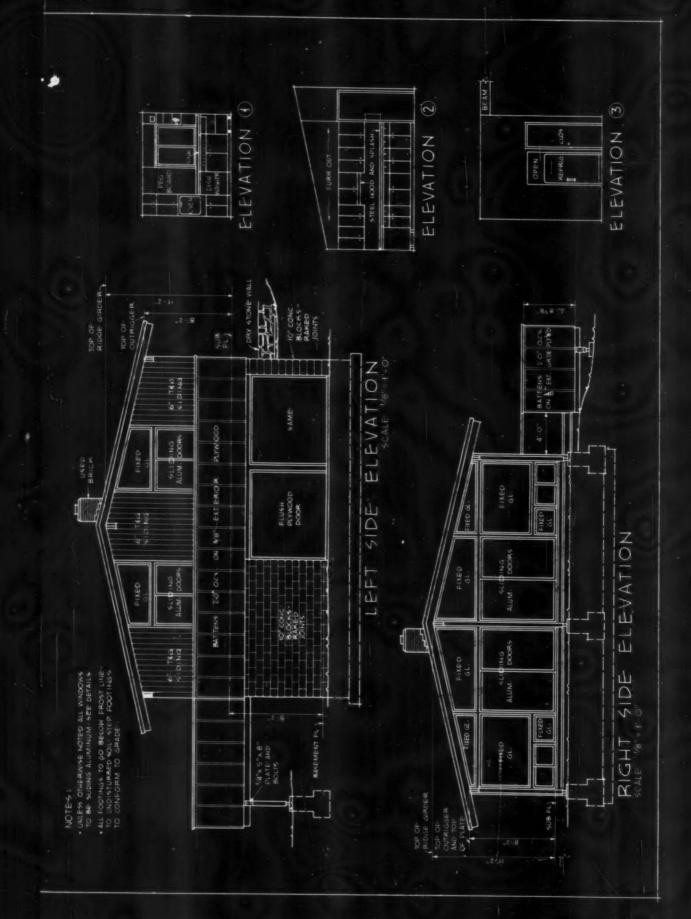
#### List of products used in the January Blueprint House

Johns-Manville shingles; U.S. Gypsum sheathing; Redwood Cedar siding; Trimline windows; L.O.F. glass; Schlage hardware; #1 Oak flooring; Romany tile (U.S. Ceramic Tile Co.); Armstrong linoleum; U.S. Mineral Wool insulation; Aristocrat kitchen cabinets; Glide-Away [Farley & Loetscher Mfg. Co.] garage doors; Visqueen (Visking Corp.) vapor barrier; U.S. Gypsum drywall; Rheem water heater; Carrier heating, cooling; Lightolier fixtures; American Standard plumbing; Frigidaire dishwasher, oven, range; NuTone blender, hood.









HOW HE SELLS CONTEMPORARY IN ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE AREA, continued



**PANELED FIREPLACE** partially separates formal living from dining area. The dining area is completely closed-off

from kitchen. The open cathedral ceiling heightens the feeling of space, costs Bill Shroder less to build.

### Buyers like the formal and informal family living, eating areas



OPEN FAMILY-KITCHEN AREA is biggest hit of house. This space can also be used to make that fourth

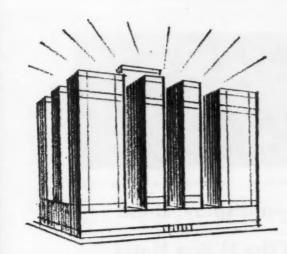
bedroom on the main level. There is enough room for a 10x13' bedroom with closet, leaving a 10x15' kitchen.

# 1958 PRODUCT SHOW

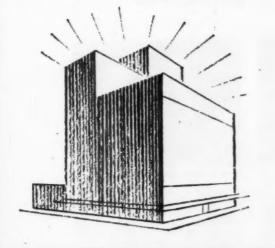
On the next 100 pages:

manufacturers show you their latest new products. And here's where you'll find them at the NAHB convention in Chicago ...

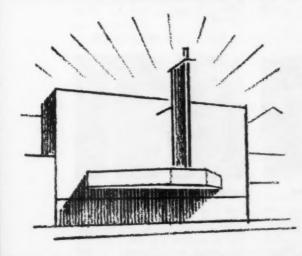
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Products on display at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago: turn to the next page...



Products shown at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago: you'll find them starting on page 132...



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than 45 bonus products starting on p. 190



# New products on display: these

#### can be seen at the Hilton Hotel

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#### **Kitchen set saves space**

Fits easily into any kitchen corner, the Dormalux Wall Hung kitchen nook comes in a variety of colors and sizes at low prices. Vinyl plastic upholstered seats and backs with matching Formica tables.

The Dormalux Company, Dept. AB, 50 Mechanic Street, Buffalo 2, N. Y. Booth No. 363—Hilton.

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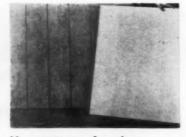
#### **Prefab has four bedrooms**

One of six models added to Pease Homes line for 1958, the Highwood will sell for from \$20,000 to \$25,000 plus land. Home contains four bedrooms and one-and-one-half baths with optional full second bath.

Pease Homes Div., Pease Woodwork Co., Dept. AB, 900 Forest Ave., Hamilton, Ohio. Booth No. 241—Hilton.

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#### New patterns for pine

Patch-free plywood panels are grooved by U.S. Plywood to give effect of real pine paneling. There are two patterns: Plank (left) with V-grooves at 8" intervals, and Cape Cod with multiple-groove design.

U.S. Plywood Corp., Dept. AB, 55 W. 44th St., New York 36, N.Y. Booth Nos. 147-149 —Hilton.

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#### **Control many appliances**

Two new Westinghouse Automatic Appliance Centers are designed to fit between studding in standard tour-inch walls. Models have various types of appliance outlets—on retractable cords or on plug-in sockets.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dept. AB, 246 E. 4th St., Mansfield, Ohio. Booth Nos. 88-93—Hilton.

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#### Say it with music

A built-in radio is featured in this new ventilating range hood which also has push button control for three-speed fan and light. All controls are out front, Available without radio; comes in three lengths.

Berns Air King Corp., Dept. AB, 3050 N. Rockwell, Chicago, III. Booth Nos. 350-351 —Hilton.

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#### Installation made easy

New Ceco aluminum windows with integral fin-trim can be easily nailed or screwed into sheathing or framing. The integral fin is a broad extruded edge which is prepunched for nail or screw placement.

Ceco Steel Products Corp., Dept. AB, 5601 West 26th St., Chicago 50, III. Booth Nos. 105-107-Hilton.

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AMERICAN BUILDER



#### Wallboard is supersmooth

Laminated from 6 plies of wood fiber to 3/8" thickness, the Upson Super-Built Panel meets project builders' and prefabricators' needs for interior surfacing. Phantom Tape eliminates visible corner moldings.

The Upson Co., Attn. A. E. Calver, Dept. AB, Stevens St., Lockport, N. Y. Booth No. 20—Hilton.

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New designs enhance bath

The Wascolite Showerwall is a tub enclosure with plenty of design and color interest. The doors are made of translucent Acrylite embedded with ferns, flowers and other textured objects. Also shatter-resistant.

Wasco Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Bay State Road, Cambridge, Mass. Booth Nos. 352-353—Hilton.

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Home plans on display

"Blue Ribbon Homes" is the title of this company's latest addition to its home plan library. Complete working blueprints are available to builders at a nominal cost. Books and plans on display at the convention.

L. F. Garlinghouse Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 820 Quincy, Topeka, Kan. Booth No. 326-Hilton.

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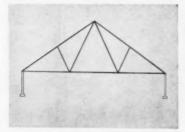


**Pre-built to save time** 

Factory-built and fire-safe, this masonry chimney can be installed by one man in 3 hours. Like its companion unit, the clay tile gas vent, it comes packaged with all parts, including brick-design panel housing.

Van-Packer Co., Div. of Flintkote, Dept. AB, P.O. Box 306, Bettendorf, Iowa. Booth Nos. 150-151-Hilton.

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#### Gives "provincial" roof

A newly-developed series of Teco trussed-rafter designs will be introduced. Designs offer a saving over conventional framing. This one provides a steep slope for builders desiring provincial roof effect.

Timber Engineering Co., Dept. AB, 1319 18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Booth Nos. 33-34—Hilton.

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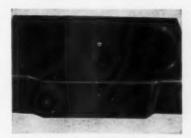


**Steel invades prefabs** 

U.S. Steel's prefabricated house eliminates old style load-supporting walls, offers increased flexibility in place of interior partitions. Other features: termite and rot resistance, skyscraper-like strength.

▶ U.S. Steel Homes, Inc., Dept. AB, Charlestown Road, New Albany, Ind. Booth No. 15 —Hilton.

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#### **Coating safeguards tubs**

The problem of protecting enamel surfaces on new plumbing jobs is met with "Coat-a-tub", a black, strippable plastic coating. Applied with brush, it dries to tough film, is peeled off when work is completed.

Protectub, Inc., Dept. AB, 71 Ludlow Street, New York, N.Y. Booth No. 230-Hilton.

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Shade lets air circulate

Designed specifically for sliding-glass doors is this new woven wood shade called Sundor. Features include air circulation, light diffusion and sun protection, easy installation plus privacy, too.

Consolidated General Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Box 7425, Houston 8, Tex. Booth Nos. 380-381—Hilton.

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Made for low slope roofs

Locked-on roof protection, appearance and economy are three advantages claimed for this concern's new asphalt shingle, Celo-Lok. A twin-tab, strip design, the shingle has a wedgeshaped locking device at each tab.

The Celotex Corp., Dept. AB, 120 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Booth No. 4-Hilton.

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# Rolling glass doors can decide

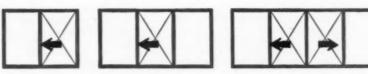
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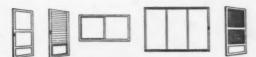
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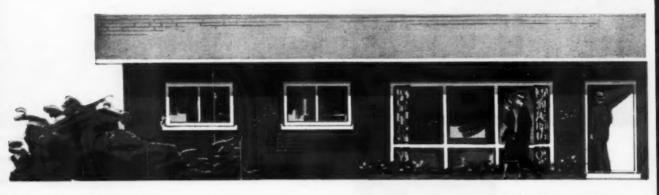
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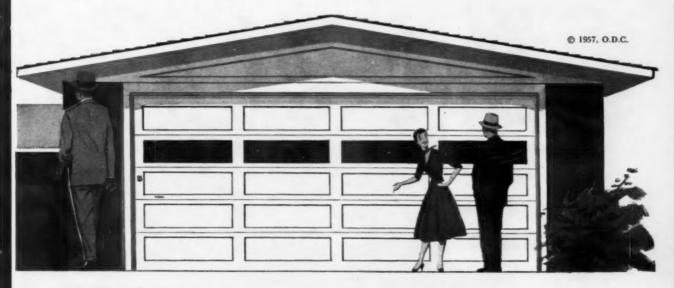
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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE HILTON



#### **Flooring is prefinished**

Offered with either prefinished or unfinished surface, this oak flooring is available to builders in all standard grades and sizes. It is produced in both red or white oak, and is called Oakstrip.

D. L. Fair Lumber Company, Department AB, Box 309, Louisville, Miss. Boath No. 334 —Hilton.

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#### Laminated block all oak

Here is a laminated oak block which was developed to provide economical hardwood floors. For trouble-free installation in homes built on concrete slabs. Made of 3 plies of toughgrained Southern oak.

E. L. Bruce Co., Dept. AB, 1648 Thomas St., Memphis 1, Tenn. Booth Nos. 68-69-Hilton.

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#### This tub door folds

A new folding tub and shower stall door has been introduced. Made of polystyrene panels and hinges, the Modernfold Tub-master opens and closes entirely within the stall doorway. In white and colors.

New Castle Products, Inc., Attn. J. Kenison, Dept. AB, New Castle, Ind. Booth Nos. 328; 66-67—Hilton.

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#### Architect-planned pre-fab

A new three-bedroom home styled in a Colonial manner by Emil A. Schmidlin, A.I.A., is now being marketed. The Sunwood features a "traffic-flow" floor plan, large rooms and extra storage space.

National Homes Corp., Dept. AB, Earl Ave., Lafayette, Ind. Booth Nos. 62-63— Hilton.

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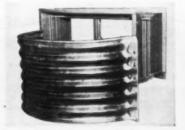


#### **3** elements combined

Just introduced to the trade is an exterior wall construction system composed of Shadowbestos framing, Shadowbestos sheathing and J-M Colorbestos sidewall shingles. Latter gives deep shadow lines.

Johns-Manville Sales Corp., Dept. AB, 22 East 40th St., New York 16, N.Y. Booth Nos. 124-126—Hilton.

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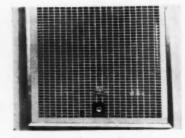


#### Window has pouring form

A steel combination window is now produced with an integral pouring form (built-in bucks) and a window well. Both included for faster installation. Called Uni-Form, units come in 8", 9", 10" thicknesses.

Kewanee Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 1642 Burlington Ave., Kewanee, III. Booth No. 310—Hilton.

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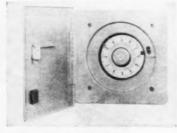


#### **Radiant wall-type heater**

A new automatic electric radiant convector-type wall furnace has been introduced. Called the R&M-Hunter wall furnace, it will be produced in six sizes from 1500 to 5000 watts. Prices start at \$53.50.

Hunter Div., Robbins & Myers, Inc., Dept. AB, Memphis 14, Tenn. Booth No. 130-Hilton.

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#### **Timer controls lighting**

New, built-in timer for automatically controlling home lighting, the Intermatick Lamp-Lyter is both functional and beautiful in design. Wired into one or more circuits, switch turns lights off or on as desired.

International Register Co., Dept. AB, 2620 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago 6, III. Booth Nos. 383-384—Hilton.

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Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths

The Royal, Thuro Bilt Homes' 34x28 Cape Cod model, offers 1,315 sq. ft. of living area. Plan includes four bedrooms (or three and family room) and two baths. Adaptable for basement or crawl space.

Thuro Bilt Homes, Thuro Bilt Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Fairbury, III. Booth No. 182 —Hilton.

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# a new line for aluminum

# and combination doors

New tulip knob design in choice of key-In-knob or slide lock styles. Pressure cast aluminum knob and lever handle. Extra strong, solid steel spindle; stainless steel escutcheon, bolt and strike with weather-protecting, baked-on aluminum or brass pigmented enamel finish. Tie bolt construction. Light bolt action for easy closing with door closer. For outswinging doors. Has 1" wide escutcheon for narrow stiles. Fast, easy installation — no edge hole required; only three small cross holes. Adjustable surface mounted strike. Write for new brochure.

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-a complete unit wood casement consisting of vacuum chemically treated frame and sash, double weatherstripped, glazed with welded insulating glass (optional) equipped with screens and all hardware-concealed hinges, worm-gear operator and locking device.

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are constructed to prevent any

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#### **OPERATOR & HINGES** New, fully concealed sliding type hinges offer safety pro-

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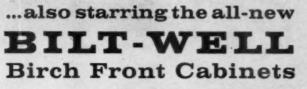
Bilt-Well's Unitized sill simplifies installing groups of Casements offering complete flexibility—speedy and econom-ical installations. Simply set each, side by side, without long cumbersome sills.





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WINDOW UNITS, Double-hung, Awning, Casement, Basement, Storm and Screen. CABINETS, Kitchen, Multiple-use, Wardrobe, Storage, Vanity-Lavatory and Vinyl Countertops. DOORS, Exterior, Interior, Screen and Combination.







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**Finishes with one coat** 

Thorosheen RW7 is an acrylic paint for both interior and exterior use. It is said to be acid, alkali, and mildew proof, will allow the wall to breathe, and can be applied to green plaster or cement surfaces.

Standard Dry Wall Products, Inc., Dept. AB, Post Office Box X, New Eagle, Pa. Booth No. 152—Hilton.

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#### Sash-balance snaps out

A new development of Zegers Duraseal Combination Metal Weather-strip and Sash Balance window equipment is "Snap-Clip." Permits the removal or replacement of sash, weatherstrip, and balance during construction.

Zegers, Inc., Dept. AB, 8090 South Chicago Ave., Chicago 17, III. Booth No. 11-Hilton.

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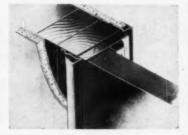


#### **Overdoors have 20 rollers**

A five-section overdoor for the contemporary ranch house features McKee Twin Rollors. Two nylon or ball bearing rollers eliminate graduated hinges. They provide the door with 20 rollers instead of the usual 12.

McKee Door Co., Dept. AB, 85 Hankes Ave., Aurora, III. Booth Nos. 206-207-Hilton.

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Trim gives modern look

The nose of Casings' No. 102 square profile trim for drywall construction is forced firmly against the jamb. Highly protective, it gives a modern appearance. Trim is formed of 24 gauge Galvanite steel.

Casings, Inc., Dept. AB, 2408 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wisc. Booth No. 337-Hilton.

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#### Gives trim look to baths

With its built-in drawers, towel racks, laundry hamper and storage shelves, the Mat-a-dor Vanity gives a trim living-room look to the bath area. Counters are plastic-surfaced; choice of 6 colors.

Glissade, Inc., Dept. AB, 1437 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. Booth No. 362-Hilton.

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#### Doors of mahogany or birch

Simultaneous alignment of panels, an extruded aluminum track, nylon wheels and guides, and flame resistant panel connectors are featured in new Beautywood folding doors. Available in mahogany and birch.

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**Sliding doors grow slender** 

Extra strength extruded sections combined with design which gives a slender appearance, are features of the Ludman door. Upper guides are of nylon; lower wheels operate on ball bearings.

Ludman Corporation, Dept. AB, 14100 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. Booth No. 129 —Hilton.

Circle No. J31 on reply card, p. 114.



#### **Combines two advantages**

Advantages of two popular types of window are combined in a new unit produced by Pella. It gives the appearance of double hung sash, plus the advantages of awning windows, with stored screens and storm sash.

Rolscreen Company, Attn. Marlyn Klimstra, Dept. AB, Pella, Iowa. Booth Nos. 18-19—Hilton.

Circle No. J32 on reply cord, p. 114.



Save installation time

Faster installation, as well as utility and space-saving features, is claimed for the Hufcor laminated door. The semi-rigid, self-supporting covers will blend with any form of architecture from traditional to modern.

Hough Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 1029 S. Jackson St., Janesville, Wisc. Booth No. 228—Hilton.

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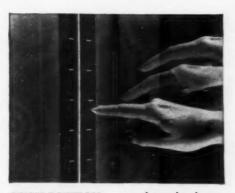
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Only BullDog Electri-Center<sup>®</sup> panels with Duo-Guard Pushmatic<sup>®</sup> breakers safeguard circuits two ways. The thermal-bimetal action provides positive response to small overloads, while magnetic action protects against high overloads and shorts caused by faulty cords. What's more, main disconnects for each 100 amps of service prevent overloading of service entrance conductors.

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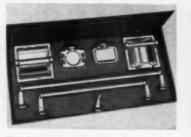
**PUSH BUTTON**... and service is restored! It's an exclusive feature of Pushmatic circuit breakers, ends fuse hunting, appeals especially to women.





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#### **Bath accessories in chrome**

Newport medium-priced chrome bathroom accessories, feature selfcentering backplate. Set No. 8575 includes paper holder, tumbler and toothbrush holder, soap holders, 18 and 24" towel bars, robe hook.

Adrian Div., Hoover Ball & Bearing, Dept. AB, 1365 E. Beecher, Adrian, Mich. Booth No. 64—Hilton.

Circle No. J34 on reply card, p. 114.



**Center displays hardware** 

For floor display or as a counter unit, the Grant Sliding-Door Center is an attractive way of exhibiting a wide choice of hardware to customers. Contains working models of door hardware plus literature dispenser.

Grant Pulley & Hardware Corp., Dept. AB, High Street, West Nyack, N. Y. Booth Nos. 301-302-Hilton.

Circle No. J35 on reply card, p. 114.



#### Absorbs 60 per cent of sound

A fibreboard roof deck designed for use in open-beam ceiling construction is "Cushiontone." Combines acoustical efficiency, insulation, vapor barrier. In 2'x8' planks, 2 or 3" thick for ease of installation.

Armstrong Cork Co., Attn. C. E. Moore, Dept. AB, Lancaster, Pa. Booth Nos. 40-42-Hilton.

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#### **Designed for buyer appeal**

Mark '58 model, selected "House of the Year," features latest product developments. Home is designed to offer more buyer appeal per sq. inch. Available in four basic plans. From \$20,000 to \$42,000.

Scholz Homes, Inc., Dept. A8, 2001 N. Westwood, Toledo 7, Ohio. Booth Nos. 330-333—Hilton.

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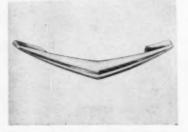


**Ready-to-install paneling** 

Factory-finished paneling in a variety of hardwoods is packaged ready for speedy installation. Comes in <sup>1</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub>" thickness in 48x96, 32x64 and 16x96inch sizes. Synthetic finish resists oil, dirt, scuffs and stains.

Roddis Plywood Corp., Attn. R. G. Steinkamp, Dept. AB, Marshfield, Wisc. Booth No. 2—Hilton.

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#### Drawer pull has "V" contour

Modified "V" design cabinet and drawer pull has delicate proportions of latest decorator trends. Die cast of virgin zamak assures great strength. Unit is 4½" long with 2½x¾" gripping area.

Ajax Hardware Sales Co., Dept. AB, 4355 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles 32, Cal. Booth Nos. 204-205—Hilton.

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#### Simplifies installation job

Norwall, a close-coupled wall-hung toilet for contemporary residential bathrooms, simplifies cleaning. In white or colors, it hangs on a carrier which can be installed easily in a standard 6" wall.

American-Standard, Dept. AB, 40 W. 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. Booth Nos. 133-138 —Hilton.

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#### Insulates the garage

Drawing shows honeycomb-core of Weather-King Flush Barcol OVERdoor for garages. Air inside cells gives insulation value of 5" house wall. Weatherproof material makes doors practical in all climates.

Barber-Colman Co., Department AB, Park Plant, Rockford, III. Booth No. 181-Hilton.

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#### Switch handles 12 outlets

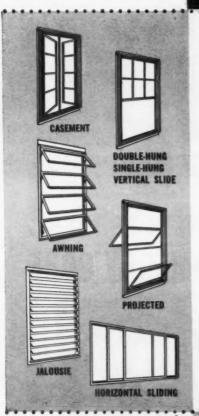
A new master selector switch permits control of 12 circuits of lights and outlets from one location. Separate "on" and "off" knobs make it easy to control with one hand. It operates on a safe 24-volt circuit.

General Electric, Wiring Device Dept., Dept. A8, 95 Hathaway St., Providence, R. I. Booth No. 112-Hilton.

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# ... include Quality Approved ALUMINUM WINDOWS

Today's home buyer is more interested in quality of construction and quality of building products than ever before. He is looking for better value, more convenience and lower maintenance.

You will find "Quality-Approved" aluminum windows a real asset in selling today's market. They add the "touch of quality" that buyers can see and recognize easily from either outside or inside the house. They mark you as a quality-minded builder.

"Quality-Approved" aluminum windows have been designed and constructed to meet recognized quality standards—standards that have been adopted by the FHA. What's more, the Quality Seal on these windows indicates they have been tested and approved by a well-recognized independent laboratory for quality of materials, for construction, for strength of sections and for minimum air infiltration.

For additional information consult any of the manufacturers listed below, or write direct to Dept. AB-581.

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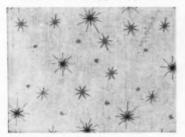


Offers 50 types of nails

Over 50 varieties of nails, each in a number of sizes are now available from this firm in either one or five-lb. boxes. The cartons are labeled to show specific application as well as contents.

Independent Nail & Packing Co., Dept. AB, 106 Hale St., Bridgewater, Mass. Booth No. 324-Hilton.

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# Hardboard is predecorated

Star-motif "Celestial" wall panel is this company's latest addition to its line of wall surfacing. Panels are a standard 4'x8'. They're suitable for walls, ceilings, as sliding doors or as counter tops.

Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, Dover, Ohio. Booth No. 32-Hilton.

Circle No. 344 on reply cord, p. 114.



### New furnace models added

Coleman has added three models to its line of "Trim-Boy" gas-fired warm air furnaces. Both up-flow and downflow types. The largest is a 165,000 Btu up-flow model with outside height, 63"; depth, 30"; width, 291/2".

The Coleman Company, Dept. AB, 250 North St. Francis, Wichita 1, Kan. Booth Nos. 43-47-Hilton.

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Sheathing saves work time

Sheathing which is a construction time-saver is available from Insulite. Panels come in easy-to-handle size; are easily applied in minimum time. Provide structural insulation for house.

Insulite Div., Dept. AB, 500 Investors Bldg., Minneapolis 2, Minn. Booth Nos. 116-117-Hilton.

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**Glass doors enlarge room** 

Latest among window and door products is the Fulvue sliding glass door. Unit is made with a satin-finished aluminum. Provides homeowner with a more complete exterior view; makes

The F. C. Russell Co., Dept. AB, 1100 Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Booth Nos. 201-202-Hilton.

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### **Takes no cabinet space**

No ducts extend into cabinet space from this new Deluxe Hood-Fan. Powerful 10" exhaust fan operates closer to burners. The new unit also has a remodeled hood design to fit modern kitchen decor.

Nutone, Inc., Dept. AB, Madison & Red Bank Rds., Cincinnati, Ohio. Booth Nos. 323-Hilton; 882-Coliseum.

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Fountain saves many steps

A new drinking fountain for installation on the exterior of the house is manufactured by this company. A vitreous china "Deerbrook" model, model, the fountain is equipped with nonsquirting head, self-closing valve.

Kohler Co., Dept. AB, Post Office Box A, Kohler, Wisconsin. Booth Nos. 710-Coliseum; 94-96-Hilton.

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Kitchens take to grey tone

Custom hardwood kitchens with a new limed oak finish called Pearltone now available. Designed to coordinate with modern decorating trends. All units are stock items and are shipped ready for assembly.

I-XL Furniture Co., Dept. AB, 67 W. Division St., Chicago 10, III. Booth Nos. 311-316-Hilton.

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New safety in gas valve

Detroit Controls displays a new gas valve design. It incorporates a gas valve, pressure regulator and safety pilot in a single compact unit. Gives safe lighting, has a 100% safety pilot shut-off.

Detroit Controls Corporation, Dept. AB, 5900 Trumbull Ave., Detroit 8, Mich. Booth No. 379-Hilton.

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rooms look larger too.



# Seamless sheets of **VISQUEEN** film protect 1500 Woodcrest homes from moisture for life

Precut one-piece vapor barriers of VISQUEEN film are a major economy factor in construction of 1500 split-level homes at Woodcrest, Haddonfield, New Jersey. After excavation and trenching for heat ducts, the VISQUEEN film is placed in a matter of minutes, heat ducts installed and concrete poured.

Bernie Alterman, job superintendent for 20th Century Construction Company, says, "From every standpoint this is the most satisfactory vapor barrier I have worked with."

VISQUEEN film meets Federal Housing Administration Minimum Property and Test Requirements and Federal Spec. UU-P-147B for moisture vapor control.

Only VISQUEEN film is made in *seamless* widths to 32 feet—further indication of VISKING Company's leadership in everything relating to polyethylene film. For detailed information, please use the request tag.



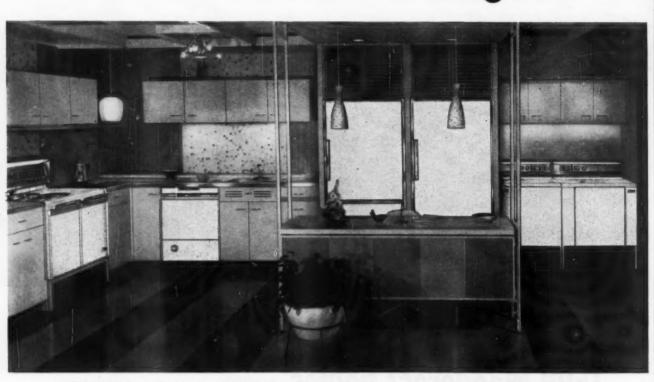
**VIBQUEEN** film is all polyethylene, but not all polyethylene film is VISQUEEN. Only VISQUEEN film has the benefit of research and resources of VISKING COMPANY.

PLASTICS DIVISION VISKING COMPANY Division of P.O. Box 1410, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA IN CANADA: Visking Limited, Lindsay, Ontario.

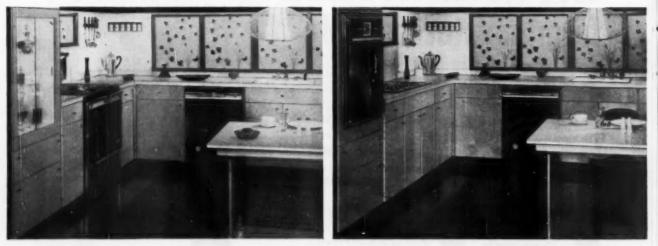


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CAROUSEL --- one of Frigidaire's new Idea Kitchens featuring Sheer Look Appliances in Mayfair Pink with Cabinets by St. Charles



FLEXIBILITY of modular design is shown at its money-saving best in the Oriental Magic Idea Kitchen with Cabinets by Bilt-Well. At the left, the 30-inch RI-39-58 Range blends into a compact cooking center. At the right, in the same cabinets, the RBW-101 Built-In Cooking Top drops into position; RBW-90 Wall Oven slips into the glass cabinet space. Either way, Frigidaire makes it easy to satisfy every home-buyer'

# sheer look...plus appliances

# BLEND-INS, BUILT-INS, MODULAR DESIGN, MATCHED COLORS AND STYLING, AND MORE NEW HOME-BUYER FEATURES GIVE YOU THE EDGE IN SALES AND PROFITS

YOU'RE OUT FRONT with the beautiful new Frigidaire free-standing blend-in appliances, with the Sheer Look... PLUS. They install in minutes, snug up to standard wood or steel cabinets to give your kitchens the wanted built-in look—make every corner count. Because they match in color, style, quality, and performance, you can blend them to perfection with Frigidaire Built-ins.

They're loaded with woman-appealing better living features — the kind that start home sales right in the kitchen. And look at the variety of colors you can choose to high-style any priced home — Mayfair Pink, Turquoise, Sunny Yellow or Charcoal Gray, all sold by Frigidaire at the same price as White. New Sheer Look Appliances are styled right, made right, and priced right to put you out front. BUILDER-DESIGNED BUILT-INS offer you (and your home-buyers) so much more, thanks to the New Sheer Look...PLUS. See for yourself how easily they install with less handling, less wasted time, less on-site labor cost — in most cases just three easy steps from rough-in to finished selling feature. True modular design means perfect fit in standard wood or steel cabinets...more flexibility in kitchen planning.

Featuring the same years-ahead Sheer Look styling and colors as the entire family of Frigidaire Appliances, these built-ins assure you of qualitymatched kitchens that won't be "old" before they're sold. Let your next job prove Frigidaire has *the* complete line of builder appliances, heating and air conditioning, too, to keep you out front in profits.

For an advance showing of the newest ideas in built-ins and three new idea kitchens, too...

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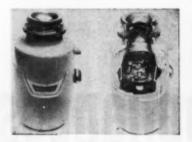
FRIGIDAIRE DIVISION, General Motors Corporation, Dayton 1, Ohio

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**Disposer muffles sound** 

Cutaway model of waste disposer shows sound-muffling plastic outer shell. It's lined with one-half-inch Silican fibre sound sponge which "soaks up" sound of food being liquefied. Turquoise shell modern designed.

Waste King Corporation, Dept. AB, 3300 E. 50th St., Los Angeles, Cal. Booth Nos. 55-57—Hilton.

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# Sink has steel top

Depending on kitchen requirements, sink bowl in this cabinet sink is available on either left or right. It is equipped with standard Deckmount Faucets, two giant size storage cabinets and 4-roller drawer.

Tracy Manufacturing Co., Dept. A8, 3125 Preble Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Booth No. 342— Hilton.

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# Here's a new hinge design

A new aluminum hinge has been specially designed for use in Alcoa Carefree Homes. It has a loose joint which permits removal of the door without removing the screws. Of highly polished aluminum finish.

McKinney Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 1715 Liverpool St., Pittsburgh 33, Pa. Booth No. 340— Hilton.

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**Bath is color-matched** 

Decorator-toned recessed baths and water closets now available from this firm. Designed to fit the most lavish bathroom color scheme. Turns this room into an important sales extra for the house.

Crane Co., Dept. AB, 836 South Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, III. Booth Nos. 74-79-Hilton.

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#### **Reduces erection time**

Straight lay is used on lightweight Ferrobord steel roof decking, enabling several crews to lay deck simultaneously. Result: reduction in total erection time. Available in units  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in depth and up to  $32^{\circ}$ 6" in length.

Republic Steel Corp., Truscon Steel Div., Dept. AB, Youngstown, Ohio. Booth Nos. 5-7—Hilton.

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### **Glass** gives unblocked vision

Twin-ground Parallel-O-Plate glass spans the entire front of this furniture store in Sandusky, Ohio. Provides abundant daylight without a single structural post to block vision. Adds to sales appeal.

Libbey-Owens Ford Glass Co., Dept. A8, 608 Madison Avenue, Taledo 3, Ohio. Booth Nos. 142-143—Hilton.

Circle No. J57 on reply card, p. 114.



# **Cleaning unit improved**

Model H-20 Vacu-Flo vacuum unit is available to be used with Vacu-Flo central built-in cleaning systems for new and existing houses. This new power unit gives a smoother and quieter performance.

H-P Products, Inc., Dept. AB, 501 W. Broad St., Louisville, Ohio. Booth Nos. 335-336—Hilton.

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Designed for a/c additions

These are gas-fired lowboy winter air conditioners, capacity ranging from 80,000 to 185,000 Btu inputs. Several models with oversize blower motors are designed with addition of summer air conditioning in mind.

Mueller Climatrol, Dept. AB, 2005 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee 1, Wisc. Booth Nos. 114-115—Hilton.

Circle No. J59 on reply card, p. 114.



**Cabinets are natural birch** 

Slated for display at the NAHB exhibition is the "Yorktowne" line of natural birch kitchen cabinets manufactured by this company. Among the many features of these units is their versatility in design.

Colonial Products Co., Dept. AB, Dallastown, Pa. Booth Nos. 157-158—Hilton; 780-781—Coliseum.

Circle No. J60 on reply card, p. 114.



"I don't worry about service calls with



Bilt-In ranges"



"Our most expensive costs-trouble callshave just disappeared"

says Martin H. Braun prominent Chicago Architect-Builder and president of the Home Builders Association of Chicagoland\*

\*Heretofore known as Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association.

A big successful home builder like Martin H. Braun doesn't spend more than others for his kitchens - but be does try to get more for bis money. This point is well illustrated by his selection of PREWAY Bilt-In ranges - offered to buyers of the 410 homes that he is now building in Martindale Estates.

Mr. Braun knows the PREWAY Wallchef and Counterchef units provide the eye appeal a kitchen needs; he knows they offer the automatic cooking features that women look for — and most important to the builder, Mr. Braun has learned that PREWAY Bilt-Ins go in quickly and PERFORM PERFECTLY after installation.

Calls for servicing are not experienced — nor need they be expected. That's what Martin H. Braun especially likes and looks for - and why he now concen-

trates on this pioneer line of color co-ordinated built-in appliances. It might be a very good reason for you, too, to investigate PREWAY. Hundreds of other large and small builders already have.

Write today for colorful specification bulletins that give you full information on PREWAY Bilt-In ranges, electric and gas; PREWAY'S Bilt-In refrigerator-freezer; and PREWAY range hoods.



INC. 8158 Second Street, North Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Since 1917 — Pioneer manufacturer of built-in ap-pliances — refrigerator-freexer combinations, gas as and surface units, ventilating range boods. and electric ovens

# 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE HILTON



Add bath convenience

Alliance Ware is featuring three units handy for builders. First, a double bowl lavatory cuts installation time. Second, a junior size bath for small bathrooms. Third, a closet combination in six colors.

Alliance Ware, Inc., Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, Alliance, Ohio. Booth Nos. 159-160—Hilton.

Circle No. J61 on reply card, p. 114.



Fire safety for folding doors

Fiberglas as a backing for the vinyl surface of this Foldoor enhances its lo@ks, eliminates the possibility of shrinkage, and provides a good fire barrier. Pulling the door shut will help retard nearly any conflagration.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Dept. A8, 16 East 56th Street, New York, N. Y. Booth Nos. 87, 374—Hilton.

Circle No. J62 on reply card, p. 114.



# Shows washing progress

Kelvinator's 1958 automatic washer and dryer shows at a glance each phase of the washing drying operation. Panoramic panel model has square corner styling, may be installed flush to the wall.

Kelvinator Div., American Motors Corp., Dept. AB, 14250 Plymouth Rd., Detroit 32, Mich. Booth No. 1—Hilton.

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**Fashion in bathrails** 

No special framing is required to fasten the Superior Bathrail. Fasteners are adjustable to fit any location of wall studding. Heavily chrome plated, the rail is trim in design and sturdy enough to support 500 lbs.

Superior Bathrail, Inc., Dept. AB, 31720 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Wisc. Booth No. 187—Hilton.

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Shingles have everything

Yellow Ceramo sidewall shingles were used on the exterior of this house. Made of two virtually indestructible materials—asbestos and Portland cement—they won't rot, burn, fade or require painting.

Philip Carey Manufacturing Company, Dept. AB, Lockland, Cincinnati 15, Ohio. Booth Nos. 27-29—Hilton.

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Lots of hot water here

Officially known as Model 148R, the latest in Bryant's "Crystalglas" series of water heaters is a 30-gal. unit with a 42,000 Btu per hour input. It's designed to accommodate all modern laundry equipment.

Bryant Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 2020 Montcalm, Indianapolis, Ind. Booth Nos. 84-85—Hilton.

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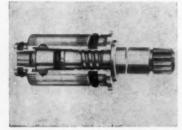


Ice serving made easy

Instant ice service is featured in Cold Pantry refrigerators. Tray is inverted and slid into slot. Light pressure on the ice ejector showers cubes into slide-out bin. Zero-zone temperature keeps cubes hard.

Frigidaire Div., General Matars Corp., Dept. AB, 300 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio. Booth Nos. 162-170: 189-194-Hilton.

Circle No. J67 on reply card, p. 114.



**Brass fitting has long life** 

A new addition to U/R's Luxury Trim line is the brass fitting called Uni-Pak. Features longer life since water cannot reach threads; unit can be easily removed for repair; there are no packings to tighten.

Universal-Rundle Corporation, Dept. AB, 217 N. Mill St., New Castle, Pa. Booth Nos. 8-10—Hilton.

Circle No. J68 on reply cord, p. 114.



Brass fittings boast color

Color inserts to match the bathroom fixtures are a feature of the newly designed chromed-brass fittings for Briggs Beautyware. The interchangeable snap-in inserts are available in a choice of six colors, chrome, white.

Briggs Beautywore, Department AB, 6600 E. 15-Mile Rd., Warren, Mich. Booth Nos. 101-104—Hilton.

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**Ranges** come in color

Welbilt-In ranges are now available in pink and yellow. These colors are in addition to the coppertone and chrome. Price of pink and yellow are the same as the chrome units. Come in gas or electric models.

Welbilt Corporation, Dept. A8, Welbilt Sq., Maspeth 78, N. Y. Booth Nos. 155-156 —Hilton.

Circle No. J70 on reply card, p. 114.



# A kitchen hood that tilts

Press the button, and this ventilating hood swings down for easy cleaning. Entirely self-contained, complete with light switch and 3-speed fan control. Designed so that exhaust duct can be installed without cutting cabinet.

Emerson Pryne Company, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 698, Pamana, Cal. Booth Nos. 58-59-Hilton.

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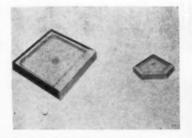


## Door pull has a magic touch

Designed for easy opening, closing and locking, the door pull on the Miller "1000 Series" aluminum sliding glass doors has satin chrome finish and Lucite grip. Doors have interchangeable molds.

Frank B. Miller Manufacturing Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 3216 Valhalla Drive, Burbank, Cal, Booth No. 382-Hilton.

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### Shower floor is pre-cast

A leak-proof, easy-to-clean shower floor is this new Monterey model. Designed in one piece of pre-cast terrazzo, it offers an integral threshold which eliminates this time-consuming detail in built-on-the-job installations.

Fiat Metal Manufacturing Co., Altn. G. C. Hay, Dept. AB, Franklin Park, Illinois. Booth No. 186—Hilton.

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Door hardware on a budget

Quality hardware marketed at low cost, the new "Thriftee Pak" 400 series sliding door hardware lets the builder add luxury touch of a fine fascia track. Set is designed for fast installation, quiet door operation.

John Sterling Corporation, Attn. Anthony James, Dept. AB, Richmond, Illinois. Booth Nos. 226-227—Hilton.

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# Waterproof with latex

Gold-Bond Hydro-Check waterproof coating is a latex paint guaranteed to stop water, leaking or seeping through masonry walls. Ideal as a basement waterproofing material, it now comes in four colors and cement gray.

National Gypsum Company, Dept. AB, 325 Delaware Ave., Buffalo 2, New York. Booth No. 13—Hilton.

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# From \$10,500 to \$23,500

Heading the list of Harnischfeger homes for 1958 is the "Holly." Designed by L. Morgan Yost, the prefab line includes L-plan and straightfront houses with a variety of floor plans. With hip and gable roofs.

Harnischfeger Homes, Inc., Dept. A8, 500 N. Spring Street, Port Washington, Wisc. Booth Nos. 183, 200—Hilton.

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Bath tub has "low look"

Richmond's newly designed 5-foot recess tub, the "LoSeat," is built with low silhouette (14")—a convenience for youngsters and elderly people. Lighter weight makes for easy installation. Choice of white or pastels.

Richmond Plumbing Fixlures, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 111, Metuchen, N. J. Booth Nos. 338-339; 356-357-Hilton.

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Heat pump is self-contained

The new Weathertron heat pump, shown here located in a carport, is a self-contained 3-ton unit. It is capable of heating and cooling a 3-bedroom home automatically year round, using only electricity and air as fuel.

The General Electric Co., Dept. A8, 5 Lawrence Street, Bloomfield, N. J. Booth Nos. 97-99—Hilton.

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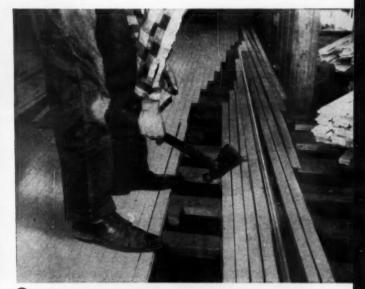
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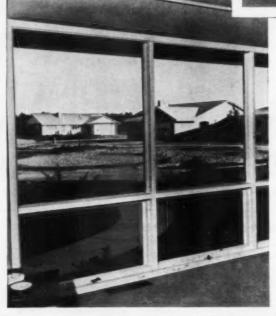
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# **Pump has decorator finish**

A horizontal-flow indoor heat pump in natural gray enamel and gold-colored trim finished cabinet now offered. Has extra large rippled-fin coil, while blower is company's floating type. Three to 5 ton cooling.

Lennox Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, 200 South 12th Ave., Marshalltown, Iowa. Booth Nos. 212-214-Hilton.

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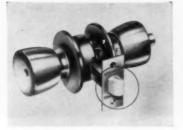


Wood and metal blended

Natural wood cabinet doors are featured on these Monterey-style wallhung units. Metal is Sandalwood color to blend with wood, and line includes sliding-door "pantry" cabinets that fit below wall units.

Youngstown Kitchens Div., American-Standard, Dept. AB, Salem, Ohio. Booth Nos. 118-122-Hilton.

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### Locks give smoother action

Lockwood Hardware offers a new residential series of cylindrical lock and latch sets for interior doors containing nylon latch bolts. Tests show material is long-wearing, reduces frictional resistance.

Lockwood Hardware Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Fitchburg, Mass. Booth Nos. 184-185-Hilton

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Wallboard is pre-decorated

U. S. Gypsum's pre-decorated "Sheetrock"-a low-cost gypsum wall paneling with a wood-grain appearancenow comes in three new finishes. In remodeling, the Sablewood panels were applied over old walls.

U. S. Gypsum Company, Dept. AB, 300 N. Adams St., Chicago, Illinois. Booth No. 128-Hilton.

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# To construct dry walls

Upson has two new related products for dry-wall construction. One is a waterproofed and supersmooth surface board for interiors called Super-Bilt panels. The second, a phantom tape system for inside corners.

The Upson Company, Department AB, Stevens St., Lockport, New York. Booth No. 20-Hilton

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# **Conditioner** is portable

A lightweight portable air conditioner is the Hotpoint "power-plus" model with up to 8,000 Btu cooling capacity. Available in 71/2 and 12 amp sizes for either 115 or 230 volt service. They can be used as dehumidifiers.

Hotpoint Co., Dept. AB, 5600 West Taylor St., Chicago 44, Ill. Booth Nos. 48-52-Hilton

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Stake bar gives 6 positions

New steel stake bar offers six positions for holding steel stakes in positive distances apart-varying from 16 to 24". Particularly adapted to low wall forming, stake bar can be reused.

Symons Clamp & Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 4249 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago 39, Ill. Booth Nos. 232-233-Hilton.

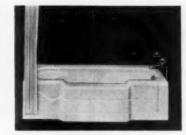


Has brick-like finish

Vitroliner's prefabricated chimney in simulated red or buff brick finish has appearance of real brick. This flue housing comes complete in component form in a package. In choice of sizes and types.

Condensation Engineering Corp., Dept. AB, 3511 W. Potomoc Ave., Chicago, Ill. Booth No. 12-Hilton.

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#### **Recess bath has rim seat**

The Legation model is one of six in Eljer's line of formed steel and enameled cast-iron tubs. It has an integral end seat 6" wide. Available in right or left hand outlets, and in choice of white or six colors.

Eljer Div., Murray Corp. of America, Dept. AB, 3 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. Booth Nos. 80-82-Hilton.

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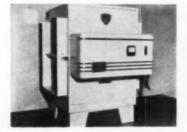


# **Transmissions all automatic**

Gasoline-powered industrial lift trucks in capacities of 15,-20,000 lbs. are now available with fully automatic transmission. Elimination of clutch pedal and gear shifting makes truck capable of more work.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 11000 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia 15, Pa. Booth Nos. 35-36—Hilton.

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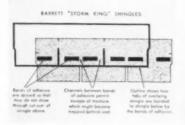


### Air cleaner is economy-sized

An economy-sized electronic air cleaner has been added to its line by this manufacturer. Called the model 6-100, the new unit has an 800-1000 cu. ft. per minute capacity, fits a furnace of up to 100,000 BTU capacity.

Trian, Inc., Attn. W. Trandle, Dept. AB, 1000 Island Ave., McKees Rocks, Pa. Booth No. 210—Hilton.

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### **Roof shingle seals itself**

Called the "Storm King", a new selfsealing shingle has been announced by Barrett. Adhesive is activated by sun's heat, and is applied on the granule side of the shingle. Strips protect adhesive before installation.

Barrett Div. Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., Dept. AB, 40 Rector St., New York, N. Y. Booth No. 203—Hilton.

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# Locksets install quickly

New series of low-cost, interior, residential locksets has speed-assembly system. Schlage "J" series has surfacemounted face and strike plate, pre-set screws, snap-in knob assemblies. Also features snap-on rose.

Schlage Lock Co., Dept. AB, 2201 Bayshore Blvd., San Francisco, Cal. Booth No. 127--Hilton.

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### Sheathing is mold-free

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Georgia-Pacific Corp., Dept. A8, Equitable 8ldg., Portland 4, Ore. Booth Nos. 217-219 —Hilton.

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# Adds to wall interest

Wall designs that can be created for any room in the house with Formica blocks or planks will be part of information available at the Formica booth. Application techniques are easy, require few tools.

Formica Corp., Dept. AB, 4614 Spring Grave Ave., Cincinnati 32, Ohio. Booth Nos. 196-199—Hilton.

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# Designed for store a/c

This air conditioner called Flexible-AIR can be fitted with 4-way adjustable louvres. Compact and smartly styled, it has a uni-knob control, easily replaced filters. Control allows manual or automatic temperature control.

Stewart-Warner Corp., Heating and Air Conditioning Div., Dept. AB, Lebanon, Ind. Booth No. 39—Hilton.

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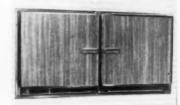


# **Operates for slumber**

Slumber-quiet operation and large grilles adjustable for four-way directional air control are featured in these cabinet-designed air conditioners. Spacious filter area and automatic thermostat. In 1, 1½ and 2 HP sizes.

Airtemp Div., Chrysler Corp., Dept. AB, 1600 Webster St., Dayton 1, Ohio. Booth Nos. 60-61—Hilton.

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### **Refrigerator changes face**

"Citation" refrigerator-freezer has replaceable Formica fronts. They come matched to 30 wood finishes and over 100 colors and patterns can be changed — even after installation. Doors can be reversed for left or right.

Philco Corp., Dept. AB, "C" & Tioga Sts., Philadelphia 34, Pa. Booth Nas. 175-178—Hilton.

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# **Closet units prefabbed**

Builders will be interested in this display of Kennatrack's new gliding door wardrobe assembly units. Kenna-pak units are a line of easily-installed prefabricated wardrobe headers. Assure smooth, noiseless operation.

Kennatrack Corporation, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 677, Elkhart, Ind. Booth Nos. 70-71-Hilton

Circle No. J97 on reply card, p. 114.



#### **Furnace fits small area**

American-Standard's winter air conditioning furnace is compact due to a new, more efficient sectional heat exchanger. The finish on this gasfired model allows its installation in any recreation room. Can also be tucked away in an alcove or closet. Also features a slide-out blower assembly for servicing or cleaning.

American-Standard, Air Conditioning Div., Dept. AB, 40 W. 40th St., New York, N. Y. Booth Nos. 139-141-Hilton.

Circle No. J98 on reply card, p. 114.

# **Lighting levels tripled**

General Electric's Power Groove fluorescent tubes with a high frequency lighting circuit, operate in a fixture designed especially to handle them. The fixture has an all-aluminum reflector and louver of new design. The new installation attains a lighting level of over 1,000 footcandles. Claimed to be 3 times greater than any existing lighting.

General Electric Co., Dept. AB, Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio. Booth No. 109-Hilton

Circle No. J99 on reply card, p. 114.

#### **Custom panel with tile**

Tile which gives a custom-panel look. on 81/2" flat V-edge panel tile, will be part of the tiling display by Tilemaster. Stimulating decorating ideas at the 1958 NAHB exhibit will include a display of the Pepper Grain 41/4" field tile by Tilemaster.

Tilemaster Corp., Dept. AB, 4400 North Harlem Ave., Chicago 31, 111. Booth Nos. 173.174-Hillon

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### Heat pump on display

Exhibited at the Westinghouse booth will be the complete line of appliances styled for '58. Included will be models of smartly styled air conditioners in wide range of sizes. Keynote of exhibit will be the firm's new model heat pump.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dept. AB, 401 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Booth Nos. 88-93-Hilton.

Circle No. J101 on reply card, p. 114.

### Window preview for '58

On exhibition at the Century booth will be aluminum prime windows. Styled for '58, wide-view windows are available in wide range of sizes. Features include long-life, little maintenance for duration of house and easy installation.

Century Aluminum Corp., Dept. AB, Route 11, South, Box 21, Scottsburg, Ind. Booth No. 370-Hilton.

Circle No. J102 on reply card, p. 114.

# Offer complete paint line

A complete line of exterior and interior paints, with both oil and emulsion bases, is offered by the National Chemical Company. Color charts and prices are available upon request. More information from National Chemical's exhibit booth at the NAHB convention.

National Chemical & Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 3617 S. May St., Chicago, Ill. Booth No. 343-Hilton.

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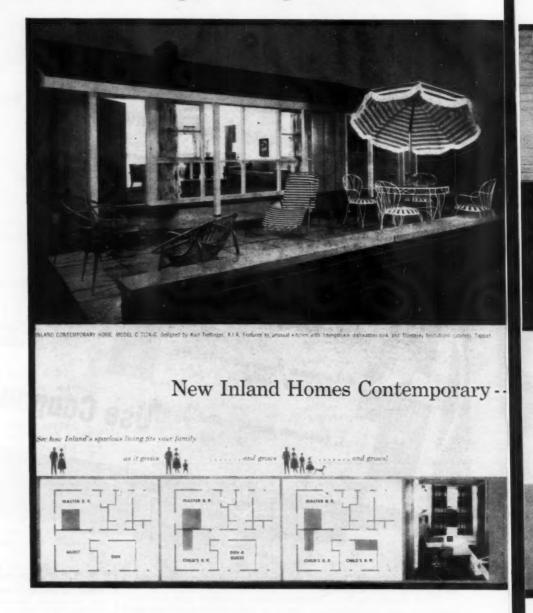
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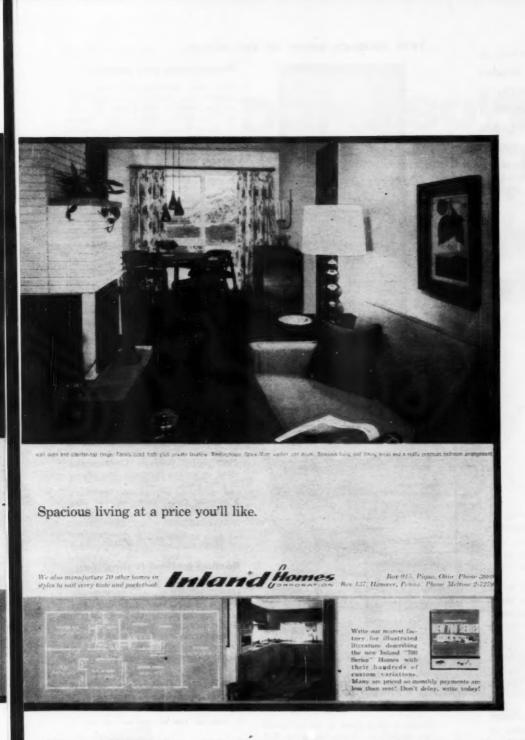
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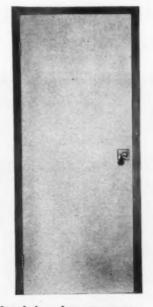
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Fenestra, Inc., Dept. AB, 2250 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit 11, Mich. Booth Nos. 72-73—Hilton.

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#### A door for every opening

Standard stock doors in the Steelcraft line include louvered, half-glass, full glass, transom, double and sliding doors. This one is 1-3/4'', sounddeadened, and has 3-lite half glass and sight-proof louvre. Frame is 18 gauge with integral transom section. One of many varieties of steel doors, many of which are especially designed for use in schools.

Steelcraft Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 9017 Blue Ash Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. Booth Nos. 53-54—Hilton.

Circle No. J105 on reply card, p. 114.

#### **Plastics take new patterns**

Two new patterns have been announced for the G. E. Textolite decorative laminate line. "Mist" is a gray or beige with a white spatter through it, and "Italian Marble," a marble pattern in three colors. More new laminates on display at G.E.'s Convention booth.

General Electric Laminated Plastics Div., Dept. AB, Coshocton, Ohio. Booth Nos. 110-111-Hilton.

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### More uses for ceramic tiles

Complete line of ceramic tiles, including the full range of color choices, will be displayed at the NAHB exposition. Suggested end uses of the product, and color matching hints also will be demonstrated.

United States Ceramic Tile Co., Dept. AB, 217 Fourth St., N.E., Canton 2, Ohio. Booth No. 240—Hilton.

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### Panel is "Misty Walnut"

Slated for distribution east of the Rockies, a new woodgrained pattern, "Misty Walnut", comes in 4'x8' panels, one-quarter inch thick. Carries grooves in groups of five spanning an area  $2^{1}\!2''$  at 16" intervals. Grooves also serve as nailing locations and appear at joint lines.

Masonite Corp., Dept. AB, 111 West Washington St., Chicago 2, III. Booth Nos. 30-31—Hilton.

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# **Roofing method is simplified**

The "Hagerman 88" method is what Homasote calls its new roofing process. It covers a roof at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ hour per square; it is adaptable to almost any structure with a 4" pitch or more; and it is fully weatherproof, even without painting. For extreme climates, a special design of roofing is available.

The Homasote Company, Dept. AB, Fernwood Rd., P. O. Box 441, Trenton 3, N. J. Booth Nos. 23-24—Hilton.

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## Office machine is functional

Automatic division, short-cut multiplication, high-speed addition and subtraction with automatic credit balance are features reported for this firm's latest office machine, the DX-94. Unit also records figures.

Remington Rand Div., Sperry Rand Corp., Dept. AB, 315 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y. Booth No. 369—Hilton.

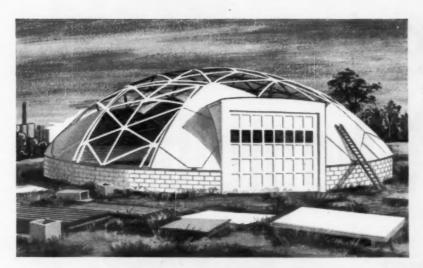
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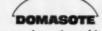
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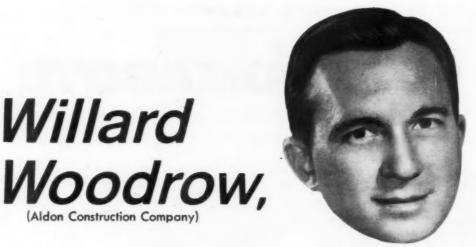
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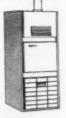


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# **Cincinnati's "Best**

HOME



This home, featuring Truscon Aluminum Casements, built by Warner-Kanter, Inc., located in Forest Park, the new planned community for 50,000 people adjacent to Cincinnati, won the Ohio Home Citation plaque, awarded as the "best home for the money" by the national publication, The American Home.



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# Home Buy For The Money" Features TRUSCON Aluminum Casements

They came—nearly 15,000 visitors the first day! They saw! They bought—12 homes the first day, 35 homes in ten days and were buying an average of 15 homes per week at last report.

That's the record of Warner-Kanter, Inc., homebuilder winners of the 1957 American Home Obio Home Citation "best home for the money" award. The citation home, located in Forest Park, the new planned community for 50,000 people adjacent to Cincinnati, features Truscon Aluminum Casements.

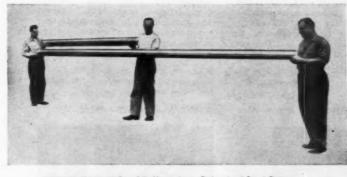
The results of this award can be summed up in three words—*plan*, *product*, and *price*. That sums up Truscon Aluminum Casements, too.

**PLAN**—Truscon Aluminum Casement beauty adds value and home-buyer appeal to any home plan. And they are available without delay from 24 conveniently located warehouses to meet building plan schedules, too.

**PRODUCT** — precision engineered, manufactured to rigid specifications, carefully inspected. This is further assurance of top-quality product. That's why Truscon Aluminum casements are a hallmark everywhere of gracious living.

**PRICE**—all the advantages of years of Truscon manufacturing skill and experience keep original costs low. And care-freeTruscon Aluminum Casements never stick, warp, sag—never need painting or costly maintenance.

If you plan to build 10 homes, 100 homes, or just one fine home for yourself, take a tip from Warner-Kanter, Inc. Call your Truscon representative and get the facts first hand. Or, mail the coupon below today!



ANOTHER BEST BUT! Republic Steel Kitchens offer built-in

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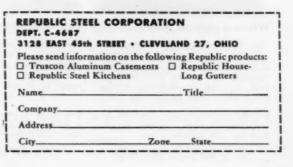
ranges to custom-looking sink centers, there's a Republic cabinet to fill every kitchen need. On display, N.A.H.B. Conven-

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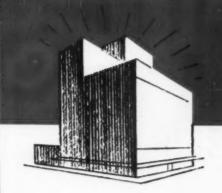


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Unit weatherproofs outlet

Designed for a duplex outlet exposed to the elements, a new surfacemounted spring-door cover and box is now available. Easily installed, the box has two hinged covers; is of lacquer-finished aluminum.

Pass & Seymour, Inc., Dept. AB, Solvay Station, Syracuse 9, N. Y. Booth No. 486— Sherman.

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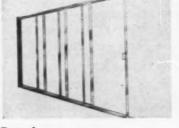


Window reduces heat

The "Twindow" is a double-glazed insulated window made of Solargray plate glass. Developed for sunny elevations where glare reduction and heat exclusion are desirable. Available, in metal edge, up to 50 sq. ft.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Dept. AB, 632 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Booth No. 427—Sherman.

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Door has many uses

The Senior Pocket door, fully weatherstripped, is fashioned for unlimited spans of sliding glass. All can be moved to an open position at the same time. From one to 100 panels can be recessed into the door's pocket.

Sun Valley Industries, Dept. AB, 4528 West 51st St., Chicago 32, Ill. Booth No. 467— Sherman.

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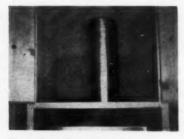


Folding doors open wide

Ready Hung Door Bi-Fold units open all the way. Doors are hung on fullmortise hinges. A spring makes folding automatic, and holds the doors open or closed. Ideal for clothes closets or room dividers.

Ready Hung Door Corp., Dept. AB, Neil P. Anderson Bldg., Fort Worth 2, Tex. Booth Nos. 533-534—Sherman.

Circle No. J114 on reply card, p. 114.



**Oven hood saves space** 

Kitchen-Aire oven hood catches grease, fumes from built-in oven. The ventilator is located outside the house leaving more space for storage in the cabinet. Ventilator also exhausts the range hood. Price: \$29.95.

Stewart Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, 320 E. St. Joseph St., Indianapolis 2, Ind. Booth No. 490—Sherman.

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#### **Pine has greater strength**

Glued laminated Southern Pine beams and roof decking create great dimension. Here exemplify Japanese tradition. Beams are available solid, laminated and built-up. Framing grades also used for roof decking.

Southern Pine Assn., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 1170, New Orleans 4, La. Booth Nos. 543-544—Sherman.

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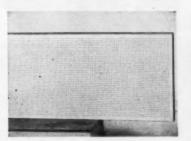


New doors are added

Shower Door has added a fixed slider series to its Vue-Lume rolling glass doors. Available in three models; standard heights and 24 widths. Company also has new Permalume folding-glass door for the small bath.

Shower Door Co. of America, Dept. AB, 1 Permalume Place, N. W., Atlanta 18, Ga. Booth Nos. 456-458-Sherman.

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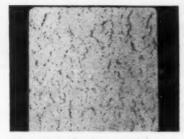


# **Roof slab fills 4 needs**

Acoustical Roof Slab is roof sheathing combining four materials in one. It's a rigid roof deck, an acoustical and sound absorbing material, has an attractive interior finish, and provides thermal insulation.

Simpson Logging Company, Attn. Thayne Jongeward, Dept. AB, Shelton, Washington. Booth No. 448-Sherman.

Circle No. J118 on reply card, p. 114.



# Acoustics of mineral tile

One of several new acoustical ceiling tiles by this firm is fissured mineral wool unit, called Styltone. Available in  $12x12^{"}$  and  $12x24^{"}$ ;  $34^{"}$  thick. It is non-combustible; has N.C.R. range to 85%.

Baldwin-Hill Co., Dept. AB, 500 Breunig Ave., Trenton 2, N. J. Booth No. 593-Sherman.

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**Electric unit heats fast** 

Because of the thin-tube heating elements (called Thermo-Jet) which are built into this line of electric cooking tops and console ranges, response to changes in temperature settings is extra fast.

Thermador Electrical Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 5119 District Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. Booth No. 444-Sherman.

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Ventilates built-in oven

Heat, odors and greasy fumes are removed by this firm's new oven fan when milady opens her oven door. Two hood styles are available in standard lengths of 24", 27", 33" and 45". Completely wired.

Trade-Wind Motorfans, Inc., Dept. AB, 7755 Paramount Blvd., Rivera, Cal. Booth



## **Enclosures are rust-proof**

New Supreme bath tub enclosures and shower doors are easy-sliding, rust-proof and fit in with any bathroom decor. They are available in opaque glass, both plain and with several designs.

Anoroc Products Inc., Dept. AB, 97-11 Northern Blvd., Corona 68, N. Y. Booth No. 591-Sherman.

Circle No. J122 on reply card, p. 114.



# **Keeps air cleaner**

Completely revised this year is the Electro-Klean Air Filter. It is easily adaptable to heating and air conditioning systems that require no water or drain connections. Available in many sizes.

American Air Filter Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 215 Central Ave., Louisville 8, Ky. Booth No. 500-Sherman.

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Hardware hides a shelf

Two-level locking and simplified installation distinguish the new Hide-A-Shelf hardware. Unit locks at counter height, will raise and lower 6 to 30 lbs. smoothly. Keeps small appliances hidden.

Amerock Corp., Dept. AB, 4000 Auburn St., Rockford, Illinois. Booth Nos. 506-507-Sherman

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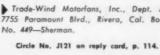


Slim sash adds beauty

The beauty of slim wood frames and sash, plus low cost and complete factory assembly and packaging are quality features of the new Beauty-Line window unit. In seven sizes; two widths, four heights.

Andersen Corp., Attn. H. Mattlin, Dept. AB, Bayport, Minn. Booth Nos. 571-574-Sherman.

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Mr. Scholz (left) at the site of one of his nationally distributed "Mark 58" prefabricated homes with Ken Sprengel of the Telephone Company

# "Concealed telephone wiring adds sales appeal to our homes"

-says Mr. Don Scholz, of Scholz Homes Incorporated, Toledo, Ohio

"I compare selling new homes with selling new cars," says Mr. Scholz. "New homes have to be more attractive and more modern than what the public has had before, or they won't sell.

"Concealed telephone wiring is a feature that helps give prefabricated homes such as we manufacture the added sales appeal that attracts buyers. We merchandise it with the many other modern conveniences we offer. It's a valuable sales aid, and we take full advantage of it as such."

Mr. Scholz began manufacturing prefabricated homes in 1953, and last year sold 1500 units at an average completed sales price of \$30,000 each. This year Mr. Scholz's "Mark 58" home will be nationally advertised and distributed. In today's competitive market, Mr. Scholz, like many other trend-minded builders across the country, recognizes concealed telephone wiring as an indispensable modern sales feature.

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Your nearest Bell Telephone business office will help you with concealed wiring plans. For details on home telephone wiring, see Sweet's Light Construction File, 8i/Be. For commercial installations, Sweet's Architectural File, 32a/Be.

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From Alcoa comes a new concept in home lighting . . . soft, even illumination to accent the spacious beauty of the rooms plus adequate glare-free lighting for every seeing task.

Virden fixtures gain this effect in the Cleveland, Ohio model of Alcoa's Care-free home. 'Thirty-six aluminum louvered high hats lightdecorate the sleeping and living areas.

Virden fluorescent strip, shielded with corrugated plastic, provides the brightness needed in the kitchen and baths. And to heighten the outside beauty of the home, twenty-two Virden aluminum bullets floodlight the blue and yellow aluminum panels. Whether you build homes, install fixtures or help the public select them, well-planned lighting can be your most profitable selling tool. John C. Virden Co., Dept. AB, 6103 Longfellow Avenue, Cleveland 3, Ohio.





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Symons Forms can be rented with purchase option Complete details on Symons Forms available upon request

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#### Insulation kit aids sales

Balsam-Wool insulation kit, designed to aid sales, features actual wall crosssection showing liner, flange application and double air space. Other products and sales points highlighted at Wood Conversion Booth.

Wood Conversion Co., Dept. AB, First Nat'l Bank Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minn. Booth Nos. 550-551—Sherman.

Circle No. J126 on reply card, p. 114.



#### How to use redwood siding

Architect John Grace has used roughface, or resawn, redwood siding here in board-and-batten style. Though used primarily on exteriors, it is growing increasingly popular to provide indoor surface variations.

California Redwood Association, Dept. AB, 576 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal. Booth No. 577—Sherman.

Circle No. J127 on reply card, p. 114.

#### **Cuts tile-setting time**

A new mortar additive that can cut the time, effort and costs of a quality ceramic installation has been developed by this association. The product is now marketed with cement or as an additive.

Tile Council of America, Inc., Dept. AB, 800 Second Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Booth Nos. 450-451—Sherman,

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## For Roofing Accessories ... Weathersealing

## use complaint-free Follansbee Terne

### Here's Why Your Buyers Will Be Happier with Follansbee Terne

#### TERNE FORMS A PERFECT BOND WITH PAINT

**BOND WITH PAINT** (Just think, your buyer will not have to look at peeling and scaling paint .... and he needn't paint as often either!)

Terne's lead coating is perfect for painting. It can and should be painted as soon as it is installed. No special surface preparation or primer needed.

#### TERNE FORMS A PERFECT SOLDERED JOINT

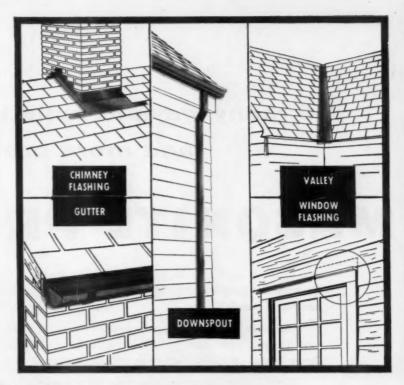
(He'll never have trouble with leaks around his chimney, windows or in drainage areas!)

The lead in Terne's coating is a natural partner for solder.

#### WITH TERNE, EXPANSION JOINTS ARE USUALLY NOT NECESSARY

(What a blessing for the buyer. He'll never have loose or leaking gutters!)

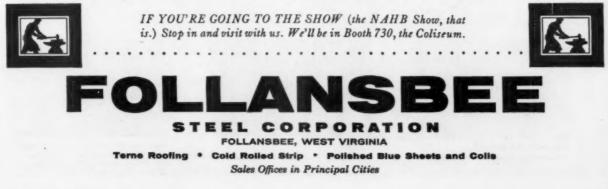
Terne expands and contracts less than other roofing metals and therefore can be installed in greater lengths before expansion joints are necessary. This saves installation costs.



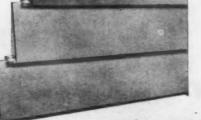
#### TERNE LASTS A LIFETIME

(He'll not be faced with the costly job of replacing any of his roofing accessory or weathersealing metal!) Terne has proof of its long life. Many installations are in service after 100 years.

Ask your roofing and sheet metal man. He can show you why Follansbee Terne is a better buy for you and—for that important man, your buyer.



# Makes the News



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## So many ways to build better and more profitably with

## **MASONITE PRODUCTS**

Do you, like progressive builders everywhere, look to Masonite for the newest in hardboard panels?

Masonite is really making the news—two ways! First, with panels that protect as well as beautify—such as the exterior products above. And second, with panels shown below—that add beauty as well as functional utility to a home.

But the most important advantage for you is that Masonite panels add quality and value to your houses, and cut construction costs. Send for the 1958 copy of our "Guide for Builders," along with news about the newest Masonite products. Masonite Corporation, Dept. AB-1, Box 777, Chicago 90, Ill.

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- \* PANELWOOD® for cellings, walls, protected exteriors.
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- \* UNDERLAYMENT makes floor coverings last longer.
- \* TEMPRTILE® scored in 4" squares; for both, laundry, etc.
- \* LEATHERWOOD® surface resembles Spanish-grain leather.

MASONITE Panel Products

Masonite Corporation-manufacturer of quality panel products.

#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



This tub resists wear

Said to be impervious to soaps, detergents, mild acids and drain solvents, a 21 gal, capacity Fiberglas laundry tub has been introduced by this company. The unit features a removable overflow tube.

Wessels Co., Dept. AB, 1624 East Euclid Avenue, Detroit 11, Michigan. Booth No. 407—Sherman.

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#### Shakes give good runoff

Typical courses of handsplit Red Cedar shakes show rough, irregular lines of natural wood. Cedar's roughness is said to give good run-off and circulation. Shakes fit any style of architecture.

Red Cedar Shingle Bureau, Dept. AB, 5510 White Bldg., Seattle, Wash. Booth Nos. 536-537—Sherman.

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#### Detergent can be measured

Two new features of the Kitchen Aid dishwasher are a cup which accurately measures detergents and a timed spray cycle which clears plumbing line of water that is below the recommended wash temperature.

Kitchen Aid Div., Hobart Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, Tray, Ohio. Booth Nos. 446-447-Sherman.

Circle No. J131 on reply card, p. 114.



**Cooks indoors or out** 

Majestic's new charcoal grill unit, "Char-Grill", while primarily intended to be built into cabinets or counter tops, can also be used in other indoor or outdoor installations, as well as a portable grill.

The Majestic Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 245 Erie St., Huntington, Ind. Booth Nos. 436-438—Sherman.

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Heat pump saves space

Small Heat Pump Weathermaker can be located in basement, crawl space or top of closet or suspended from ceiling of commercial establishments. Tamperproof unit (L.) has coil to extract or discharge heat.

Carrier Corp., Dept. AB, 300 S. Geddes St., Syracuse, N. Y. Booth Nos. 401-403— Sherman.





#### Windows can be combined

Town and Country wood awning window has appearance of doublehung window. It can be combined, side by side, for twin or triple installations, to achieve picture window effect. Made of Ponderosa Pine.

Malta Mfg. Company, Dept. AB, P.O. Box 506, Athens, Ohio. Booth Nos. 569-570— Sherman.

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Air leakage cut to minimum

New design weather-stripping in new style sliding wood window unit is said to reduce air leakage to a minimum, giving extreme weathertightness. "Style-Trend" units come in all popular sizes, in durable pine.

Curtis Companies Inc., Attn. E. J. Welsh, Dept. AB, Clinton, Iowa. Booth Nos. 581-583—Sherman.

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Installs over concrete, wood

"BondWood" is a parquet designed for installation over concrete or wood using new Adhesive Mark 10. Units are held intact with facepaper which is removed during installation. In oak, maple and walnut.

Harris Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, P.O. Box 300, Johnson City, Tenn. Booth No. 549 —Shermán.

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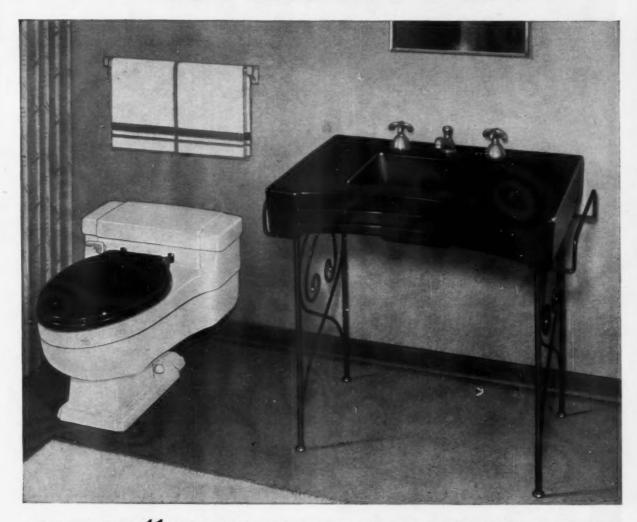
All-new casement available

Bilt-Well's new casement has double weatherstripping; a new, fully concealed, sliding-type hinge which attaches directly to the frame. New locking handle partially pushes window open when unlocked.

Carr, Adams & Collier Co., Dept. AB, 11th & Jackson Sts., Dubuque, Iowa. Booth Nos. 558-560—Sherman.

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# Right Combination FOR SALE AFTER SALE!



PRODUCED IN 41 DECORATOR COLORS PLUS SPARKLING BLACK AND WHITE

Here is the most wanted, therefore most *profitable* bathroom fixture combination you can offer. The industry's first Concave Lavatory\* plus the famous Case Non-Overflow One-piece\*\* Water Closet with the whispering flush.

The Case Wellington<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 300 Lavatory is the most wanted because it's the first *really comfortable* lavatory ever made for men and women. Gracefully curved for comfort and unusual beauty. Extraspacious, wide, flat deck. Shown with art-designed wrought iron legs and towel bars all in one piece. Legs supplied in decorator colors and sparkling black and gold. You already know the Case One-Piece Water Closet and its customerwinning features like non-



overflow bowl; safeguarding anti-syphon ballcock; pressurized cleansing rim flush; large water area; healthful seat height; time tested, with streamlined design in 41 colors and black and white. Ask your Case wholesaler or distributor or write:

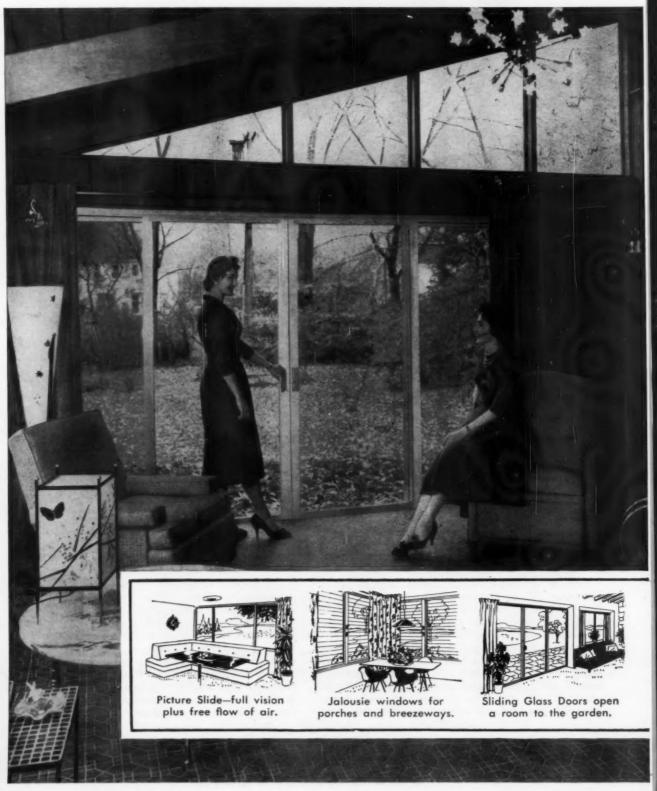
\*Available with Wrought Iron or Chrome Legs

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**YOUR PROBLEM** is to offer homes with large glass areas and still assure the buyer of reasonable prices, low heating costs, minimum maintenance and complete weather protection.

**YOUR SOLUTION** is to install modern Fleetlite aluminum windows, sliding glass doors and jalousies.

Fleetlite windows — a prime sash, storm sash and screen in a single frame — cost no more than other combinations including storm sash and screen. This double sash design offers a "blanket of air" insulation for reduced heating costs and actual double protection in any weather. Furthermore, Fleetlite means less maintenance for the home owner — aluminum extrusions require no painting, cannot bind or stick...vinyl plastic replaces putty ... and self-storing storm sash and screen need not be changed with the seasons.

Fleetlite top-hung sliding glass doors are engineered especially for northern weather. Exterior doors feature double weatherstripping and a double "water barrier" threshold to stop even driving rain and melting snow. For interior or wall pocket doors where weather is no problem a conventional flat sill is available.

Fleetlite jalousie windows and doors are used in kitchens, breezeways and enclosed porches where full vision and a free flow of air is very desirable.

Your homes, whether conventional or contemporary, will sell faster with Fleetlite windows and sliding glass doors because Fleetlite products are pre-sold by national advertising in the SATURDAY EVENING POST, LIVING, HOUSE BEAUTIFUL, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, HOUSE AND GARDEN'S BOOK OF BUILDING, HOMES GUIDE, and TODAY'S HOME.

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## NOWa NEW and LARGER Majestic **Thulman Fireplace**



#### the factory-made unit that builds in without masonry!

#### 36" Opening Width

The same Majestic-Quality fireplace full six inches wider—ample width for rooms of any size, for floor-level or raised-hearth installations. U/Lapproved! Thulman 30" fireplace also available with these same new features

#### New Built-in Screen

Attractive sliding screen adds beau ty and safety to the fireplace but adds nothing to the cost of installa tion since it is built-in at the factory

#### New "Easy-Trim" Method

New attractive trim is assembled at the factory into three pieces, ap-plied in minutes on the job by fastening to the fireplace face. No mortar, no mixing . . . just apply mastic and press into place, Sur-round material of your choice, of course, can be used instead.



The Majestic / Co., Inc. 433 Erie St., Huntington, Indiana

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1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



#### **Cover keeps fingers out**

Custom "304" food disposer grinds waste quickly and quietly and sends it down drain. Has one-piece Lok-Top cover to keep fingers out, waste in. Fits any sink, either side of doublebowl. One-man installation job is all that's required for unit.

National Rubber Machinery Co., Dept. AB, 47 W. Exchange St., Akron 8, Ohio. Booth Nos. 554-555—Sherman.

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Smooth action for hardware

New bi-folding door hardware (#2987) is smooth actioned and quiet. Nylon pivots and guides prevent metal-to-metal contact. The hardware can be adjusted horizontally and vertically for alignment with jamb and header.

Stanley Hardware Div., The Stanley Works, Dept. AB, Lake St., New Britain, Conn. Booth Nos. 439-443-Sherman.

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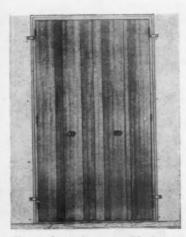


#### **Door hardware concealed**

Quick and invisible installation is a feature of the new Acme concealed fold-aside door hardware. Shown above is a typical wardrobe installation showing clear threshold and full unhampered access to closet. Installation method also saves on room space.

Acme Appliance Mlg. Co., Dept. AB, 200 E. Railroad Ave., Monrovia, Cal. Booth No. 462-Sherman.

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**Closet front is assembled** 

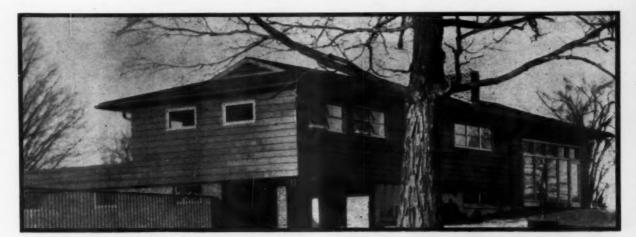
The new Precision "Money-Saver" closet front comes assembled and braced. It features strong folding doors with heavy butt type hinges. Is easily operated without pulleys or wheels. Available in two standard sizes. Especially designed for quick and easy installation.

Precision Parts Corp., Dept. A8, 400 North First St., Nashville 7, Tenn. Booth Nos. 514-515-Shermon.

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## Your Customers can now have VAMPCO ALUMINUM WINDOWS

#### ... IN THEIR HOMES ... AT THE PRICE OF ORDINARY ALUMINUM WINDOWS

The famous Vampco line of Aluminum Windows, widely used in industrial and institutional building, is now available to you for residential installation.

The same sturdy aluminum window construction that has resulted in the selection of Vampco Windows for over 11,000 schools and numerous office and monumental buildings, will make Vampco the preferred aluminum windows for your customers' homes.

Aluminum Awning Windows, Vampco's famous Projected Windows, Champion Casements, Glass Block Ventilators and Basement Windows will give any home a quality look.

Vampco Aluminum Windows save users' time, money and inconvenience. They are easily installed, will not rot or rust, require no maintenance and provide a reliable lifetime window of exceptional beauty. Screens and storm sash are available at any time. Basement Window Bucks are also available for poured concrete and masonry walls.

An investment in Vampco Aluminum Windows is sound business!

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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



Awnings get new push-bar

A new push-bar operated unit has been added to Crestline awning window line. Attached to the sash, the window opens to a 65 degree angle. It can be easily removed for ventilation; comes with aluminum screen.

The Silcrest Company, Dept. AB, 100 Thomas St., Wausau, Wisconsin. Booth Nos. 526-528—Sherman.

Circle No. J142 on reply card, p. 114.



#### **Covers many surfaces**

"Farlite", a laminated plastic surfacing material, has its patterns and wood grains sealed into the top surface with a heavy translucent overlay to protect them from wear. In regular and smoker-proof grades.

Farley & Loetscher Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 7th & White, Dubuque, Iowa, Booth Nos. 579-580—Sherman.

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#### Floor plastic design added

Made in 6' widths and in tile form, Gold Seal Nairon "Berylstone" is offered in six colors—charcoal, white, light gray, beige, mocha and woodtone. Each pattern has two different flakes in two different sizes.

Cangoleum-Nairn Inc., Dept. AB, 195 Belgrave Dr., Kearny, N. J. Booth Nos. 420-421-Sherman.

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Modern tile goes "ancient"

Taking its cue from the Byzantine period, a new ceramic tile design has been developed in seven "carth" colors. Shaped in diamonds, squares and diagonal halves of squares to make infinite variety of patterns.

The Mosaic Tile Company, Department AB, Zanesville, Ohio. Booth No. 431—Sherman.

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Locksets are redesigned

The "400" line of residential locksets has been redesigned by Kwikset to give improved performance, increased security and easier installation. Innovations include steel housings and a steel half-round spindle.

Kwikset Locks, Inc., Dept. AB, 516 E. Santa Ann St., Anaheim, Cal. Booth Nos. 463-466—Sherman.

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#### Panel bath from one kit

A complete, compact package of plastic panels and all mouldings for surfacing the three walls of a standard 5' recessed bathtub is available. Each marble-like panel is  $5' \times 5'$ , comes three in a package.

Consoweld Corp., Dept. AB, 700 Hoover St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. Booth No. 487 —Sherman.

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#### **Disposer works silently**

Said to chew up food waste and leftovers without making noise, the new Shred-All food waste disposer produced by this firm is now available. Price: About \$60. It represents the latest addition to the company's line.

W. T. Hedlund Co., Dept. AB, 4600 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Cal. Booth No. 491—Sherman.

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Windows factory-primed

In what is said to be a "first" in the window industry, Modernaire has introduced a factory-primed wood awning type window. An optional feature, the prime coat produces sizeable savings in time and labor.

Modernaire Corporation, Dept. AB, 8400 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland 4, Ohio. Booth No. 485—Sherman.

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#### **Tough-finish flooring**

A finish both highly lustrous and resistant to heat, cold, water and normal household liquids is a feature of this hardwood block flooring. Called Diamond Lustre, the finish makes for longer wear.

Wood-Mosaic Corp., Parkay Div., Dept. AB, 5000 Crittenden Dr., Louisville, Ky. Booth Nos. 474-475-Sherman.

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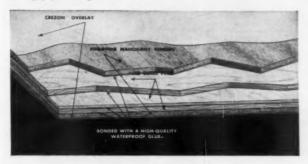
## Building News

#### UNITED STATES PLYWOOD CORPORATION

### New plywood makes Pine "Planking" easy

The effect of clear pine planking—widely used for Early American interiors—is now easier than ever to achieve with new Weldwood Old Craftsman Pine Paneling. It's genuine clear pine in big easily installed plywood panels that are grooved to look like real planks.

Two joint patterns—*Cape Cod*, traditional butterfly joint; and *Plank*, deep, broad V-groove—afford attractive seam treatments. The 4' x 8' panels let you overcome: 1. cost and wasted time in selecting and installing planks; 2. waste due to splits, cut-offs, and warpage; and 3. shortage of satisfactory clear pine planks. Painted, stained, or "natural," indoors or out, Old Craftsman Pine Paneling gives builders all the clean-working advantages of clear pine lumber *plus* the added strength and installing ease of big plywood panels.

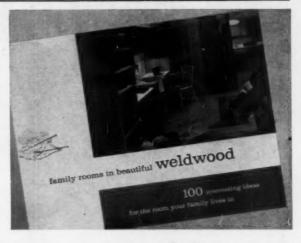


## New type of Duraply announced for critically smooth requirements

In addition to its standard Weldwood Duraply<sup>®</sup>—the Crezon-overlaid fir plywood that eliminates sanding and undercoating and cuts painting time and costs—United States Plywood Corporation now produces Weldwood Duraply with Philippine mahogany face plies under the overlay. This new Duraply is recommended where smoothness and freedom from photographing are essential.

In both fir and Philippine mahogany Duraply, the Crezon overlay—a phenolic resin-cellulose fiber "skin" bonded to one or both sides of the plywood under heat and pressure—holds the wood fibers firmly and helps to prevent checking. And because of the overlay, the moisture absorption rate of Duraply is about one-third that of ordinary plywood.

Versatile Duraply can be used for both interior and exterior applications: house siding and trim, partitions, cabinets, built-ins, as well as a host of manufactured products. Duraply is readily available in stock sizes of 4' x 8', 4' x 9', and 4' x 10' panels in five thicknesses from 5/16'' to  $\frac{3}{4''}$ . Special sizes and constructions on order.



## New Family Room Booklet has 100 appealing ideas

A family room in today's home presents a wonderful opportunity for an imaginative builder to catch buyers' attention and interest—provided the room is designed with the homeowner's needs in mind.

Weldwood's new idea booklet gives a bright, fresh approach to good family room design. Beautiful, fullcolor photographs illustrate the many ways you can use Weldwood Paneling to give durable luxury to your family rooms. The book also shows you novel stairway treatments, designs for built-ins and bookcases, and suggests ways to get tasteful color and texture balancing of floor, wall, ceiling, and furniture coverings.

The book suggests how to take advantage of all available space with rooms designed around lifetime guaranteed Weldwood Paneling. Easy to install, easy to maintain, and beautiful to look at, Weldwood Paneling adds extra value, extra sales appeal to any home. Send for your free copy of the Weldwood Family Room booklet.

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Quickest way to convert prospects into satisfied buyers is to show them more value for their money. It's easy when you feature nationally-known, quality products like ALWINTITE aluminum windows and ALWINTITE sliding glass doors. Well designed and precision-made, they offer many PLUS VALUES that give your houses more sell, save you time and trouble and eliminate costly service call-backs. For instance, ALWINTITE sliding windows feature flash welded corner joints for extra strength, clean attractive finish and permanent weathertightness. For the complete story see your local ALWINTITE distributor, or write us direct.



ALUMINUM WINDOWS . SLIDING DOORS

DRESS: OLEG CASSIN





Both men in the picture know roofing. In this roofing race, one man applies asphalt shingles with conventional hammer and nails. The other uses a Bestitch H4 Heavy Duty Stapling Hammer.

With every easy swing of his arm, the man with stapling hammer drives a three-quarter-inch galvanized staple through the shingle and into the wood beneath. Six staple-driving swings and a shingle's secured ... while the other man fishes nails, positions them, finally pounds them in place, at half the speed.

# Man with stapler beats man with hammer and nails 2 to 1

Outcome: The man with the stapling hammer lays twice as many shingles as the man with the conventional hammer and nails in the same amount of time.

This builder says: "A good man can now lay twice as many shingles a day with the Bostitch H4 as with conventional hammer and nails sometimes more."

The Bostitch H4 is a light, one-hand tool that operates with ease at arm's length. You need less staging (another saving) and there's less worker fatigue. Bostitch staplers can also cut costs installing insulation, ceiling tile, metal lath, flashings, roofing felt.

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Staple legs diverge inside the work, putting them under tension. One 3/4" staple equals two 3/4" nails of 1/16" wire. Shown actual size.

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Winter or summer - Uncle Fud had little household comfort to choose from in his day. But my - how times have changed! For instance, today you simply install insulation faced with REFLECT-O-RAY and automatically indoor living becomes more pleasant. Yes, weather is an everyday thing with REFLECT-O-RAY. Its millions of tiny, polished aluminum flakes efficiently help keep heat where you want it, in or out and at lower cost to you! Remember, too, REFLECT-O-RAY is a natural breather that prevents damaging condensation build-up. So, don't settle for any "hohum" methods for safeguarding against heat or cold - Play it safe and invest in insulation faced with REFLECT-O-RAY.





**PRODUCT SHOW: SHERMAN** 



**Eases cabinet installation** 

An adjustable platform which fits underneath wall-hung kitchen cabinets during installation helps to support cabinets while securing them to the wall. Adjusts to heights of 48" to 74"; holds to 250 lbs.

Little Buddy Products Co., Dept. AB, 813 First Ave., P.O. Box 186, Rock Falls, III. Booth No. 415—Sherman.

Circle No. J151 on reply cord, p. 114.



#### **Double-duty shelf support**

Designed for easy installation, a pair of K-V shelf and rod support No. 1195 will accommodate a closet shelf and clothes-hanger rod at the same time. Shelves up to 12" deep can be screwed to the brackets.

Knape & Vogt Manufacturing Company, Dept. AB, 658 Richmond, Grand Rapids, Mich. Booth No. 516-Shermon.

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#### Window panel tilts out

A new window which features panels that tilt out as though secured by bottom hinges has been developed. It will be shown at NAHB exposition along with company's regular line of windows, doors, jalousies.

Winter Seal Corp., Dept. AB, 14575 Meyers Rd., Detroit 27, Mich. Booth Nos. 478-479-Shermon.

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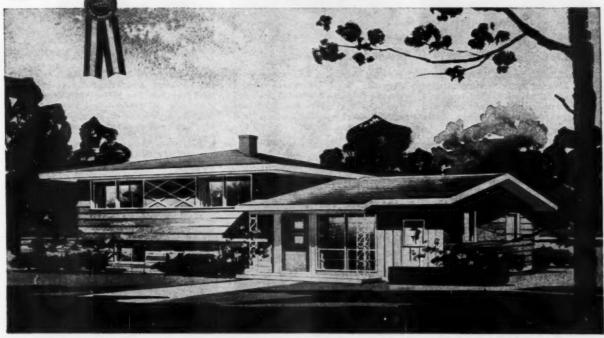




NEW FOR 1958! Best Colonial Styline is a dignified blend of the best features of traditional styling and modern space-saving, work-saving home design. Model illustrated includes double garage, three bedrooms, bath-and-a-half.

### the planning...the styling... the materials...the workmanship...

Today's typical home buyer <u>already</u> has a home--but wants a <u>better</u> one. This is the vital fact of the 1958 home market--a fact Best recognizes by giving you the widest-ever choice of home styles and sizes...with renewed concentration on quality materials and workmanship. Split-levels, ranch-types, colonials, contemporaries, new L-shaped 4-bedroom models--these, plus proved sellers of past seasons, are combined in the Best Mid-American line for 1958. Also, Best helps you with land planning, financing and sales promotion. Send for your fact kit now and find out exactly how Best cooperates to increase your profits. Use the coupon below.



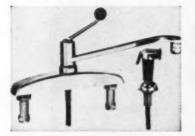
NEW FOR 1958! Best Trilane gives you new economical three-level living which is growing so fast in popularity, with three bedrooms and bath above, big family room and bath below. Huge open living-dining-kitchen area is isolated from other levels by half-stairs.

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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



#### **Deck faucets simplified**

Two kitchen deck faucets which permit disassembly with pliers are added to the Moen line. Models feature brass escutcheons and sink gaskets which eliminate use of putty to seat the faucets on sinks.

Moen Faucet Div., Standard Screw Co., Dept. AB, 377 Woodland Ave., Elyria, Ohio. Booth No. 553—Sherman.

Circle No. J154 on reply card, p. 114.



Wall fabric goes nautical

SuperSanitas plastic coated fabric wall covering has a new pattern for the bath called Sea Shells. Comes in a variety of color combinations, and features periwinkles, scallop shells, and snails. It's washable.

Standard Coated Products, Inc., Attn. John C. Kirby, Dept. AB, Buchanan, N. Y. Booth No. 404—Sherman.

Circle No. J155 on reply card, p. 114.



#### **Paint gives multi-colors**

Composed of two or more colors which retain their individual identity when applied, new Plextone textured paint is fast-drying, practically odorless, completely washable. Resists chipping and scratching.

Plextone Corporation of America, Dept. AB, 2141 McCarter Hwy., Newark, N. J. Booth Nos. 452-453—Sherman.

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**Dark tones for flooring** 

Bonded hardwood block flooring, available in new rich dark tones, can be used over concrete slabs, wood subfloors, or as wall covering or wainscoting. Also in unfinished natural oak for custom finishing.

Higgins Industries, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 8169, New Orleans 22, La. Booth Nos. 483-484—Sherman.

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**Really cleans the air** 

Filtering dust, lint and pollen from the air, this "Dustronic" central model reduces household cleaning chores, offers aid to hay fever and asthma sufferers. Also available in a portable model.

Radex Corporation, Dept. AB, 2076 Elston Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. Booth No. 461-Sherman.

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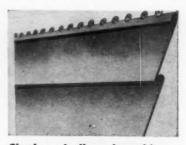


**Glass doors stop weather** 

Patio Magic aluminum sliding glass doors feature Schlegel wool-pile weatherstripping. Glass, 7/32" with double-glazed units are available; also gold handles, aluminum extrusions and nylon ball-bearing wheels.

Daryl Products Corp., Dept. AB, 7240 N. E. 4th Ave., Miami, Fla. Booth No. 592— Sherman.

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**Clapboard allows breathing** 

This new continuous nailing tab design in baked-enamel aluminum clapboard siding is said to allow the panel to "breathe." Eliminates the possibility of crackling, whispering and buckling under temperature extremes.

Lyf-Alum, Incorporated, Dept. AB, 164 E. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, Wisc. Booth No. 594—Sherman.

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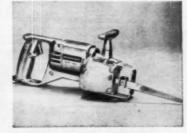


Level-transit locks in place

Main feature of new level-transit is the level-lock lever consisting of a solid lock bar. The bar moves across right side of standard and engages solid prong of telescope clamp assembly, locking in at other standard.

David White Instrument Company, Dept. AB, 2051 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, Wisc. Booth No. 588—Sherman.

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Saw needs only 8 blades

This new multiple-purpose saw features orbital motion which gives longer blade life and more efficient cutting. Model 531 uses only 8 blades to cut wide range of materials. Weighs only 6½ lbs.

Porter-Cable Machine Co., Dept. AB, 112 Exchange St., Syracuse 8, N. Y. Booth Nos. 508-509-Sherman.

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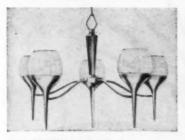
Ruberoid Clapboard Siding is now available in new Trend Colors designed to attract *today's* home buyers. These new colors have been selected for Ruberoid by Faber Birren, leading color consultant. Available in Bermuda Coral, Canary Yellow, Cloud Gray, Mist Green and Sno-White. See your Ruberoid dealer.

For more information, ask for Autoclaved Clapboard Folder #1368. Write to The Ruberoid Co., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N. Y.





#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



Has traditional touch

Clean, simple lines combine natural wood texture with polished brass arms in this fixture. Addition of graceful "brandy snifter" chimneys give new light a traditional touch. Unit has 24" spread and is 36" long.

Moe Light Div., Thomas Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, 410 S. Third St., Louisville 2, Ky. Booth No. 455-Sherman.

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#### **Come in fashion colors**

Anodized aluminum in six colors on tub enclosures brings fashion-color to the bath. Can match or contrast with decor. Standard enclosure shown above has two towel bars, comes in choice of hammered or fluted glass.

Theodore Efron Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 6434 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago 21, III. Booth Nos. 480-482—Sherman.

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#### Seals out the weather

Wool pile weatherstripping assures allweather protection. Silicone treated wool pile sealing medium is effective against wind, rain, snow, insects, and dust. For use on sliding glass doors; functions as buffer.

Schlegel Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 277 North Goodman St., Rochester, N. Y. Booth No. 499—Sherman.

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How to plan a kitchen

Compact, smartly styled kitchen was designed by Living for Young Homemakers. Illustrates trend in spacesaving, efficiently equipped kitchens. More kitchen and other home-planning information at exhibit.

Living for Young Homemakers, Dept. AB, 575 Madison Ave., Chicago 1, III. Booth No. 498—Sherman.

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Sash arms are automatic

Fully automatic lift and lock sash arms for awning windows now introduced. R.O.W.'s awning hardware has single convenient right-hand crank, with window vents completely self-locking and easily removed.

R.O.W. Sales Co., Dept. AB, 1365 Academy St., Ferndale 20, Mich. Boath Nos. 86 —Hilton; 538—Sherman.

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#### Glued at edges and ends

Nu-Loc 4-Square Lumber, end-glued and edge-glued for neat, easy installation, comes in specified lengths and widths. Beveled siding in Red Cedar and West Coast Hemlock. Also available in clear Fir finish.

Weyerhaeuser Sales Co., Dept. AB, First National Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. Booth Nos. 563-564—Sherman.

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Use for floors, walls, roofs

Handy sheathing panel of commongrade lumber between kraft paper overlays is suitable for floors, walls, or roofs. Provides nailing base, retains lumber's insulating value, assures full coverage. 1

Western Pine Assn., Dept. AB, Yeon Bldg., Portland 4, Ore. Booth Nos. 541-542 —Sherman.

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Units are removable

Removable horizontal sliding wood window units offer economy, easy maintenance plus extra weather tightness. Wide size-range available. Sash are wood-bead glazed and bedded for long life.

Rock Island Millwork Co., Dept. AB, 2525 4th Ave., Rock Island, III. Booth Nos. 565-566—Sherman.

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Floor, wall tile matches

American Olean Tile has a whole line of beautiful crystalline glazed tile for floors and counter tops. Floor tile colors are available in colors complementary to wall tiles. Varied shapes give exciting combinations.

American-Olean Tile Co., Dept. AB, 1000 Cannon Ave., Lansdale, Pa. Booth No. 587 —Sherman.

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Mark 58 plan C, one of four plans from \$22,000 fo \$50,000 less land.

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Chester, K-2790-C. Size 19 x 17"

### KOHLER CHESTER New ledge lavatory of enameled iron

Fresh opportunities for varied bathroom ensembles are afforded by this enameled iron ledge lavatory, another first. The Kohler line was also first to include an enameled iron shelf lavatory.

In design, the Chester was inspired by the Chesapeake, of vitreous china, which has an established reputation for popularity and successful sales.

Attractive features include  $6\frac{34}{7}$  of wall-bearing surface for extra support, a roomy basin, and built-in soap dish. Like other Kohler lavatories, the Chester has a front overflow, leaving an unbroken expanse of sparkling, easy-to-clean surface in the rear. The convenient Centra combination fitting is all-brass, chromium-plated. Available in the famous Kohler white and any of 7 colors.



#### Send for "KOHLER ... EVERYWHERE"

A handsome new booklet shows with pictures the widespread use of Kohler plumbing fixtures in all types of homes, institutions, commercial and public buildings in every part of the country.



Visit the Kohler exhibit, Booths 94, 95, 96 Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago

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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



Has larger heat capacity

Two new models of this firm's electric baseboard heater have been introduced. They have capacities of 900 and 1,200 watts, respectively; are made in models to operate on 120, 240 or 208 volts.

Electromode Div., Commercial Controls Corp., Dept. AB, 570 Culver Rd., Rochester 3, N. Y. Booth No. 471—Sherman.

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#### Steel tile is accessorized

A new line of ceramic-on-steel wall tile, with an accompanying assortment of accessories has recently been introduced by this firm. Installation of both tile and accessories is said to be done quickly and easily.

Pepco, Starfire Div., The Bettinger Corp., Dept. AB, Gore St., Waltham, Mass. Booth Nos. 459-460—Sherman.

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#### Work center revolves

Self-contained kitchen work center is a uniquely engineered, revolving round-type island base. Complete with facilities for cooking, food preparation and storage. Custom designed to meet specific nec's.

Coppes, Inc., Attn. G. L. Kurtz, Dept. AB, Market St., Nappanee, Ind. Booth Nos. 501-504—Sherman.

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#### Shower fills tub too

Milwaukee Faucet is showing a line of adjustable shower fixtures. One single Adjusto unit acts as both a shower and a tub filler. It is easily installed and is covered by a ten year guarantee.

Milwaukee Faucet Inc., Dept. AB, 301 E. Reservoir Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wisc. Booth No. 468—Sherman.

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#### **Range hood cleans easily**

Fasco's new power range hood is built for easy care and smart, trim appearance. Washable filter removes quickly for periodic cleaning. Ventilator exhausts odor, moisture, grease fumes. Has safe, convenient switches.

Fasco Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, Union & Augusta Sts., Rochester 2, N. Y. Booth Nos. 469-470—Sherman.

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#### **Removes fumes and heat**

This heavy-duty, wind-powered, rotary-turbine ventilator is designed to effectively exhaust large volumes of air. Comes in aluminum or galvanized steel; for residential or commercial use. Has ground ball bearings.

Leslie Welding Carp., Inc., Dept. AB, 2943 West Carroll Ave., Chicago, III. Booth No. 505-Sherman.

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#### Simplifies stair construction

Stair stringers for exterior cellar stairs can be put up more quickly and easily with this packaged steel stair stringer set. The stringers can be set right after concrete forms have been stripped.

The Bilco Company, Dept. AB, 37 Water St., West Haven, Conn. Booth Nos. 521-522 —Sherman.

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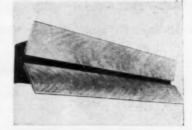


#### **Carved panels add distinction**

Wood sectional overhead-type garage doors of the Presidential line feature a dimensional carved panel design. Constructed to permit expansion or contraction due to moisture without harm to panels.

Raynor Manufacturing Co., Attn. Robert Camery, Dept. AB, Dixon, III. Booth No. 428-Sherman.

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#### **Birch decorates lighting**

A new styling of fluorescent lighting designed to change the functional look into the decorative look, is offered by Lightolier. Two 40-watt lamps are set **boh**ind birchwood baffles to shield the illumination.

Lightolier, Attn. Patricia Gannon, Dept. AB, 346 Claremont Avenue, Jersey City, N. J. Booth No. 426—Shermon.

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### ... SEE them at NAHB show - booth 18-19

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Big, new ideas—more improvements—year after year this continuing development keeps the PELLA line on top! In wood windows—in wood folding doors—PELLA consistently comes forward with the new design achievements, the additional "plus" features that mean more sales and customer satisfaction!

Pella

Check the high points of PELLA's newest product advances herethen get the full story-first hand-at the show!

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#### **Introducing the Pella Twinlite Window!**

"THE AWNING-TYPE WINDOW with the slim, trim look!" In a single frame, a new narrow joining mullion unites a fixed PELLA MULTI-PURPOSE UNIT at top with an equal-size ventilating window at the bottom. Result-a window of conventional appearance, but with self-storing screens and storm panels, GLIDE-lock underscreen operator that locks window in any of 10 positions without screen interference, and stainless steel weatherstripping. Seven modular sizes in 32" and 44" frame widths, including picture window with ventilator.

#### **NEW!** Removable Muntin Bars!

Available as extras on PELLA CASEMENTS, MULTI-PURPOSE and TWINLITE WINDOWS. Snap to inside of sash by ball-and-socketspeed window cleaning and painting-let you utilize insulating glass economically, too! Both horizontal and regular removable muntin bars available with this snap-in feature. Made of clear Western Pine, steel-pinned at intersections, and toxic treated for long life.

#### **New Narrower Frames on Casements!**

A narrow 4%" overall, this newly designed frame simplifies installation for dry wall, bullnose plaster, 1/2" sheathing, etc. Continuous cove at head and sill for composite units and identical mullions outside and inside. In addition, PELLA CASEMENTS now offer a wood operator sill for added beauty and easier trimming. Shorter ROLSCREEN box fitting between stops and maintaining a fixed position; redesigned ROLSCREEN latching mechanism; and a new 6-High, 68" glass casement unit; in all three glass widths 16", 20" and 24".





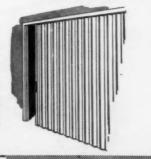
#### **Multi-Purpose Window Features!**

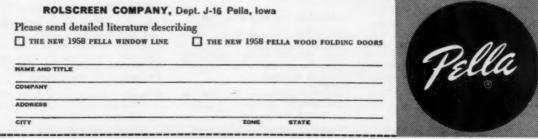
Wood sash 11/4" Western Pine, toxic-treated, mortised and tenoned, glued and nailed. Water groove all around. Completely weatherstripped with stainless steel. Hardware aluminum or stainless steel. Self-storing storms and screens. Exclusive GLIDE-lock underscreen operator. Available in fifteen ventilating and fixed sizes. Use as awning, hopper vent or installed sideways as casement windows.



#### NEW! Wood Folding Doors 12' 1" High

The introduction of wood folding doors in a new 12' 1" maximum opening height makes possible new uses in buildings where high ceilings are a requirement but space is at a premium. Pine, oak, Philippine mahogany, and birch veneers blend well with wood trim, paneling and furniture. These wood folding doors have been engineered to operate smoothly, to stack tightly and quietly, and to resist warpage through laminated core construction.





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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE SHERMAN



Kitchens have "wood look"

This L-shaped kitchen was created by using Morgan wood cabinets. Available in birch or ph. mahogany, they can be adapted to any finish or paint color. Flush design offers unlimited possibilities for arrangements.

Morgan Company, Dept. A8, 520 Oregon St., Oshkosh, Wisc. Booth Nos. 529-532-Sherman.

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#### Something new in cabinets

Natural wood kitchen cabinets in the latest designs will be displayed at International Paper Co.'s convention booth. Window units and decorative Flakewood wall paneling also will be exhibited.

International Paper Co., Long-Bell Div., Dept. AB, 928 Grand, Kansas City, Mo. Booth Nos. 561-562—Sherman.

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#### Window frames in 67 sizes

Plyco will show its plastic window units for 1958. Standard frame components are increased from 45 to 67 sizes; ventilators are shown for use with glass block. Model shown in masonry and frame construction.

Plyco Corporation, Attn. William J. Kohl, Dept. AB, Elkhart Lake, Wisc. Booth No. 547—Sherman.

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#### **Tub enclosure folds back**

Latest style tub enclosure is the folding model pictured above. Operates smoothly, fits into the decor of the modern bath. Complete line of tub enclosure and shower doors in plain or deluxe models available.

Beauti-Dor, Inc., Dept. AB, 4723 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago 30, III. Booth No. 454 —Sherman.

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Makes door hanging easier

Newest addition in the hardware line of this firm is its No. 680 folding door hardware set. Developed for doors that fold aside, the hardware can be assembled on doors prior to hanging, the company reports.

Washington Steel Products, Dept. AB, 1940 East 11th St., Tacama, Wash. Booth No. 419—Sherman.

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#### **Cabinets have new finish**

Birch kitchen cabinets produced by this company are now available with a new fruitwood finish. Other features include roller door catches, drawers which operate on metal slides.

Henry M. Carr, Inc., Dept. AB, Attn. Don Stahr, 8335 South Ashland Ave., Chicago 20, III. Booth No. 433—Sherman.

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#### Jalousies for any weather

Arnold Altex Jalousie Doors can be used all year 'round. They feature Z-Bar Master Frame lined with Schlegel wool pile; a locking device built into the knob.

Arnold Altex Aluminum Co., Dept. AB, 120 Industrial Rd., Summerville, S. C. Booth Nos. 410-413—Sherman.

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#### Lift out sash at will

A.R.B. shows new, improved balance for double hung windows, the "Feather Lift". Allows the sash to be lifted out at will, without moving any levers or adjustments. Balance track is rigid, extruded aluminum.

A.R.B. Window Sales Co., Dept. AB, 19433 John R. St., Detroit, Mich. Booth No. 552—Sherman.

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Wired for expansion

Plugmold Baseboard 2200, a natural for new construction, can be installed as a regular baseboard, electrical wiring system and multioutlet system. Has extra capacity for future electrical expansion.

The Wiremold Co., Attn. Edith Wootton, Dept. AB, Hartford 10, Conn. Booth No. 406—Sherman.

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#### TV outlets in one package

"Builder Kits"—packaged sets of two and four outlet television wiring systems—are now available from this company. According to firm, each kit provides all necessary equipment for deluxe TV installations.

Mosley Electronics, Inc., Dept. AB, 8622 St. Charles Rock Rd., St. Lauis 14, Ma. Boath No. 405—Sherman.

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This new window is really built. Exactly what you've been looking for. All wood parts are toxic-treated with water repellents. Because there's no sloping outside frame surface, it's easier to install in straight, level openings. Excellent sill drainage in any position. May be used with either push-bar or roto-operator to open or close sash. And the extra heavy hinges and precision construction make it work easily and close tightly.



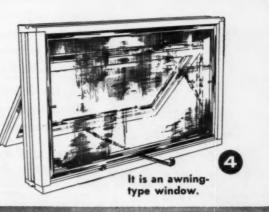
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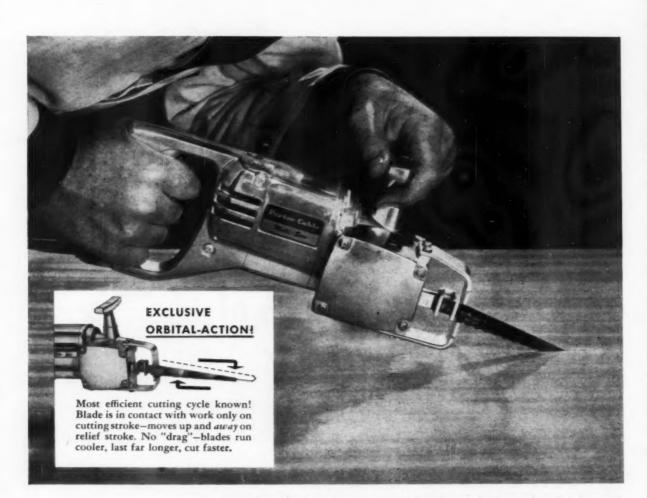
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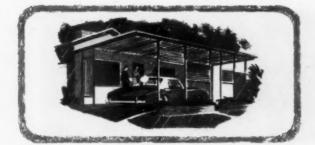
You get these exclusive features: orbital-action for faster cutting, offset blade to allow "close" cutting within <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" of walls and uprights, T-shaped forward handle for complete control of tool even in awkward cutting positions. And with precision ball bearings throughout it operates almost without vibration.

The new Multi-Saw is a dream tool—ideally suited for plumbers, electricians, carpenters, heating and air conditioning contractors. See it at your Porter-Cable dealer—or write for full information.

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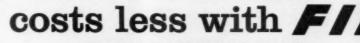




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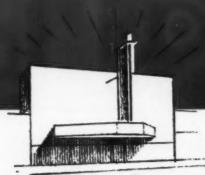
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**Comes in 23 colors** 

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Chicago Pottery Co., Dept. AB, 1920 Clybourn Ave., Chicago 14, Ill. Booth No. 769 —Coliseum.

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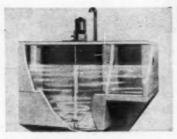
#### Drop-in-top is extra thin

Modern Maid's new model GT-30 gas drop-in-top needs no front cut out. Engineered so that it is only 3" thin and will fit above the drawer space in most base cabinets. Spill overs cannot run into cabinets.

Tennessee Stave Works, Dept. AB, 14th & Belt RR, Chattanooga 1, Tenn. Booth No. 868 —Caliseum.

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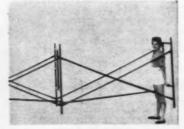


New idea for sewage

Available nationally for the first time, "Cavitette" is a single-home sewage treatment system, said to operate where septic tanks can't. A miniature of the full-scale systems used in municipal systems.

Yeomans Brothers Co., Dept. AB, 1999 N. Ruby St., Melrose Park, III. Booth Nos. 925-926—Coliseum.

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#### Supports up to 50 lbs.

One frame of Waco scaffolding is said to safely support up to 50 pounds per sq. ft., yet is so light two people can easily move large sections. Easily assembled and disassembled, it holds up to 40 times its weight.

Waco Mfg. Co., Dept. A8, 3565 Wooddate Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Booth Nos. 907-908—Caliseum.

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Garage door is all steel

From its line of Roly-Doors, Morrison Steel offers a seven-section, allsteel, overhead-type, residential garage door. "The Regent" comes in 8' to 16' widths in 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>' to 7' heights. Larger doors are reinforced.

Morrison Steel Products, Dept. AB, 601 Amherst St., Buffalo 7, N. Y. Booth No. 884 --Coliseum.

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Dishwasher does big job

Compact, 18", automatic dishwasher, the "James-Universal" model 9918, is easily installed under any kitchen counter. Washes over 100 pieces at once. Metal front in colors or wood paneling to match any cabinet.

Cribben and Sexton Co., Dept. AB, 700 W. Socramento Blvd., Chicago 12, III. Booth No. 834-Coliseum.

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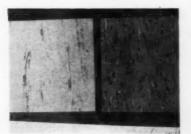


#### **Clocks fit every room**

Recessed clocks with electric, eightday and battery movements come in four finishes—brushed brass (lacquered), black, coppertone or aluminum. Each clock designed for simplicity, elegance, utility.

R & H Guarantee Products Co., Dept. AB, 3201 S. Lombard Ave., Cicero, III. Booth No. 891—Coliseum.

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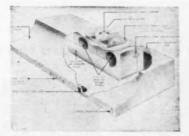


#### Floor tile has new design

A delicate wisp-like pattern in a series of eight decorator colors is featured in Skytrail Flexachrome vinyl-asbestos floor tile. It is greaseproof, resists acids and alkalis, wipes clean quickly.

Tile-Tex Div., Flintkote Co., Dept. AB, 1232 McKinley Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill. Booth No. 845-Coliseum.

Circle No. J198 on reply card, p. 114



#### Vent hood runs quietly

The Flair 200 ventilating hood is said to offer the first dual exhaust system built into a single blower. There are separate push-button control switches for each of the dual blowers and the light.

Vent-A-Hood Company, Dept. AB, 1907 Plantation Rd., Dallas 19, Tex. Booth No. 725—Coliseum.

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#### Mail comes out with ease

No more "fishing" for mail is necessary, report the manufacturers of "Mailmate". New mailbox of anodized aluminum extrusions has main body composed of single, seamless aluminum extrusions with fluted sides.

DURAflex Co., Dept. AB, 3500 N. W. 52nd St., Miami 42, Fla. Booth No. 735—Coliseum.

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**Oven has heavy insulation** 

New Hardwick built-in gas ovens have matching surface units. Porcelain oven interiors are heavily insulated so that as the burner distributes heat, ovens keep precise temperature. Part of AGA unified exhibit.

Hardwick Stove Company, Dept. AB, Cleveland, Tenn. Booth Nos. 829-830-Coliseum.

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#### Give a furniture look

Detailed wood fronts on kitchen cabinet units of steel provide traditional styling to homeowners who wish a warm home-style kitchen. Units feature fruitwood finished doors. Part of American Gas Association exhibit.

St. Charles Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, St. Charles, III. Booth Nos. 754-755; 778-779-Coliseum.

Circle No. J202 on reply card, p. 114



#### Insulation saves on labor

Tests of Scorboard, a new perimeter and cavity wall insulating material, have shown that labor savings up to 50 per cent can be realized consistently. Black polystyrene product was used in NAHB's "House of the Year."

The Dow Chemical Company, Attn. J. Pearce, Dept. AB, Midland, Mich. Booth No. 873—Coliseum.

Circle No. J203 on reply card, p. 114



Has extra-high lift

The new 62 bulldozer is designed for use with the John Deere 4- and 5roller crawler tractors. Extra high lift of over 3' makes it ideal for woods work of all kinds, including pulpwood operations.

John Deere Industrial Div., Dept. AB, 3300 River Dr., Moline, III. Booth Nos. 958-959—Coliseum.

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This kitchen eases chores

Kitchen includes extra sit-down sink, off-the-floor units, a pass-through to dining area. Wood fronts of honey maple combined with steel units. Part of American Gas Association unified exhibit.

Geneva Modern Kitchens, Dept. A8, 201 So. 8th St., Geneva, III. Booth Nos. 745-746; 787-788—Coliseum.

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#### HOW ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT MAGAZINES HELPS CREATE BETTER LIVING

# Women delegates tell you what

Mrs. Leon K. Rimov, of Berkeley, California, ponders a question addressed to the 100 women delegates to the Congress on Better Living at the Shoreham in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Rimov, mother of a two-year-old daughter, qualified as a delegate on the basis of her design for a girl's bedroom in one of McCall's remodeling contests.

McCall's is already planning for the 1958 session of the Congress on Better Living, which will be held in Washington next Fall. Detailed plans and information on the 1958 Congress will be released in the near future.

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The magazine

HIGH ON THE LIST OF HOME IMPROVEMENTS VOTED FOR



FAMILY ROOM "Separate from kitchen. A room that you don't have to clean up, that they can leave things out in. But I would like it adjoining the kitchen and open to it."



DINING AREAS "I like to sit down and have a formal dinner at the table; but I would not sacrifice a family room to have a dining room."

# to Congress on Better Living<sup>\*</sup> they want in tomorrow's home

Thoughtful and articulate, the 100 women delegates to the annual Congress on Better Living compressed a world of practical knowledge into their three-day examination of the modern American home.

They freely discussed what they like—and don't like—about their homes. They gave their uninhibited views on building and architecture, appliances and home furnishings, function and design.

Much of what they want in their homes of tomorrow will be reflected in the pages of McCall's during 1958. Reports on the entire agenda covered during the Congress are available to American industry. To reserve your copies, see your McCall's representative, or write Robert Crossley, Better Living Editor, McCall's, 230 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

The Congress on Better Living, which will be sponsored annually by McCall's, is another example of how one of America's great magazines is helping to create better living for the American family . . . and better selling for American industry.

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AT THE CONGRESS ON BETTER LIVING WERE THESE:



DENS AND RECREATION ROOMS "There should be an area in the house that is sacred to adults. In our house this is the studio and also a sewing room."



MORE STORAGE SPACE "I am planning a storage room (in the basement) and I want to have the deepfreeze down there because it's pretty big for the kitchen."



SECOND BATHROOM "I think near the bedrooms, so the children could have one bathroom and the adults could have the other."



U-SHAPED KITCHEN "I would take the U-shaped one because I simply can't stand having everyone else interfering with what I am doing in the kitchen, and having traffic going through there would be extremely annoying."

#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE COLISEUM



**Burners heat, cool faster** 

Martha Washington electric surface units feature faster-heating, fastercooling microtube burners. Switches have seven heat selections, may be located wherever desired. Reflector bowls remove for cleaning.

Gray & Dudley Company, Dept. AB, 2300 Clifton Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Booth No. 811-Coliseum



#### Vanity shelf is concealed

Easily-installed, this concealed vanity shelf can be placed in any of several locations for greater convenience. Provides ample space to keep bathroom necessities out of sight, but within easy reach.

Hall-Mack Co., Dept. AB, 1380 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 7, Cal. Booth No. 709-Coliseum.

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#### **Disposer has cover control**

Designed for homemakers who prefer cover control operation, the latest in a complete line of garbage dis-posers (upper row #4) also has a 1/3 h. p. capacitor start motor. Insures instant starting every time.

In-Sink-Erator Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 1225 14th St., Racine, Wisc. Booth No. 869-Coliseum.

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**Enclose tub with color** 

New tub-shower enclosure, "Mura-lon," features lightweight, shatterfeatures lightweight, shatterproof, decorated vinyl panels that move silently at touch of a finger. Of rustproof aluminum framing, waterproof panels filter light.

National Aluminum Company, Dept. AB, 1133. Alum Creek Dr., Columbus, Ohio. Booth No. 892-Coliseum.

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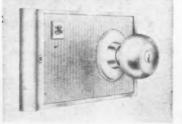


#### Cuts right up to wall

A new heavy-duty sabre saw, which is reported to do the work of a rip or cross cut saw, hand saw, keyhole or jig saw, has been introduced. Cuts through a full 2" of lumber; runs at 3,330 strokes per minute.

Stanley Electric Tools, Dept. AB, Lake St., New Britain, Conn. Booth No. 865-Coliseum.

#### Circle No. J210 on reply card, p. 114



#### Locks are personalized

Personalized escutcheons with patterned aluminum panels are now available for both Sentrylocks and AlignaLocks. The adhesive-backed black-on-chrome monograms are factory-applied or come in assortments.

Sargent & Co., Attn. C. O'Brien, Dept. AB, New Haven 9, Conn. Booth Nos. 705-706-Coliseum.

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#### **Chimney vents all fuels**

This prefabricated chimney is suitable for use with heating appliances and low-heat industrial appliances. Also vents domestic incinerators burning any type of solid or liquid fuel. Special coupling joins sections.

William Wallace Co., Metalbestos Div., Dept. AB, P.O. Box 137, Belmont, Cal. Booth No. 971-Coliseum.

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Stud driver made safer

New stud driving tool is reported to stop an alloy steel fastener in its tracks, should it be fired mistakenly into a soft or insubstantial construction material. Model 455A has added safety features too.

Remington Arms Co., Inc., Attn. J. Dudley, Dept. A8, Bridgeport, Conn. Booth No. 957-Coliseum

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#### Intercom does many jobs

Called Talk-A-Radio, this music intercom system has an outlet for coffee maker, talk/listen switches, a remote phono-jack. Master panel, five remote speakers, baffles, complete installation material.

Talk-A-Radio, Attn. J. Young, Dept. AB, 5641 Dyer St., Dallas 6, Tex., Booth No. 806-Coliseum.

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## NEW SALES APPEAL ... NEW PLANNING FREEDOM



## Perfection's Regulaire<sup>®</sup> "Home Conditioner" heats, cools . . . fits any living area



Full page color ads in Sunday News-paper Supplements will tell your prospective home purchasers why they should insist on PERFECTION REGULAIRE for heating and cooling. Ask your Perfection Distributor for full details.

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Whether you want gas or oil fired heating, with or without cooling, Perfection has the model that will help sell the homes you build. See the Perfection Distributor in your city for full information or write Perfection Industries, Cleveland 10, Obio.

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#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: AT THE COLISEUM



#### **Cabinets warm the kitchen**

Called Bronzeglow, these birch kitchen cabinets feature hollow-core door construction, and have dustproof doors. Doors have rubberroller catches, center-guided drawers which operate on nylon rollers.

H. J. Scheirich Co., Dept. AB, 4460 Louisville Ave., Louisville 9, Ky. Booth Nos. 736-738-Coliseum.

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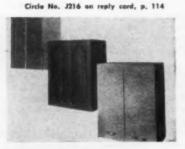
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#### Awning window saves time

Integral fin aluminum awning window needs no fitting, notching, caulking or shortages. No accessory fastening devices necessary. Accommodates all exterior finishing materials. Suitable for all types of construction.

Crossly Window Corp., Dept. AB, 7375 N. W. 35th Avenue, Miami, Fla. Booth No. 973-Coliseum.



#### **Cabinet** doors snap on

Once these kitchen cabinets are installed, the plastic-surfaced cabinet doors can be put in place with a "snap". Secret is the heavy gauge, plated steel hinge, half of which is on the door, half on the chassis.

Dimensional Kitchens, Raygold Industries, Dept. AB, Copiague, L.I., N.Y. Booth No. 855-Coliseum.

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**Pickups span weight range** 

This truck represents one of a range of model variations in this company's A-line motor trucks. It is the International Custom Model A-100 pickup truck. Entire line spans GVW's from 4,200 to 33,000 lbs.

International Harvester Co., Dept. AB, 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill. Booth No. 960-Coliseum.

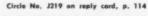
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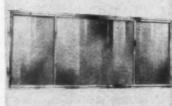


#### **Kitchens designed for gas**

inclusive display of all-gas An kitchens and gas laundries, plus a group of individual gas range displays will be shown at the AGA unified gas exhibit. Kitchens and laundries from 19 manufacturers on exhibit.

American Gas Assn., Dept. AB, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, New York. Booth No. 797-Coliseum.



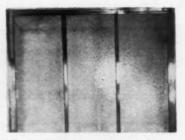


#### **Designed to install easily**

Simplicity of design makes installation of this Capitol horizontal sliding picture window an easy matter. Of aluminum, with vinyl weatherstrip-ping, it has water-tight and twistresistant welded corners.

Capitol Products Corp., Dept. AB, Box 69, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Booth Nos. 847-850 -Coliseum.

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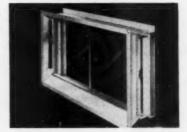


#### Three-panel access to tub

Hollywood's tub enclosure has three sliding panels opening from either side to give maximum access to tub. Doors move on nylon rollers and bottom guides for quiet, smooth operation. Available in various metal finishes.

Hollywood Shower Door Co., Dept. AB, 2921 West Touhy Ave., Chicago, Ill. Booth No. 915-Coliseum.

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**Basement sash cuts costs** 

Light enough for one man to install in a few minutes, the 3-G basement sash has full wall thickness. Eliminates cost of wood forms and the need of patching or grouting. Available for 8", 9" or 10" walls.

Jeffery Form Tie Company, Department AB, Marengo, III. Booth No. 935-Coliseum.

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Hot water from one package

Fully pre-assembled and pre-wired, this complete residential hot-waterboiler package features zone control valves, expansion tank, automatic air elimination and plug-in electric wiring. Will fit between joists.

Spi-Rol-Fin Corp., Dept. AB, 133 Greenvood Ave., Pequannock, N. J. Booth No. 851-Coliseum.

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### WHAT'S NEW IN DOORS AND FRAMES?



## Amweld® takes on new di-

mensions with its newest line of steel doors and frames. An entirely different concept has been applied to these building products designed for the alert builder who is finding commercial and light construction a profitable complement to his building activities.

Amweld's new commercial doors and frames offer durability, low cost installation, and freedom from call-backs -- plus practical contemporary styling. Both flush and recessed panel doors will be available in rail and style construction -- many unique innovations in frame design.

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For complete information on Amweld's doors, frames, and closet units, send for free catalog today.

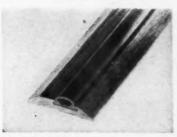
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inreshold has vinyl seal

The combination of clear-face oak and fawn-colored vinyl weather seal in the Seal-tite threshold makes for harmony with flooring and eliminates effect of contrasting aluminum. Oval design gives a positive seal.

Visador Company, Dept. AB, 8500 Sovereign Row, Dallas, Tex. Booth No. 954-Coliseum.

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#### Softener works electronically

Culligan fully automatic water softener provides an unlimited supply of soft water regardless of family size or water usage. Nothing to set; it regenerates itself, electronically, while owner sleeps.

Culligan Soft Water, Dept. AB, 1657 S. Shermer, Northbrook, Ill. Booth Nos. 743-744 —Coliseum.

Circle No. J225 on reply cord, p. 114



#### **Bar is compact kitchen**

New snack bar (39" to 69" wide) is available in combinations including refrigerator, sink, storage, range-top and oven. Seamless countertop, vitreous porcelain kitchen base. Choice of bar tops and fronts.

Dwyer Products Corp., Department AB, Michigan City, Ind. Booth No. 859-Coliseum.

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Puts design in the roof

The standing or batten seam installations of Follansbee Terne roofing feature lifetime serviceability. Give different surface and shadow effects an ever-changing look depending on the sun's position.

Follansbee Steel Corp., Dept. AB, Penn & Main Sts., Follansbee, W. Va. Booth No. 730—Coliseum.

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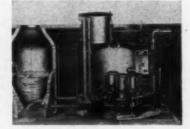


Service aids builders

L. C. Major & Associates, specialists in art for tract developments and related fields, will have a display of architectural renderings. Cost of residential art ranges from \$55 to \$85. Service for builders and architects.

L. C. Major & Associates, Dept. AB, 11015 S. Paramount Blvd., Downey, Cal. Booth No. 937-Coliseum.





#### Easy care of sewage

Smith & Loveless have factory-built underground sewage lift stations. The pumping units include all equipment. They're ready to operate and come in standard sizes with capacities from 20 to 4,000 gallons per minute.

Smith & Loveless, Inc., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 8884, Kansas City 15, Mo. Booth No. 964—Coliseum.

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**Provides 2 sanding actions** 

One sander incorporates the fastcutting orbital motion and the straight-line motion with the turn of a key. Ball bearing construction assures constant duty performance in sanding a variety of materials.

John Oster Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 5055 N. Lydell Ave., Milwaukee 17, Wisc. Booth No. 877—Coliseum.

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Laundry tubs are colorful

Of shock-resistant fibre glass, new laundry trays are designed for stand, cabinet or counter top installation. In four colors, trays are stain-proof. Shown: double tray with stand (21x48!4x35'').

▶ The Selfridge Co., Dept. AB, 5606 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio. Booth No. 900— Coliseum.

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#### **Sliding doors galore**

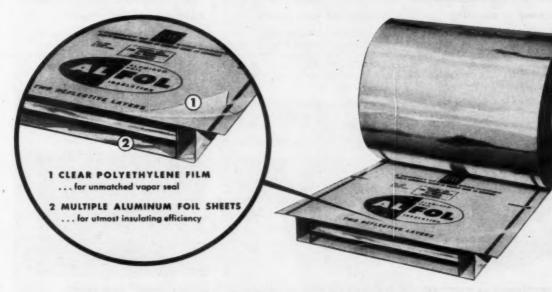
Four lines of sliding doors, including three exterior and one interior types, are produced by this company. The "Economy DorWAL" is especially designed for use by the large tract, production builder.

Acorn Aluminum Products, Dept. AB, 6185 Vermont Ave., Detroit, Mich. Booth No. 904 --Coliseum.

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# Introducing a NEW kind of ALFOL Insulation

lined with vapor-sealing polyethylene



#### Delivers the greatest moisture protection ever offered in a full insulation! Sturdier, more efficient tool

Entirely new, this is the Alfol Type 22F Blanket. Combines the high insulating value of multi-layer aluminum foil with the unmatched vapor resistance of genuine polyethylene sheeting. Net result: the most effective built-in vapor barrier ever offered in a fullefficiency insulation!

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Alfol Type 22F is easy to install, too. The heavy polyethylene backing makes it sturdier than ever. Insulating efficiency is higher. Yes, and the superiority of this new kind of insulation actually *shows*. The "poly" glistens for all to see, demonstrates at a glance the extra safety built into your homes.

Why not investigate Alfol Type 22F now. One of several new Alfol Types, it's the ideal insulation for sidewalls, ceilings, etc.—*wherever* condensation control is a "must." Return the coupon today for illustratec details.

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Doors easy to assemble

Simplified installation, assembly, and glazing are features of the new "Sceneramic" sliding aluminum doors. Doors are available up to 20' in width, and for either plate glass or insulating glass.

Oro Manufacturing Co., Dept. A8, 1425 East Michigan St., Adrian, Mich. Booth No. 974—Coliseum.

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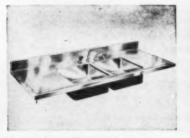


#### **Bath ventilators guaranteed**

Ventrola #408 bathroom ventilator removes all odors, provides fresh air without draft. Waterproof motor resists constant bathroom moisture; has a five year guarantee. FHA approves inside baths with fans.

Ventrola Manufacturing Co., 501 S. Chestnut St., Owosso, Mich. Booth No. 968 —Coliseum.

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#### **Controls at finger tips**

A stainless steel sink with many extras is the "Sink with the Finger Tip Controls" by Just. It includes a single lever faucet, detergent dispenser, an adjustable spray rinse, and concave pitched drainboards.

Just Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 9233 King Ave., Franklin Park, III. Booth Nos. 905-906—Coliseum.

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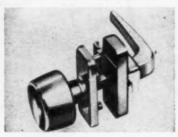


Waterproof with plastic

The use of polyethylene film to keep foundations leakproof is suggested by the Visking Company. The film is applied to the block walls. A fourfoot centerfold section of 4-mil film is suggested.

Visking Company, Dept. A8, P. O. Box 1410, Terre Haute, Ind. Booth No. 879— Coliseum.

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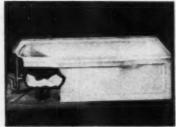


**Prevents locking accidents** 

This new combination screen and storm door latch features an external knob with optional keying. A nylom latch bolt is used for longer wear, and will automatically unlock the latch to prevent being locked out.

National Lock Company, Dept. A8, 1902 7th St., Rockford, Ill. Boath Nos. 765-766— Coliseum.

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#### Tub is economical to install

End outlet of this tub permits installation of trap and waste line above floor, making it particularly economical for slab-type construction. Straight bottom and ends eliminate special tile cutting.

Ingersoll-Humphryes Div., Borg-Warner Corp., Dept. AB, Mansfield, Ohio. Booth Nos. 712-722—Coliseum.

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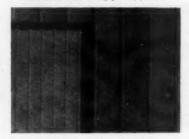


#### Cabinets get satin finish

A new pink-type finish on hardwood is the feature of Del-Mar's most recent line, known as Peachtone Cabinets. Finish is made of a special catalyst varnish in a satin finish which is scratch and mar resistant.

Del-Mar Cabinet Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 2865 Gordon Rd., S. W., Atlanta, Ga. Booth No. 867—Coliseum.

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Plastic gives "new look"

A ribbed design which replaces the "old tin roof" look is offered in Chem-O-Glas, a fiber glass building panel. It will cover areas 4' wide and 12' long, and can be nailed without pre-drilling.

Chem-O-Glos Distributing Co., Dept. AB, 7240 Ohio Ave., Cincinnati 36, Ohio. Booth No. 975-Coliseum.

Circle No. J240 on reply card, p. 114



Vanities come in new styles

A new vanity design, named the Dawn Mist Ensemble, is offered this year by Aetna. Units of porcelain enameled cast iron and plywood covered with plastic lamination come in single or double style.

Aetna Porcelain Enameling Co., Dept. AB, 4701 W. Augusta Blvd., Chicago, III. Booth Nos. 928-929—Coliseum.

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Pylon control for cooking

A new Preway electric surface unit features a Pylon control, a panel and enclosure for switches, mounted at the back and above the surface of the drop-in, 4 element unit. Switch panels are keyed by color to their elements.

Preway, Inc., Dept. A8, 1430 Second St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. Booth Nos. 893-894 —Coliseum.

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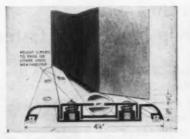


#### **Doors have magnetic handles**

Magna-Fold plastic folding doors are made of Masland Vinyl Duran. Two permanent magnetic handles are on each door with a positive pull of 9-10 pounds each. Nylon glides for long wearing operation on all doors.

American Door Co., Dept. AB, 318 East Colfax Ave., South Bend 22, Ind. Booth No. 963-B—Coliseum.

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#### Threshold is adjustable

New type threshold can be raised from 5%'' to 13%'' by adjusting screws. Is fitted to door' to assure a perfect weatherseal. Sager #860 threshold with reversible vinyl weatherstripping saves labor and replacement.

Sager Weatherstrip & Calking Corp., Dept. AB, 6724 Ashland Ave., Chicago, III. Booth No. 703—Coliseum.

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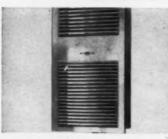


**Tiles add glamour touch** 

"Crystal Glazed" ceramic floor tiles have a frost-proof body and great durability. They come in 12"x12" pieces, in 15 colors and 7 shapes; square hexagonal and octagonal. Good for lobbies, patios, and offices.

Stylon Corp., Attn. Lewis Dabney, Dept. AB, Sumner St., Milford, Mass. Booth No. 761—Coliseum.

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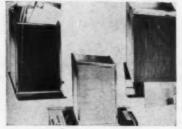


#### **Furnace has builder appeal**

Monogram recessed forced air furnace meets builders' needs for utility room installation at a price consistent with tract building. It comes in a complete package, pre-assembled, and has a fan for forced-air circulation.

The Quincy Stove Mfg. Co., Dept. AB, 825 South Front St., Quincy, Ill. Booth No. 762—Coliseum.

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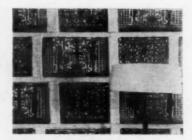


Flip-top lid for mail

An all-aluminum mailbox, in gleaming color combinations has a flip-top lid. Loads easily from the top; releases mail from bottom. "Mailmate", product of Duraflex Co., is of anodized aluminum extrusions.

Aluminum Company of America, Dept. A8, 1501 Alcoa Bldg., Pittsburgh 19, Pa. Booth Nos. 860-861—Caliseum.

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#### Wall paper goes 3-d

Three-dimensional wall papers called Decorator Motif are easy to apply to any surface. Washable, fire-, greaseand stain-resistant, paper comes in sheets ranging from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 sq. ft. Pattern here is Aztec Stone.

The Decro-Wall Corp., Dept. AB, 21 Saw Mill River Rd., Yankers, N. Y. Booth No. 885—Coliseum.

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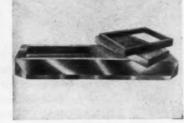


**Increases vapor protection** 

Aluminum foil insulation with a polyethylene backing increases its value as a vapor barrier. Available in Alfol Type 22 for ceilings and sidewalls, and Type 44 for crawl spaces and exposed ceilings.

Reflectal Corp., Dept. A8, 310 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 4, III. Booth Nos. 712-722-Coliseum.

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#### Varied hoods displayed

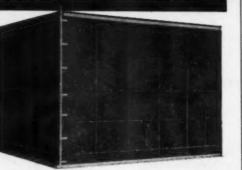
Mono Hood is showing range hoods and kitchen ventilators now available in any length through 42" and any width through 14", without extra charge. Made to order on a production basis, come in universal shapes.

Mono Hoad Inc., Attn. A. Richardson Jr., Dept. AB, 701 May St., Geneva, III. Booth No. 771—Coliseum.



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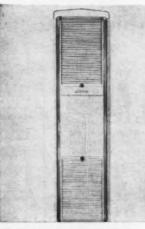


#### New gas incinerator

A gas incinerator that consumes both garbage and trash without emitting smoke or odors has been developed by this firm. Warm Morning Model L-16 has a large hinged feed door, double gas burner.

Locke Stove Co., Dept. AB, 114 West 11th St., Kansas City 5, Mo. Booth No. 944-Coliseum.

Circle No. J251 on reply cord, p. 114



#### Wall heater is built-in

Fully automatic forced air counterflow operation is featured by the new line of gas-fired vented wall heaters called "Suburban". Combustion chamber fully porcelain enameled. Capacities from 35,000 to 50,000 Btu's.

Samuel Stamping & Enameling Co., Dept. AB, Chattanooga, Tenn. Booth Nos. 763-764 —Coliseum.

Circle No. J252 on reply card, p. 114

#### Storm windows on display

According to this manufacturer, its complete line of aluminum combination storm windows and doors will be on display during the NAHB convention. Advantages of using these products will be demonstrated at the show.

The Hutch Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 20 Lowellville Rd., Struthers, Ohio. Booth Nos. 923-924—Coliseum.

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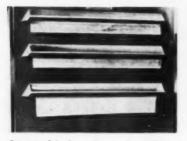
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#### Stores kitchen items handily

The Swanson Kitchen Kaddy provides a convenient storage space for small kitchen items such as toweling, wax paper, foil, etc. Installation is between studs on  $16^{\circ}$  centers, and is simple and inexpensive.

Swanson Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, 607 S. Washington St., Owosso, Mich. Booth Nos. 741-742—Coliseum.

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#### Banishes smoke, odors

Air-flow system provides smokeless, odorless operation of new gas disposer. Automatic timer locks unit door until burning cycle is completed. Will efficiently consume all household trash. Indoor or outside installation.

Caloric Appliance Corp., Dept. AB, 12 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. Booth Nos. 825-826—Coliseum.





#### Allow flexible kitchen plan

Complete flexibility in kitchen planning is possible with electric oven and surface units. Can be placed anywhere in kitchen with only one cutout required. Above, double oven model, in choice of six colors.

The Tappan Stove Co., Dept. AB, 250 Wayne St., Mansfield, Ohio. Booth Nos. 827-828—Coliseum.

Circle No. J256 on reply card, p. 114



**Drives 3 nails per second** 

Developed by Midwest Research Institute of Kansas City, Mo., this electric nailer is powered by a Bosch electric hammer. Drives up to three nails per second and fully loaded, weighs 37 lbs. Served by 110 AC.

B & H Homes, Inc., Attn. E. Lawrence, Dept. AB, 1428 Iron St., Kansas City 16, Mo. Booth No. 966—Coliseum.

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To build in or stand free

This gas stove, Model-1-175018, is available with or without the oven, Model 1-166018. The oven has a Roto-Broilercue Rotisserie. The stove is available in coppertone, porcelain, and baked enamel finishes.

Florence Stove Co., Attn. J. J. Angarola, Dept. AB, Kankakee, Illinois. Booth No. 835 —Coliseum.

Circle No. J258 on reply card, p. 114



#### Jalousie does two jobs

Kelco jalousie is a two-in-one thick door serving as a conventional door, a screen and storm door. Controlled ventilation can be had while the door is locked. Privacy controlled with clear or obscure glass.

Wells Aluminum Corp., Attn. R. Vander-Vliet, Dept. AB, North Liberty, Ind. Booth No. 837-Coliseum.

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Dishwasher saves space, time

Portable undercounter dishwasherdryer is both a mobile work center and convenient storage unit. Can hold all dishes from two or three meals. Science engineered, yet decorator finished for modern kitchen convenience.

American Kitchens Div., Avco Mfg. Corp., Dept. AB, Connersville, Ind. Booth Nos. 795-796—Coliseum.

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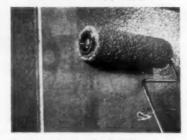


How to use lead

At the Lead Industries Assn. booth will be a complete display of lead fixture connections. Illustrated also will be ways to reduce plumbing costs with lead. Information on apprentice training classes in lead work.

Lead Industries Association, Dept. AB, 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. Booth Nos. 807-808—Coliseum.

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**Texture is ripple finished** 

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The Arco Co., Dept. AB, 7301 Bessemer Ave., Cleveland 27, Ohio. Booth No. 704 —Coliseum.

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#### Latest kitchen innovations

Two complete kitchens, both featuring new cabinets and some of the latest innovations in the kitchen field, will be shown at NAHB's convention by this company. Brand name of units is "Beauty-Queen."

Toledo Desk & Fixture Co., Dept. AB, 1020 Ford St., Maumee, Ohio. Booth Nos. 726-729-Coliseum.

Circle No. J272 on reply card, p. 114

#### **Cabinet is space-saver**

Bathroom medicine cabinets designed with shelf space for needed medicines and toiletries are also space conservers. Fit compactly and neatly into the modern bath.

General Bathroom Products Corp., Dept. AB, 1809 W. Thomas St., Chicago, Ill. Booth No. 878-Coliseum.

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#### **Mirrors framed by aluminum**

Stylized mirror frames of extruded aluminum are available in five ano-dized finishes. Versatility is the key feature due to quick and easy installation and prompt delivery on any size mirror frame from stock.

Designware Industries, Inc., Dept. AB, 3721 50th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Booth No. 889-Coliseum.

Circle No. J274 on reply card, p. 114

#### Door has new lock system

ABC sliding glass door has new locking device (by Adams Rite Mfg.) Can be master keyed for any lock system. A screw-together frame has a simplified installation. Can be pre-assembled and entire frame inserted into opening.

Adams Engineering Co., Inc., Dept. A8, Little River Branch, Miami, Fla. Booth No. 955-8-Coliseum

Circle No. J275 on reply card, p. 114

#### New look in kitchen units

General Electric's Appliance and TV Receiver Division plans an ambitious exhibit of equipment for this year's NAHB show. It will display all 1958 models in its electric kitchen line.

General Electric Company, Dept. AB, Appliance Park, Louisville, Ky. Booth Nos. 773-777; 756-760-Coliseum.

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#### Window opens on the sky

Billed as the only truly functional skylighting panel on the market, the Kimble Glass  $2^{\prime}x2^{\prime}$  Toplite panel is a new item in this field. It is completely prefabricated and ready for immediate installation in roof.

Kimble Glass Company, Attn. J. J. Sattler, Dept. AB, P.O. Box 1035, Toledo, Ohio. Booth No. 843-Coliseum.

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Models are exact replicas

Four miniaturized vinyl light-diffusing pans (8x8" in size) are exact replicas of standard pans. Offer lighting contractor opportunity to check uniformity of light transmission and of color.

Piolite Div., Pioneer Plastics Corp., Dept. AB, 28 Goodhue St., Salem, Mass. Booth Nos. 909-910—Coliseum.





#### **Glass offers new art medium**

"Stained glass" windows of laminated safety glass can be made simply and economically. Art applied to inside of glass is sealed protectively into laminates. Offers new versatility lacking with conventional stained glass.

Monsanto Chemical Co., Dept. AB, 1700 South Second St., Springfield, Mass. Booth Nos. 897-898—Coliseum.

Circle No. J264 on reply cord, p. 114



#### Intercoms are economical

Intercom systems packaged in two kits are a convenience to builders. One installation kit is for use when rough-in work is done, and electronic kit is for final installation. Saves money, time.

Fanon Electric Co., Dept. AB, 98 Berriman St., Braaklyn 8, N.Y. Booth No. 918-Coliseum.

Circle No. J265 on reply cord, p. 114



#### **Gives custom flooring**

Creative builders can offer home owners individual custom flooring with new  $17/2^{\alpha}x17/2^{\alpha}$  linoleum "Designer Squares." These tiles are available in three patterns each of two tones of rose beige.

Fibreboard Paper Products Corp., Dept. AB, 475 Brannan St., San Francisco, Cal. Booth No. 872—Coliseum.

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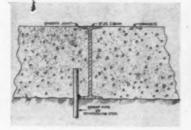


#### Gray glass eliminates glare

Gray glass is suited for large glassexpanse areas even in direct sunlight. Eliminates discomforting glare and heat. Does not affect color tones. Shown is curtain wall appearance of aluminum sections and gray glass.

American Window Glass Co., Dept. AB, 2000 Farmers Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Booth No. 724—Coliseum.

Circle No. J267 on reply cord, p. 114



#### New use found for beams

Lightweight steel beams are used as expansion joints between concrete paving sections in new construction technique by L. G. LeTourneau. Eliminates eventual concrete buckling. Joint method utilizes 6" Junior Beam.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., Dept. AB, 3 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 30, Pa. Booth Nos. 951-953—Coliseum.

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#### Lock designed for motels

Challenger's special motel lock gives privacy and security at all times. It has a special visual occupancy indicator. When locked from the inside an inside pin blocks a portion of the key slot.

Challenger Lock Co., Dept. AB, 4865 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles 16, Cal. Booth No. 772—Coliseum.

Circle No. J269 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Backhoe saves time**

A hydraulic backhoe which digs, lifts swings and loads in one continuous motion is now being marketed. With a telescope boom, it digs 12 ft., loads  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ft.; with special boom, digs 10 ft., loads  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

Henry Manufacturing Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 1700 N. Clay St., Topeka, Kans. Booth Nos. 961-962-Coliseum.

Circle No. J270 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Vinyl treads come in colors**

Four colors: gray, green, brown and black, will now be available in this firm's vinyl stair tread. Design of the new tread couples safety and easy maintenance. Treads provide especially strong gripping edge.

Robbins Floor Products, Inc., Attn. Valarie Blake, Dept. AB, Tuscumbia, Ala. Booth No. 842—Coliseum.

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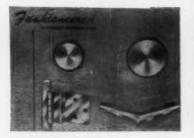
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**Selling made easier** 

A lightweight sample board sized to fit a briefcase is said to make selling of this firm's line of cabinet and builders' hardware easier. "Futura" hardware is modern-designed, available in all popular finishes.

Penn-Akron Hardware Corp., Dept. AB, 32-01 57th St., Woodside 77, N.Y. Booth No. 768—Coliseum.

Circle No. J278 on reply card, p. 114



#### Dees more accurate cutting

A new line of radial-arm wood and metal cutting machinery has been introduced by this firm. Called Imperial, it is designed for the nonferrous metal market along with the heavy-wood cutting industry.

DeWalt, Inc., Department AB, Fountain Ave., Lancaster, Pa. Booth No. 876-Coliseum.

Circle No. J279 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Does fine cabinet work**

Designed to facilitate intricate joinery and cabinet work is this <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hp heavyduty router. Tool has a micrometertype depth adjustment. Speeds range up to 19,000 rpm; operation by direct drive.

The Black & Decker Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, Joppa Rd., Towson, Md. Booth No. 871—Coliseum.

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#### Kitchen unit saves steps

According to its manufacturer, the new Kook-Center recessed in the wall saves both steps and space for the cook. Complete unit in bronze porcelain finish has two seperate ovens, built-in ventilating fan.

Western Holly Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 8536 Hays St., Culver City, Cal. Booth Nos. 823-824—Coliseum.

Circle No. J281 on reply card, p. 114



Panels add wall decor

Simple and quick installation is claimed for this company's new line of vinyl metal laminate wall panels. Called by the same name as the firm, "Clad Rex," these units will be on display at the NAHB convention.

Clad Rex Corp., Dept. AB, 2101 South Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill. Booth No. 734-Coliseum.

Circle No. J282 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Foundations formed quickly**

Both efficiency and speed are features afforded the pouring of foundations by this company's concrete forming systems. Photo shows the forms being used in a Bloomfield Heights, Colo., housing development.

Gates & Sons, Inc., Dept. AB, 80 South Galapago St., Denver, Col. Booth No. 802-Coliseum.

Circle No. J283 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Pools to add sales interest**

In a market where new houses meet tougher buyer resistance, swimming pools can often turn the sale, according to this company. They're now producing a new pool called Esther Williams swimming pool.

International Swimming Pool Corp., Dept. AB, 188 E. Post Rd., White Plains, N.Y. Booth No. 866—Coliseum.

Circle No. J284 on reply card, p. 114



Siding is now color-styled

Autoclaved clapboard siding establishes new standards of beauty as well as strength and stability. Comes in wide variety of built-in pastel shadea. Ruberoid booth has color styling display on trends in roofing and siding.

Ruberoid Co., Dept. A8, 500 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N.Y. Booth Nos. 707-708-Coliseum.

Circle No. J285 on reply card, p. 114



#### Room a/c is portable

New lightweight portable plug-in air conditioner weighs only 90 lbs. Easily moved from room to room. Fits any window. Single rotary control assures ease of operation. Operation is on 115 volts with draw of 7.5 amperes.

RCA Whirlpool Corp., Dept. AB, North Shore Dr., St. Joseph, Mich. Booth Nos. 839-841; 856-858-Coliseum.

Circle No. J286 on reply card, p. 114





**Prefabs in many styles** 

Fifteen elevations and five basic floor plans are being made available by this firm in its 1958 line of prefabricated homes. Design is contemporary and plans have three bedrooms,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  baths. Kitchens are modern.

Stylecraft Homes, Inc., Dept. AB, 1032 Lee St., Des Plaines, III. Booth No. 903— Coliseum.

Circle No. J287 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Tool gives leverage**

The "Little Pee-Vee," a handy new builder's tool, is designed to exert extreme leverage where required on a building job, as straightening sill plates. The unit is 18" long and weighs 2 lbs.

Proctor Products Co., Dept. AB, 16202 6th Avenue, N.E., Seattle 55, Wash. Booth No. 967—Coliseum.





#### **Panels diffuse light**

Shatterproof Filon panels, reinforced with Fiberglas and nylon, are used on this school's top level. Interior is bathed with evenly-diffused daylight. Inexpensively installed, panels eliminate glare.

Filon Plastics Corp., Dept. AB, 5824 Northwest Highway, Chicogo, III. Booth No. 922-Coliseum.

Circle No. J289 on reply card, p. 114



Nail driving speeded

The new model pushbutton Spotnailer will drive  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " fasteners (equivalent of a 6d nail) into the hardest woods. The gun is high velocity non-recoil and completely pneumatic. It can drive 3 fasteners per second.

Spotnails, Incorporated, Dept. A8, 1527 Lyons St., Evanston, III. Booth No. 881— Coliseum.

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#### Doors finish in one coat

Because of a carefully prepared surface, flush doors and panels produced by this firm need only one—a finish coat after installation. Called Gibralter flush doors and Satin Seal panels, they take many finishes.

General Plywood Corp., Dept. AB, 3131 Market St., Louisville, Ky. Booth No. 863— Coliseum.

Circle No. J291 on reply card, p. 114

#### Oven opens automatically

Push-button switches automatically control opening and closing of oven door on this company's newest line of gas or electric built-in ovens. Range insert line for 1958 also has added glamor, newest features.

National Stove Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 163 Avenue A, Bayonne, N.J. Booth Nos. 852-853 —Coliseum.

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#### Wood grains in laminates

Three new finishes are available in "Carefree" kitchens: oyster ash, antique cherry and fruitwood. Woodgrained reproductions, the surfaces are said to resist wear and tear and never admit foreign matter or dirt.

Nevamar Carefree Kitchens, Attn. Donald Otenasek, Dept. A8, Odenton, Md. Booth Nos. 785-786-Coliseum.

Circle No. J293 on reply cord, p. 114

#### Has built-in timer

Four room speakers and a master station make up the Rangaire Model WR-550 intercom system. Besides the intercom and radio, there is a timer to turn it on, and a receptacle for a phonograph in the system.

Roberts Manufacturing Co., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 177, Cleburne, Tex. Boath No. 812-813—Coliseum.

Circle No. J294 on reply card, p. 114



#### Sink made to wear well

The double compartment, ledge-back stainless steel sink is one of the new styles introduced by Ekco. Stainless steel won't chip, crack, stain or discolor. White acoustical undercoating deadens sound.

Ekco Products Company, Dept. AB, 1250 Bedford Ave. S.W., Canton, Ohio. Booth Nos. 814-815—Coliseum.

Circle No. J295 on reply card, p. 114



#### **Designed for disposers**

"Disposo-Well" stainless steel sink, designed for disposer installation, has an off-center drain funnel located directly under faucet spout. Location of drain protects utensils, increases disposer action.

Lyon, Incorporated, Dept. AB, 13381 West Chicage Blvd., Detroit, Mich. Booth No. 836 —Coliseum.

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#### Self-storing ironing board

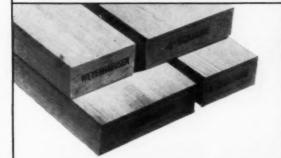
New item in laundry built-ins is a hinged, self-storing ironing board. Lifts out of 24" cabinet and locks securely providing sturdy working surface. Has storage space in cabinet for iron and accessories.

Mutschler Brothers Co., Attn. R. C. Chapman, Dept. AB, Nappanee, Ind. Booth Nos. 798-799; 822—Coliseum.

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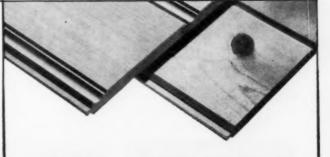


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SIDING: Weyerhaeuser 4-Square Kiln-Dried Sidings are available in a broad selection of patterns, grades, and species.

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Shown here are a few of the items in the complete line of Weyerhaeuser 4-Square Kiln-Dried Lumber products . . . lumber which you can use profitably and with complete confidence.

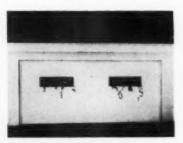
Trademarked Weyerhaeuser 4-Square Lumber is properly seasoned by scientifically controlled methods of drying. The result is lumber which has maximum strength, finishes easily, and holds nails securely. Kiln-drying also promotes dimensional stability.

Besides being kiln-dried, Weyerhaeuser 4-Square Lumber is precision manufactured, uniformly graded, and carefully loaded. All of these features contribute to the uniformly high quality of Weyerhaeuser 4-Square Lumber that results in customer satisfaction while entrenching your position as a reputable builder. The Weyerhaeuser 4-Square trademark is your assurance that you are using lumber and related building products which over a period of many years have earned the reputation for reliability.

Weyerhaeuser Sales Company Saint Paul 1, Minnesota

# **Bonus products**

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#### This door grows flowers

An overhead garage door with builtin flower boxes is the latest in flush sectional types. The boxes measure 42" wide, 15" high and 8" deep. Back of box is glass so that units also serve as windows.

Graham Industries, Inc., Attn. J. H. Homuth, Dept. AB, 6901 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland 3, Ohio.

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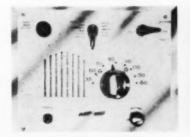


#### Generators can save \$300

HC model generators provide full rated electric power for primary power application in the construction field where economy and day-in, dayout operation is essential. Weatherproof housing is optional.

D. W. Onan and Sons, Inc., Attn. V. Gilbertson, Dept. AB, 2515 University Ave., S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minn.

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### Intercom panel fits flush

Here's a radio-intercom system, called Flush Wall, which is installed as its name implies. Said to fit a standard 4" partition, the unit permits any station to communicate with any other station.

Flush Wall Radio Co., Attn. L. R. Schenck, Dept. AB, 1012 Cleveland St., Clearwater, Fla.

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Roof vents have "new look"

For greater free vent area, roof vents now have a new louvered front with square base and venturi. Weatherproof construction of aluminum, galvanized steel or copper assures maintenancefree service. Easy to install.

Louv-r-Pak, Inc., Attn. W. C. Malicoat, Dept. AB, 3629 East First St., Forth Worth, Tex.

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**Homes for gracious living** 

Homes for '58 in modern, contemporary and traditional styles with two, three, and four bedrooms are presented by Inland. Latest model is the "700" series designed for gracious living. Price range \$16,500-\$17,500.

Inland Homes Corp., Attn. E. A. Morris, Jr., Dept. AB, 501 South College St., Piqua, Ohio.

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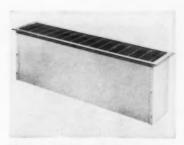
**Covers old walls** 

Cracked, chipped, or oil-painted walls can be quickly, smoothly and permanently covered with Nu-Wall bonding plaster. It adheres firmly, can be used to cover any surface where  $\frac{1}{6}$ " plaster is recommended.

Nu-Wall Manufacturing Company, Attn. Daniel Taylor, Dept. AB, 3100 West State St., Milwaukee 8, Wisc.

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#### Heater drops into floor

An electric floor drop-in heater has been developed for use in either frame or slab-type houses. Lengths of unit are designed to tie in with standard floor joist spacing. Register lifts out for cleaning.

Edwin L. Wiegand Co., Attn. T. A. Mc-Lean, Dept. AB, 7500 Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh 8, Pa.

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**Both powerful and portable** 

Claimed to be the lightest, shortestturning 600 cfm rotary air compressor manufactured to date . . . the LeRoi 600RD2. It is a portable, twostage, sliding-vane type coupled to a GM-71 diesel engine.

Le Roi Div., Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Attn. Ralph B. Malsom, Dept. AB, Milwaukee 1, Wisc.

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#### Insulation . . . in 3 sizes

Super-fine glass fibers make up this firm's new line of blanket insulation. It is available in three thicknesses, and is aluminum foil backed. Product weighs only between one and two oz. per sq. ft. in place.

Zonolite Co., Attn. David O. Field, Department AB, 135 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, III.

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#### One finger can do it

Finger-touch regulation of heating and air conditioning is claimed for this new PushButton Thermostat. Control has from two to five buttons and is available in a beige color to match most rooms.

White-Rodgers Co., Attn. J. B. Newcombe, Department AB, 1209 Cass Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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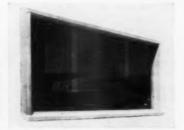


**Mixes while carrying** 

An improved utility mixer, called Transmix, is now ready for distribution. Unit mixes while transporting, dumps hydraulically, attaches quickly to most model tractors. One or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bag capacity.

Universal Pulleys Company, Inc., Department AB, 333 North Mosely St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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#### Windows are air tight

Pierson sashless windows are frameless, sashless crystal glass sliding sections with locking hardware. Tests have proven them extremely air tight in areas which suffer extreme cold. 23 basic sizes.

Ernest Pierson Company, Attn. William Pittman, Dept. AB, Broadway, Eureka, California.

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Seals curtain walls

Pecora Synthacalk mixes readily on the job from two packages. It is a new product designed as a sealant for curtain walls. It has excellent adhesion to clean, bare surfaces such as glass, metal, and plastic.

Pecora Paint Co., Attn. Laurence Bowen, Dept. AB, 4th St. and Sedgley Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Wire mesh lies flat

Improvements in Milcor Smalmesh Metal Lath produce a diamond mesh product, for use in all types of plastering. Lath is flat, of uniform width, and squared at both ends; requires a minimum of plaster.

Inland Steel Products Company, Department AB, 4101 West Burnham, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Includes the kitchen sink

A combination refrigerator, stove, freezer and sink that measures no more than 29" in width has been produced by this firm. The unit is attractive enough for the living room; comes in wood or white finishes.

General Air Conditioning Corp., Dept. AB, 4542 E. Dunham St., Los Angeles 23, Calif.

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to most model tractors. C bag capacity. Universal Pulleys Company,

#### 1958 PRODUCT SHOW: BONUS PRODUCTS



**Decorate the doorway** 

By the use of cast iron columns and brackets in the "Vineyard" or "Grape" pattern, Tennessee Fabricating Co. offers builders and home owners an attractive way of decorating their doorways and porches.

Tennessee Fabricating Co., Attn. Lewis Curtis, Dept. AB, 1490 Grimes St., Memphis, Tenn.

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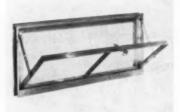


#### **Controls shower temperature**

Thermostatic shower control, with a single dial to turn, maintains desired temperature by compensating for drops in temperature and pressure. Shuts shower off upon failure of cold water supply.

The Powers Regulator Company, Attn. James Atkinson, Dept. AB, 3434 Ookton St., Skokie, III.

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#### Sash installs quickly

Aluminum basement sash combines beauty and lightness of aluminum with strength and rigidity of 6063-T5 extrusions. Features make for faster, easier installation and stronger, weathertight construction.

Vento Steel Products Co., Inc., Attn. Don Carr, Dept. AB, 259 Colorado Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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**Fixtures offer flexibility** 

New recessed square lighting fixtures offer one-piece steel frames in chromecopper, brass plate, grey and white, black satin. Units are available in three different housings: unwired, unwired with asbestos and pre-wired.

Atlas Electric Product Company, Attn. B. Pearlman, Dept. AB, 319 Ten Eyck St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

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Style 800-N can be installed in single dwellings or big projects at a low cost and with no sacrifice in efficiency, performance and beauty. "Radi-Vector" baseboard has copper tube and aluminum fins.

The Vulcan Radiator Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, Hartford, Conn.

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#### **Prefab** split offered

Presidential Homes is the manufacturer of this new split-level prefab. Chief feature is large number of bedrooms. There are four, and an additional study on the second floor which can also be used as a bedroom.

Presidential Homes, Incorporated, Attn. Harry C. Smith, Department AB, Pemberton, N. J.

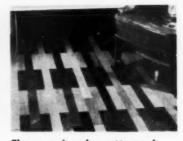
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#### **Data on radiant heat**

Information on Thrush Hot Water Radiant Heat is available through a 12-page booklet. Technical information, installation details and various applications of the Thrush system are explained.

H. A. Thrush and Company, Attention Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, Peru, Indiana.

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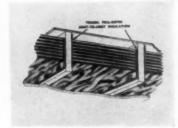


**Floors uniquely patterned** 

Hardwood floorings with elaborate patterns derived from European motifs are now being preassembled. Using its Micro-Match process, the firm can end- or side-match planks into many designs.

Miller Brothers Co., Inc., Attn. R. C. Miller, Dept. AB, P.O. Box 540, Johnson City, Tenn.

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Infra Insulation Inc., Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department A8, 525 Broadway, New York 12, New York.

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Scraper cuts broad swathe

Designed for use with tractors of 90 or more horsepower, new 18-cubicyard CT Scraper has a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , threesection blade angled precisely with floor to combat loading resistance. Extra-high opening aids unloading.

LeTourneau-Westinghouse Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. A8, 2301 N.E. Adams St., Peoria, III.

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Alsynite Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, 4654 De Soto Street, San Diego, California.

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#### **Designed for quiet service**

The new Shovelaire attic fan is made in three sizes: 30", 36" and 42". It is designed for quiet, low-cost operation and horizontal or vertical installation. General Electric and Westinghouse motors are used.

C & H Air Conditioning Fan Co., Inc., Dept. AB, 1591-1623 DeKalb Ave., N.E., Atlanta 7, Ga.

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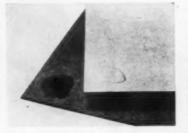
#### **Ceramic tile in sheets**

Fast installation of ceramic wall tile is now possible with 12-tile sheets of Suntile called "Setfast." Made in 16 popular glazes. Regular  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ " Suntiles are permanantly mounted on a specially developed mesh.

Cambridge Tile Manulacturing Co., Attn. R. L. Cailee, Dept. AB, P.O. Box 71, Cincinnati 15, Ohio.

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#### Color is baked in

Light in color and sealed pre-finished surface are said to be two main benefits of a new tempered hardboard, Sandalwood Forest. The color is baked in and sealed so that dirt, grease, etc. can be easily washed off.

Forest Fiber Products Company, Attn. Esther Polka, Dept. AB, Post Office Box 68, Forest Grove, Ore.

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Garage door smooths open

New features of the "Miracle" garage door include a 14" radius curved track for easier operation and a floating action wheel and axle assembly. Gives greater smoothness in opening and closing.

Frantz Manufacturing Company, Attn. W. L. Black, Sales Manager, Dept. AB, Sterling, III.

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#### Digger goes 12 ft. deep

New 54F power digger has 9,000 lbs. breakaway pressure; 188° uninterrupted arc; quick dismounting; will dig 12 feet and reach 18 feet at grade. Maker states 15 lin. feet of excavation can be done from one tractor position.

Sherman Products, Inc., Attn. M. G. Maudlin, Dept. AB, 3200 West 14 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan.

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#### **Both heats and cools**

The first room air conditioner for use both summer and winter has been announced by Fedders. Called the "Four Seasons" model, it runs from a heat pump which can operate even when the temperature drops to zero.

Fedders Quigan Corporation, Attn. Harold Boxer, Dept. AB, 58-01 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, N. Y.

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Mixer has 6-yd. capacity

A new non-tilting type of concrete mixer has been added to the line of the Muller Machine Company. Capacity of the mixer is 6 yds., and the height of the discharge is 27" to facilitate loading wheelbarrows.

Muller Machinery Company, Inc., Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, Metuchen, N. J.

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Intercom answers door

One of the four remote speakers in "Inter-Call" model D-2 is for dooranswering service. The system permits room-to-room inter-comunication between remote speakers as well as the master unit.

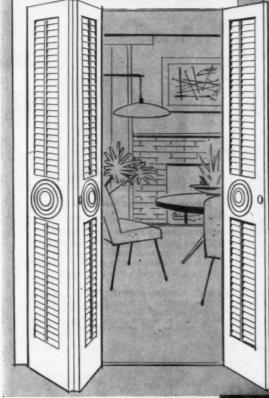
Music & Sound, Inc., Attn. Harold J. Lemman, Dept. AB, 118 Leslie Street, Dallas 7, Texas.

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Masonry saw is convertible

Supermatic Masonry Saw is a wet or dry unit which can also be converted to a light duty concrete saw and a track saw. Frame extensions can be added to increase its width to 6' to cut sills and large stones.

Clipper Mfg. Co., Attn. Don Lowery, Department AB, 2800 Warwick, Kansas City, Missouri.

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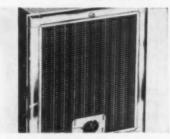


#### Cuts contractor's job

Closing "Pittsburgh" locks is accomplished in a fraction of the time required for hand hammering with this Lock Hammer. It will handle 30 to 22 gauge steel metal; weighs only ten pounds.

Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation, Department AB, 5316 West State Street, Milwaukee 8, Wisc.

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#### Heat in 10 seconds

Heat within ten seconds is assured by the Broan fan-powered electric wall heater. Widest use should be in bathrooms, or for auxiliary heat in nurseries or recreation rooms. Grille protection is only 1/4".

Broan Manufacturing Company, Inc., Attn. Chuck Kelly, Dept. AB, P. O. Box 140, Hartford, Wisconsin.

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**Comes in 48 colors** 

Case has introduced the Wellington 300, a concave vanity lavatory. Made of vitreous china, with rust-proof wrought iron legs and non-slip towel bars, the overall lavatory size is 32" x 24".

Case Manufacturing Corp., Attn. Ted Higinbotham, Dept. AB, 33 Main Street, Buffalo 3, New York.

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#### Dims from bright to dark

A new type dimmer, designed to meet the higher loads of modern residential and commercial circuits, is offered by Luxtrol. It provides intensities from full brightness to complete darkness.

The Superior Electric Company, Attn. Richard Greene, Department AB, 83 Laurel St., Bristol, Conn.

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#### Has the new head design

New saw, the "Briksawmatic", features Full-Vue Cutting Head which gives unlimited vision and unobstructed hand clearance. Another feature, the Eveready Control Crank positions the blade height for any size.

Eveready Briksow Company, Attn. E. W. Perkins, Dept. AB, 1104 Union Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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#### **Finishes small shapes**

Abrasives can be used on work spindles down to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" in diameter on the new Oscillating Abrasive Finisher announced by this company. Much smaller radius contours or scroll work can thus be machine-finished.

Boice-Crane Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, 930 West Central Ave., Toledo 6, Ohio.

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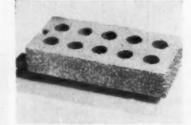


**Mirror performs as door** 

Carolina Mirror will introduce its new Signet Mobile Mirror: floor-to-ceiling sliding mirrors for closets and other storage areas. Completely packaged with all hardware, unit comes in sizes 3' to 6' wide and any ceiling height.

The Carolina Mirror Corporation, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, North Wilksboro, North Carolina.

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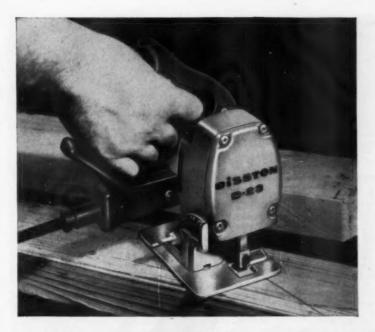


#### Brick for today's houses

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Structural Clay Products Institute, Attn. L. Kirsten, Dept. AB, 1520 18th Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

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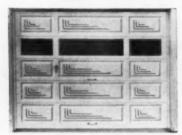
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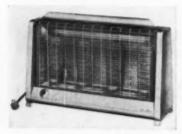


#### Made of heavy hardboard

The new raised carved panel door is made of Calderboard panels, a heavy, dense, hardboard material guaranteed for the life of the door. The panels machine and paint well. Ideal material for producing a raised panel door.

Calder Manufacturing Company, Department AB, 630 North Prince Street, Lancoster, Pa.

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#### Heaters designed with flair

Striking modern design distinguishes '58 line of portable model heaters. Heaters are of heavy-duty construction for long life, yet are light enough to carry from room to room. Three capacities available.

Cavalier Corp., Electric Heating Div., Dept. AB, 343 West First St., Chaltanooga, Tenn.

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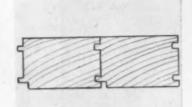
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Temco, Inc., Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, 4104 Park Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

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#### Roof deck does triple duty

Rilco announces a new roof deck called "Plank Deck." This comes in a Western Red Cedar or Spruce. It performs a multi-function by serving as sheathing, insulation and beautiful ceiling finish. Joists are eliminated.

Rilco Laminated Products, Inc., Dept. AB, W-891 First National Bank Building, St. Paul 1, Minn,

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#### **Blends hot, cold water**

A single-lever, swing spout for the modern kitchen sink has been introduced by this firm. Deck mounted, unit has 8" centers and a 9" spout. Working parts of precision-machined stainless steel and bronze.

Alamark Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Dept. AB, 11460 Reading Rd., Cincinnati 41, Ohio.

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#### Jack is supporting device

A new economy-priced jack and post device for supporting sagging floors, weak beams, warping stairways, is called the Un-X-Eld Jack. Constructed of tubular steel, the unit weighs 26 lbs. It's useful in construction work.

Perma-Jack Corporation, Department AB, 1111 East 200th Street, Cleveland 17, Ohio.

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#### Weatherstrip with ease

Of particular interest to remodelers should be this surface-installed window weatherstrip, called E-Z-On. The interlocking strips slide within one another as the double hung window is operated.

Robert N. Ballz & Company, Inc., Atin. S. J. Zabreski, Dept. AB, 1009 Harvard Ter., Evanston, III.

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#### Bath fixture has many uses

Cole "Valet" combines a deodorizer, magazine holder and ash tray with a "piggy back" toilet tissue dispenser that holds 2 rolls. The electronic deodorizer is an ozone generator which burns up the odor.

Cole Products Corporation, Attn. J. D. Cole, Dept. AB, Box 4182, Austin 51, Tex.

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**Cuts flush to any surface** 

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R. C. S. Tool Corporation, Attn. Thomas Sweeney, Department AB, P. O. Box 661, Bloomington, III.

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#### **Rids home of garbage**

Calcinator is a gas home incinerator which gives immediate indoor disposal of all garbage and trash. Cabinets are white silicone enamel baked under high temperatures. One year full warranty.

Calcinator Corp., Attn. Paul McLaughlin, Dept. AB, 28th and Water St., Bay City, Michigan.

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Circle F. Manufacturing Company, Attn. Warren M. Senior, Department AB, Trenton, N. J.

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#### No water problems here

News in packaged air conditioners is the line introduced by Trane. Units are designed for use with remote aircooled condensers. Eliminate water restriction problems.

The Trane Company, Attn. Frank Anton, Public Relations Dept., Dept. AB, LaCrosse, Wisc.

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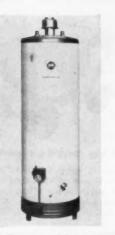
#### Wall covering has new design

Bolta wall vinyl wall covering has added a new pattern known as "Striped Linen." This features an ingenious use of texture variation and two tone colors to create subtle striped effects.

General Tire and Rubber Co., Bolta Products Division, Dept. AB, 70 Garden St., Lawrence, Mass.

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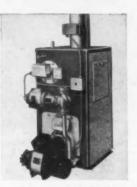


#### Heater features high input

Mission Diamondglas De Luxe water heater features a burner with a double row of gas ports for increased high input. Sold with a ten-year warranty, it has Diamondglas lining, colormatched safety controls.

Mission Appliance Corp., Dept. AB, Attn. Richard Reed, 12611 Crenshaw Blvd, Hawthorne, Cal.

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#### **Boiler shows good design**

Jubilee boiler has wet base construction surrounding the combustion chamber, prevents heat from penetrating the floor. It is made of cast iron, and with vertical flue travel.

Burnham Corporation, Heating and Cooling Division, Department AB, Irvington, N. Y.

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#### **Paneling comes prefinished**

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Plywall Products Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, P. O. Box 625, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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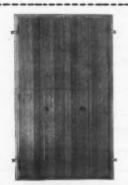


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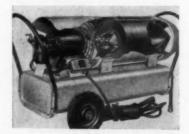


#### Tile bond has four-way use

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Larsen Products Corp., Attn. Dorothy Fishow, Dept. AB, 4934 Elm St., Bethesda 14, Md.

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#### **Heater runs inexpensively**

A new, portable heater, called the B-125, puts out 125,000 Btus of forced warm air per hour for only 15¢. Ideal for warming workers. The unit burns kerosene or No. 1 or 2 fuel oil.

Master Vibrator Company, Attn. Sales Promotion Manager, Department AB, 1752 Stanley Ave., Dayton 1, Ohio.

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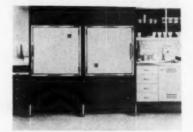
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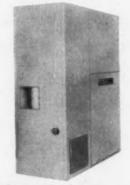


### **Provides maximum storage**

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Revco, Inc., Attn. H. C. Beresford, Dept. AB, Deerfield, Michigan. Booth Nos. 372-373-Hilton.

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Arkla Air Conditioning Corp., Servel, Inc., Dept. AB, Evansville 7, Indiana. Booth Nos. 179-180—Hilton.

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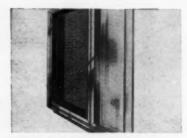


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### PRODUCT SHOW: SHERMAN



### **Electricity impels heater**

A new electrically energized hot water baseboard heating unit has been produced by this company. It is said to require little installation expense.

International Oil Burner Co., Dept. AB, 3800 Park Ave., St. Louis 10, Mo. Booth No. 497—Sherman.

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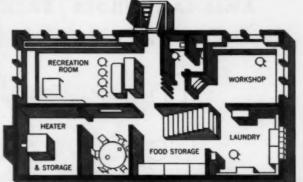


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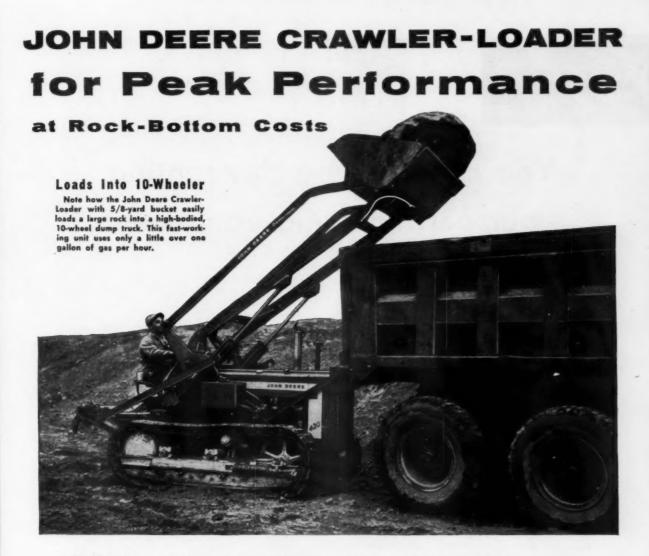


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# You can save by day-renting your earth-moving equipment ...

. . . but there are a lot of ifs involved. Here's how builder Bill Shroder does it, and his reasons why it cuts his costs

In an age when more and more parts of the building process are being put on an assemblyline basis, it may seem strange to find a builder who applies the old "cut-and-try" methods to any one part—in this case, earth moving. By the same token, when close cost control is so vital, a builder who subs his earth work on a cost-plus basis might be considered eccentric to say the least.

Bill Shroder, builder of this month's Blueprint House, does both of these things. What's more, he can show beyond a doubt that he saves money doing them.

Shroder is building "over-\$30,000" houses on one-acre lots valued at \$7,500. The area is New York's Westchester County. The development is called "Old Farm Hill." It is high and has a superb view. This accounts for its desirability. It's hilly and full of rocks. This accounts for problems that led Shroder to his method of land finishing.

### Step by step, here's what he does

Consider first the steps that lead to Shroder's final positioning of the house sites and roads:

Over a map that shows both contours and drainage, a rough sketch of house-lot positions and roads is made. From this map the roads are staked. Then the "cut-and-try" process begins. Shroder and his superintendent "walk" the future road in company with a bulldozer. When they need to know whether or not a certain cut can be made, the bulldozer goes ahead and tries it; if it isn't possible, the position of the road is changed. Then, from these changes, final positions of roads and lots are mapped, and the map submitted to town officials. "By that time," says Shroder, "there are no surprises waiting for us. We've actually been out, seen and tried everything."

Here, of course, lies the big reason why dayrental of equipment is feasible. There isn't anything about the land that the contractor could know that Shroder doesn't know. On the contrary, the contractor couldn't know as much, and would have to leave a healthy safety factor in his price. Shroder can take the chance because he knows the odds.

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And this leads to another point, says Shroder: the sub himself is protected from losing his shirt on a job that he figured wrong.

### How about owning his own?

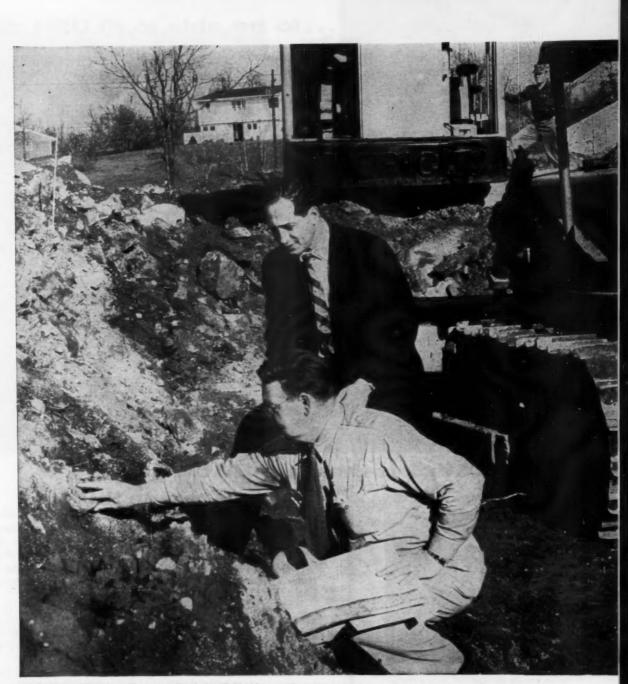
This, then, is why Shroder day-rents rather than contracts. But wouldn't he save in the long run by buying his own equipment?

"I sub-contract all parts of my operation," he answers, "including earth moving. This gives me flexibility. If the market slows up, as it is now, I'm not stuck with a big organization. And then, of course, I don't have a couple of hundred thousand dollars tied up in machinery."

Operators are another reason why Shroder rents rather than owns.

"It's almost impossible to go out and hire good operators. The best ones are in business for themselves, or working for an earth-moving contractor. So when we rent the machines, we get the good operators with them automatically. And we have none of the headaches of keeping the machines busy all the time, and keeping them maintained."

This leads into a question dear to the hearts of



BILL SHRODER (standing) and Fred Caulfield, his superintendent, check a road cut through a rocky area.

builders everywhere: how to make sure the sub gets onto the job on schedule. Shroder's solution is a sound one, but unfortunately may not apply to all builders. He gives his earth mover enough steady work so that the latter puts his men at the disposal of Shroder's schedule. Further, he leaves his equipment at the project. At any given time Shroder will have at his beck and call the following array of machinery: an HD-6 dozer with 1½yard front-end loader; an HD-11 dozer; a one-yard crawler backhoe-shovel (with an overweighted boom for breaking rocks); a <sup>1/2</sup>-yard tractormounted backhoe; a truck-mounted compressor with two guns; and a wagon drill. And finally, he has a second earth-moving man with an HD-7 dozer who, he says, "is the 'artist supreme' at finish grading. When he leaves the job, all we have to do is rake and seed."

"The biggest requirement, if you're going to cost-plus earth work," says Shroder, "is that you have first-class supervision. I'm lucky. Fred Caulfield is the best earth-moving super I've ever seen."





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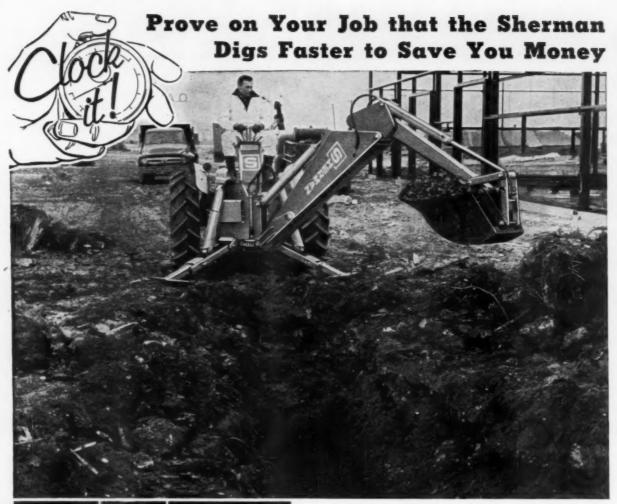
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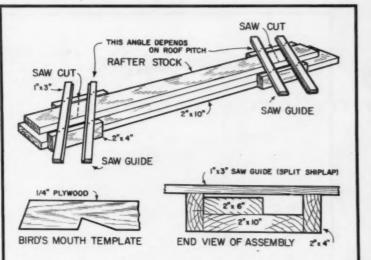
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# How to do it better



# Single power saw set-up speeds rafter cutting

S ince I am a happy reader of your valuable paper, I am submitting an idea I use to speed up cutting rafters. It applies when all the rafters are the same length.

To begin with, I lay-out and cut the pattern rafter. Then I select a piece of straight 2x8 or 2x10 longer than the rafter. I place it on two saw horses.

I then nail two short pieces of 2x4 on each edge of the 2x10 to coincide with the length of rafter, as shown in the diagram. I select 2 pieces of 1x6 approximately 24" long. I rip them down the center and use the rabbited edge as a guide for the power hand saw. I nail them as shown in the sketch on the 2x4's to the required angle of the rafter tail and ridge cut so that the saw cut will be the exact length of the rafter.

All that is left to do is to lay the rafter stock in place and run the saw through at both ends. Then the rafter is cut to length. A small template made from plywood is used to mark the bird'smouth. Then the job is finished. Daniel Adolph Creston, B. C. I"x 3" STOCK DOUBLE 2"x 4" ROUGH STUDS JACK STUD HOE I" SHEATHING

### **Eliminates blocking**

Here's a sketch of a system we use for straightening and stiffening long window sills as in mullions and picture windows.

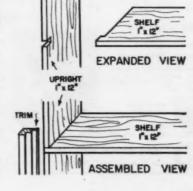
A piece of stock, the same thickness as the sheathing, run the length of the window and pried up against the sill not only stiffens the sill but provides continuous, firm nailing for the window stool and apron when trimming it out.

Alex J. Benko, Spotswood, N. J.

### **Bookcases without dadoing**

Sometime ago, I found myself on the job with the next scheduled job being a built-in bookcase to be constructed of 1x12's. Not having the necessary dadoing equipment on the job, I devised this method to attach the shelves to the uprights. On small jobs this method is done economically with hand tools.

Max Sorensen, Dallas, Tex.



### Blocks speed fixture installation

When installing store fixtures in some of the older stores, we often run into a condition where the floor is very uneven. On most showcases it is a simple matter to place shims under the cases and then run a baseboard around the cases hiding shims. However many of the new fixtures are supported on metal legs and shims under the legs would be unsightly. On a recent job we solved the problem by removing the legs and placing blocks of the proper thickness between the legs and the base of the fixture. As the legs are set back from the edge of the base, the blocks are invisible when fixture is in place.

E. McFetridge Warwick, R. I.



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# "SCR" veneer can solve exterior wall problem

QUESTION: I've done a great deal of work on a church in my locality, to no avail. It's a brick structure built about 1931. It appears that at the time it was built, the contractor purchased brick of unsound quality. Today the face of these bricks is chipped like scale; about one in five is in this condition.

In talking with the church committee we've agreed it would be too costly to tear down the outside walls. The walls are basically sound but the bricks are so porous water is soaking through. Last year I replaced a great many bricks and later sprayed with silicon. I'm hoping you can offer me some help in this matter. Would it be practical to use stucco over these walls or could it be strapped off over the brick and siding applied?

L. C. Armstrong Perry, Me. **ANSWER:** The application of stucco is practical and experience has shown when stucco is applied correctly it renders satisfactory service. The wall should be furred by the use of metal furring strips. Wire lath is used where stucco finish meets roofline, windows and doors.

Recently the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation developed a new product which is being introduced throughout the country. Known as "SCR Renu-veneer", it's the size of Norman face brick (see above). This would be another way of solving your problem.

Mr. Mal Allen of the Research Foundation will write you about the availability of "Renu-veneer" in your city.

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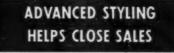
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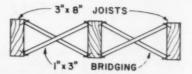
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### Ask the Experts . . .

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### Cross bridging bolsters floor sag in residence

**QUESTION:** How can I correct my floor from sagging or giving when I walk on it? The floor is 13'x20' and the flooring consists of 3/4" select oak run right angles to joists. The rough floor is 3/4"x6" yellow pine running diagonally and the floor joists are 3"x8", 13' long, placed on 16" centers. George Higham Yonkers, N. Y.



**ANSWER:** The 3x8 joists you describe are satisfactory on a 13' span provided the floor is used for ordinary residential purposes and no exceptionally heavy loads are placed on it. The solution to your problem is to have one row of bridging nailed to the joists at midspan. Use cross bridging, either wood (1x3), or steel, nailed to the joists with two nails at each end.

George A. Kennedy Struct. Eng. Chicago, Ill.

How to prevent soil cave-ins QUESTION: I have to build a root cellar along the side of a one-story cement-block building. The soil is sandy and caves in very easily. How can I excavate 6' along the building and keep the sand from caving in?

R. U. Metzger Albuquerque, N. M.

**ANSWER:** In order to build your root cellar alongside a one-story cement-block building and prevent a sand cave-in, employ sheet piling with braces.

This is done by driving 2x6's, one next to the other, to at least 8' in the ground, all around the cellar. After this has been done you may excavate and brace the sheet piling as you go down to the desired depth of 6'.

We might add that this method is quite costly, but is the only sure way. You may (as an alternative) try digging the sides of the excavation with one-to-one slope around the building.

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### QUANTITY MATERIAL LIST

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House	Frame	Split Level
Area Area Playroom		1,870 sq. ft. 574 sq. ft.

Actual

### CONCRETE WORK

Location
Foundation Footing
Porch Footings
Pier Footings
Piers
Cheeks
Slabs
<b>Chimney Footing</b>
Chimney Stack
Pier Footings
Grade Beams

200 cu. ft. 13 cu. ft. 84 cu. ft. 33 cu. ft. 38 cu. ft. 583 cu. ft. 12 cw. ft. 10 cu. ft. 16 cu. ft. 70 cu. ft. 1,129 cu. ft.

1,186 cu. ft. 44 cu. yds. .....

### BRICK & BLOCK WORK

Location Walls Flue Lin Flue Lin

Location

Location

Bath Flo

Description 10" Block Brick 81/2 x 81/2 T.C. 81/2 x 12 T.C.

Am 950 sq. ft. 110 cu. ft. 22 lin. ft. 14 lin. ft.

Actual + 5%

### STRUCTURAL STEEL

Description Amount Lally Colu Girder Girder Diam. WF 20#-14'0" Long WF 33#-31'4" Long 5 pieces 1 piece 1 piece

### TILE WORK

Description 4. 50 sq. ft. 120 sq. ft. 104 sq. ft. 48 sq. ft. 128 sq. ft. 32 sq. ft. Ceramic Wal alt Tile Walk Floo **Asphalt Tile** Walls

### DRYWALL

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### FRAMING LUMBER

Location	Size	Pieces	Lin. Ft.	<b>B.F.M.</b>
Girder (2)	2 x 10		72	120
Girder (2)	2 x 10	2/14	28	47
Girder (3)	2 × 10	6/12	72	120
Floor Beams Rear & Front	2 x 10	74/16	1,184	1,974
Floor Beams Right	2 × 10	25/18	450	750
Box Header	2 x 10	-	130	217
Bridging	1 x 3		400	100
Floor Beams for Deck	2 × 8	10/14	140	187
Garage Door Header (2)	2 x 12	2/18	36	72
Studs	2 × 4	80/8	640	427
Plates (3)	2 x 4		240	160
Rafters	2 x 10	112/20	2,240	3,734
Ridge Board (2)	2 x 10	-	150	250
Studs	2 x 4	440/8	3,520	2,347
Plates (3)	2 x 4		1,050	750
Studs	2×6	8/8	64	64 24
Plates	2 x 6		24	24
Balcony Planks	2 x 4	_	450	300
Window Headers (2)	2 x 12	-	240	480
Sills (2)	2 × 6	_	360	360
Deck Planks	2 x 4		504	336

### ROOFING, SHEATHING, SIDING, FLOORING, INSULATION, ETC.

Location	Description	Actual	Actual + 10%
Sub Fleer	1x4 or Plywood	1.870 sq.	A. 2,057 sq. ft.
Finish Floor	Wood	1,445 \$9. 1	ft. 1,590 sq. ft.
Side Wall Sheath	1x6 or Plywood		
Siding	Plywood and Batten	700 sq. 1	ft. 770 sq. ft.
Reafing	1x6 or Plywood	2,960 sq. 1	H. 3,256 sq. ft.
Roof Sheathing	210# Asphalt	2.960 sq.	ft. 3,256 sq. ft.
Wall Insulation	2" Batts	1,434 sq.	ft. 1.577 sq. ft.
<b>Ceiling Insulation</b>	2" Batts	1.890 sq.	
Kitchen	Linoleum	345 sq. 1	ft. 380 sq. ft.
Kitchen	WP Plywood	345 19.	
Siding	1x6 T & G	584 sq. 1	
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### QUANTITY MATERIAL LIST

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Note: The waste factor is determined by the material used and the method of installation.

	MILLWORK	
Exterior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Fascia Fascia Frieze Sofft	1 x 12 1 x 4 1 x 10 WP Plyweed	230 lin. ft. 230 lin. ft. 150 lin. ft. 450 sq. ft.
Interior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Base Cl. Pole Pole Sockets Cleats Hook Strip Shalving Shalving Stairs	1 x 4 1 ½" Diam. Wood 1 x 3 1 x 4 1 x 12 8 Risers 7 Risers	500 lin. ft. 40 lin. ft. 7 pair 65 lin. ft. 70 lin. ft. 130 lin. ft. 1 set 1 set
	DOOR SCHEDULE	
Exterior Doors Size	Description	Amount
3'0" x 6'8" x 1 34" 2'8" x 6'8" x 1 34" 8'0" x 7'0" x 1 34"	Flush S.C. Flush S.C. Flush O.H.	1 2 2
Interior Doors		
$\begin{array}{c} 3'0'' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 3'0'' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 2'6''' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 2'1''' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 2'0''' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 1'8'' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ 1'6'' \times 6'8'' \times 1 \frac{3}{2}6''' \\ \end{array}$	Kalamein Flush H.C.	2 6 1 2 2 1
Sliding Doors		
4'0" x 6'8" 3'0" x 6'8" 2'6" x 6'8" 2'0" x 6'8"	Ext. Glass & Aluminum Ext. Glass & Aluminum Int. Int.	4 6 4 Totel 38

Note: All doors are to be ordered from the door schedule com-plete with doors, door frames, trim, casing, saddles, stops, etc.

### WINDOW SCHEDULE

Size	Description	Amount
4'0" x 4'0"	Sliding	10
4'0" x 4'0"	Fixed Glass	3
5'6" x 4'0"	Fixed Glass	i
3'0" x 4'0"	Fixed Glass	3
4'0" x 2'0"	Fixed Gloss	1
8'0" x 4'0"	Triangle Fixed	
6'0" × 4'0"	triangle rixed	-
7'0" x 3'0"		*
	~ ~	2
7'0" x 5'0"	77 FP	2
2'0" x 2'0"		2
4'0" x 2'0"	Sliding	2
		Total 30
Aprons	1 x 6	120 lin. ft.
Stools	1 x 8	120 lin. ft.

Note: All windows are to be ordered from the window sched-ule complete with sash, frames, trim, casing, stops, etc.

	KITCHEN CABINETS	
Location	Size	Amount
Counter Counter Hanger Ref. Hanger	10'0" × 3'0" × 2'0" 3'0" × 3'0" × 2'0" 12'0" × 3'0" × 1'0" 3'0" × 1'0" × 1'0"	Total 4

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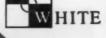
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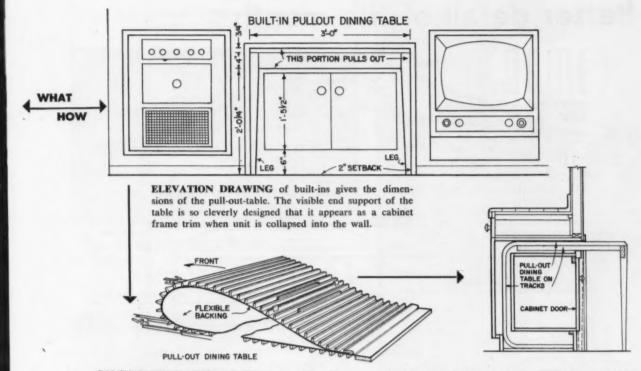
# Built-ins can be your best

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During AMERICAN BUILDER's coverage of National Home Week, it was obvious that the use of built-ins is on the increase across the country. Why? Because buyers go for them. The latest built-in innovation to come to our attention is a disappearing dining-room table. Trudy Richards Homes in Anaheim, Cal., have developed the use of built-ins to a fine degree. They include the disappearing, pull-out-table shown above as standard equipment in their homes selling under \$20,000. Purpose of the table is to allow maximum use of the dual dining-living area. When not in use, the table folds (or rolls) neatly into the wall.

In addition to the table, the wall also features built-in hi-fi and TV available to the buyer on an optional basis. Both from the standpoint of cost and space, electronic built-ins like hi-fi and TV can be terrific inducements to music lovers. In small living rooms there is frequently not enough space for separate TV and hi-fi sets. The high cost of cabinets is avoided. The complete quality Bogen hi-fi system is \$225. The Fleetwood TV is \$250 more. There are a lot of takers, but optional cost has to be added to down payment.

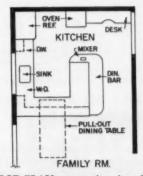
The built-in arrangement, shown above, works well either for the open or the closed kitchen.



### GUIDE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

**CONSTRUCTION OF TABLE TOP** design of installation used can be seen in the illustrations above. To provide a rigid support for the extended table, a collapsible telescoping type of support is used that folds up next to itself when the table is pushed into the wall. It is rather interesting the way the refectory table slips in, down and behind the cabinets accessible from the living room side. Slim drawer above track serves the kitchen.

# sales clincher

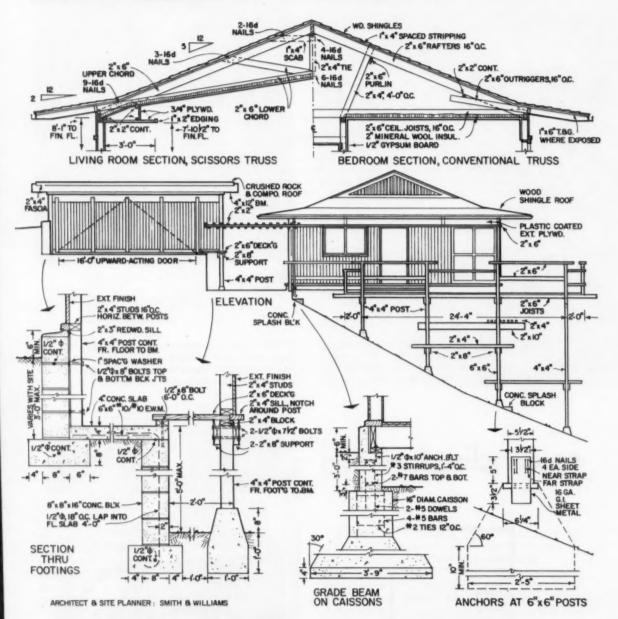


ABOVE FLOOR PLAN, perspective view show the "open planning" alternate possible with same built-in units as used in the closed-kitchen design. Ash paneling is carried



to counter height. Position of dining bar, pull-out table and electronic built-ins remains the same because units are kept below counter height. Bar extends to paneled wall. American Builder TRAINING YOUR MEN

Better detail of the month



### Hillside design uses poles to reduce site costs

The above details, from one small-volume builder, should be of interest to 1-20 builders across the country. A ten-house tract, using the above design, was constructed in Monterey Park, Cal., by the Security Development Corp. The Dutch-gable roof allows two roof pitches and two ceiling pitches. Site costs were reduced by building the house on 4x4'' and 6x6'' poles rather than making a "cut" into the terrain. The grade beam on caissons ties foundation system to hillside.



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### BOOK REVIEWS

WOOD SPECIMENS. Edited by Patrick Nairn. Tothill Press, Ltd. (London, England) 1957. 205 pp, illus. \$9.25

To those who are fascinated by the unending varieties and uses of the world's woods, this beautiful book will be both a joy and a continual source of accurate information.

Publication of this volume completes the second edition of Wood Specimens. Both this and the first volume include 100 types of woods.

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Some of the woods discussed here are best used in construction, while others primarily serve a decorative function. Both the common and botanical names of each wood are given. Among them are the wavy-patterned Japanese Ash, the starkly plain San Domingo Boxwood and the delicate Pink Ivory of Africa.

PRACTICES AND METHODS OF CON-STRUCTION. Joseph Steinberg and Martin Stempel. Prentice-Hall, Inc. (Englewood Cliffs, N. J.) 1957. 213 pp, Illus. \$8.00.

The purpose of this book is to give the reader a clear insight into the particular problems of heavy construction and to suggest the proper procedures for seeing a structure through from idea to actuality.

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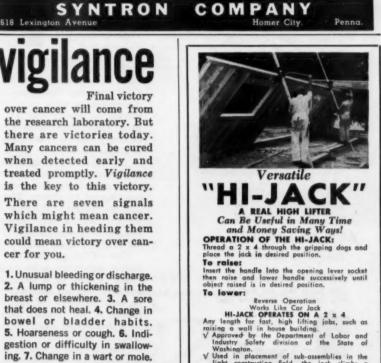
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### American **KEEPING UP WITH THE LAW** Builder.

# How to qualify for income tax advantages on real estate held for investment purposes

By JOHN F. McCARTHY Attorney-at-law

The Internal Revenue Code of 1954, in Section 1237, contains provisions which confer income-tax advantages upon some taxpayers. The advantages

apply to those hold who real estate for investment purposes and are not dealers. They also apply to those who find it desirable to subdivide property in order to



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make more advantageous sales. The Code provides that under certain circumstances such sales may be treated as giving rise to capital gains, rather than ordinary income. Ordinary income is normally taxed at higher rates.

The Treasury Department recently has issued its final regulations concerning these somewhat complicated provisions. They indicate that the Internal Revenue Service will take a very conservative attitude in administering any benefits available under Section 1237.

This section provides that under certain conditions a lot or parcel, which is part of a tract of real property, will not be considered to be held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business solely because the taxpayer has subdivided the tract for the purposes of sale or because he has engaged in activities incident to the subdivision or sale. Conditions which must be met in order to gain this more favorable tax treatment are:

1. The lot or parcel must have been held by the taxpayer for a period of five years. Exception:

where property was acquired by inheritance or devise.

2. The tract previously must not have been held by the taxpayer primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business.

3. Other real property of the taxpayer must not have been held, during the same taxable year in which a sale occurs, primarily for transfer to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business.

4. No substantial improvement that materially enhances the value of the lot or parcel sold may have been made by the taxpayer or may be made pursuant to a contract of sale entered into between the taxpayer and a buyer.

A corporation may be the taxpayer and entitled to the benefits of Section 1237, if no stockholder is a real-estate dealer and if no stockholder controls another corporation engaged in the real-estate business.

Before the enactment of the new Code, if a person, not in the realestate or building business, owned real estate, which he subdivided before sale, his profit from that activity generally was treated as ordinary income. The very act of subdividing was regarded as an activity which put the owner in the real-estate business and constituted him a dealer. Thus, his transfer of lots was held to be a sale of his stock in trade, or a sale to customers in the ordinary course of trade or business, and his profit was regarded as ordinary income.

It is realized that Section 1237 is too complicated and restrictive. However, it is suggested, and hoped, that this section and the **Treasury Department's regulations** just issued, point out some ways in which owners may provide land for builders on more advantageous terms.

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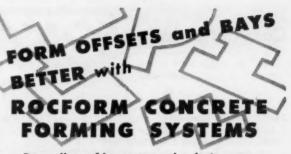
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Jan. 7: Home Builders' of Maryland, 7 E. Lexington St., Baltimore 2, Md. 38th annual banquet; Lord Baltimore Hotel. Guest speaker: George Goodyear, President, NAHB. Jack B. Candler, chairman.

Jan. 9: Home Builders of Hartford County, 14 Oakwood Ave., West Hartford, Conn. Induction of 1958 officers; Rockledge Country Club. Clayton W. Johnson, chairman.

Jan. 9: Toledo Home Builders, 564 Spitzer Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Annual banquet; Commodore Perry Hotel. George Flanner, chairman.

Jan. 10: Home Builders of Dallas County, 318 N. St. Paul, Dallas, Tex. Annual banquet and installation of officers; Hotel Adolphus.

Jan. 15: Home Builders of Stark County, 2556 Clearview Ave., NW., Canton, Ohio. Annual banquet; Onesto Hotel. Don Schneider, chairman.

Jen. 19-23: National Assn. of Home Builders, 1625 L. St., NW., Washington, D. C. Annual builder's convention; Chicago, Ill.; Hotels: Hilton, Sherman, Coliseum. Walton Onslow, Convention Program Director.

Jan. 21: Rockland County Home Builders, Court Square Bldg., New City, N. Y. Monthly meeting; Davies Lake Hotel. Joseph Feld, chairman.

Feb. 9-16: Home Builders of Greater St. Louis, 215 N. Meramec Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Bildors home show; St. Louis Arena. Mel Doernhoefer, director.

Feb. 13-19: Home Builders of Greater Boston, 7 Water St., Boston, Mass. New England home show; Mechanics Bldg. Henry Sherman, chairman. Feb. 13-15: Ohio Home Builders, 57 East Gay St., Columbus 15, Ohio. 4th business management school; Deshler Hilton Hotel, C. M. St. Clair, chairman.

Feb. 15-23: Home Builders of Metropolitan Washington, 2101 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 12th annual home show; National Guard Armory. James W. Pearson, chairman.

Feb. 15-22: Home Builders of Schenectady, 180 State St., Albany, N. Y. Home show; Schenectady Armory. Walter J. Socha, chairman.

Feb. 26: Home Builders of South Florida, 150 S. E. 3rd Ave., Miami 32, Fla. One-day course for new home salesmen. S. A. Dansyear, chairman.

Mer. 1-9: Home Builders of Palm Beach County, P. O. Box 667, Palm Beach, Fla. Parade of homes and home show; Village of Palm Springs. R. M. McClintock, chairman.

Mar. 1-8: Home Builders of Albany, N. Y., 105 Colvin Ave., Albany 5, N. Y. Ninth annual home show; Washington Ave. Armory. Michael J. O'Brien, chairman.





# When the selling gets tough ... >

# ...do you know how to get

As the buyers' market continues to tighten, manufacturers are literally rolling up their sleeves to help builders sell. Latest one to come up with a major sales tool for builders is Hotpoint. Through its distributors, the company has packaged a fastpaced, hard-hitting short course in selling for builders and their sales staffs.

Basically, the package consists of a full-color, sound film designed to show salesmen how to approach prospects, how to present the home, how to handle objections, how to sell quality, and how to close. The film also shows how to trade up the customer to a more luxurious home (and, coincidentally, how to sell a Hotpoint built-in kitchen).

Also part of the free training package is a tightly written booklet that recaps the points made in the film and packs in many more.

Thus the builder—and his salesmen—get a twopart program that (1) dramatizes effective selling techniques and (2) provides a tangible reminder of the points to emphasize.

Under the heading of "Approach," the film and booklet stress the importance of visual appearance and attitude. Suggestions are also given for qualifying the buyer prospect before launching the main selling presentation.

# Here are 10 more tested

### **By Kelly Snow**

Merchandising Consultants, Portland, Ore.

H ere are 10 of the most effective ways to get the customer's signature. They are practical, tested closing helps you can adapt right now.

1. Assume at the start he'll buy. Use such phrases as, "Is this going to be Johnny's bedroom? How would you arrange your living room furniture in this room?" Refer to the house as "your home" early in the presentation.

2. Assume at the end he'll buy. Early in the interview, get out your fountain pen. Use it as a pointer. The prospect gets used to it and doesn't gun-shy at the moment of signing. Get your earnest money receipt in plain sight early. Begin to fill out the receipt, but avoid dead spots in the conversation. 3. Don't be a cliff hanger. After you answer all the prospect's questions, nail the sale down by asking for it . . . again and again until you get it. 4. Add up the score . . . then ask. People who pride themselves on being tough buyers especially go for this logical reason-why approach. Add up the score with a sequence of phrases such as these: "You need a nice place to live in . . . this house suits your family . . . you say you like it . . . you especially like that big family room . . . it's well within your income and down-payment possibilities. As far as I can see, that's all there is to it. Now, what was your first name again, Mr. Jones?" 5. Hit 'em where it's tender . . . then ask. Every prospect has a tender spot-one dominant reason why he's ready to buy your house. A prospect often tips off his tender spot in the first few questions he asks you. If you can, stall these answers. If he doesn't tip off his tender spot by his questions, uncover it by your questions and say, "We'll come back to that later." Then, at the moment of closing, concentrate your punches where it's tender.

6. Make 'em afraid to wait . . . then ask. Tell the prospect, "If you'd bought this house ten years ago,



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# ways to close the sale

you'd have made \$XXXX on it by now. You'd have made money every day you owned it and you're losing money now, every day you don't buy." Then reel off several 'for instances' to support this, such as: "This land we bought at X price is now worth Y price." Be sure of your facts.

7. Say you don't care. Let the prospect know you're doing this for him. Say something like: "I know I can sell 'X' houses a month (or, "My drawing account gives me a steady income"), so I wouldn't sell you something that isn't right for you." 8. Ask "which?" The purpose of a "which" question is to get the prospect to answer a question or short series of questions that have "Yes, I'll buy" automatically built into them, no matter how he answers. Then once you have your "Yes, I'll buy" implied answer, it's time to stop asking questions. Ask just enough "which" questions to lead the prospect to a close, but not enough to divert or confuse him. Make your own list, using these as a starter: "Which home did you decide on, the \$14,900 or the \$17,500?" "Which do you want, the family kitchen or the dining room?"

**9.** Ask "when?" Depending on the prospect's answer, use these three follow-ups to cinch the close: *Right away:* "I only have one (two) left of the floor plan (exterior design, number of bedrooms) you like. It's a good thing we have one left for you." Start writing up the earnest money receipt.

A month: "While they're under construction, you get your choice of colors (or other optionals) so we'd better get at it now." In closing out a subdivision or a portion of one, you can follow up with: "This is the last house we have in this style you like so well, so you'd better take it now."

A few months: "We only build one (a few) of a kind in each location, so if you want your first choice of exterior, you'd better sign up right now." **10.** Ask "where?" If you give buyers considerable choice in location, capitalize on it by asking "where" questions. For example: "Do you want your house on the golf course or near the school?"

### AMERICAN BUILDER

### REMINDERS

# The Month Ahead

### SMALL HOMES COUNCIL

The University of Illinois Small Homes Council will present its 13th annual Short Course in Residential Construction Jan. 15-16 at the university. The subject this year will be the most efficient design, construction methods and materials for the houses you'll build next year. This is about as comprehensive a coverage as you'll find anywhere in the building field, and we can say with complete assurance that the course, as always, will be the best. Registration fee is \$15, and includes tuition, field trips, the annual dinner, and all publications that are included as part of the course. To register, send your name and address and a check to: Supervisor of Engineering Extension, Room 116D, Illini Hall, 725 S. Wright St., Champaign, Ill.

### **NEW LURECO DESIGNS**

We're going to say more about this in the February issue, but for those of you who are in a hurry to get started on 1958 plans, the new Chris Choate designs for the LuReCo system are available at your retail lumber dealer's. If he doesn't have them on hand, he can get them for you. And if you're not a LuReCo builder, the plans are also available in conventional form. We've seen them, and they're as handsome as can be. And they should serve to refute the charge sometimes made that LuReCo is insufficiently flexible in its designs and layouts.

### AND OUR BEST WISHES

We hope you have a very happy new year, and the best of building business in 1958. What more could a builder ask?

### Make 'em and break 'em

One of the highlights of January is the vast number of New Year's resolutions that get made and broken; one that lasts into February has lived to a comparatively ripe old age. Nevertheless, while 1958 is still brand new and resolutions have a fighting chance, we'd like to offer a few for your consideration. They concern subjects we've covered in AMERICAN BUILDER over the past months, and we'll cover further in the months ahead, and while some of them may seem elementary to you, others may give you the germ of an idea. Here goes:

### Planning—both the house and the business

Resolved: to be sure the houses I have on the board for 1958 combine the best and latest living appeal for my buyers, and still allow me the greatest efficiency in construction.

Resolved: that my business will be run in a business-like way. If I don't have an adequate bookkeeping and job progress-control system, I'll go get one. An accountant might pay his way.

### Buying-know the field

Resolved: that in order to know what to buy I must know what's available. Therefore I'll check carefully the ads, articles and new products in AMERICAN BUILDER, and I'll also do my best to get to the NAHB Convention in Chicago this month.

### Building—there are lots of new ways

Resolved: that I'll overlook no idea that may help me increase construction efficiency in the field, be it prefabbing, component construction, or conventional building. And I'll note extra carefully the February issue of AMERICAN BUILDER to catch up on the most important building trends today.

### Selling—leave no stone unturned

Resolved: that while I realize the best merchandising aid I have is a good house at the right price, I will make very, very sure that I am reaching every potential customer. And since financing is a vital part of selling, I'll take every possible advantage of the new FHA regulations to make my packages financially attractive to the buyer.



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