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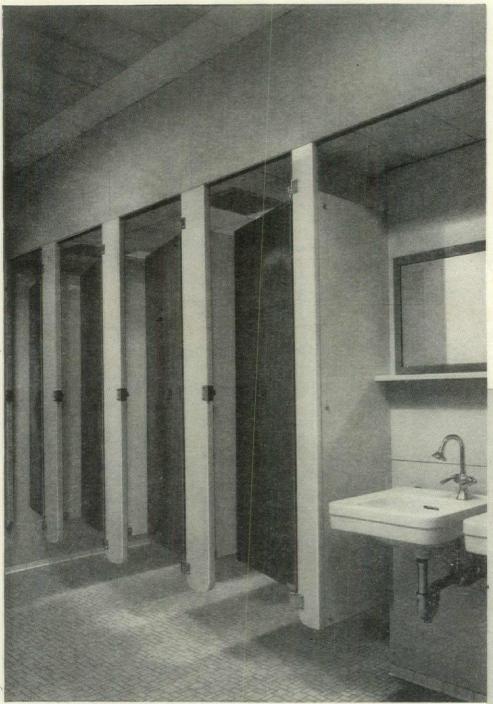
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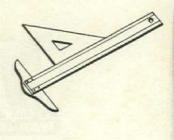
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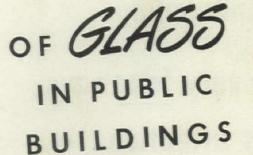


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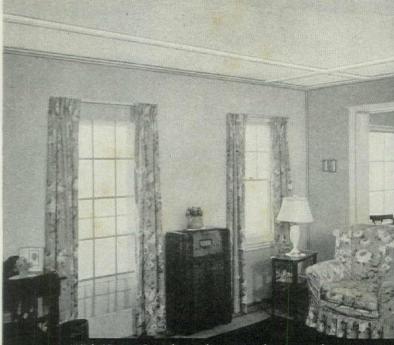
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CRACKPROOF



First president of the American Construction Council

It was after the losing campaign with Cox that Franklin Delano Roosevelt first took a hand in changing the course of U. S. building. How much he was to change it, few then realized. Roosevelt's appointment as president of the American Construction Council in 1922 marked his first step back into public life after his disabling illness. The name that was to make so many headlines first appeared in the FORUM in the July 1922 issue, which reported the organization of the Council, headed by the young lawyer who had been Assistant Secretary of the Navy. By 1923, Roosevelt's leadership in defining the building problems of high costs, labor shortage, and cyclical fluctuation had made him Cover Man in the fledgling newsmagazine Time, which said that "See young Roosevelt about it" was a by-word in the "World of Construction, our second-biggest industry."

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In 1924, the FORUM quoted the Council's president: "A large percentage of present day building construction throughout the country is distinctly inferior in quality and unsound in financing." Ten years later the Federal Housing Administration, one of the first measures Roosevelt used to pull the nation back from economic disaster, set the first national pattern for quality housebuilding and sound housing finance.

It was during the campaign for the Presidency in 1932 that the people themselves first heard his deep concern for the underhoused "third of a nation." "If a slum area can be torn down and new modern buildings put up, I should call that a human necessity."

After that, the housing reforms came fast. There was the week in 1933 when Americans were losing their homes at the rate of 1,000 a day, when the savings of a generation were melting away with bank liquidations.

I ask the Congress for legislation to protect small home owners from foreclosure. (HOLC)

There were no jobs and no building and the underhoused one-third had almost become one-half. We must undertake a program to relieve unemployment through the construction of projects for slum clearance and the housing of persons of low income who are forced to live in unsafe, unsanitary and congested buildings. (PWA)

But private building money was still idle and private housebuilding, backbone of U. S. construction, at a standstill.

Congress took definite steps toward a national housing program through an act which I signed today designed to encourage private capital in the rebuilding of the homes of the nation. (FHA)

There were jobs in 1937 and all over the country trim little FHA houses were going up. But there were still slums and the make-work PWA program had not proved a good way to clear them. With Senator Wagner, the President worked out a new way.

A beginning has . . . been made under local planning, initiative, and direction in the eradication of some of the worst s l u m s of the country. (USHA)

By 1938 FHA was helping Building meet the needs of those who could pay \$10 per month per room; USHA was reaching down to house those who could pay but \$5 or less.

That still leaves in the nation a very large group of people who can afford to pay between five and ten dollars per room per month . . . We are still working on that problem; it is a very great national need.

But this was one Building job the great President had to leave undone. It was part of a bigger job which the President charted in 1936, when he spoke what may well be his own best epitaph:

Here in America we are waging a great and successful war. It is not alone a war against want and destitution and economic demoralization. It is more than that; it is a war for the survival of democracy ... I accept the commission you have tendered me. I join with you. I am enlisted for the duration.

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to repeal L-41 (this page) ... National Life pioneers packaged mortgage (page 8) ... Vanport City may

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REVIEW

Building men looked last month at two major questions: What part would the nation's new leader have in shaping Building's future? What would V-E day mean in terms of making some start on the biggest job ahead—rebuilding the U. S.?

It was much too soon to expect decisive answers, but the month brought a few more pieces to fit together in the jig-saw puzzle of the future-and the emerging pattern was not a discouraging one. That 1945 was a blueprint and not a building year was clearer than ever, but this meant that Building would be well-prepared to hit a stride even faster than its top war gallup of \$13.5 billion. F. W. Dodge Corp. reported in 37 states plans for 90,700 projects amounting to nearly \$15 billion; of these, half are on design boards and will soon be ready for bids. Lewis H. Brown put his bet on building expansion, told stockholders that Johns-Manville expects to hire between V-E day and 1948 one-third more workers than it had before the war. Tennessee, Maryland, and Pennsylvania joined the long list of states at work on legislation necessary to start city rebuilding. Portland, Ore., seeking the way to attract peacetime industry, set an energetic example for other war-boomed cities.

The reflection of a sparkling Stock Market showed on the faces of private builders. With equally small reason (see below), public housers slouched in gloom. Was there any basis for believing that the new President would take the government out of housing? Those who knew Harry Truman as an earnest seeker for the best way to get a job done knew his impatience with such



JOHN HAYNES, WPB Construction Bureau chief, is a member of the new "Committee on Period One" whose job is to work out relaxation of war controls.

profitless bickering as divides the U. S. housing front. The President is, above all, a realist. Like all realists, he would understand that the question was not whether the wall would enclose a publicly or privately-built house — but when enough men and materials to build all the walls we need would be available.

WASHINGTON

RECONVERSION

Will building limitation order L-41 be repealed after V-E day? The National Association of Home Builders mobilized to fight for lifting of all housebuilding priorities within 30 days after V-E day. WPB Chairman J. A. Krug would name no date but told builders, "WPB is anxious to see housing construction entirely free." Controls on lumber and on manpower must continue for some months, Krug said, but promised "greater leeway in the kind of home you can build and in the value of material you put into it."

Outlook is that programming of construction will continue for an indeterminate period after V-E day. Wholesale sacking of building priorities would threaten black markets and price jumps. But the H-2 or hardship housing program will be greatly increased and will probably cover houses selling for up to \$12,000. Material controls for building repairs will be the first to go. Conversion of industrial facilities (auto makers already have an authorization for \$35 million worth of such construction) and improvement of essential public services will go ahead before housbuilding, warned Krug.

THE PRESIDENT

When overnight Harry S. Truman switched from one of the most accessible public figures in Washington to the protected seclusion of the President's office, Building men, like the nation, wondered what to expect. Would the new chief executive share his great predecessor's passion for housing "one-third of the nation" or would he shift the emphasis to a top-down private enterprise show? Or, for that matter, would he set the housing pace or delegate the job to others?

That Building was neither out of the Presidential mind nor out of his sight became apparent when one of the callers early admitted to the White House was National Housing Administrator John Blandford. That much everyone knew. But not much more. Only clue to the future was a rewarding search of the Truman past.

As the Senator from Missouri, Truman had voted for the United States Housing Act that established low-cost housing as a federal function. As Vice-President, he had backed the proposal to use federal resources to maintain full



PRESIDENT TRUMAN owns his own home in Independence, Mo., built 80 years ago by Mrs. Truman's grandfather. From its well-worn, plum-colored carpets to its gingerbread gable, the Truman house would be at home in any older neighborhood.

postwar employment—a plan in which both public housing and public works construction would inevitably have an important part. But, as chairman of the famous Truman Investigating Committee, the President had more than once checked up to see that private housebuilding got a chance to produce up to capacity for the war effort. Realist Truman would likely stand for a slum clearance program that would give public and private effort a chance to work together.

Would the President back his predecessor's consolidation of all federal housing operations under the National Housing Agency? Or would he be sympathetic to the determined effort of some groups to strip the Federal Housing Administration away from the NHA setup? Would he back the proposal to add FHA to the responsibilities of the Federal Loan Agency, to which he has just appointed his old friend, John W. Snyder, as administrator? It was a good bet that the President, who got an extended look at the confusion of overlapping federal housing operations in the early part of defense building, would stand for housing unity. Cross-questioning Defense H o u s i n g Coordinator Charles Palmer at a Truman Committee session in 1941, he had said sharply: "Isn't one of the reasons for the difficulty we are having now due to the fact that we have so many agencies working on it and none of them are fundamentally responsible. . . .?"

The Truman Committee records also hold a clue as to what the President's attitude may be on reconversion goahead for housebuilding. Questioning Donald Nelson on allotment of war-short materials, Truman said: "If we can't build houses, we certainly ought not to be able to build automobiles. I think houses are more essential than automobiles."

But perhaps the most revealing building chapter in the President's record is the period when, as a Missouri county judge, he supervised \$10 million worth of road construction. Truman rigorously insisted on the lowest bid—which came from a South Dakota contractor. Hopping mad, Missouri high bidders trooped into Boss Pendergast's office. But when the Boss called the county judge, Truman refused to budge. Beaten, Boss Pendergast barked at the assembled contractors: "Get out of here. I told you that he was the contrariest man in the U. S."

OVERSEAS

BILL OF MATERIALS

's-Hertogenbosch is a smallish Dutch city off the main stream of war. It has never been an air-raid target. For only a few days last October was it a battleground. Compared to other cities, this town of 50,000 escaped with no great destruction: 1,500 homes destroyed, 7,000 damaged. Not long ago 's-Hertogenbosch reckoned exactly what itwould need to rebuild, providing the first specific bill of materials to come out of devastated Europe. This city's needs added up to a concrete gauge of the size of the job overseas, whose magnitude is hard to comprehend. If all Europe's estimated 70 million homeless were to be rehoused in the kind of dwellings planned by 's-Hertogenbosch, the bill of materials would amount to astronomical figures like this: 30 billion bricks; 61/2 billion roof tiles, 11/2 billion sq. yds. of glass, 12 million sq. yds. of wood, 260 million sq. yds. of boards, 451/2 million doors, 61/2 billion lbs. of cement, 13 billion lbs. of lime, 41/2 billion lbs. of plaster, 949 million sq. yds. of tar paper, 2 billion lbs. of mastic, 11/2 billion lbs. of zinc, 770 million lbs. of lead.

DAUTRY RIDES AGAIN

France, which got its first U. S. prefabs when 5,000 barracks units were sent to house dock workers, may soon get 4,500 additional units from this country. The sought-for prefabs are all intended for temporary housing in the bombed-out city of Orleans, where an experiment in reconstruction will soon begin. Testing of structural methods and materials will be carried on while historic Orleans rebuilds to a new plan, around a core of apartments and business buildings.

By early May the first French reconstruction job was underway at Amiens —in ruins since the German invasion of 1940. Amiens and the rural village of LeBosquel, where farmers have pooled their land for group cultivation, will be town planning models for national rebuilding, which must rehouse some five million homeless, replace total damage amounting to \$40 billion. The French government estimates that essential re-

BILLETS FOR BRITAIN

Strange spot in the London landscape are these asbestos hutments, elaborately dubbed Loughborough Gardens. Bombed-out Lambeth families will soon call them home. U. S. soldiers put up these houses and are now at work on 330 more, all to shelter families whose only present homes are air-raid shelters. Each hut has two bedrooms (9 ft. by 10 ft), a combined living and dining room (10 ft. by 12 ft.), and kitchen. There is a gas stove, a brick fireplace and running water. As the paved walk indicates, temporary houses like these may be in use for a long time after V-E day-until permanent building gets a good start.

construction will take 13 years, if labor works a 48-hour week. One part of the job is restoring 234,000 acres of farm land, now riddled with German mines. This task alone will require 10 years and cost \$400 million.

For her biggest job, France had chosen one of her biggest men-Raoul Dautry, the man who laid the "hundred day" railway that launched the Allied offensive in 1918, who made the rattletrap state railways run on time, who introduced workers' garden cities to his country, who finally got the heartbreaking job of arming a faltering France in the heartbreaking year of 1939. As Minister of Reconstruction and Town Planning, 65-year-old Dautry hopes to build for France the kind of modern housing few of her people have had before. Dautry plans to make minimum use of temporary housing; most of the "temporaries" built after World War I were only recently knocked down by German bombs. Temporaries will be of the lightest construction possible. Those





NEWS

so far set up are barracks for Naziconscripted labor now coming home.

Pinched, like every country in Europe, by manpower and material shortages, France looks hopefully to a permanent type of semi-prefab construction both for housing and for factory building. Normally, France has plenty of steel and a favored solution is a preformed concrete block and steel framing system. But not much of industry or transport is in shape to start turning out the basic materials of reconstruction. France will need help to redesign and rebuild her basic industrial machinery. (U. S. technical assistants to the Minister of Reconstruction have already been appointed.) To start the rehousing job, materials assistance will be needed, especially plumbing fittings and fixtures.

All reconstruction will be directed and controlled by the government. This, Dautry believes, is imperative to prevent a black market in materials and to make full use of labor. Workers will probably be drafted for rebuilding, released gradually as industrial production gets a start.

France's city planning problems are very different from those of the U. S. and of Britain. There are few French cities of over 100,000. There are few residential neighborhoods—most French merchants like to live near their stores. But French architects hope to set a new housing pattern: after the barracks will come livable modern structures with plenty of light and air and space. Le Corbusier himself was on hand to help with the job.

There will be little fruitless copying of France's lost architectural heritage. Auguste Perret, one of the great French architects, spoke for many: "Let us build what our ancestors would have if they were here now—in short, the best that an age has to offer to its people."

U. S. Signal Corps



BUILDING MONEY

There was plenty of building money in the market-but practically none of it was going for new building. With the investment channel of new construction blocked, the tide of ready money swept every type of real estate to a boom demand not seen since 1926. It was no news that the \$10,000-and-under house, choice of 90 per cent of all U.S. home buyers, had all but disappeared from the market. But last month in Providence, R. I., a veteran realtor reported what still seems almost unbelievable news in real estate circles: the line-up of buyers ready to pay \$25,000 or more for a house far exceeds the list of such properties for sale.

J. W. Riker's long waiting list of customers for luxury homes could be matched by many a busy real estate office throughout the nation. Understated realtor Riker: "For the first time in several years buyers are willing to pay prices approaching reproduction costs less depreciation."

"These billions of dollars of reserves that bulk so large are the fruit of people's sacrifice and self-denial. What could be more fitting than that their life insurance dollars should flow back into sound investments in modern home communities, and into mortgage loans on small homes as well?"

-BRUCE BARTON, policyholder Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

NATIONAL PACKAGED MORTGAGE

The National Life Insurance Company at Montpelier, Vt., has been investing policy holders' funds for almost a



AMIENS will be experimental proving ground for methods that will speed French rebuilding, Minister of Reconstruction Dautry promises.

century. Over the last decade, this modestly sized company has led the life insurance giants in its willingness to shape investment policies to present-day borrowing needs and lending opportunities. In 1935 when most big home mortgage investors were prophesying that the New Deal's Federal Housing Administration insurance scheme would bankrupt the nation's mortgage structure. National was quick to understand the wider area of activity which FHA risksharing offered private capital. First life insurance company to write FHAinsured mortgages, National now has \$136 million in Title II and Title VI loans in its portfolio-75.3 per cent of all its mortgage assets. Exactly how well National's investment foresight paid off is clearly written in its FHA loan history: of a total \$157 million loans purchased and earnings of \$17 million net interest, losses have amounted to only \$110 thousand-.6 of one per cent of income received and 0.7 of one per cent of loans purchased.

Last month alert National Life chalked up another home finance first, became the first national mortgage investor to introduce a packaged mortgage. From now on National will loan money to buy not only a house, but also essential home equipment such as ranges and refrigerators. Announcing the new plan to loan correspondents in 48 states, vice-president L. Douglas Meredith, chairman of National's committee on finance, summed up these advantages for borrowers:

Costly installment financing will be eliminated.

▶ Payments for equipment need no longer be concentrated in two or three years but may be spread out over life of the mortgage.

Total financial load per month will be reduced.

• Rate of interest paid for financing equipment will be exactly the same as that paid for financing the rest of the house.

National foresees few legal difficulties in the way of the packaged mortgage. FHA has already agreed to insure mortgages covering household equipment. Says FHA: "The development of housing has come a long way from the simple four walls and a roof of earlier days." National's own legal counsel believes that "almost any article of household equipment can be considered realty if (1) it is paid for with the mortgage money; (2) it is appropriate for use in the home; (3) the parties express an intention that the article be realty; (4) there is some degree of actual annexation to the building."

With president E. S. Brigham, vicepresident Meredith, a one-time professor of economics, has been instrumental in National's up-to-date mort-



LENDER MEREDITH and friend

gage practices. Meredith, who took his Ph. D. at Yale, became Commissioner of Banking and Insurance for Vermont, is an uninhibited investment analyst, basing his business policies on a broad grasp of modern economic trends. His outlook: "Postwar mortgage lending will afford unbounded opportunities for improvement in all places of our mortgage techniques."

CITIES

WHERE TO BUILD THE HOUSES?

War has re-shaped the U. S. city pattern. War industry has been located by the government with an objective overriding all other considerations: speed of production. This has meant overloading in many spots, ghost towns in others. This uneven pattern of indus-trial distribution is probably not a very good one for peacetime needs. But only clear-cut policy and careful national and local planning can do much to change it. Most war migrants will tend to settle down in swollen cities, population experts say-unless there is a strong pull of job opportunities somewhere else. Permanence of the war-twisted pattern of industrial location and of population will depend upon (1) the destiny of government-built or government-financed war plants and (2) the location of new peacetime industry.

Portland's Plan. Some cities are already making specific plans for attracting new industries to give jobs to the increased population which the big tide of war migration (3 million workers) has left on their doorsteps. Portland, which has been busy turning out Liberty Ships at the rate of 11 a week, hopes to offer new postwar industry some special bait; 790 acres of excellent site, lying between the Columbia and Williamette rivers, provided with utilities, streets and parking facilities, served by five railroads, with plenty of cheap electricity available through the Bonneville Power Administration. The site: \$26 million Vanport City, twice as large as any other housing project in the country and Oregon's second largest city. Author of the plan is Chester A. Moores, chairman of the Portland Housing Authority and vicepresident of prosperous Commonwealth Inc., a real estate firm. Among its backers are Mayor Earl Riley, Senator Wayne L. Morse, most of the city's realtors, the Chamber of Commerce industries committee, the American Institute of Architects' Portland chapter, the Oregon Building Congress, the Oregon Federation of Labor, the Portland Home Builders Association.

Under the Lanham Act, the chunky two-story apartment buildings at Vanport City and East Vanport must all be removed. Home to 40,000 workers when ship production was at its peak, Vanport now shows about 17 per cent vacancy. With shipyard employment expected to shrink from 112,000 employes to 25,000 by the end of the year, war-boomed Portland will have a much better supply of housing than of jobs.

Zoned Industry, Chester Moores' proposal to use the Vanport site to attract the new industries that Portland needs was made after the Federal Public Housing Authority failed to encourage Vanport's transition to a veteran's rehabilitation center. Said Moores: "Portland is very short of good industrial locations. They have been pretty well picked over. The Chamber of Commerce has been contacted by approximately 80 companies interested in locating here. The area is large enough to develop into a model industrial district. Industries of all kinds

could be zoned with those most attractive in appearance being placed along the Pacific highway.'

The Portland Housing Authority has volunteered to undertake the job of acquiring sites as war housing is demolished and re-selling them to private industry. but so far the plan lacks National Housing Agency approval. Alternative proposal is that the Port of DALTON: plan for Britain Portland Commission or

local business men organized as a nonprofit group might buy the land from the government for re-sale. Hope is that the land might be acquired for approximately its cost to the government or under \$300,000.



VANPORT CITY may be industrial site

War Surplus Lever. But however valiantly Portland and many another city might try to plan for the new industry that would mean full peacetime employment, there was little planning on a national level to help. The RFC had the job of getting government war plants into private hands as soon as possible, but there was little enough evidence that disposal operations would be geared to any plan for more even distribution of industry over the whole country. Not since the demise of the unpopular National Resources Planning Board has the federal government had any mechanism for national industrial planning. Yet, even without conscious purpose, the federal government cannot help but influence industrial location through tax collection, expenditure, interest rate regulation, protective tariffs, land grants for railways, such public power developments as TVA, regulation of freight rates, many another policy. Would the government job of war plant disposal, which may change the economic shape of the U. S. for generations, go ahead without any attempt at over-all planning to direct industry where it is most needed?

Britain Seeks a Way. In Britain, which wants no more of the "depressed areas" that followed World War I, the government has already made it clear that it intends to assume large re-

sponsibilities for directing

postwar industrial location.

According to the White

Paper on Employment

Policy, the British govern-

ment will seek to "influence

the location of new enter-

prises so as to diversify the

industrial composition of

areas which are particularly

vulnerable to unemploy-

ment." To this end, the gov-

ernment will put new em-

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phasis on its inter - war program of erecting in "development areas" well-designed factories for lease or sale to private enterprise. Hugh Dalton, Laborite chairman of the British Board of Trade and reconversion chief, has introduced a bill that will imple-

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ment the development plan in needy areas and also give the Board of Trade power to refuse a license to build a factory of more than 3,000 sq. ft. in places already over-crowded with industry. To a certain extent, even British Conservatives acknowledge the importance of control of industrial location and so of population in a period when Britain contemplates vast rebuilding (ARCH FORUM, April, '45). As progressive postwarrior Sir William Beveridge put it: "The trouble about all houses is that they have to be built somewhere."

MILWAUKEE'S BROOM

Early last month Milwaukee got out a new broom, started to use it on what may be the biggest job of spring housecleaning the city has ever seen. Milwaukee's broom was intended to sweep away some of the blight on its back doorstep. A new kind of municipal health ordinance, it gave the City Health Commissioner power to condemn and order vacated dwelling units which have "deteriorated so as to become unhealthful, insanitary or so difficult to heat as to be unhealthful."

To get a clean bill of health in Milwaukee, all dwellings must now meet stiff requirements:

Rooms must be adequately ventilated and lighted, and no rooms without at least one window may be used for living purposes.

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NEW SLUMS FOR OLD?

A slum is sunless rooms and hall toilets. It is crumbling brick and rotting timber. It is a statistic in the municipal service books. But more than any of these it is a place a lot of people call home.

When the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. acquired 18 city blocks for the Stuyvesant Town postwar housing project, it sent tactful letters to the 3,000 families in the neighborhood explaining why they would have to move. Trying to make things as easy as possible, Met also asked realtor James Felt to set up a tenant relocation center which it urged everybody to consult. So far about onethird of the families have found new homes. Few of them can look forward to coming back when Stuyvesant Town is finished—only about 7 per cent could afford its rents.

To ease the lack of low-rent housing, the New York State Legislature last month approved 10-year tax exemption on improvements in old-law tenements. But a correlative rent ceiling discourages owners who ask, "Why modernize if we can't charge higher rents?" The problem remained: unless slum-dwellers can find better homes than they had before, slum clearance in one block may mean a new slum in another.



Vacated buildings are boarded up



dren under 12.

Exterior doors and at least one window in each room must be screened.

No basement rooms with floor below lot level may be rented unless walls and floors are built of waterproof material.
There must be adequate lighting in rooms, stairs, and halls.

 Walls must be cleaned or painted when they become too dirty to reflect light.
 Construction, insulation and maintenance must be adequate to maintain an air temperature of of 70° under ordinary winter conditions.

"A healthy state of repair", plumbing maintenance, vermin control, garbage disposal are other stipulations.

If compliance with the new requirements requires structural alterations, they may be deferred until 1948. Otherwise, inspectors will begin cracking down within a few weeks, and Milwaukee expects a bustle of painting, screening and general clean-up. Longrange effect of this new way to get rid of blight would be much broader. With vigorous enforcement of the ordinance, hopelessly substandard housing would have to be eliminated entirely.

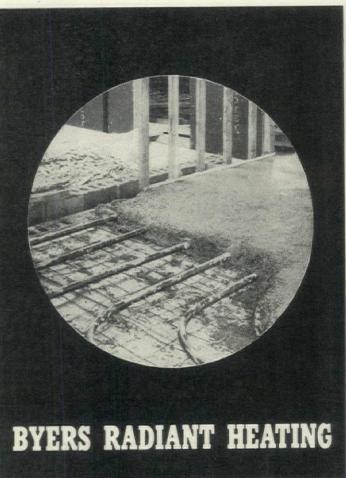
REDEVELOPMENT CHOICE

As cities all over the U. S. looked for legislative machinery that would enable them to get started on the big job of slum clearance and urban redevelopment, two major patterns emerged. Would local housing authorities, whose job is to build low-cost housing, get the additional assignment of acquiring blighted land, selling or leasing it for private redevelopment? Or would new redevelopment commissions, with no housing functions, be set up to aid private enterprise in land acquisition?

In Tennessee and Maryland the choice has been made. First state in the nation to give local housing authorities the power of eminent domain to acquire land for large-scale private rebuilding, Tennessee recently enacted legislation proposed by the National Public Housing Conference. Under the Tennessee law, municipal governments will develop a master plan for rebuilding, plotting use areas for public and commercial buildings, private and public housing. The plan will also stipulate a method for rehousing families displaced by redevelopment. Local housing authorities will then step into the operation, with power to condemn the land marked for rebuilding and to sell or lease it at its new use value. Maryland, which passed its first redevelopment law early this spring, chose to put the condemnation and resale power in the hands of rede-

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A lot of thinking about post-war housing seems to be centered around basementless construction. The utility and economy of this type of construction has always been recognized, and since Byers Radiant Heating has proven so completely successful in eliminating cold floors—an inescapable handicap with old-style heating—the way is wide open to utilize it. Periodically, however, questions are asked about the effect of the heating coils on the concrete floor slab, and a few words of reassurance may be helpful.

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velopment commissions, and Baltimore's Mayor was already drawing up a list of appointees, all of whom will serve without salary.

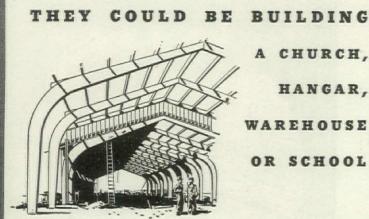
In Illinois, the legislature contemplated and real estate men opposed a proposal to make housing authorities the major operating force in redevelopment (ARCH FORUM, April, '44). A law on Illinois books since 1941 provides for redevelopment commissions, but no city has set one up. Pennsylvania favored a bill now before the legislature which would create local redevelopment authorities. This proposal drew little opposition, but there was some shooting at a companion bill which would open Pennsylvania's door to insurance companies interested in building housing (the number of places where Metropolitan Life will be enormously welcome may soon be enough to gladden an insurance salesman's heart). Only the home builders would not be happy to see Met in Pennsylvania. Hedging against competition, local home builders' association teamed together to back an alternative measure that would restrict insurance companies to slum sites and limit redevelopment projects to 10 city blocks.

With proposals framed by the National Public Housing Conference scheduled to come up in 17 state legislatures, those who fear the objectives or disapprove the methods of local housing authorities argued that to give them redevelopment leadership would throttle any action by private enterprise. Others hoped that more broadly representative authorities, with a closer relation to their communities, can work shoulder-to-shoulder with private building.

FRUITLESS WRANGLE

While many a city argued over the exact role of local housing authorities in redevelopment, few were optimistic enough to believe that private enterprise can undertake all parts of the slum clearance job-including provision of lowrent housing for families who cannot afford market rates. But in Washington, D. C. home builders and the National Capitol Housing Authority were still slugging it out on the question of which should get a chance to clear the capitol's slum alleys. The National Industrial Conference Board had digested the mountain of testimony piled up before a Senate arbitration committee, throwing in a few conclusions: private enterprise can build low-rent housing "at substantially lower costs" than public agencies; public management costs are 8 per cent higher than private fees;

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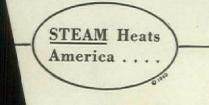


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NCHA has been slow in clearing Washington's slums.

While members of the Washington Home Builders Association cheered, careful students of the low-rent housing problem agreed that the figure-garnished NICB report was just so much more fuel for the already blazing fire of controversy. Federal Public Housing Authority head Philip Klutznick immediately appeared with an armful of factual counter-arguments. But neither contestant could agree on the same set of facts. The public housers had the advantage of a record: average rents of \$32.12 per month at an average unit cost of \$4,969. The home builders flourished hypothetical cost sheets. Nonpartisans muttered that a single private low-rent project would be more convincing than a mountain of planning estimates.

MATERIALS

WOODPILE

Lumber supply will get no better this year, and lumber demand will not slacken. This is the unpromising report of the Lumber Survey Committee, which has just taken its regular quarterly look at the industry. Expanded operations in the Pacific will help to boost 1945 needs to 40 billion board feet, while production will probably amount to only 291/2 billion feet. Last year's lumber output was 301/2 billion board feet, about 4 per cent less than the year's consumption and 5.6 per cent less than 1943 production. Lumber output will continue to decline during the rest of this year, the Committee said, because of increasing manpower shortages, lack of heavy-duty

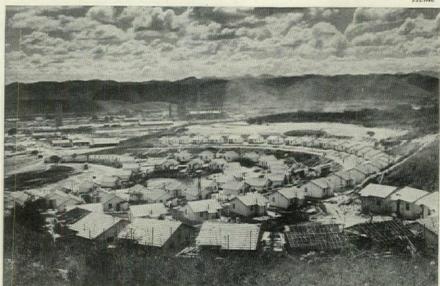
tires, trucks and tractors. Lumber prices are, of course, at the highest point or record, showing, according to the newes wholesale price index, a 53 per cent in crease over 1926 levels.

"As so often has happened during the last quarter century, the selfstyled practical men turned out to be the weak irresponsible dreamers, afraid to face unpleasant facts, while those of us who were called dreamers have, perhaps, some little right now to be accepted—at least belatedly as practical men. By now history has caught up with our most dire prophecies. That is at once the justification of our thinking and the proof of its tragic failure to influence our contemporaries." —LEWIS MUMFORD

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Eighty miles inland from Rio on a wide bend of the muddy Parahyba River, Brazil's first modern steel plant is nearly finished. In a month or two the first giant blast furnace will be blown in, and by summer's end the rolling mill now under construction will be turning out sheet steel. The integrated steel plant at Volta Redonda, whose eventual output may reach a million tons a year (almost as much as the war giant Geneva plant in Utah) means an enormous step-up in the pace of Brazilian industrialization. It also means a vastly improved standard of living-for steel consumption is normally a good index of how well a nation lives. Prewar U.S. steel consumption in an average year amounted to 880 per (Continued on page 20)

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VOLTA REDONDA, once a whistle-stop on the Rio-Sao Paulo railway with a total population of 57, is now the bustling site of Brazil's first modern steel plant. Shown here is a section of the complete new city now being built to house workers at the plant, which is expected to be in production by late summer.



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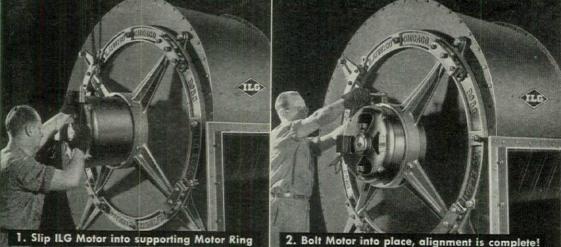
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Everybody in the U.S. has a 35 cent stake in Brazil's big steel plant, for it was financed with the help of a \$45 million dollar credit extended by the Export-Import Bank and guaranteed by Brazil's Treasury Department, which holds a majority of stock in the enterprise. Total cost of the plant and integrated works and railway extensions amounts to about \$100 million. The U. S. is presently shipping the last parts of the rolling mill for which Brazil has been waiting a long time. Twice rolling mills were earmarked for Brazilian purchase, but war need sent one to Russia. the other to Henry Kaiser at Fontana.

OUTLOOK

Early last month WPB made it clear that it had no immediate notion of abandoning its determined pessimism about Building prospects. Even essential construction must pull in its wartight belt another notch, WPB said, asking specifiers to prune use of short materials. WPB's view:

Lumber: Extremely tight, especially in 1 and 2 in. boards. Situation growing worse (see above).

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Building boards: Some types are short, others easy. Local supply should be checked before specifying.

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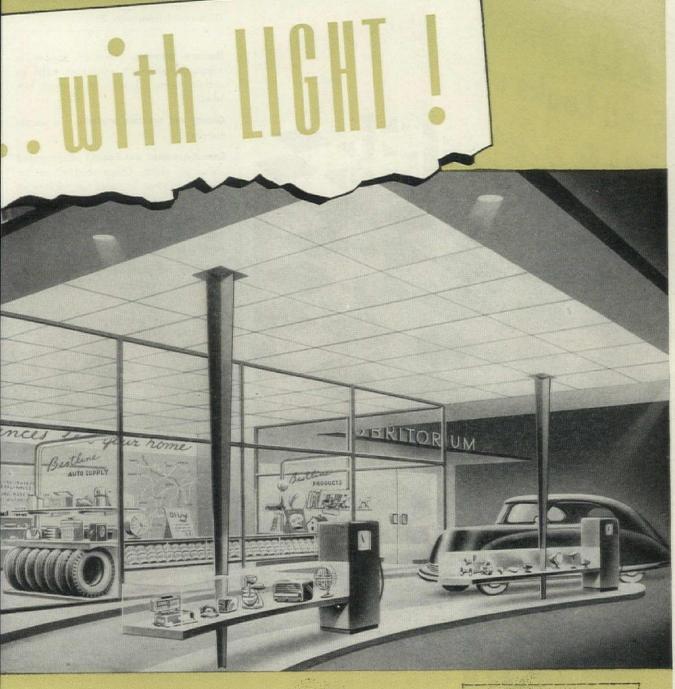
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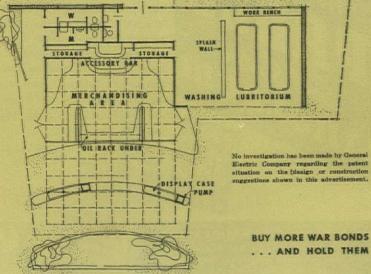
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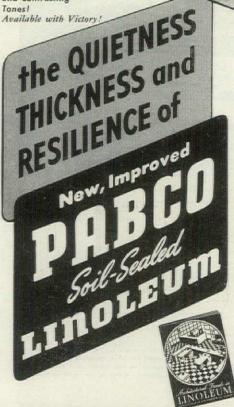
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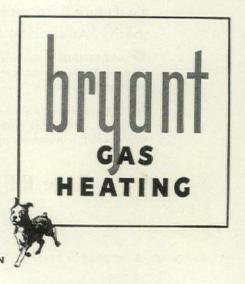
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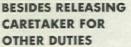


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After the regional decision, Richmond Radiator abandoned all tub production, hurried to appeal to Washington.

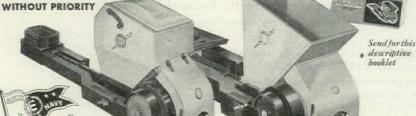
HOUSING STRIKE

When the Cities Service Refining Corp. set up the Maplewood Housing Corp. to undertake the biggest private rental housing project built during the war, it hoped to avoid any semblance of the old-time "company town." Joining hands with John W. Harris Associates, Inc. (builders who had a big part in Rockefeller Center, the Chicago Board of Trade building and the Tribune tower, other giants), Cities Service planned over 1,000 units, most of them one-family dwellings, to house workers at its new refinery at Lake Charles, La. -the nation's biggest integrated highoctane and butadiene plant. The Housing Corp. was to operate as a completely independent entity, and the 1,000-house town was to have its own mayor and its own police force. To Cities Service the housing development looked like a good idea all the way around: there was no housing available in tiny, crowded Lake Charles; prospect was that the efficient new refinery had a future stretching beyond war need; most of the tenants would be skilled workers earning wages that would support economic rents. The investment also looked like a good one to the Equitable Life Assurance Co., which took two mortgages totaling \$5,-790,000, both covered by Federal Housing Administration insurance.

But in mid-April the very thing Cities Service had most hoped to bypass was making headlines. An angry picket line shut down the refinery. Lost in ten strike-bound days was enough high octane gasoline to send 10,000 bombers over Tokyo, enough regular gasoline to move 30 armored divisions 100 miles. On the ninth day, President Truman ordered Secretary Ickes to seize and operate the plant. Strikers' grievance: rents were too high in the Maplewood project.

The protest was not new. Almost as soon as workers began moving into the attractive redwood houses, set pleasantly in a pine-wooded site along curving, dead-end streets, there were complaints about rents, which ranged from \$66.50 for a three-bedroom house down to \$30. Although many Lake Charles residents believe that these rents are a good deal higher than those for comparable (but not vacant) accommodations in the area,

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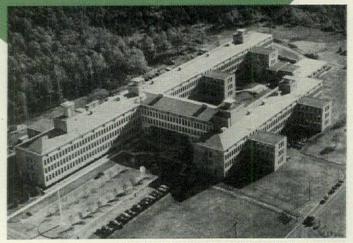
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the rental scale was approved by the National Housing Agency when priorities were granted. Slow-moving rentals slashed the planned 1,065 units to 789, and 100 of these are still unrented. When tenants protested the rents, the Corp. made a temporary reduction of \$12 on the \$66.50 house and shaved other rents proportionately, pending completion of community services. By March all streets were paved and lawns carefully landscaped. Maplewood's community center was complete with an A & P super-market, school, drugstore, movies. Back up went the rents.

In mass-meeting 500 tenants went on a rent strike. Maplewood Corp. started spot evictions. The Navy made an unsuccessfullly try at reconciliation. On April 9, tenants voted to go "house hunting," formed a picket line around the plant by midnight. Shouted Maplewood's tall, fiery-haired Mayor, no union man: "We'll keep picket lines at the refinery until our rents are reduced, and we won't work for the government. Cities Service or anyone else until we get rents down." Grumbled the local AFofL Metal Trades Council, bargaining agent for the open-shop plant and unfairly accused of cooperating in the strike: "If the government agents charged with the welfare of the people and the war effort were as quick to act in the proper direction as they are to implicate people who have no part in the controversy, this trouble could have been avoided or corrected long ago." Cities Service and Maplewood Housing Corp. said not a word.

Day after the government moved in the picket line broke up. But there was no settlement of the rent controversy. Under the War Powers Act, the National Housing Agency would be able to seize this privately-owned housing project-if directed to by the Petroleum Administration for War-and turn it over to the Federal Public Housing Authority to operate. Labor men in Washington urged that this would make much more sense than government operation of the plant. By month's end Cities Service may have wished privately that it had never gotten into the housebuilding business, but had made no move towards appeasement.

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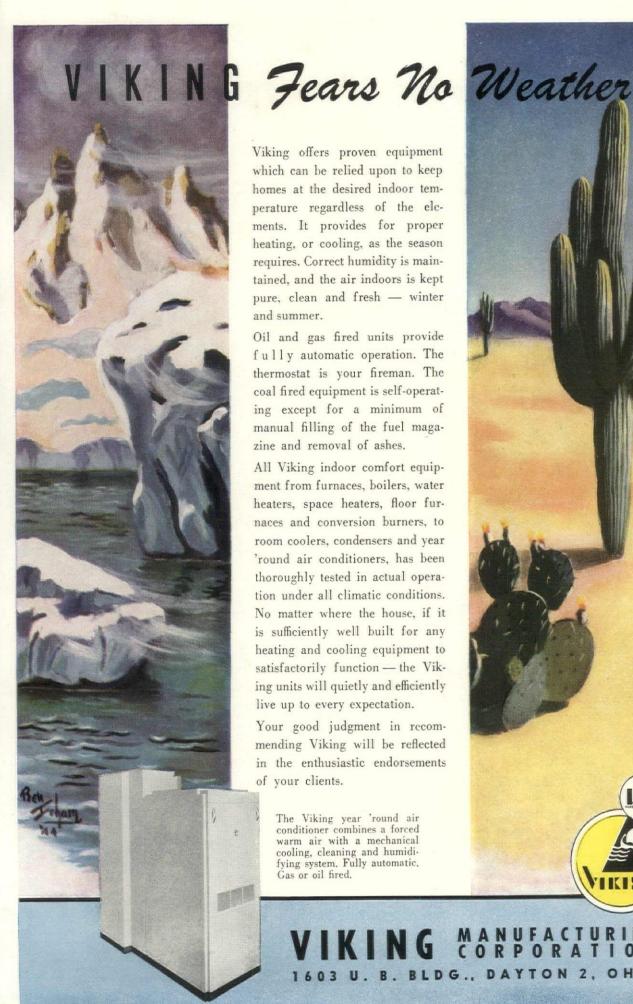
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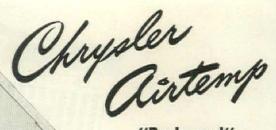
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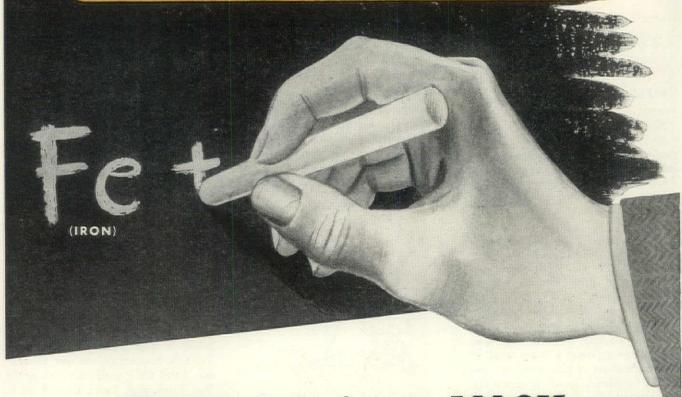
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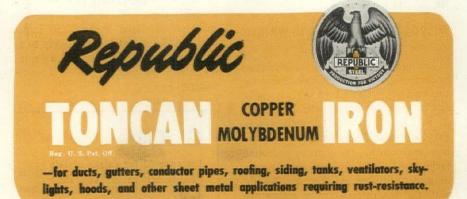
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UNPARDONABLE FARM HOUSES Forum:

Someone should raise a voice of objection to the effrontery which the National Association of Home Builders has labeled a "Farm House"; prize winning design displayed at their recent convention, and published in the February ARCHITECTURAL FORUM on p. 9. So I'll object.

As an architect I object to the atrocious taste displayed. I object to the foisting of "1929-country-estate-neo-Cape-Cod-style" as prize winning postwar housing. It wasn't good in 1929, is unpardonable in 1945, and thoroughly unprofitable for 194X, I trust.

But as a farmer I object most vehemently. As a farmer I object to all of the implications of that building-economic, functional, social. Even if a farmer wanted such a house, how on earth is it presumed he could pay all at one time for building it, as it is designed. Compared with the industrial worker's home, same competition, the farmer's income must be something. But what farmer would want his new home planned without regard for his special requirements - proper orientation, a clean-up room between the house and barns, a place to conduct his farm business, adequate storage planned for the extra needs of a farm household, an environment providing relaxations and diversions ordinarily offered by the community in more heavily populated areas, an opportunity to expand in small units. How about publishing a good 194X farmhouse? WILLIAM B. FYFE

Woodstock, Ill.

For an authoritative statement on farm house requirements see THE FORUM, April '45, pp. 141-4.—ED.

WILDCATS vs FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT Forum:

The annual meeting of the Michigan Society of Architects was memorable for two things; Frank Lloyd Wright spoke and an architect from Battle Creek, Mr. A. B. Chanel, showed me some photographs of a wildcat that he shot with a bow and arrow. On mature reflection maybe we had the program wrong; maybe we should have matched Mr. Wright with the wildcat, naturally giving the wildcat the first two bites in an effort to even things up.

I hesitate to go blabbing the information all around as the only result will be to strengthen the conviction of all architects east of the Alleghenies that architects in Michigan have to shoot their way through a mess of wildcats to get to the tepees of their redskin clients. This is not invariably the case and Mr.



Chanel actually has to go out and hunt for these interesting animals. He promises to have a Chapter dinner at which wildcat steaks will be served. This absorbing scientific experiment will be followed with keen interest, as the question of whether a diet of wildcat meat will tend to make architects snap at each other more than their normal diet of damp hay and dry Martinis has never been thoroughly explored.

"Detroit," Mr. Wright told the reporters, "is a typical American city and you can take that any way you choose." It would have done your journalistic heart good to see the way Detroit papers got all inked up over Mr. Wright's visit, and the public practically bent the building out of shape getting in to hear him. Possibly their faith in him might have suffered somewhat if they had known that Mr. Wright stated positively to me that I am a wit. Happy to find a subject on which we could agree, I assented eagerly.

GI JOBS See page 68 for details of this new

FORUM service for veterans.

I am of the opinion that if there was no such person as Frank Lloyd Wright it would be necessary to invent one. The impact of his ideas on the lay mind is terrific; when a member of the audience inquires, "Would you care to discuss the housing problem?" and Mr. Wright replies, "Housing is no problem except to the government," the listeners know they have heard something.

ROGER ALLEN

Grand Rapids, Mich.

MALMO THEATRE

Forum:

Congratulations on your diagram of the Malmö Theater, Sweden, as published in THE FORUM for February. The new innovations are very interesting. I will file it until such time as the War Production Board permits us to build.

J. J. SHUBERT Select Theatres Corp., New York, N. Y.

ARCHITECTURAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Forum:

I have just received my first issue of your fine magazine while serving with the U. S. Army overseas. I have read it and relished it from cover to cover several times now. The other boys here have also read it and the magazine is busy almost 24 hours a day ...

... I would like to give you some suggestions in regard to content, however. The first one concerns detailed construction data. In a recent issue, for example, you had an article on the Storagewall. I would be interested in detailed drawings as to how this item could be incorporated into the actual construction of a new home. Would the wall be strong enough to support the ceiling joists?

My second suggestion concerns the study of architecture. As a veteran, I would like to read articles on the promise that this field holds out to men returning from battle. I would like to know of the possibilities of studying architecture at government expense. I would like to know the various ratings of schools of architecture throughout the country. I think articles on such subjects would be of special interest to a

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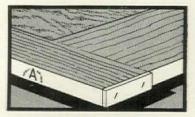
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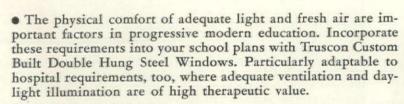
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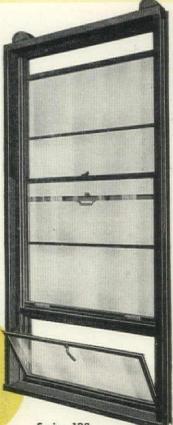
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LETTERS

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number of men whose attention has turned to building and architecture and who may go into that field as soon as the war is over or discharge takes place.

PFC. JOSEPH A. CAVANAUGH c/o Postmaster, New York

The Storagewall, shown as a non-bearing wall, could be adapted to support ceiling joists.
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2) The government provides one year of schooling for anyone in the Army; for persons under 25, one year plus length of service. Anything, including architecture, may be studied. For veterans planning to enter or return to Building THE FORUM has inaugurated a G.I. job service (see p. 68), will publish a pamphlet Building, War and Postwar to update veterans on what has and what may happen in this field. The pamphlet is free on request.—ED.

BANKS TAKE OVER

Forum:

The burning question "What will postwar architecture be like?" can now be answered by consulting our local bankers. (See the enclosed ad clipped from the hometown paper.)



The next step would be for the banks to offer free medical and legal advice also. With financial titans tussling for the privilege of giving "free" or "small cost" services what chance has the poor (financially) architect got?

Can this indicate a trend?

C. G. Hollo, Architect

Vallejo, Calif.

CONDEMNATION AND CONTEMPT

Forum:

... Your article on Neutra's Puerto Rican Public Works was interesting and so were the buildings Neutra designed but you went beyond the function of architectural criticism and took sides in a political controversy concerning the merits of Governor Tugwell and his program for Puerto Rico—in effect endorsing it. In taking sides it is such a pity that you had to endorse the wrong side —the Socialist and Collectivist one.

I may not know much about the ideas of your publisher Henry R. Luce but I (Continued on page 46)

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am under the impression that he would be offended if I were to take this endorsement of Governor Tugwell as representing his views. I can only suppose the copy was written either by Neutra or a member of Governor Tugwell's staff, and that its political implications escaped the attention of the editor. And if not, that is, if THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM knowingly published this article, my condemnation of your editorial policy and my contempt for the error of your political views is expressed.

LIEUTENANT (name withheld) U. S. Army

THE FORUM, never a political magazine, does not eschew reporting political facts when they bear heavily on building. The facts which made possible Richard Neutra's extensive program for public works in Puerto Rico should not be misconstrued as endorsement of any political party. For a detailed explanation of the Puerto Rican question see FORTUNE, May '44, p. 133.—ED.

DEBATE OR NO DEBATE

Forum:

Page 28, September, 1944, issue of THE FORUM: "Two famed and thoughtful interpreters of what is good for the people clash in a debate . . ."

Page 106: "In no sense a debate, the views here presented should clarify...."

SCT. R. J. HARLA

c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Reader Harla should complete his quotes. The first lifted sentence continues: "Clash is perhaps too strong a word—in fact 'team up' seems more precise."—ED.

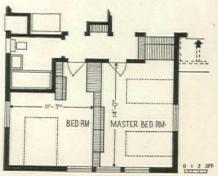
BEDLESS BEDROOM

Forum:

I have noticed the approving letters in recent FORUMS about the Storagewall. The very first comment I mentally made, when I saw that plan was "where are the beds going to be put?" I have still wondered even after looking at the plans carefully. Besides the two beds needed, chairs, something having a mirror and even tables would be necessary.

It seems to me that in the original plan the long wall must have been the

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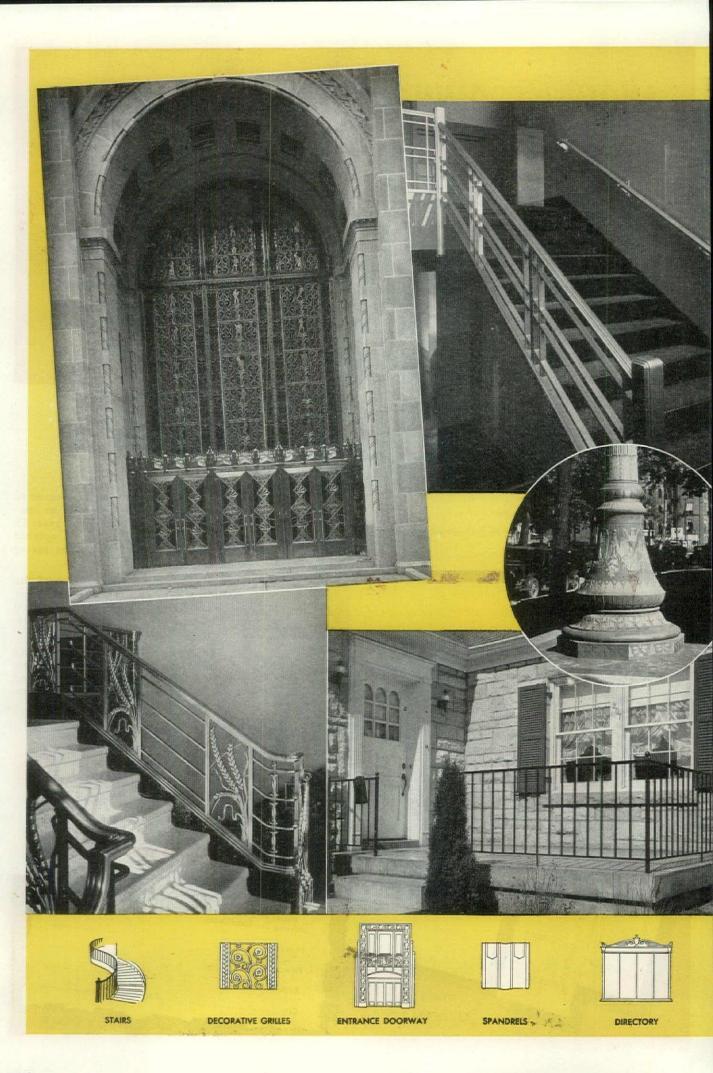
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HENRY M. SEAVER

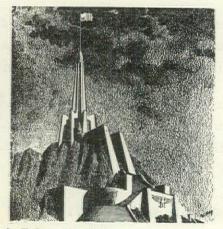
Pittsfield, Mass.

Reader Seaver forgets that the Storagewall with its built-in dressers and mirrors is designed to eliminate furniture. The necessary beds extend from the outer walls (see cut) with room for a bedside table and possibly a chair .- ED.

PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL Forum:

I was deeply interested in the memorial debate in your magazine between the poet, Archibald MacLeish, and the architect, Charles Maginnis.

You may have heard about a plan I started at Pearl Harbor about two years ago. It has been acknowledged by President Roosevelt, Ralph A. Bard and many others. It is my desire to have THE Forum play a prominent role in our campaign. THE FORUM could launch a nation-wide contest to select a design for the "Shrine of Pearl Harbor." Perhaps you will find a patriotic architect who will submit his version of the "Shrine of Pearl Harbor" to serve as an example for other architects and designers.



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Honolulu, Hawaii

TONY TODARO

THE FORUM hopes World War II memorializers will avoid the excesses of earlier patriots, believes Pearl Harbor offers an inspiring opportunity .--- Ep.

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Forum:

There are chairs and chairs. I was especially interested in those shown in THE FORUM for March, 1945.

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Musselman chair

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The thing that interests me is that a device as old as the chair is still amenable to marked and radical improvement.

H. H. MUSSELMAN East Lansing, Mich.

HOUSING DREAM WORLD Forum:

....Americans are very fond of using initials such as WPB, etc. I would like to suggest that we who are not familiar with their significance might be assisted by an index to these initials.

I will go further now and refer to p. 64 of the August issue. Under the heading "Housing Dream World" the picture drawn by Daniel Starch [Starch's survey revealed that the \$6,000 home customer has been oversold on mechanical marvels, expects them all in his postwar home] shows a position for which I suspect magazines like the THE FORUM are entirely to blame. They put emphasis on the latest idea so that (Continued on page 58)



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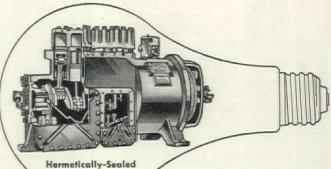
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LETTER FROM INDIA

THE FORUM sends regards to former Taliesin stalwart Edgar Tafel who here describes the work of India's largest architectural firm.—ED.

Forum:

Bengal is one of the richest provinces in India, with a population of approximately 60 millions. Formerly an agricultural province, it has shown rapid industrial expansion in the last 25 years. With this conversion, new types of buildings have been required, and the "architectural pace" has been set by Ballardie, Thompson and Matthews.

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Architectural practice in Bengal generally follows a primitive pattern. Contractors furnish plans gratuitously and take their commission out of the construction fee. There are few architects who can practice as architects alone.



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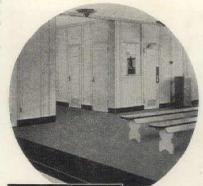


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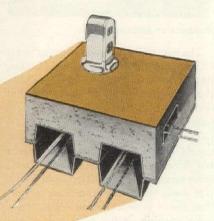
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Residence in Calcutta

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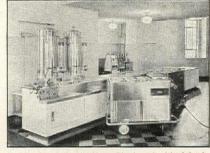
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Residence in Tollygunge

Thompson and Matthews are looking forward to a large volume of work immediately after the war, ranging from a small amount of conversion to large numbers of industrial buildings. With this construction will come also private housing, workmen's quarters, office buildings and hotels. All former buildings in Bengal have of necessity been designed with high ceilings and interior rooms. With the advent and acceptance of air conditioning, however, these architects feel there is bound to be a change in the basic design of most structures.

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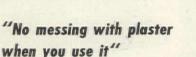
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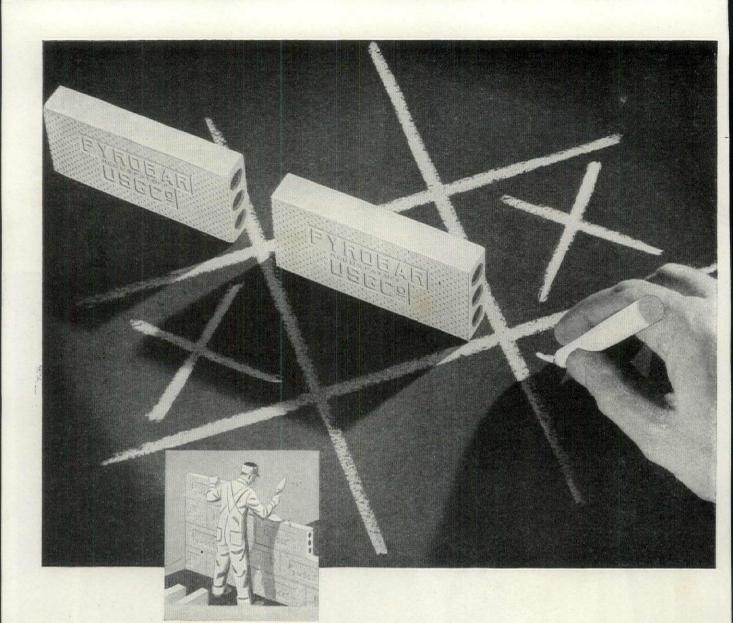
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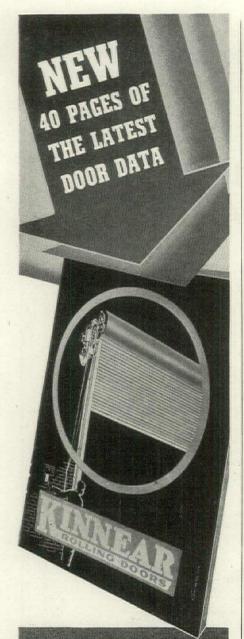
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This pamphlet is designed to supplement our "G. I. Jobs" Department more fully described in the box below. We are still feeling our way with this plan, but we have had so much encouraging comment that its prospects for success seem excellent. "G. I. Jobs" refuses to stay a secret now that Martha Dean described the plan on her Mutual program and daily papers throughout the country are spreading the word in their news columns. So again we say, read the

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We have added a pair of fine binoculars to our office equipment. It is tempting to look out from our fiftieth floor sanctum and sweep the horizon. One can see an awful lot of buildings and an awful lot of architecture, or vice versa. When you visit us, we will show you the same sights which last month brought ohs! and double ohs! ! from such friends and notables as Industrial Designer Jo Sinel of San Francisco; Frank

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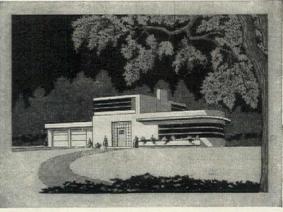
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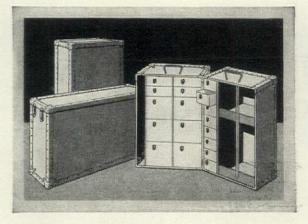
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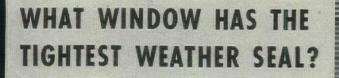
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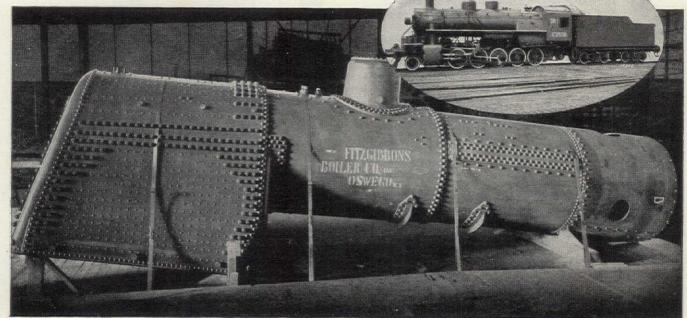
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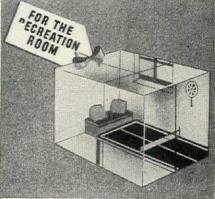
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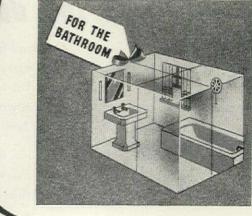
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tion started five years ago when Gruen emigrated from Vienna to Manhattan; in 1941 branched out to the Hollywood hills. Here, amid soft breezes and the humming of beetles, Gruen and Krummeck hold hands over signs for department stores, jewelry stores



and if you still have a 3 coupon, shoe stores (p. 116).

Allmon Fordyce, designer of the Living-Kitchen (p. 107) is a rotund figure of a man whose architectural practice has never in any way interfered with the serious business of his life—exploring the culinary arts. In addition to this activity which con-



sumes a great deal of precious Fordyce time, he practices amateur chuckling, poker at which he is no amateur, breeds and sells Jersey cows on his 125-acre farm. In left over

snatches of time this famed bon vivant may be found at the Raymond Loewy offices.

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to soften. In her city period Miss Meière was known to shudder at the sight of grass and confined herself to a region bounded by 57th St. and 34th St. But now a deadly passion grips her. At the mention of her country home (p. 125) her eyes glaze, and her head



goes up like a true city farmer scenting fertilizer.

Although Red Rocks Amphitheater, designed by Burnham Hoyt, has been filled with a variety of joyful noise, its most untramelled moments occurred before blueprints saw daylight. A hollow whose natural acoustics outdo Radio City Music Hall, it became the picnic spot for young Hoyt and a band of amateur



Thespians who strode the rocky ledges declaiming Shakespeare. Perhaps it was Hoyt's impassioned rendition of "O! That I were a glove . . ."that swept one of the feminine members into matrimony with the future architect. Of his present work our favorite next to Red Rocks is the Boettcher School (ARCH FORUM, Feb. '41).

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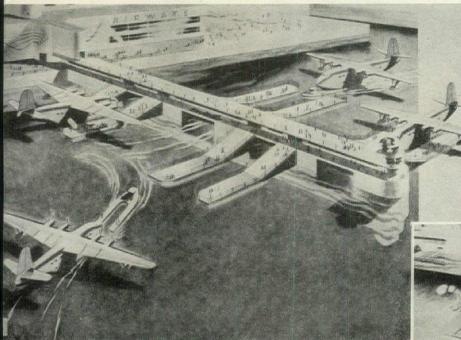
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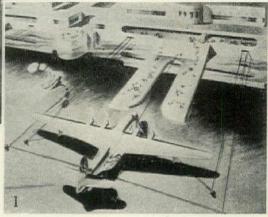
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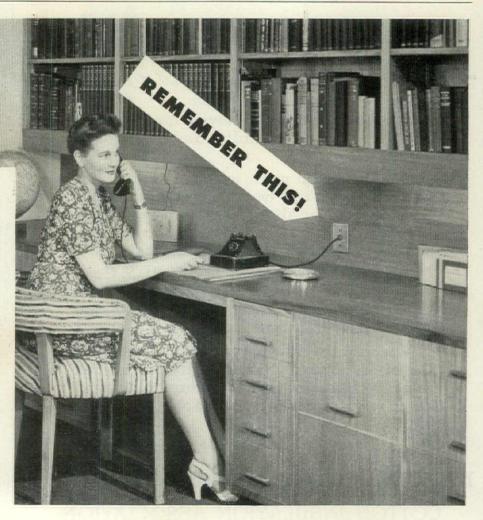
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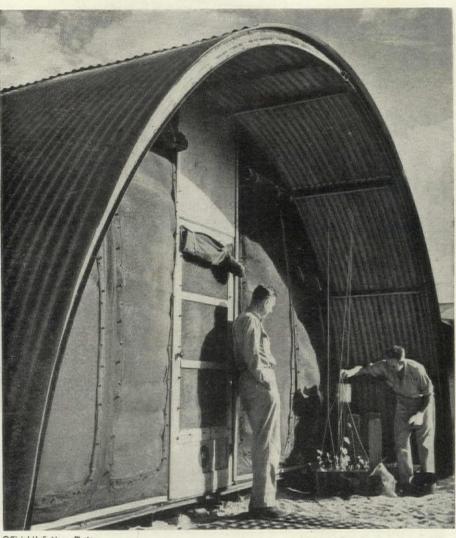
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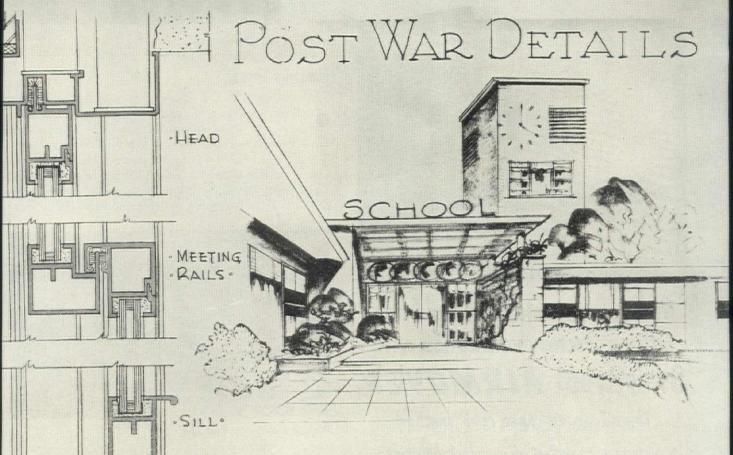


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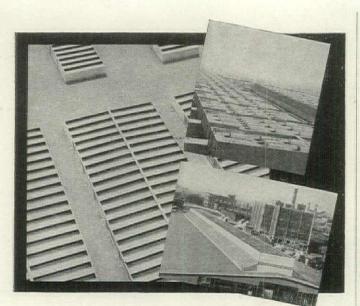
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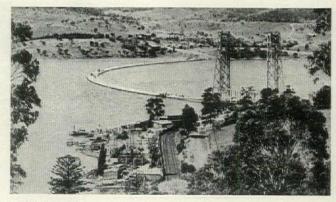


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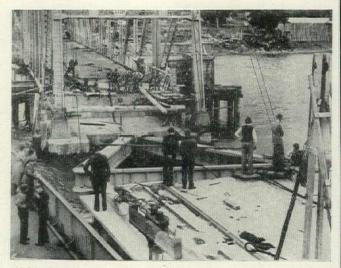
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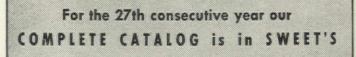
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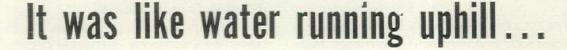


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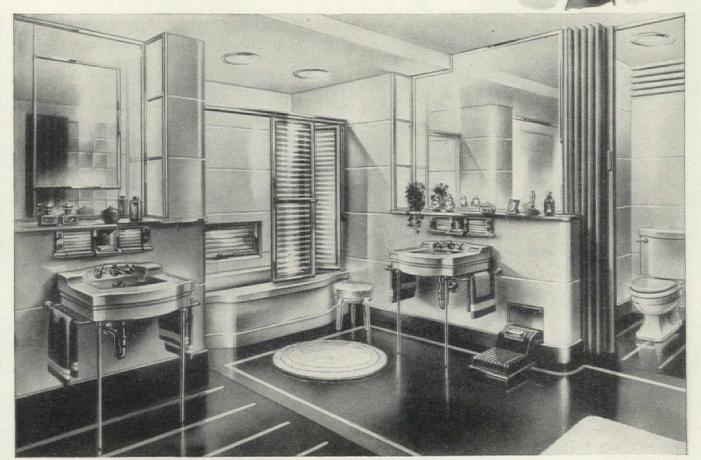
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period from 1900 until the painter's death in 1944 will be included. The Museum is also preparing in multiple form a series of small, compact but very complete exhibitions to be sold and circulated throughout the country and abroad. An example is the one entitled, What is Modern Painting, which includes 31 full color and nine black and white reproductions of modern paintings mounted on thirteen large, colored panels with text discussing the pictures in terms of the important trends in painting during the last 75 years. A book by Alfred H. Barr under the same title is published in conjunction with the exhibit, which rents for \$12 per week and sells for \$60. Other multiple exhibits now available are Creative Photography and Look at Your Neighborhood.

COMPETITION

La France Industries of Philadelphia, Pa., has announced a second competition in textile designs for upholstry and drapery fabrics. Awards will range from \$15 to \$100 in cash. The scope of this year's competition has been widened to include examples of fabrics personally designed and woven on hand looms. Another change in the rules provides for two classes of awards-one for students and amateurs and another for professional designers and instructors. Entries must be received in Philadelphia not later than May 15th. Judging will take place during the early part of June and winners will be announced at that time. Among the jury members are architect Oscar Stonorov and Richard Bach of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Architecture and Design of the University of Michigan has announced that two Arthur C. Tagge scholarships in the amount of \$325 each may be awarded again this year. Candidates may be students in architecture, landscape architecture, painting or design and shall have been in residence in the college for at least one semester. Preference will ordinarily be given to advanced students. The scholarships will be awarded for the fall term of 1945-46. Awards will be made only if the qualifications of applicants are considered adequate. Application should be made before June 1, 1945 to the Office of the Dean, 207 Architecture Building, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Department of Architecture of Syracuse University announces one \$400 and one \$200 scholarship to be awarded by competition on Saturday, July 14, 1945. The competition will be in two fields-drawing and preparatory school record. Contestants must submit to the College of Fine Arts, not later than Thursday, July 5th, a portfolio containing not more than 20 examples of their work in free-hand and mechanical drawing together with three letters of recommendation as to personality, character and general fitness. The high school records of all contestants will be carefully examined and special attention will be given to mathematical ability. Each contestant must be a graduate of an accredited high school and must, on or before June 25th, apply to the Director of Admissions, Administration Building, Syracuse University, for entrance to the College of Fine Arts as a regular student and must submit a recommendation from his high school prin-(Continued on page 94)

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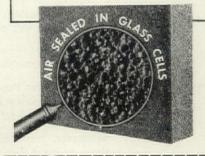
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AWARD

Of the 915 designs submitted in the Pencil Points-Pittsburgh Plate Glass competition, "A House for Cheerful Living," that of Norman Fletcher and Jean Bodman Fletcher of Birmingham, Mich., won first prize. I. M. Pei and Frederick G. Roth of Princeton, N. J., won second prize, Ralph Rapsom of Chicago, third and Eduardo Fernando Catalano of Cambridge, Mass., fourth. Honorable mentions went to Elmer Babb, Cleveland, Ohio; Donald Bathelme, Houston, Tex; Karl J. Belzer and Karel K. Dekker, Los Angeles, Calif.; Major Thomas J. Biggs, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Bernard L. Campbell, Plainfield, N. J.; W. Brooks Cavin, Silver Spring, Md.; C. N. Chau, Chicago, Ill.; A. Albert Cooling, Los Angeles, Calif.; Alexis Dukelski, West Los Angeles, Calif.; Leon Hyzen and Allmon Fordyce, New York; Seymour R. Joseph, New York; Stanley A. Kazdailis, Chicago, Ill.; Lt. Vincent G. Kling, Norfolk, Va.; Oliver Lundquist, Washington, D. C.; Charles G. MacDonald, Cambridge, Mass.; Pat Marshall, Chicago. Ill.; C. Stuart Perkins. Wayzata, Minn.; F. G. Roth and I. M. Pei, Princeton, N. J.; Simon Schmiderer, Torquato de Felice and Michael M. Harris. New York; Douglas C. Simpson and Edward P. Elliott, Ottawa, Canada; Joseph Allen Stein, Mid Valley, Calif.; E. W. Waugh, George Matsumoto and Charles T. Granger, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Frank Weiss, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles D. Wiley, Birmingham, Mich.

Eight special prizes were awarded to Eduardo Fernando Catalano, W. Brooks Cavin, Louis C. Dixon and Lee B. Kline, Seymour R. Joseph, Charles G. MacDonald, I. M. Pei and Frederick G. Roth, Ralph Rapson, Charles D. Wiley.

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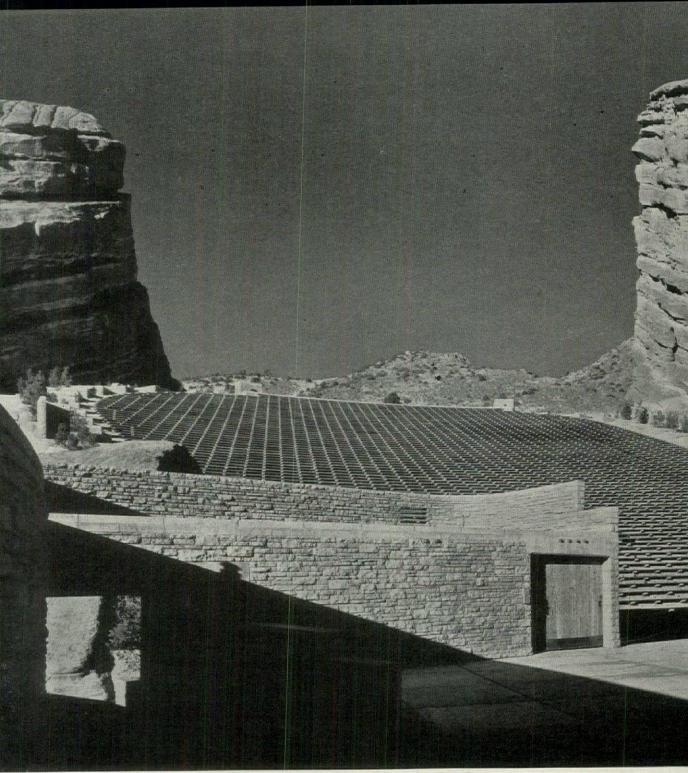
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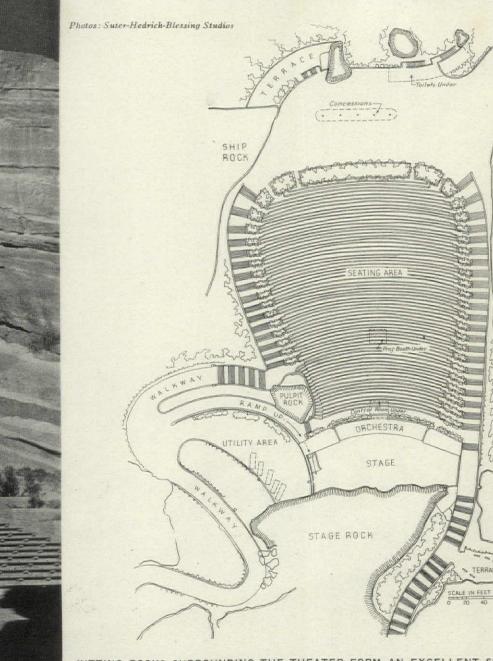
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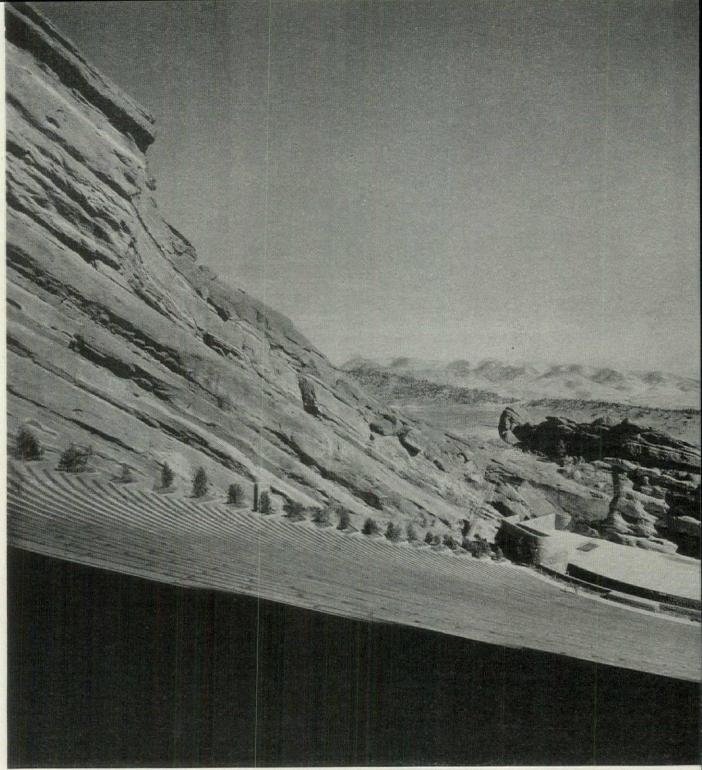
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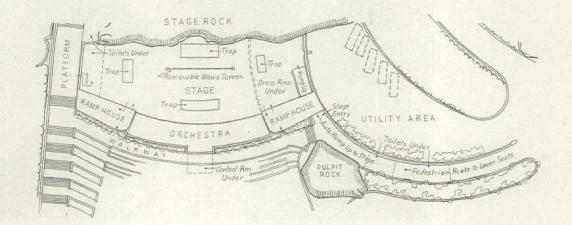
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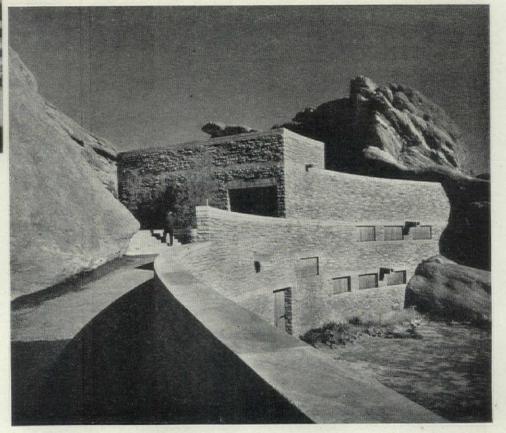
Red Rocks Ampitheater, cushioned against the Denver foothills and affording a magnificent view of distant mountains to the east, is a superb example of what an architect can do with a liberal helping hand from God. More important, it is also an example of the admirable restraint with which architect Hoyt preserved the original flavor of a majestic setting—a restraint which, for once, admits nature as a full collaborator.

The basic plan was determined by the natural rock formation. Fantastically-shaped, intensely red sandstone monoliths outline the perimeter of a huge sloping open area and give the location uncanny acoustic properties a whisper carries perfectly to the very top of the seating space. The weird beauty of the site coupled with its unique dramatic assets made it imperative that the theater built there truly merge with its surroundings. For this reason, native stone which approximates the red color and rough texture of the monolithic rocks was used throughout, and the entire design held to extreme simplicity.

Major change was the extensive cut and fill required to correct the original contour of the audience area which sloped south away from "Stage Rock" at front center. Fortunately, this laid bare a continuation of the large "Creation Rock" which forms the right "wall" of the theater and gave an added unity to the entire composition. The seating layout was dictated by the existing top level slope. Wide rows of bleachers are serviced by side stairways and separated from them with buffer strips of juniper, a shrub native to this section of Colorado. The old stage fill, made a number of years ago to provide a level space for amateur theatricals, was completely excavated, thus affording two levels of storage space and dressing rooms under the stage.

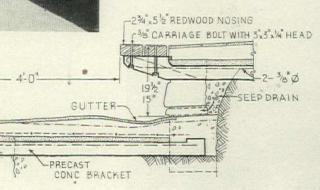
To preserve the pristine atmosphere of the theater, parking areas are located at the upper level of the seating space out of audience view. Mechanical facilities are also hidden. The switchboard which controls all lighting is placed behind the conductor's stand. A moving picture booth is located under a section of removable seats in the center area and the stage provided with a disappearing moving picture screen and four traps. With a minimum of architecture per se, Red Rocks Ampitheater is unquestionably an architectural triumph.

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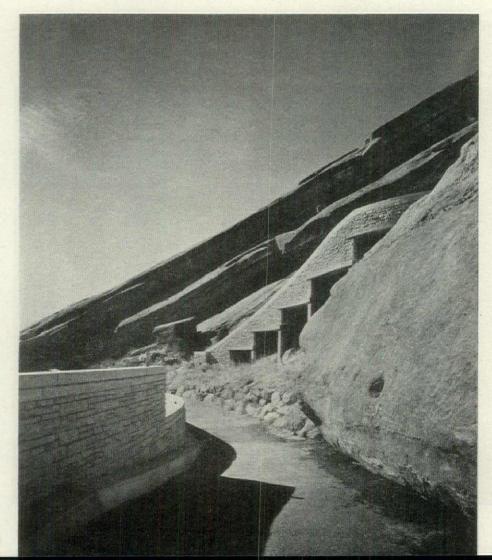


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The 4 ft. spacing of the bleachers makes radiating aisles unnecessary, allows latecomers to reach their seats without disturbing others. Side circulation is provided by 20 ft. wide stairways with landings at every third row of seats.



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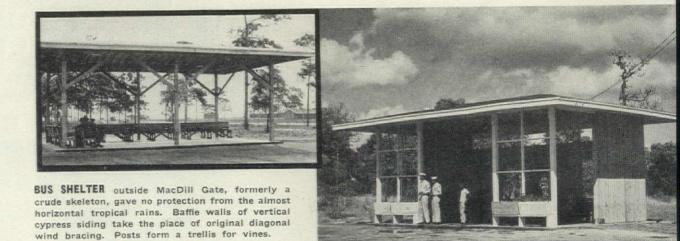


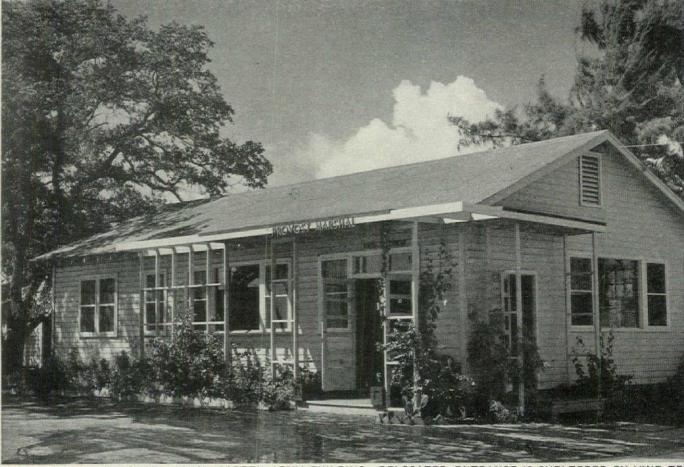
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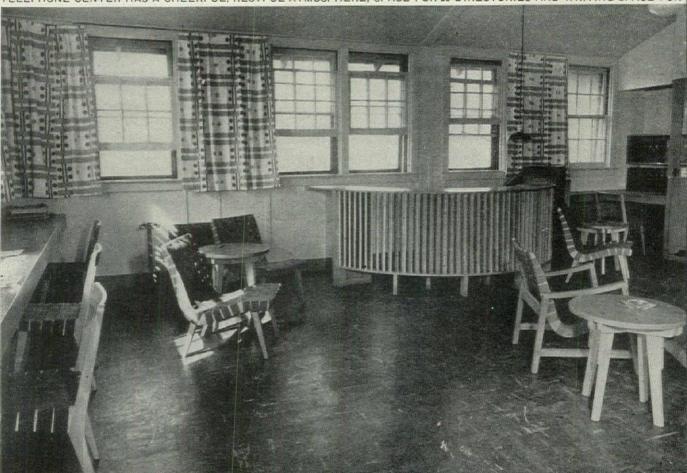
Mac Dill Field, Florida, has appeared twice before in THE FORUM. In June, 1943 we published its redesigned and rebuilt Post Exchange and in February, 1944 a number of remodeled community facilities. All of this work, and the various service and recreational centers on the following pages are the work of Capt. Joseph J. Roberto, formerly special service officer at the field. An outstanding demonstration of the fact that good design is not inconsistent with temporary, low cost construction, it serves to show how little is needed to convert hard-boiled, standardized army structures into attractive, useful buildings.

Many are unaware of the fact that the Army feels shortages of building materials just as acutely as any civilian construction agency. Many camps are located far from rail and industrial centers and shortages are even more apparent. The War Department, in order not to aggravate material shortages, has set limits on the cost of construction and the cost of remodeling of military structures, similar to those governing civilian building and these limits applied to all of the work shown. Capt. Roberto and his commanding officer, Col. James B. Carrol, are to be congratulated on a fine job carried out under adverse conditions.





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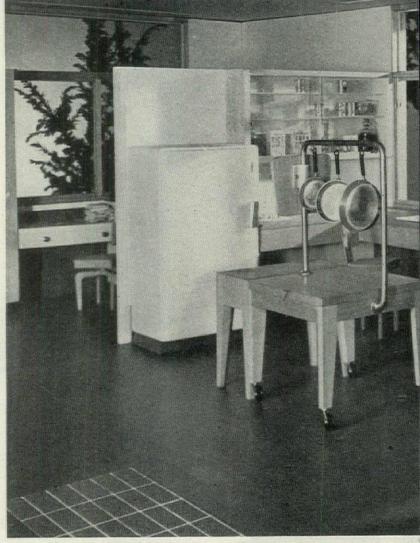
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This combination living-work space is much more than an immensely convenient kitchen. It is part of a basic approach to house design which shelves the unrelated separate room and instead divides the house according to use. One section becomes a quiet area including bedrooms and a study or extra living room if the house is large; the other is a noisy area where the entire family spends most of its waking hours. And this is called the Living-Kitchen.

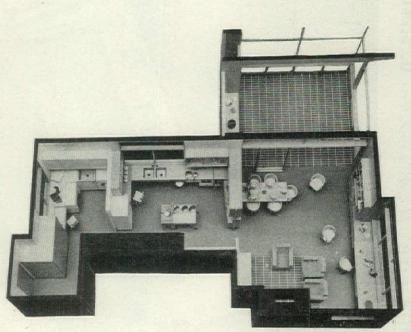
Although such an idea can be made to fit almost any existing space, the plan shown here redesigns a long narrow area, formerly a separate kitchen and dining room divided by a butler's pantry. This space is opened up and redivided into laundry, cooking and dining areas by means of cupboards which serve as semi-partitions. Space left between the ends of these partitions and the central wall of the house provides easy circulation without cutting directly through kitchen or laundry and disturbing whoever is at work. The spacious dining area is equipped with a fireplace and grouped seating in addition to the usual dining table and chairs. One wall is devoted to cupboards for games and hobbies and contains a folding desk, used by both children and grown-ups. Thus, one semidivided area serves as the housewife's work space; a within-earshot playroom for children; a dining room; a living room; a hobby room. Such a design gives real focus to the activities of the entire family.

Even greater flexibility is added to the plan by a screened porch separated from the diningliving area with sliding glass panels. Experience has shown that panels of this sort are rarely opened because of the bug nuisance. The porch screening is therefore an important adjunct, eliminating the irritation of flies and mosquitoes from outdoor dining. When the panels are completely rolled back, porch and interior become one area, large enough for entertaining 20 or 30 people. The porch can also serve as a rainy day play space for children.

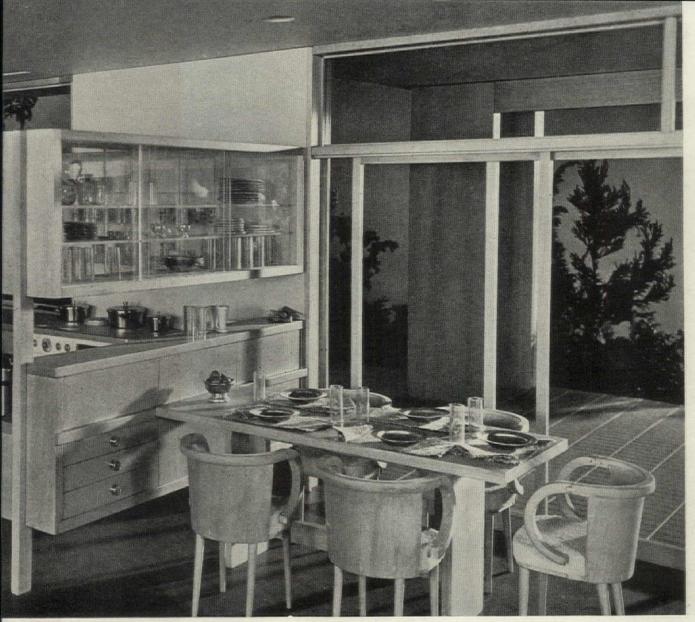
Both kitchen and laundry are excellently planned for efficient and pleasant use. The laundry doubles as a sewing room with work counters convenient to both washing equipment and sewing machine. In the kitchen work space is a suspended shelf with cupboards hung above it rather than under it to provide clear floor space. Only the equipment used every day is stored in the kitchen proper. Seldom-used utensils plus vegetables, fruit and canned goods are stored in special cabinets and bins on the opposite wall. To eliminate cooking odors at the source—an important consideration in such an open plan—a fan grill is provided directly above the stove.



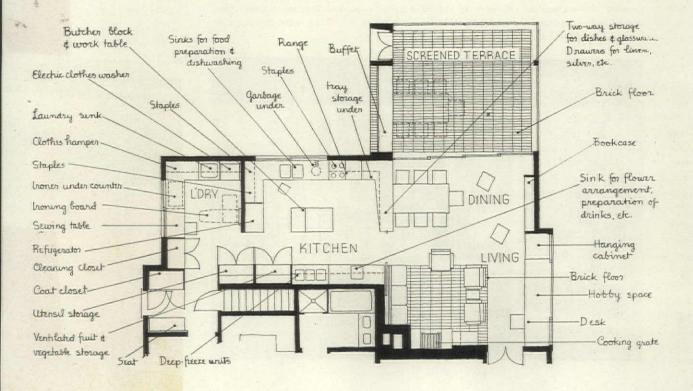
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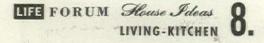


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VS THE LAUNDRY (REAR), KITCHEN AREA, DINING SPACE AND SCREENED PORCH. NOTE SLIDING GLASS DOORS (RIGHT)





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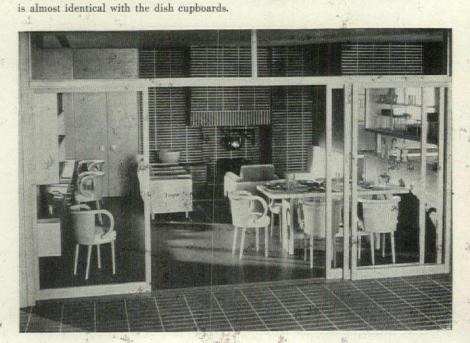
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Perhaps the most successful feature of Architect Fordyce's Living-Kitchen is the merging of two distinct atmospheres. He has managed somehow to suggest an air of comfort and relaxation in the dining area (above) without clashing in any way with the general impression of workmanlike efficiency of the food preparation and laundry centers. One device used is the repetition of details. The book cabinet in the dining space, for instance,

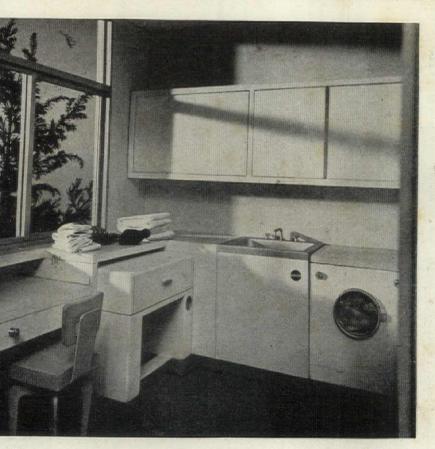
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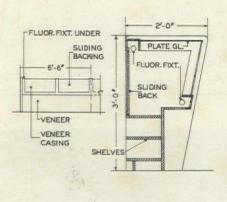
GLAZED, TWO-WAY CUPBOARDS SEPARATE KITCHEN FROM DINING ROOM, WITH OPEN SPACE BELOW FOR SERVING

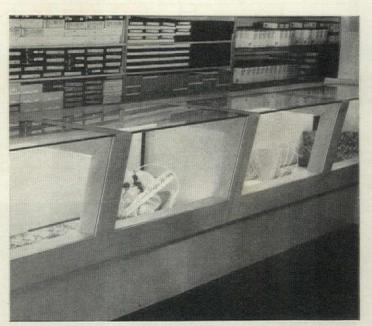


LIFE FORUM House Ideas

Sewing and laundry can be done at the same time in the compact work room (left). Sewing table is placed under window; washer, dryer and ironer line far wall. Unusual kitchen work unit is a combination butcher's block and movable table with rack for cutlery and skillets (below).

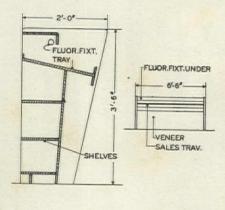






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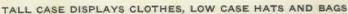




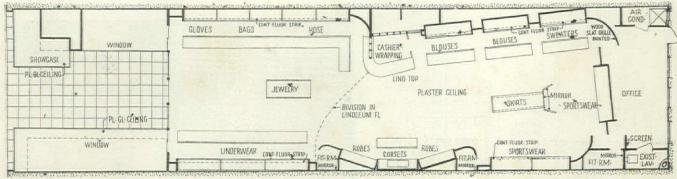
3. WOMEN'S APPAREL

Light construction treatment is suitable to the feminine merchandise this store sells.

MARJORIE LANE SHOP, FLUSHING, N. Y. JOSE FERNANDEZ, Architect STANGER BROTHERS, General Contractors







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CASHIER'S DESK WITH TRELLIS SCREENING IN CENTER OF STORE BREAKS LONG VIEW FROM EITHER DIRECTION

3. WOMEN'S APPAREL

The use of curved and broken wall spaces throughout does much to soften a narrow rectangular plan. Hats and accessories are grouped near the front for convenience of itinerant shoppers; ready-to-wear, negligees and underthings are placed at the rear of the store near fitting rooms. The usual large number of sales counters are reduced to a minimum, thus saving floor space and permitting easier circulation. A rose and gray color scheme is used throughout for walls and woodwork, accented by a checker board linoleum in royal blue and gray. Because only a small amount of this flooring was available, plain gray had to be used in the rear of the store, but the abrupt change is not unpleasant as it emphasizes the two distinct store sections. Interiors of shadow boxes and the fin of the cashier's counter are painted off-white.

FINISHES AND EQUIPMENT: FLOORS—Flawless Floor Co., covered with linoleum, Congoleum-Nairn, Inc. WALL COVERINGS—wallpaper, Laverne Originals and A. H. Jacobs Co. CHAIRS—J. G. Furniture Co. CABINETS—Stuyvesant Fixture Co. Neon Sign—Salzman Electric Co.



MEMORIALS FOR MANKIND

"Why not a monument to American productivity?" asks George Howe*, "not for the things that it provides, but for the promise that it holds of the abatement of want."

WO recent articles in THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM[†] by Poet-ex-Librarian-Propaganda Minister MacLeish and Master Builder-ex-President AIA Maginnis must have left a public hungry for inspiration as hungry as before. It would seem that most US citizens must agree with them that utilitarian monuments are not to be considered. The materialization of a transitory convenience is not to be confounded with the memorialization of a timeless event. Probably it may be agreed also that memorial monuments meet a human need if not indeed a human necessity. "We may live without architecture," says Ruskin, "and worship without her, but we cannot remember without her." MacLeish's argument that only the people can decide what they want and Maginnis' plea for symbolism will not meet much opposition. But what do the laureates offer by way of concrete suggestion? MacLeish's "Memorials for Remembrance" are embarrassingly reminiscent of mammy melodies moist with childhood's recollection while below the veil of words in which Maginnis mysteriously wraps the reality of his symbol appear the familiar feet of the old front and back leg team, Mythology and Mother Church.

A less cluttered image of the ground may perhaps be obtained by surveying it from points more remote than the practical, the personal, the parochial and the posthumous. Are death and mourning to be immortalized in architectural forms recalling the tragedy of vanishing cultures or shall the living breath of a great nation be solidified in symbols projecting a perpetual present of hope and heroism? Is the end of our building to be monumental lamentation over the inestimable loss of countless separate human beings known and unknown or the embodiment of the purpose for which universal loss is nobly and silently suffered?

Were the Spirit of America to meditate the nature of a Memorial for Mankind, he might soliloquize somewhat as follows:

"Consider the words of Marcus Aurelius, 'For nothing is so productive of elevation of mind as to be able to examine methodically and truly every object which is presented to them in life and always to look at things so as to see at the same time what kind of universe this is and what kind of use everything performs in it and what value everything has with reference to the whole and what with reference to man, who is a citizen of the highest city of which all other cities are like families; what each thing is and of what it is composed and how long it is the nature of this thing to endure which

† September, 1944.

^{*} Supervising Architect, Public Buildings Administration, Federal Works Agency.

now makes an impression on me and what virtue I have need of with respect to it, such as gentleness, manliness, truth, fidelity, simplicity, contentment and the rest.'

"What, then, am I, and what is the part I play in the plans of God and man? What is the meaning of the event I would commemorate and how long will that meaning endure and into what material symbol shall I build it?

"It seems to me that I am an image of nature with its obscure means and shining visible ends, its prodigal productivity, brave trials and sometimes tragic errors. In my productivity I take a proper pride, not for the things that it provides but for the promise that it holds of the abatement of want which has made men mean and contentious in spite of the struggles of the spirit to prevail, and especially for this occasion on which it has stemmed the spread of new-born tyranny over the face of the habitable globe. For I have shown that in learning how to live well I have not forgotten how to die well.

"So this same productivity might be the meaning of my monument and this meaning is timeless for it is centered in here and now, it is not the wishful sum of yesterday and tomorrow but the wilful sum of countless todays.

"To give my meaning substance a pyramid might well be the simplest and most stable shape familiar to all men and common to all cultures and the plan of the pyramid might take the form of the five-pointed star which is the symbol of our unity, with steep shining arrises and sharply shadowed returns. I might build it of polished granite in huge blocks of blended colors drawn from every quarry in the land and it should be greater than any pyramid ever built, not for the pride of a tyrant in the labor of his slaves but for the pride of the power of a free people which is one with me, the Spirit of America, in a sense in which perhaps no other people has even been one with the spirit of a nation. The pyramid should stand as long as men shall endure as evidence of my undertaking that no other monument shall ever be built in memory of war.

"If I built such a monument I might build it in an amphitheatre of rocky eminences and on their sides I might set tiers of seats and terraces for multitudes and I might raise it on a vast stepped platform approached by highways from every side. In the midst of the steps I might set a great stone and on the stone I might engrave these words:

" 'ERECTED BY US THE PEOPLE, THE HUSBANDMEN, ARTISANS AND ARTISTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN A MO-MENT OF REST AFTER BATTLE, TO COMMEMORATE AN INTER-LUDE IN WHICH WE TURNED FROM OUR PREDESTINED TASK OF FREEING MAN FROM THE FEAR OF WANT, WHICH HAS BLIGHTED HIS SPIRIT IN THE DAYS OF ITS FLOWERING, TO DIE AND LABOR AS FIGHTERS AND AS WORKERS TO FREE MAN FROM THE FEAR OF MAN FOREVER.'

"And on the day of the dedication I might speak through the mouth of my poet Herman Melville:

"'Thou who, in all Thy mighty, earthly marchings, ever cullest Thy selectest champions from the kingly commons: bear me out in it, O God!'"

Occupied by Hildreth Meière, the well-known mural painter, this house was designed and built by a fellow artist with few architectural inhibitions, a fine feeling for space and materials. It is impossible to classify as either "modern" or "traditional." Instead, is is a highly individualistic and satisfying solution of a problem in contemporary living, carried out in easily available materials in a skillful, assured manner.

The plan is admirable. The kitchen, dinning room and all utility areas are on the ground floor within easy access of the entry. A maid's room and bath, also on the ground floor, insure complete privacy for those on the studio and balcony levels. The generous entry serves to keep snow and dirt out of the rest of the house and the ground floor terrace fireplace provides informal outdoor dining facilities within easy reach of the kitchen.

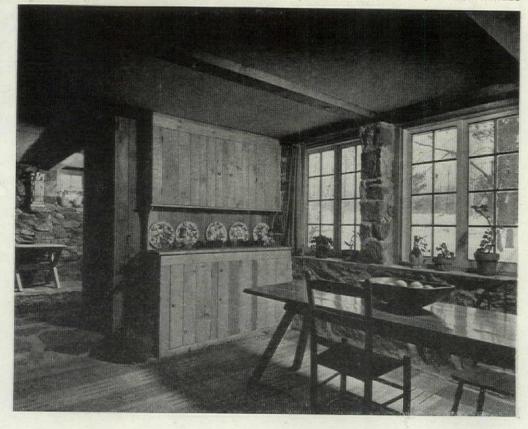
The studio living room, on the second floor level, occupies about two-thirds of the balance of the house. It opens on a raised terrace to the north through a centilevered balcony, which also serves as a protective hood over the ground floor windows. Master bedrooms and a library are located on the second and third floors and reached by an open stair at one end of the living room.

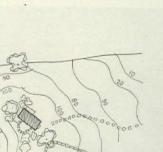
The compact plan, only 25 ft. by 50 ft., gives no feeling of constriction. The ceiling between the cypress timbers is a delicate sky-blue. Paneling is pine and the trim on the exterior is painted white. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ acre plot has been left virtually un-landscaped, and its unhampered appearance is in complete accord with the house.

The mortgagee was Stamford Trust Co., Stamford, Conn.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE: FOUNDATION: Field stone. STRUCTURE: Exterior wallscommon brick, building paper, N.C. pine sheathing; inside—studs, Rocklath, U. S. Gypsum Co., and plaster. Floors—oak, pine and cypress. Ceiling (ground floor)—Celotex, Celotex Corp. Roof—cedar shingles. INSULATION: Roof—Balsam Wool, Wood Conversion Co. WINDOWS: Sash—casement. WALL COVERINGS: Living room—knotty pine. Kitchen plywood. Dining room—cypress. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Range—Universal, Landers, Frary & Clark. Refrigerator—Coolerator Co. BATHROOM EQUIPMENT—Kohler Co. and American Radiator-Standard Sanitary Corp. HEATING—warm air system with humidifying. Boiler—Petro air conditioner, Petroleum Heat & Power Co. Regulator—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. Water heater—Universal, Landers, Frary & Clark.

CABINET AND TABLE, DESIGNED FOR THE HOUSE, COMPLEMENT EXPOSED ROCK WALLS





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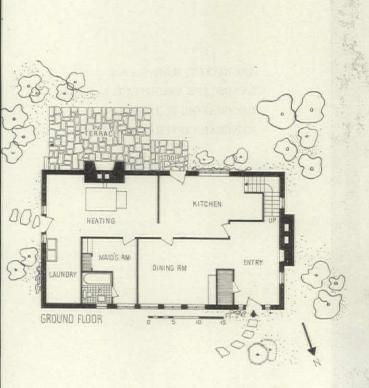
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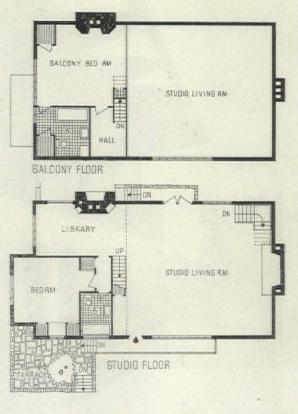
RUSTIC MATERIALS AND NATURALISTIC LANDSCAPING BLEND ADROITLY IN THIS EASY, INFORMAL DESIGN





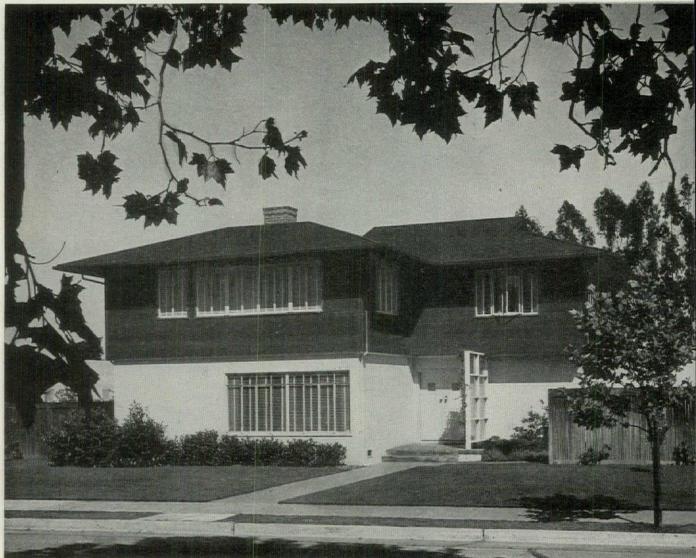
TO ROOF, THE HUGE STUDIO LIVING-ROOM IS FINISHED IN ROUGH MATERIALS, FURNISHED WITH CHEERFUL ABANDON





HOUSE IN PETALUMA, CALIF. Architect Mario Corbett solves the problem of app

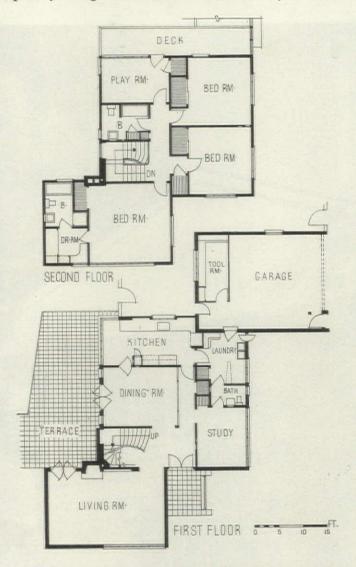






REDWOOD AND STUCCO CONTRIBUTE VIGOR AND CL.

ARCHITECT, Mario Corbett LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, L. Vaughn DECORATOR, H. J. Powers GENERAL CONTRACTOR, J. Frahm temporary design to a small conventionally-minded community. The result: modern without mayhem.



In 1942 when this suburban house was in scaffolding, surrounding neighbors eyed it anxiously, afraid of what this first influx of modern design might do to their community. A conservative version of Frank Lloyd Wright's early Midwestern style, the design was harmless enough, but to suburbanites brought up on the correctness of Cotswold cottages and synthetic Colonial, the broad overhangs and glass wind shelter at the entrance seemed radical indeed. As it turned out, Corbett succeeded in creating a structure which fits quietly into the existing patern without pretention and is now even pointed to by neighbors as the type of house they want themselves.

The main feature of the plan is a generous side terrace, on which the living room, stairway, dining room and kitchen all open; an excellent arrangement for the medium-sized suburban lot. Ground floor circulation is direct and open, and the second floor level, with its four bedrooms and two baths, is unusually compact and orderly for a dwelling of its size. On either side of the house, baffle walls of redwood grape stakes afford exceptional privacy to the outdoor living areas.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE: ROOF—redwood shingles. Deck canvas. INSULATION: Outside walls, attic floor and roof— Cabot's Quilt, Samuel Cabot, Inc. WINDOWS: Sash—steel casement, Truscon Steel Co. Glass—single strength, quality A, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. FLOORS: Main rooms—hardwood. Bathrooms—linoleum. HARDWARE—Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Switches—Mercury, Hart Mfg. Co. Fixtures—specially designed, Fred Casella. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Range and refrigerator—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. Fan—Pryne & Co. LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT: Washington machine — Bendix Home Appliance Co. BATHROOM EQUIPMENT — Crane Co. Cabinets — Hallenscheid & McDonald. HEATING — forced warm air system with fan and air filters.

KTENSION OF FIREPLACE UTILIZES OTHERWISE WASTED WALL SPACE; GLASS PANEL ELIMINATES DARK SERVICE HALL





HOUSE IN SEATTLE, WASH. Architect Paul Thiry makes the most of a difficult appro

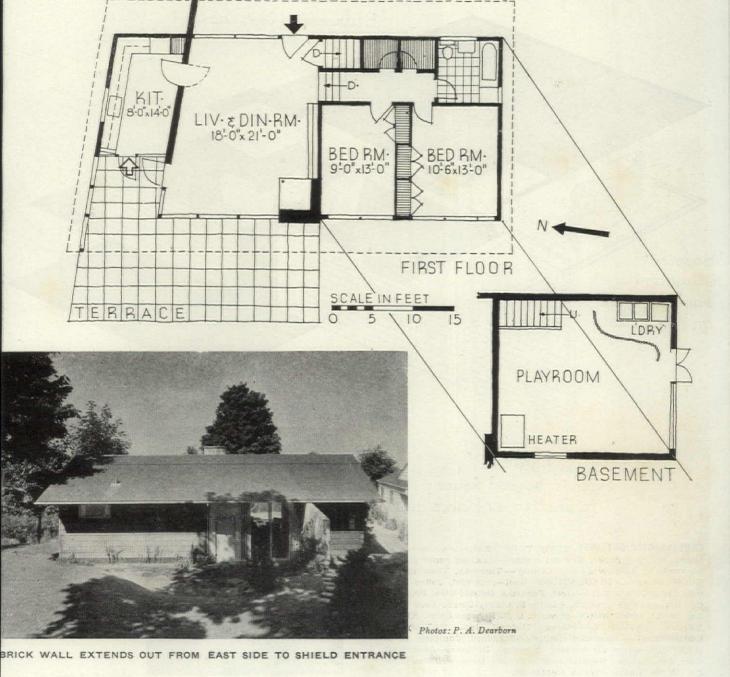


SOUTH END OF HOUSE IS A FULL FLOOR ABOVE GRADE, MAKING ROOM FOR A SUNNY BASEMENT UTILITY-PLAYROOM

FHA restrictions, produces a compact dwelling suited to needs of a small family.

Set on a bank some 20 or 30 ft. above the street, this house takes advantage of the grade with a variation of the two-level scheme now popular with builders in the Mid-west. The living room, dining room and kitchen are at the central level and have higher ceilings than the balance of the rooms. Sleeping and basement floors are set only a few steps above and below the main entrance grade. Running the entrance walk around the end of the house to the rear insures privacy on the west terrace and permits an uninterrupted outlook from the front of the house which faces downhill.

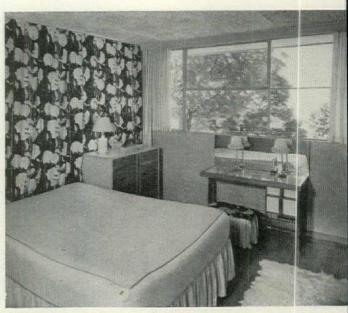
A splayed wall between living room and kitchen opens up the view to the northwest and adds interest to the design. The basement, which serves as both a playroom and utility area, has a floor-toceiling window of its own and opens on both the south and west terraces. A free standing screen solves the problem of segregation of work and play areas and an automatic heating unit is exposed in one corner of the room. The two bedrooms above face the view, while the bath shares a plumbing stack with the laundry equipment.



MAY 1945

HOUSE IN SEATTLE, WASH.

The west side of this house, designed for a grey climate in which sun is at a premium, is almost entirely glass. As a result, a close indoor-outdoor relation is possible. Light, air and a scenic panorama are all accessible. A further tie-up between indoor and outdoor spaces is the repetition of materials. The fireplace is of concrete as are the living and kitchen terraces. The brick partition between kitchen and living areas extends through to the outside. Adequate storage space and complete division of living and sleeping quarters have made this house extremely simple to maintain. The heavy curtains at the living room windows, drawn at night, have kept fuel costs down to approximately 60 per cent of a conventional house of the same volume.



BEDROOM HAS A WALL OF FLORAL PAPER, THERMAX CEIL

Bedroom floor raised four steps above living area

Basement playroom open at grade on two sides

> Brick partition extends beyond house to shelter entrance walk

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE: STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—cedar siding, building paper, shiplap; inside — building paper and fir plywood, U. S. Plywood Co. Ceiling — Thermax, Thermax Co. ROOF—shingles. INSULATION: Roof—rockwool, Johns-Manville. WINDOWS: Sash—steel, Fenestra, Detroit Steel Products Co. Glass—single strength, quality B, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. WALL COVERINGS—plywood, U.S. Plywood Corp. ELEC-TRICAL SWITCHES — Harvey Hubbell, Inc. BATHROOM EQUIPMENT — American Radiator-Standard Sanitary Corp. HEATING—warm air system, filtering. Diffusers—Anemostat Corp. of America. Regulator—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. Water Heater—Wesix Heater Co.

MAIN ENTRANCE WALK AT REAR



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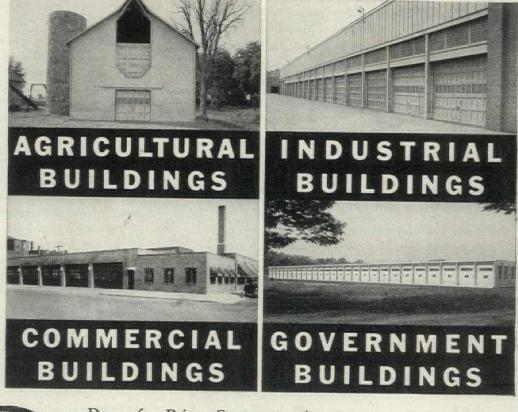
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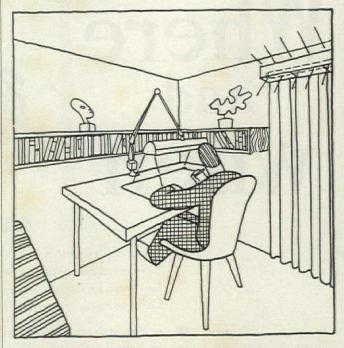
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PRODUCTS AND PRACTICE

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STUDY Background lighting, a mixture of incandescent (yellow) and fluorescent (white), is keyed to the concentrated eye task illumination. Work table fixture is adjustable and furnishes evenly distributed light where it is needed. Twenty to fifty footcandles are recommended for close eye work.

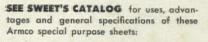
the fringe on top" had a glass bowl which threw some of the light to the ceiling and some downward for a seeing task. Without much thought people were getting a measure of balanced lighting. The modern type of opaque shell reflector casts light only in one direction, thereby creating high brightness contrasts. If opaque reflector lamps are used then some background lighting is essential.

There was also a period in lighting history when all direct light was eliminated and indirect used exclusively. But indirect light is by no means a cure for all home lighting ills. A room lighted solely by a continuous cove of fluorescents or incandescents using the ceiling as a reflector will be monotonous and unpleasant. Objects will seem to float in air because they are shadowless and lack form. One difficulty with total indirect lighting is that in order to provide enough light for specific seeing tasks the intensity of the whole system must be increased and the ceiling becomes a source of unpleasant glare. Indirect lighting needs the sparkle and interest of direct light. This is particularly true in bedrooms and living rooms where accents are needed for decorative effect, and at the dining room table where direct light creates pleasant highlights on china and silver. In work rooms the emphasis should be placed on seeing efficiency.

PATTERN in home lighting is the combination of direct and indirect light sources to achieve a pleasant result. In developing such a pattern, indirect light is used to create atmosphere and reduce excessive contrasts between light and shade. Direct light is used for specific eye tasks and to create interestareas of light against the background of the indirect lighting.

Bright light sources against dark backgrounds produce high brightness-contrasts which are unpleasant to the eye. Neutral wall tones have a high reflective quality and create a

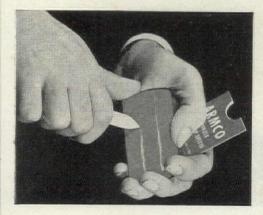
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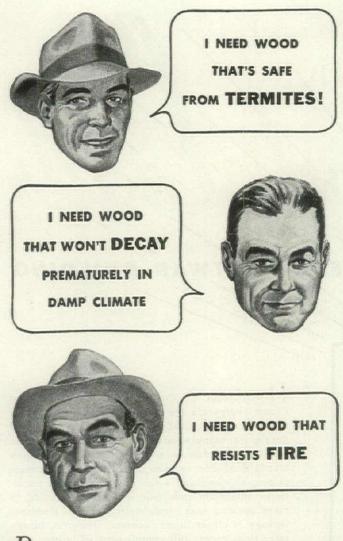
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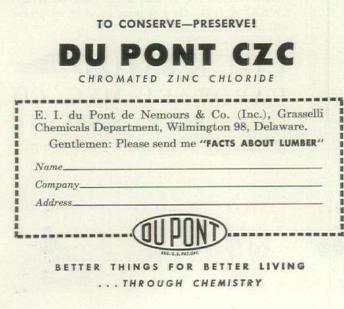
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desirable background for eye task considerations but not for atmosphere.

Three important rules in creating the light pattern are: 1) the lighting must be interesting and esthetically pleasing. In this respect lighting has the same or greater effect in creating moods in people as other physical environments. It is difficult to relax under a floodlight and the opposite is also true: that the mind becomes sluggish with eye fatigue when working at a critical eye task in low levels of illumination. Accents are as important in lighting as color in decoration. 2) The lighting must be distributed so that there is enough everywhere. Enough light means light of the proper intensity to accomplish a specific task. Reading and sewing are not the only eye tasks for which enough light should be provided. There is also the hunting for objects in dark closets, the search for a collar-button in a dresser drawer that resembles a dark cave and the precarious foothold on cellar steps. 3) No naked light source should be visible in the line of vision. And, to carry this rule one step further all reading and eye task areas should be checked for reflected glare and high brightness contrasts in the periphery of vision.

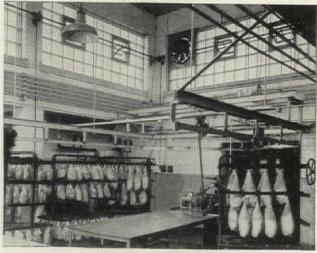
In addition to these complicated objectives the light pattern must be flexible.

FLEXIBILITY is the light pattern's ability to meet changing needs. The trend toward open planning and the dual use of space makes flexibility imperative. For instance, in a large combined living and dining space in which the dining table also serves as a dressmaking table three distinct light levels are called for. A high level is needed for sewing, an intermediate level needed for dining and a low level for general illumination-a conversational level. Flexibility in light levels can be accomplished by the use of three-speed sockets on individual fixtures or by having the room or area switched on two light levels-a low level of general illumination for conversation and casual seeing tasks and another higher level for the lighting of critical eye tasks with its proper ratio of background illumination. Flexibility in direction, and to some extent intensity, can be achieved by the use of fixtures with flexible arms. This development in fixtures is to be commended since it makes of the lamp a useful implement in seeing and not an archaic piece of decoration. Flexible lighting will aid in the double use of space and in making the proper light levels available when needed.

IMPROVEMENTS and new features have made home lighting devices more effective. Among the specialties will be sun lamps for cold morning warmth; "black" light to activate fluorescent materials to be seen in the dark; germicidal lamps for sickrooms and air conditioning; infra red lamps for drying the laundry; lamps with built-in reflectors for directional spotlighting and a variety of small lamps for baseboard and keyhole lighting.

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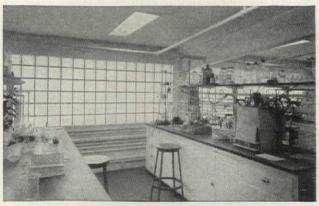
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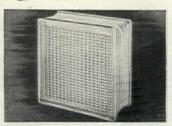
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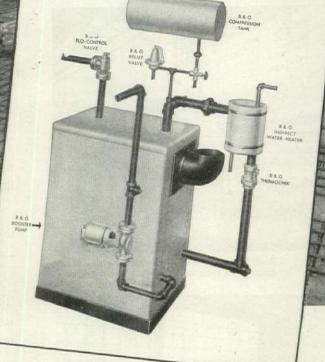


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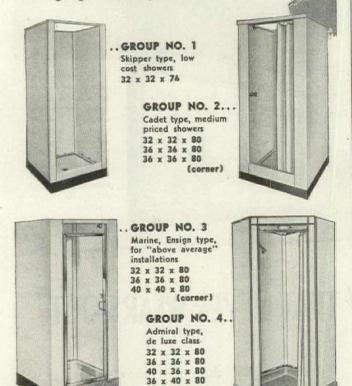


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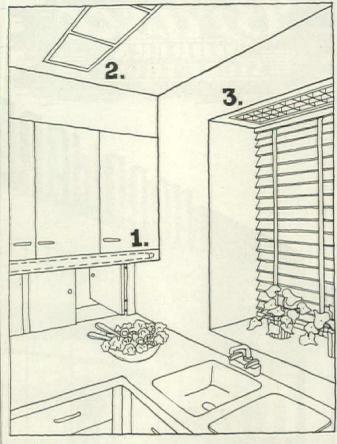
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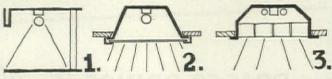
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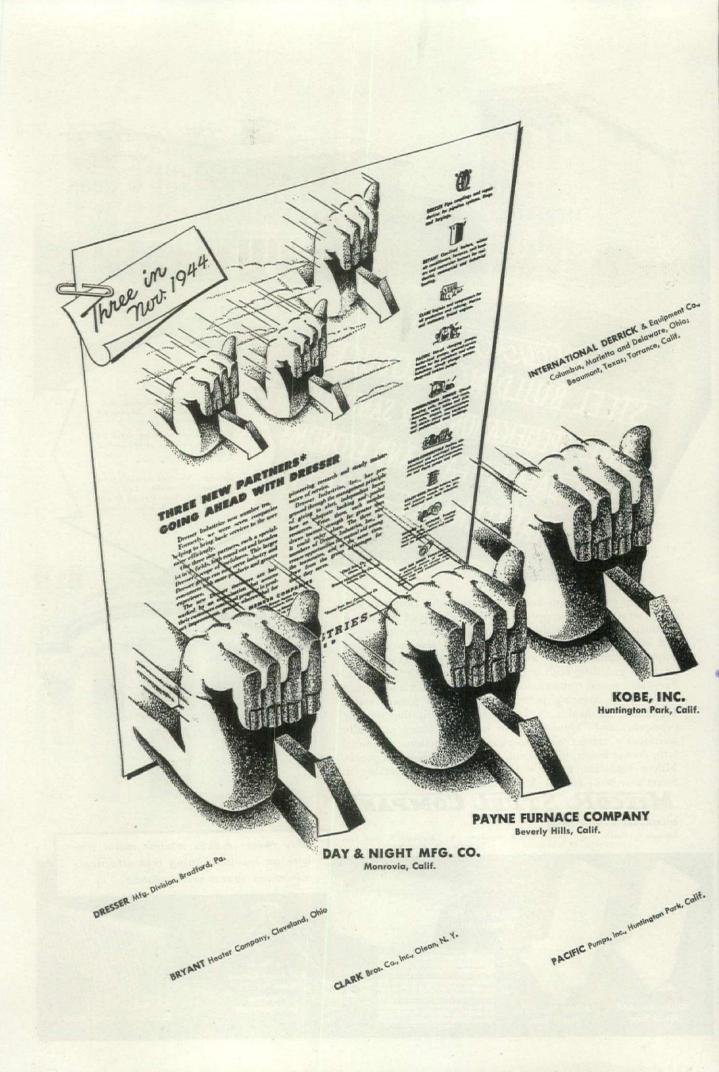
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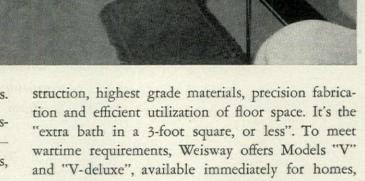
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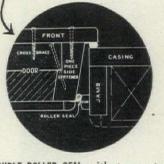
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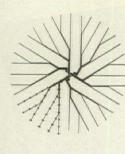
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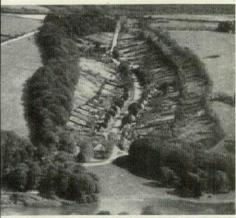
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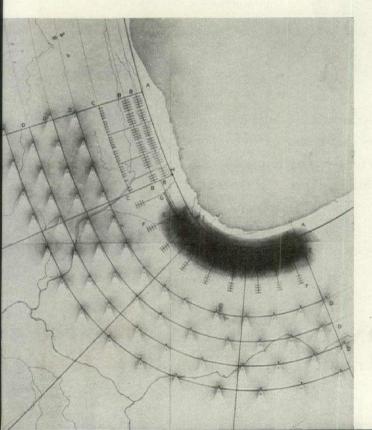




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THE NEW CITY. By L. Hilbersheimer. Paul Theobold, Chicago. 191 pp. Illustrated. 111/4 in. x 123/4 in. \$5.95.

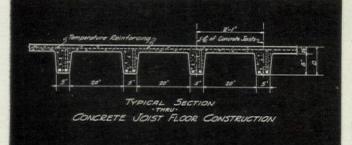
Following a trail blazed by the writings of Gideon, Mumford, Saarinen and Sert, L. Hilbersheimer, erstwhile professor of city planning at the Bauhaus and at present instructor at the Illinois Institute of Technology, tosses his mortar board into the ring with a new manual on city planning. Purportedly a general survey and layman's introduction, the book encompasses most of the important aspects of the field: historic background, study and analysis of the components of planning practice, its outstanding theories and theorists, with understandable emphasis on the Hilbersheimer concept. If this work is truly intended for the average reader, his IQ is a good deal higher than is generally suspected. Take for example the author's comparison of the centric and the ribbon system: "To make a fair comparison . . . and to weigh the economic merits of each, we need to consider two ideal areas of equal size and similar problems, one treated according to the centric principles, the other according to the linear. Such a comparison is afforded in two plans, one by Ludwig Sierks and the other by Peter Friedrich . . . The centric plan of Sierks calls for 36 terminals from which two trains will leave each hour. The ribbon plan of Friedrich requires only twelve terminals. From each of these six trains will leave every hour. The total number of trains is the same for both plans-72. In the centric system, however, the trains leave every half hour; in the ribbon system, every ten minutes. The average distance between center and terminal in the centric system is 3.5 miles; in the ribbon system, 4 miles. The running time in the ribbon system, therefore, is greater than in the centric system. This extra running time is offset, however, by shorter waiting time, for three times as many trains are running in this system as are scheduled in the centric system. In the latter system, the number of trains would increase toward the center because the different zones of influence would overlap as the center is approached. In the ribbon system, the number of trains will remain the same in all parts except in the center line where all trains meet. The accessibility to means of transportation is, therefore, practically the same throughout the entire area. The superiority of the ribbon system, as far as transportation is concerned, is evident." This is a matter of opinion.

The Hilbersheimer planning formula is "based on an independent settlement unit limited in size and containing within itself all the necessary elements of a city, segregated according to their function. In this plan the backbone of the settlement unit is the main traffic artery. On one side of that artery are located the industrial areas; on the other side, first the buildings for commerce and administration set within a green belt, and beyond them the residential area surrounded by a park with schools, playgrounds and *(Continued on page 166)*

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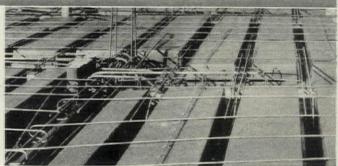


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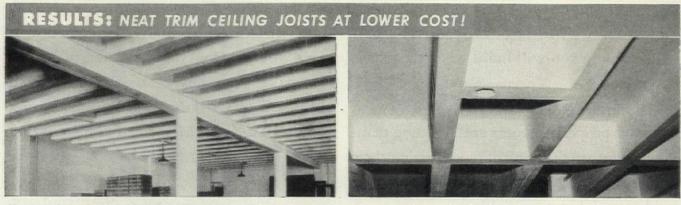
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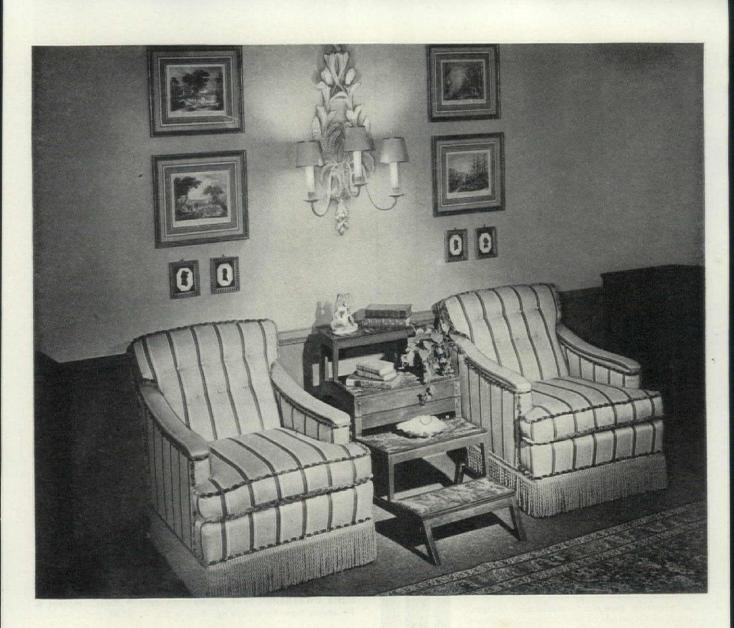
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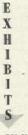




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BOOKS

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community building in it. An agricultural area adjoins this park . . . The settlement groups would form linear or pointformed, fanlike patterns, the exact form of the group being determined by the analysis of the settlement's function and by the conditions peculiar to each situation." Like so many planners, Mr. Hilbersheimer also suffers from the occupational disease of his profession—false idealism—and this is no potion for John Q. Public. Existing cities are more than doodlings on a blackboard and the real planner must compromise with large and costly structures, prevailing land values, budgets and public sentiment.

The author's theory is elaborately illustrated by renderings that bear a striking likeness to rayograms. These are as difficult to interpret as they are mystical in appearance. Also included are definite replanning projects for such cities as Chicago. The schematic drawing for a replanned Manhattan, however, really gives the show away. Here residential properties occupy the entire shore front with industry located toward the center. Undoubtedly a river view from every window would be pleasant but the men who work with actual city maintenance will argue indefinitely the vital importance of water transportation and the consequent necessity for commercial waterfront property, particularly in the case of an island city. Diminishing river traffic can mean nothing but increased trucking, an even heavier burden on the railroads.

While it should not be missed as another interesting unbosoming of the planning savants, Mr. Hilbersheimer's book is too highbrow for the layman at which it is aimed, not broad enough in its approach to make it a consequential work for the professional readership. It is, however, an intelligent, if biased, opinion.

HOME OWNERSHIP: IS IT SOUND? By John P. Dean. Harper & Brothers, New York. 215 pp. 5 in. x 81/4 in. \$2.50.

The fact that a medieval Englishman allowed that "a man's home is his castle," and the fact that Edgar Guest reported that a house requires "a heap o' livin" to turn it into a home, has somehow contributed to the notion that it's better for a man to own his own home than to rent it. So now comes Dr. John P. Dean, in a book with the dullish title *Home Ownership—Is It Sound?* and says, in effect, "a man's home may be his prison." And more than that, he supports another rhymer, Ogden Nash, who pointed out that it takes "a'heap o' payin'" as well as a heap of other things to make a house a home.

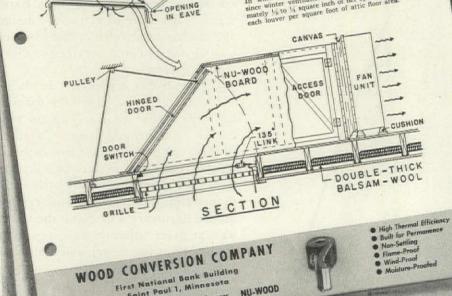
Dr. Dean seems to be a rather sensible man. He's not against owning a home; but, he says, quite realistically, it might be better to rent it. And that's what his book is about. He's in favor of skipping the word "home" and substituting the word "shelter." And he thinks, without saying so, that we'd be a little less inclined to advocate home ownership for everybody if we thought of it as shelter ownership.

It's a book crammed full of asterisks and footnotes, all of them extremely pertinent to the subject, but not to be read as entertainment. But for those who do concern themselves with the realistic aspects of housing, it should prove invaluable.

Dr. Dean is not impressed with the statements of the current President of the U. S. or Ex-President Hoover or the late President Coolidge, all of whom were active salesmen of "home ownership." He discounts (Continued on page 170)

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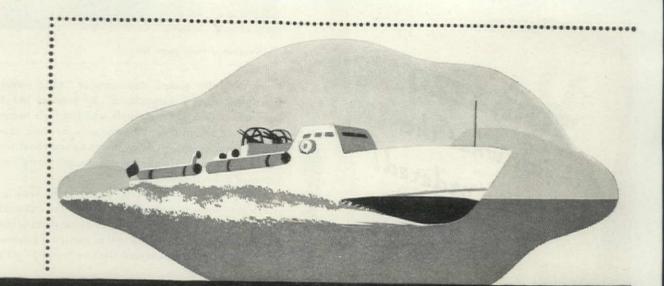
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such frequently quoted statements as "home ownership is a bulwark against Communism" by pointing out that the hundreds of thousands of people who lost their homes in the 1920's were not made anti-Communists by their experience. And he has some very cogent things to say about the difference between actually owning a home and being simply the owner of a down payment.

Perhaps the most interesting chapter in the book is the one which gets down to cases in discussing "the financial dilemma; to own or to rent." He reaches no single conclusion, but his examination of the actual cost of owning a home will be a revelation to those who regard the investment as simply paying off a mortgage.

For instance, he points out that the interest the home owner would have received if he had invested his money in some other way, is a legitimate cost of home ownership. He says, as well, the depreciation is an equally significant factor in home ownership, that a man should be aware that the house for which he is spending \$10,000 may be worth only \$6,000 when he has finished paying off his mortgage.

Other costs to which Dr. Dean turns his attention are debt service and the seemingly unending number of fees and special assessments to which the home owner is subjected.

Much of Dr. Dean's criticism of home ownership economics, however, stems from his appraisal of the situation in pre-FHA days. Many of the practices he condemns simply do not exist any more. He seems to minimize the importance of the many safeguards that have been thrown around home ownership, such as: monthly amortization; lower interest rates; insurance against payment lapses, due to unemployment or sickness; and the stabilization of community values through proper land planning and zoning.

At the end of his book Dr. Dean suggests half a dozen research projects that might throw some additional light on the problem. One of the most interesting is his proposal that home ownership be studied, not from the point of the owner, but from the point of view of the house itself. For instance, how often, he asks, do various *types* of houses change hands, the implication being, of course, that one type of house might be better for the renter and another type of house be built for the actual buyer. Dr. Dean also asks the question: "What proportion and which houses have been carried through to unencumbered ownership and what condition are they now in?"

These and his other suggestions for further research are provocative and would be well worth the investigation of agencies really concerned with the economics rather than the patriotics of owning a home.

THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, Rise of the Middle Classes, 1720-1865. By B. J. Hovde. Chapman & Grimes, Inc., Boston. II Vol. 823 pp. 6 in. x 9 in. \$10.

It is unlikely that more than a small percentage of the architectural world knows Bryn J. Hovde as anything but the ex-Chairman of the Pittsburgh Housing Authority. This is no reflection on the scholarly standard of the profession but in view of his recent appointment as Chief of the Division of Cultural Cooperation of the State Department, it is interesting to learn a little more about the academic side of his (Continued on page 174)

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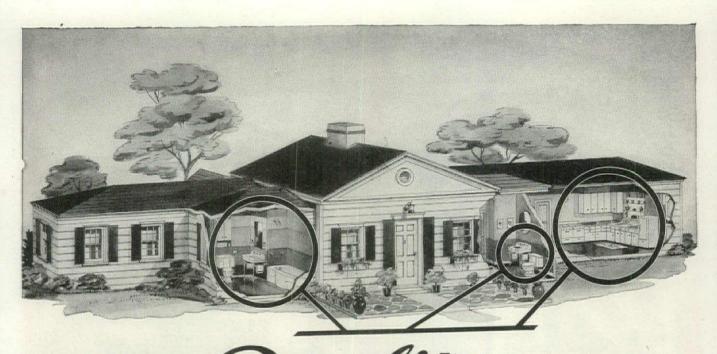
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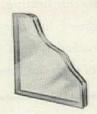
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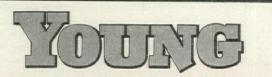
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career. Dr. Hovde has also been associated with the department of history of the University of Pittsburgh and is, in his own right, an eminent scholar of Scandinavian culture. The history of these peoples is certainly a neglected element in standard American education and to the harassed student of European affairs Hovde's recent historical study of Sweden, Norway and Denmark will furnish a much needed perspective of the rise of the middle-class, capitalistic society in the Scandinavian countries for the purpose of evaluating their potential roles in the postwar world.

Dr. Hovde has undertaken a huge task attempting to cover the evolution of three countries from a near-feudal, monarchistic stage to the relatively mature period when "urban economic enterprise, commercial, financial and industrial, was well launched on the course of modern technique." It would be no small enterprise to approach such an involved subject from a single, specialized viewpoint, but the author has in no way limited himself or circumscribed his material. Instead, he has managed to cover all phases of politicoeconomic and creative life against a well defined historic and philosophic background, maintaining at all times a clear interrelation, of his various themes.

The extremely wide scope of Dr. Hovde's work makes it almost impossible for him to treat the general economic position of Scandinavia in juxtaposition to that of Europe in general. He does, however, fully appreciate the tremendous influence of the Pietistic movement, which originally emanated from Germany, on all phases of Scandinavian thought. Implicitly, he assigns these philosophic trends directly back to their earliest source but it is apparent that such influences were almost equally received from England and the Wesleyan movement. It is easy to underestimate the extent of British persuasion on the "North countries," unless one can accept the essentially British temperament (as opposed to the German) that is inherent in the customs and approach of the Scandinavian.

If at times the reader is unduly conscious of the tremendous documentation of Dr. Hovde's study, he will also appreciate the fact that not only is the author widely read in his field, but he also knows how to present his findings with authority. As a reference work, *The Scandinavian Countries* is certainly the outstanding American study that has appeared in recent years. While our libraries are full of contemporary books on these countries that have tremendous appeal for the liberal and consumer groups, they have too often been written with the avowed purpose of driving home a single feature or phase of Scandinavian society. None has succeeded in widely defining the "North country," its people and its civilization. Dr. Hovde's firmly constructed history does much to fill this need. Some criticism, however, may be made of his tendency to slip, unnoticed, from one country to the other.

What the fate of the Scandinavian countries will be after the war in Europe is over, no one can safely prophesy. As this book establishes a vivid background for international understanding, it is to be hoped Mr. Hovde's projected sequel covering the period from 1865 to the present time will be available before actual postwar reconstruction begins.

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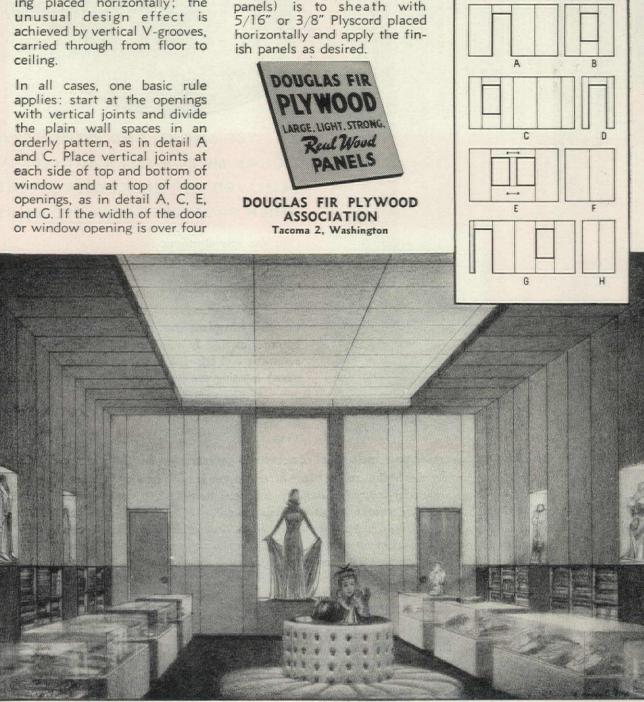
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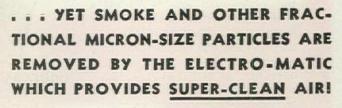
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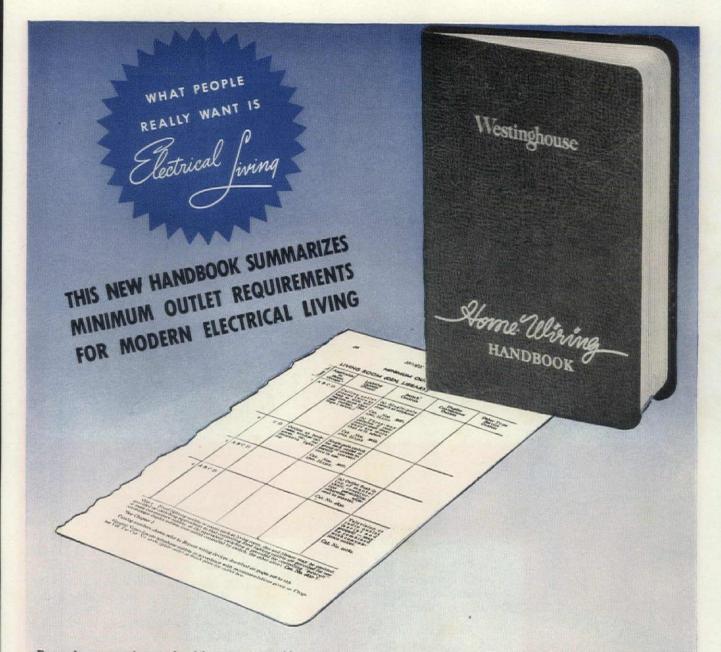
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directions, but to clarify and synthesize recommendations for action which have already won wide acceptance. Her proposals (yield insurance, subdivision control, taxation on use value, improved techniques for urban land assembly, etc.) do not differ greatly from recommendations published last year by the Twentieth Century Fund's housing committee, but they are somewhat less broad in scope. Thus while she echoes the Fund committee's interest in stimulating investment in rental housing, she does not seem to share that group's grasp of the basic faults of home finance or its willingness to look for new ways of tapping building money. It is possible that Mrs. Rosenman's contacts with building finance groups through the work of her committee have convinced her of the imponderable difficulties that lie in the way of any basic changes in the present mortgage structure.

There will probably be little controversy about her conclusion that "there is no one (housing) cost factor capable of sufficient reduction to revolutionize total production costs" and perhaps not much about her secondary conclusion that "cost of distribution of materials and parts" is the only single factor offering "promise of drastic reduction." But some may feel that her energy and enterprise might have been more profitably devoted, say, to digging up some new facts about the distribution cost factor than to a rehearsal of cost data already documented and distributed by the National Housing Agency and others.

Although the reader may wish that Mrs. Rosenman had a rather smaller collection of metaphors and similes, her writing is both simple and lucid and the book may reach its major importance as a means of alerting the nonprofessional reader to the real nature of housing and planning problems paramount in everbody's welfare. For this reason, it is fortunate that she has clearly distinguished between the problem of supplying low cost housing and the anything-but-synonymous problem of urban redevelopment. Equally fortunate and timely is her emphasis on the need, born of modern living conditions, to disavow every kind of isolationism:

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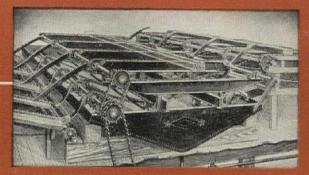
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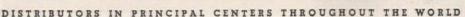
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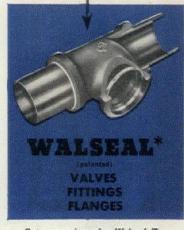
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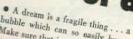
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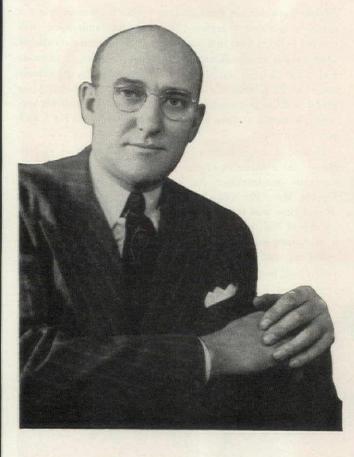
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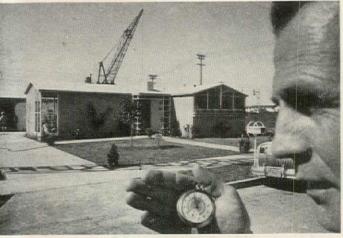
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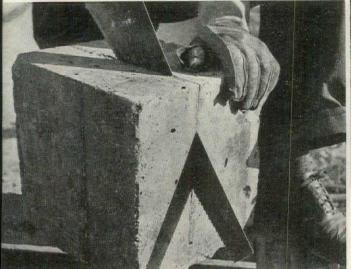
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BUILDER HAL B. HAYES times erection of his prefabricated house which was assembled, furnished and landscaped in thirty-four minutes using mobile crane in background.

Prefabrication made news in LIFE'S March 26 issue when a three-room masonry house, furnished and landscaped, was erected in thirty-four minutes. Within the hour, the inevitable photographs of a milkman at the front door and a glamour girl in the bathtub had also been taken. Actually, the sample house at El Cerrito, Calif., took weeks to construct. After prefabrication and assembly bugs had been eliminated it was a simple matter to take it apart and reassemble it for LIFE's photographer.

Behind this spectular news story is the work of Hal B. Hayes, the designer, and fifteen years of experimentation in concrete construction. An earlier Hayes project (ARCH FORUM, Mar. '39) was a cast-in-place concrete house. Hayes at that time was trying to reduce the cost of the house shell by use of elaborate steel forms of his own design. He used a cast cavity wall to solve heat transmission and condensation problems and for ease in placing mechanical work. His cavity wall houses needed no furring. (Continued on page 188)





"PLASTIC AIR," light concrete material is shown in left hand picture being cut with a carpenter's saw. Material is light enough to float in fresh water. Center picture shows section of a test block, mottled surface at left can be polished to bring out yellow and maroon shades for interior treatment. Picture on right shows water repellent surface of processed material used for exterior walls.





MECHANICAL CORE, of kitchen, bathroom and furnace closet swings into place in one unit. Plumbing fixtures are attached to walls in prefab assembly. Piping is built into walls. Center picture shows kitchen at end of living room. Picture on right shows unroofed unit with pipe air vent between kitchen and bath. Connections are made to water, gas and waste piping embedded in floor slab.



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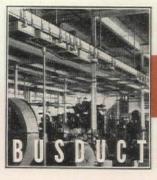
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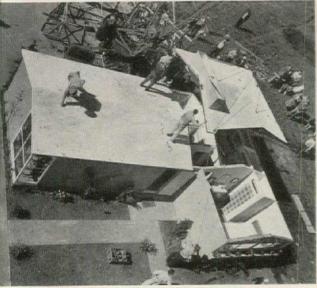
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ROOF construction is a rigid shell that transfers its load vertically to the sidewalls. No rafters or beams are used and the entire roof is installed in three sections. Picture above shows living room roof panel with interior surface painted.





WALLS are placed in nine units. Picture at left shows living room wall 20 ft. long, 8 ft. high and $2!_{2}$ in. thick hoisted into place in one piece. Material is resilient to allow handling of large units without cracking. In picture above sliding doors operate in a sheet metal channel.





INTERIOR needs no plaster finish as decoration is applied directly to concrete panels. Wall height openings give ample light and ventilation and leave uninterrupted wall spaces for decoration and furniture. Walls are cast in large units eliminating small windows.

Another advantage was the fact that the door and window frames were cast with the wall.

Imaginative and energetic, Hayes became dissatisfied with ordinary concrete as a prefab material and experimented constantly to improve it. At the same time he was developing new building construction machinery and other structural innovations. He succeeded in developing a material which was light and strong enough for prefabrication, having at the same time insulation qualities to protect the interior surfaces from condensation moisture. This material is a lightweight concrete called Plastic Air, on which patents are pending, and which Hayes claims is fireproof, waterproof, and earthquake proof. He was about ready to mass produce houses when the war interrupted his production. Denied the use of reinforcing steel for private construction Hayes used his new material to construct gasoline tanks for the Army and Navy where it is withstanding severe usage. When wood became scarce for West Coast housing projects Hayes persuaded government agencies to grant him special priorities on the necessary steel to build the sample house at El Cerrito.

The secret of his lightweight concrete material is in taking the weight out of the stone aggregate by increasing its volume. Raw materials are crushed lightweight rocks abundant in southern California and Arizona. These are heat treated and mixed with a chemical of secret formula. When heated, the molten aggregates are expanded about twenty times their original volume as heat releases gases from the formula and saturates the mixture with air bubbles. Cooled, the material reverts to solid chunks weighing only 10 lbs. per cubic foot. It is then given a further chemical treatment which gives it resiliency and makes it watertight by sealing off the capillary attraction. The chemically altered and recrushed aggregates are then poured into a conventional concrete mixer with cement and water. The finished concrete weighs less than 50 lbs. per cubic foot, as compared with 145 lbs. for the conventional type. Wall and roof panels 21/2 in. thick are watertight and provide excellent insulating qualities. Its resiliency and lightness make it more comfortable for floors than ordinary concrete. Its density compares with that of a hard wood. It can be sawed and worked with carpenter's tools and nails can be driven into it without surface chipping.

The house was assembled by thirteen men. Hal Hayes bossed the job, his brother operated the mobile crane and a carpenter foreman directed the setting crew. These three men were the only ones who had previous experience in the

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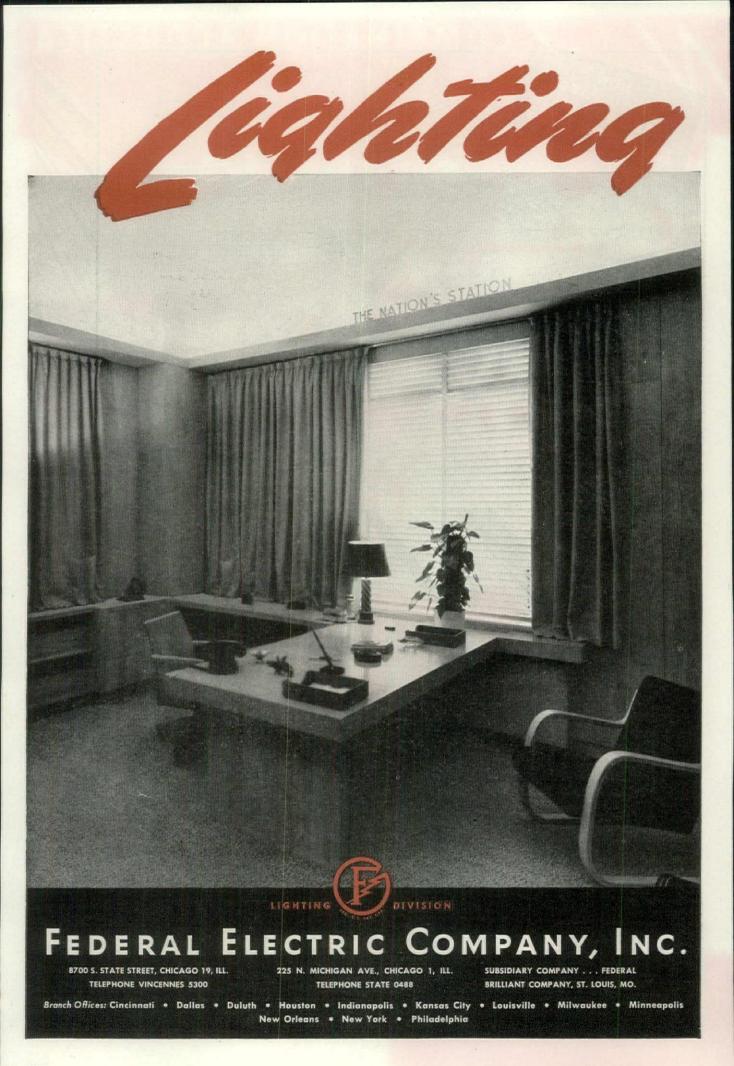
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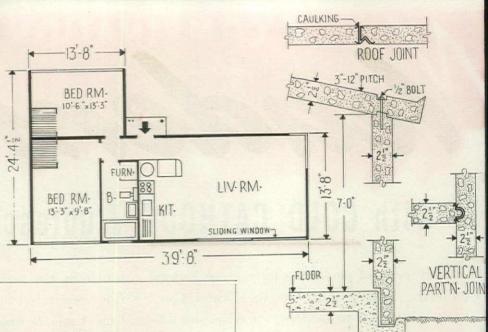
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Hayes method of prefabrication and assembly. The other men on the job were six men in the setting crew, a plumber, who made the gas and water connections and a landscape gardner with two assistants. Based on past prefabricating experience Hayes estimates that one eightman crew will be able to erect twelve houses a day. Key to the speed of erection (and also a possible drawback of the assembly method) is the large crane and racking space needed to assemble





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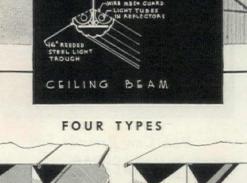
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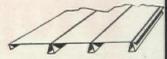
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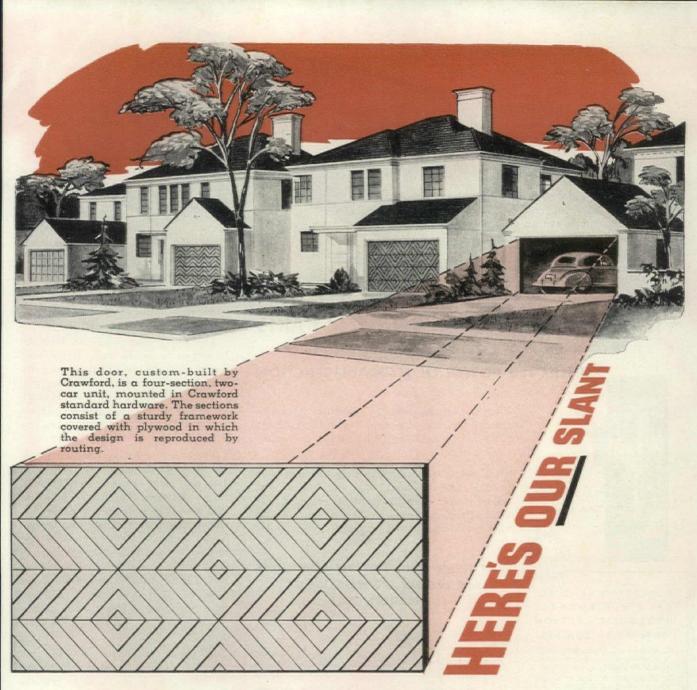


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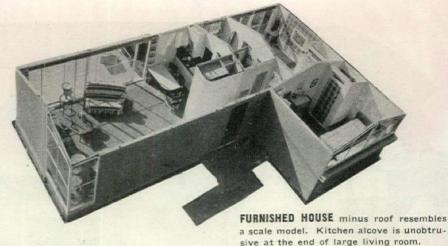
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The nine wall sections and three roof units were erected fully finished. The ceilings and walls are painted, with the exception of the bedrooms in which the walls are papered. The wall paper is applied directly to the concrete panels. Experiments are being carried out with integral coloring in the aggregates and the cement. The only finish then needed will be a waxing to bring up the color.

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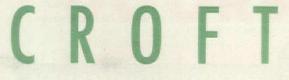
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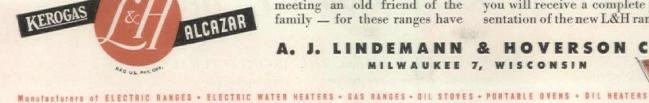
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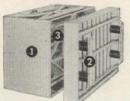
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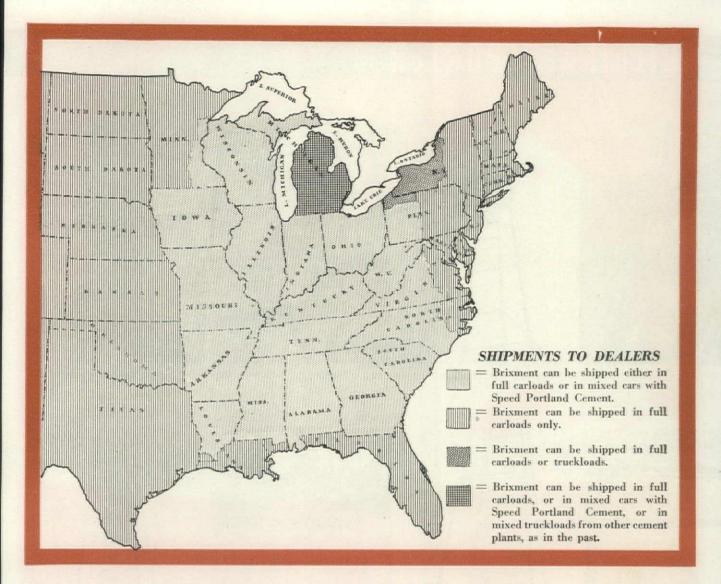


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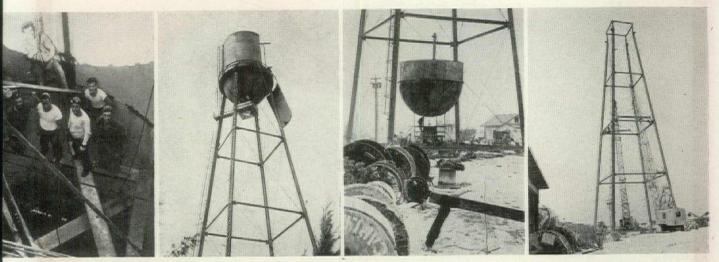
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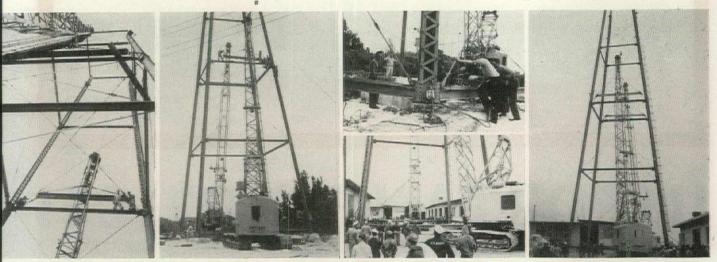
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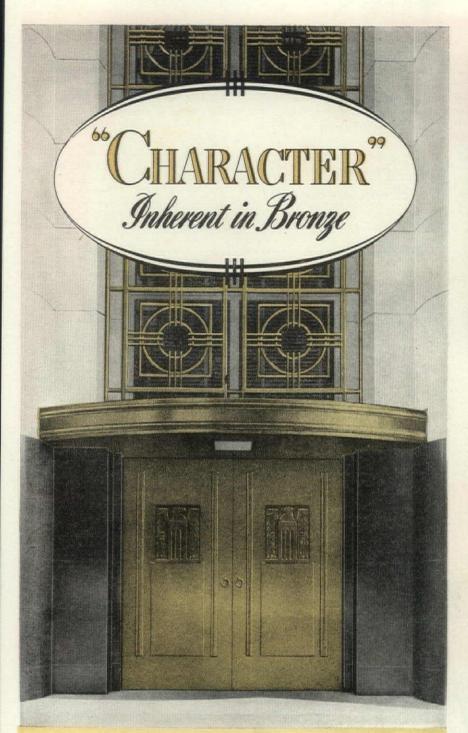
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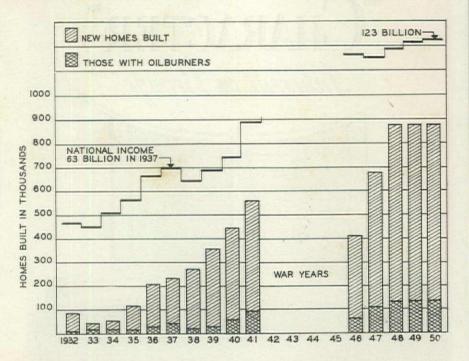
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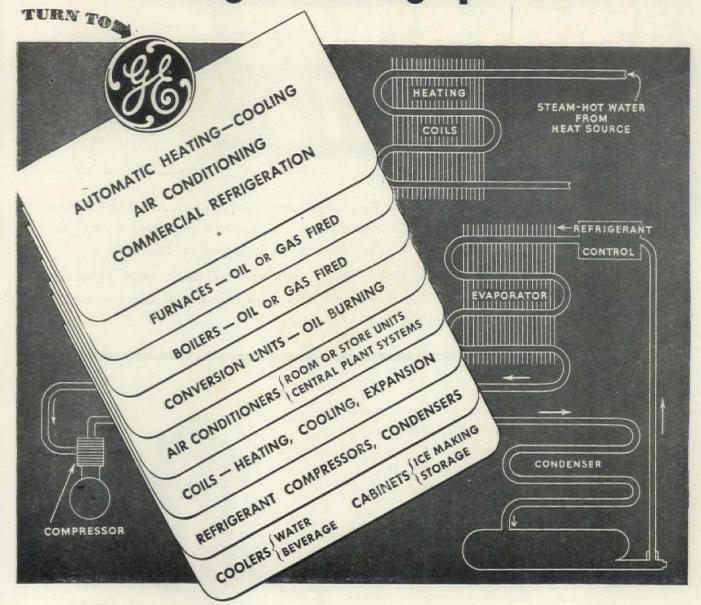
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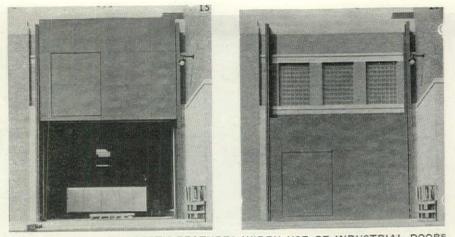
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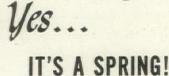
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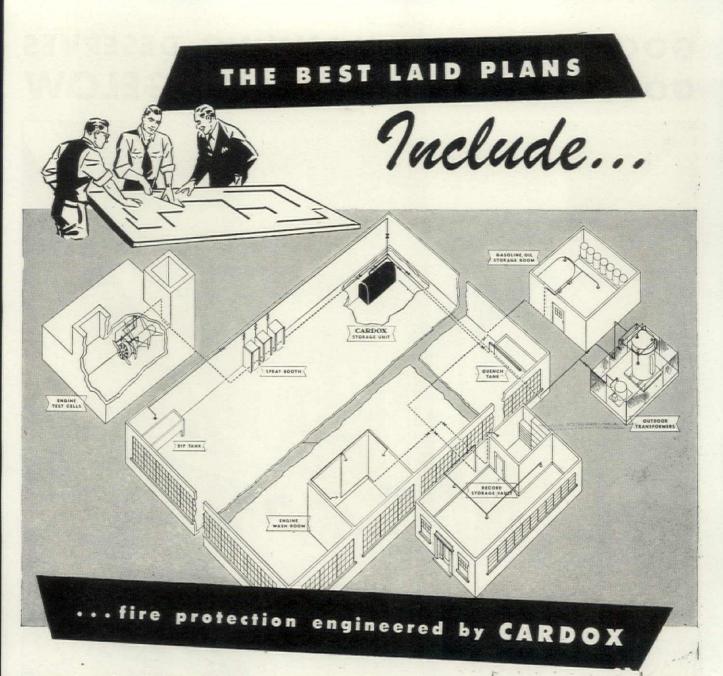
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A Cardox System-engineered for the specific hazards it covers-extinguishes fires by a timed mass discharge of Cardox CO₂, stored at 0°F. and 300 p.s.i. in a single storage unit of 1/4 to 125 ton capacity. Thus, an ample quantity of liquid carbon dioxide is available for mass application at high rate for large critical areas or for multiple hazards ... with ample reserves for new emergencies.

Cardox CO2 has uniform extinguishing characteristics regardless of plant or atmospheric conditions. Cardox applications can thus be most effectively engineered in accordance with individual hazard requirements... even in the case of a combination of hazards as unusually diversified as those shown in the schematic view above.

Architects now developing postwar building plans are invited to draw on the Cardox Research Division and Engineering Staff for practical cooperation in planning fire extinguishing facilities engineered for maximum protection of the specific hazards involved.

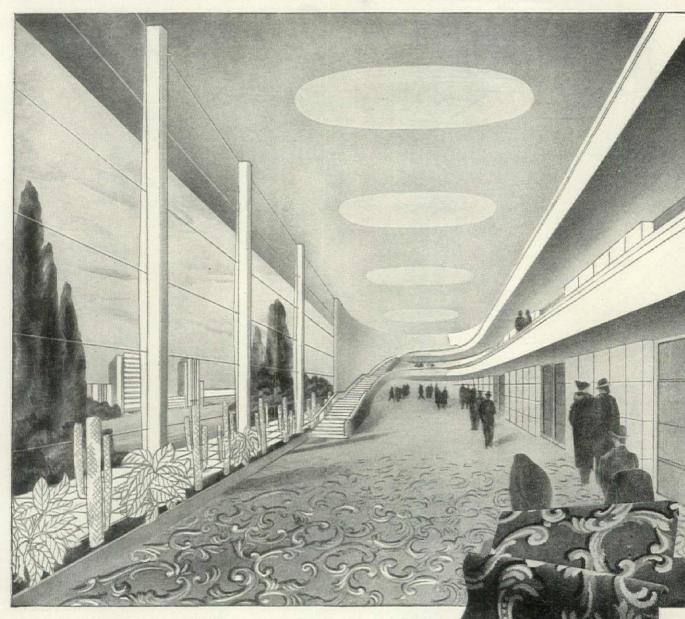
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GUISHING

Cardox CO2 is supplied instantly in pounds or tons from a single Storage Unit contain-ing 500 pounds to 125 tons at controlled low temperature of 0°F and 300 p.s.i.

GOOD POSTWAR PLANNING DESERVES GOOD CARPET PLANNED BY **BIGELOW**



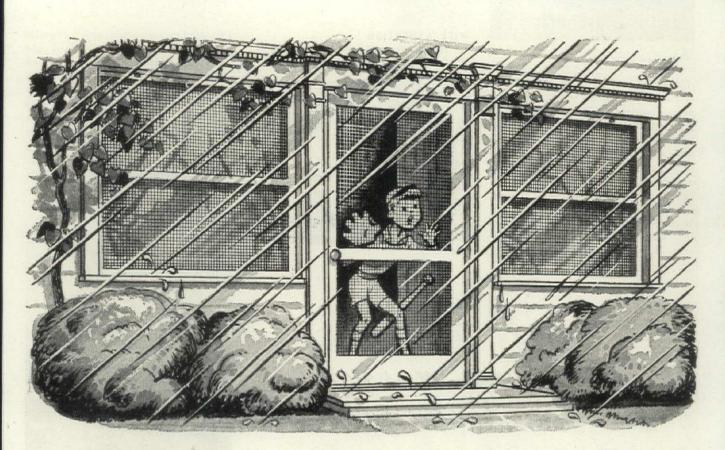
In this brilliant design, for postwar construction, the lobby has become a show window...A vast display case in which to merchandise a business.

And take note, please, of the floor. With Bigelow modern carpet designs, and an expert sense of color values, Bigelow Carpet Counsel has helped the architect add an exciting element to the design with the *right* floor covering.

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Unaffected by smoke, salt air, rain, snow, heat or cold, this revolutionary new plastic screen cloth is non-staining, saves frequent repainting of sills and sidewalls—and never needs painting itself. A simple wipe-off with a damp cloth restores its fresh look, immediately.

LUMITE is a *proven* scientific advance that makes old-fashioned window screening obsolete – lasts longer because it withstands wear from natural causes!

Tested daily by the Armed Forces under every possible climatic condition through actual use, LUMITE is well worth waiting for and planning for—in the postwar building that's ahead. Your jobber can't ship any LUMITE until after the war, but we will gladly send samples and information, now!

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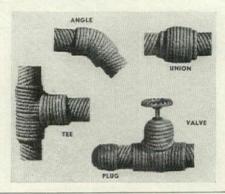
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signs in industry, and is available in any desired color. It is bright, moistureproof, weatherproof, stainproof, fireproof, sturdy and permanent. It is not likely to chip or scratch, and occasional washing restores original brilliance. High reflective value makes porcelain enamel suitable for markers, particularly in the case of illuminated markers which should aid in night navigation. *Manufacturer:* Market Development Div., Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., Carnegie Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PIPE INSULATION

Tape forms sealed jacket around pipes, and prevents condensation drip.



This pliable, cork-filled, easy to handle tape, stops damaging drip from cold water pipes. It forms a snug, sealed jacket around pipes, completely covering fittings, valves, etc. It is quickly and easily applied without tools, and is especially suited to pipes of one inch in diameter and less. No Drip is brown in color, but can be painted. It is long lasting, and requires no maintenance. Coil for 7 linear ft. of pipe costs \$1.25. Manufacturer: J. W. Mortell Co., Kankakee, Ill.



TELEVISION

Postwar set operates on optical projection principle, producing larger picture.

This set has a viewing screen of 16 in. by 21 1/3 in. Prewar television sets have a maximum viewing surface of $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 11 in. because the image appears directly on the end of the tube. In the new R.C.A. set the image is projected from a 5 in. kinescope or cathode ray tube to a spherical mirror. The image is reflected to a plane mirror and then to the viewing screen. The retail price will be about \$395.

Manufacturer: Radio Corp. of America, R.C.A. Victor Div., Camden, N. J.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTING FIXTURE

Ribbed reflector provides stronger, straighter lighting installation.

The Quick-Liter, formerly confined by WPB restrictions to lightweight fixture models, is now available with a lateral reinforcing ribbed reflector which provides straighter and stronger lighting installations. The lateral ribs minimize dents due to accidental blows, and produce straighter reflector edges, making a neater looking job. Lamps start without flicker and will light at low temperatures, on low or irregular voltages. The unit is available for two or four 40 w. fluorescent lamps, for operation on 115 or 230 v., AC, 60 cycles.

Manufacturer: The Edwin F. Guth Co., 2615 Washington Ave., St. Louis 3, Mo. (Continued on page 220)

Can Be Engineered Into 1 Elevator?

THE TRUE MEASURE of an elevator's efficiency is the quality of the job it does -- the way it stays in service day after day moving men, material and merchandise up and down without breakdown and with minimum maintenance.

Sedgwick elevators are designed to give an extra measure of service. Believe us? We hope you don't. We hope, instead, that you're skeptical—that you want to see for yourself. Let's take a look at a Sedgwick Electric Freight Elevator.

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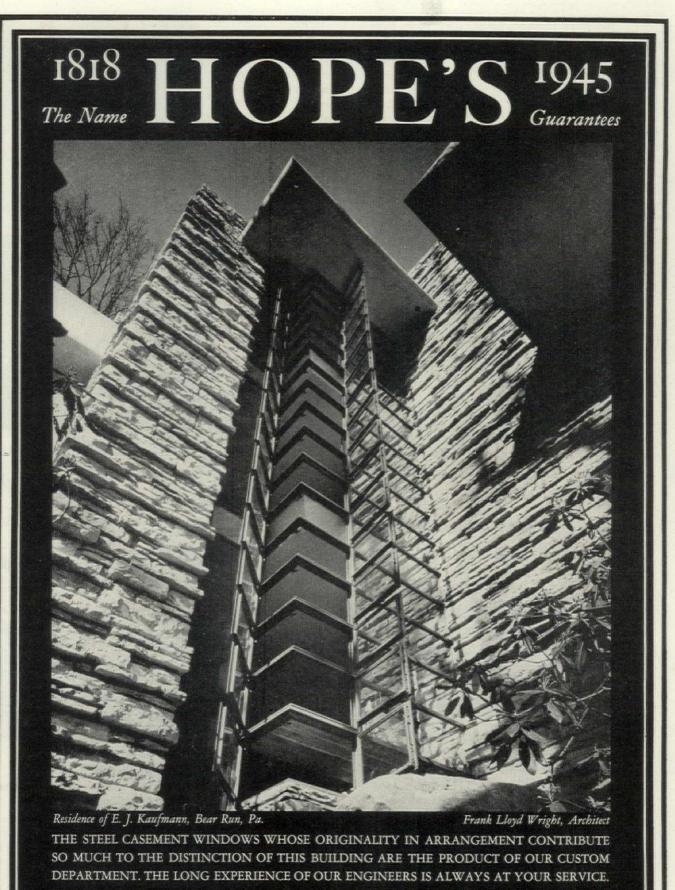
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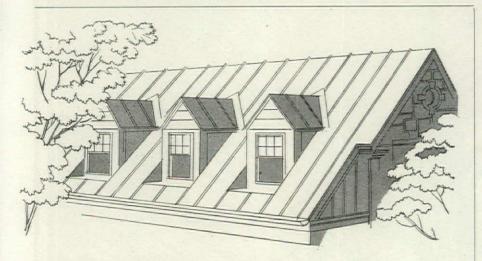


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These two portable sanders, the "Sterling 1000," an electric model, and the "Speed-Bloc," an air driven machine, cover ranges of abrading from coarse to finish sanding, lapping and polishing. The electrically driven machine features orbital motion, a development which enables surface finishing operations with uniformity, precision, speed and economy. This motion drives thousands of abrasive grits in 3/16 in. orbits in the same direction against the work at a rate of 5,000 cycles per minute, so that cutting action is uniform over the entire surface. It performs equally well on wood, metal, plastics, undercoats, primers and finished coats of paints, enamel, lacquer and varnish. The airdriven model has automatic control, and is recommended for wet-sanding operations or where volatile fluids are used to lubricate the work. It is designed to operate efficiently on 60 lbs. pressure, using approximately 6 cu. ft. of compressed air per min. under load. It operates on dry or wet, flat or curved sur-



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faces, and is used on wood, metal, plastics, compositions, undercoats, primers, and finish coats—covering the same field of abrading as the electric model. *Manufacturer:* Sterling Tool Products Co., 155 East Ohio St., Chicago 11, Ill.



STORAGE CONTAINERS

Transparent plastic tubing is used for blueprint containers.

Tenite transparent tubing prevents blueprints from becoming frayed and torn while in storage at the Curtiss-Wright Corp. It also keeps the blueprints dustproof and provides an orderly, compact method of filing. The tubing is extruded in several diameters, and cut into desired lengths. One end is sealed with a Tenite disc, the other end is plugged with a wooden stopper which bears an identification label.

Manufacturer: Extruded Plastics, Inc., Norwalk, Conn.

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• Any home-owner whose house costs too much to heat may find himself "out on a limb" when he tries to rent or sell.

One of the best ways to guard against that, when you build, is to make sure you get an *adequate* chimney. This means a chimney big enough to handle *all* fuels equally well. Because then you'll *always* be free to switch to any fuel you might choose—including the most economical and dependable of them—Bituminous Coal.

That's an important point, because today's expensive fuels may become even more costly in the years ahead—and America's 3000year supply of Bituminous Coal means this fuel will *always* be plentiful and economical. The extra cost of a.chimney big enough to supply the natural draft needed for Bituminous Coal is only about \$16 for the average 7-room house.

About 4 out of every 7 homes in the U. S. burn coal for steady, uniform, dependable heat. And your architect or builder will tell you that a chimney adequate for Bituminous Coal is also efficient for any other fuel. Talk it over with him—it-will pay you to do so!



AN ADEQUATE CHIMNEY lets you heat with Bituminous Coal—which can save you enough hard dollars to pay a good share of your taxes or mortgage interest! And, when used with a modern coal stoker, this most economical fuel is not only "automatic," but also clean and odorless in operation.

BITUMINOUS COAL INSTITUTE, 60 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 17, N.Y. (This is one of a series of advertisements now appearing in home-makers' magazines) **LET ME BRING YOU** up to the minute on what's going on behind Spencer Heaters.

Check any survey on the number of people who plan to buy airplanes as soon as possible after the war . . . and you'll be amazed at how air-minded the American people have already become. And you'll get a very good idea how highly respected are the engineering "know-how" and ingenuity of organizations like The Aviation Corporation.

That will make the name The Aviation Corporation a selling point for men who will include Spencer Heaters in the homes they design and build in the post-war "air age." But a more important and unique

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selling point will be the remarkable advances built into the Spencer Heater line itself by the combined experience of the engineers of Spencer and The Aviation Corporation. Spencer is worth knowing more about before you write the specifications for the post-war homes you're planning. We'll be glad to discuss it with you.

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Division – The Aviation Corporation Williamsport, Pa. PRODUCT

Remember to specify Wheeling Metal Lath g Just a reminder that Wheeling Fireproof Building Materials dovetail into present and postwar plans. For instance, Wheeling Bar-X-Lath (and the Bar-Z-System) forms a perfect keying base for plaster, for permanent sur faces and excellent finishes. Also remember the Wheeling line has been augmented by Steelcrete Expanded Metal.

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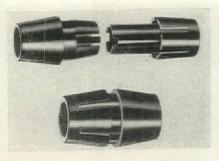
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PLASTIC GROMMET

Low cost, blind features indicate widespread insulation applications.

Non-inflammable, plastic, "Des-Grommets" offer advantages for insulation and protection of cables and lines passing through bulkheads of ships and aircraft, and for other applications of electrical insulation. "Des-Grommets" are composed of two parts and designed so they may be applied from one side only by means of a special tool. To install



the grommet, it is slipped onto the tool and put through a hole in the partition. As it is drawn together, an undercut section of one half is engaged with a spring locking section of the other. The



Central Heating from an Available Steam Source Eliminates Individual Boilers and Cuts Fuel Costs

Twenty years ago a group of manufacturers in a compact industrial area made arrangements to purchase and pipe steam from an available source nearby. This made it possible to shut down their own boilerswhich, because of smoke regulations, had become antiquated. Also, by dispensing with labor, coal, ash handling and other costs, they effected material savings -in fact, one of the largest users paid for his share of the steam distribution lines out of these savings in 6 months operation.

Today the originally installed steam piping, insulated and protected by Ric-wil Conduit, is still enabling their plants to enjoy lower steam costs and freedom from individual boiler worries.

A recent survey by a postwar plan commission indicates the feasibility of increasing the boiler capacity of the same plant to serve an adjacent industrial and residential area comprising five square miles at a substantial profit!

Central Heating is practical for industrial, commercial, institutional and residential groups. Special studies of typical installations are available upon request.

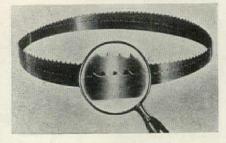
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- Savings of 15% or better in fuel costs.
- Elimination of individual boiler worries.
- Cleaner, healthier working conditions.
- Reduction of smoke and soot in neighboring residential areas.
- Extra production space in plants.
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- Private coal delivery and ash removal eliminated.
 Uniform clean heat—whenever
- required.
- Unfailing source of "process" steam and hot water.

tool then forces the two sections together, locking them into one integral unit at the point at which the partition stops further movement. Made of plastic, they are available in a wide range of sizes to accommodate cables and tubes from 1/4 in. through 2 in. diameter. Two sizes for wall thickness are supplied, one to accommodate 1/8 in. to 1/2 in. and the second for bulkheads $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 in. thick. Unlimited colors are available and facilitate identification. Now used extensively in the ship building and aircraft industries, low cost and blind features of this Grommet indicate its application for insulation in a wide variety of electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning, and automotive uses.

Manufacturer: Victory Mfg. Co., 1105 So. Fair Oakes Ave., So. Pasadena, Calif.



SKIP TOOTH BAND SAW

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Manufacturer: W. O. Barnes Co., Inc., 1297 Terminal Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

ABRASIVE FACING New non-metallic abrasive cloth used for

cleaning and resurfacing.

Downite is a rustproof abrasive which is safe and easy to use. It has no sharp edges to injure the fingers, will not crack, crumble, shred or disintegrate, and will outlast other rub-down types of abrasive materials. Downite has a cotton base and is readily cleaned by immersion in effective solvents. Suitable for smoothing or resurfacing wood, metal, and other surface areas, it has many other uses such as removing grease or oily metal filings from around machinery, and removing grease from hands.

Manufacturer: Downy Products Co., 555 Central Ave., Orange, N. J.

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Is There a Fireman in the House?





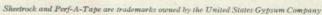


live fireman into a house, of course. But you can build in fire protection with Sheetrock

You can't build a

wall and ceiling panels. Sheetrock is made of gypsum, the fireresisting mineral that cannot burn. Sheetrock panels shield the framework over which they are applied till help has a chance to arrive.

Sheetrock may be decorated with any finish that's brushed, sprayed or painted on ... and you can start the minute the last panel is nailed up. Plus that, you can have sweeping, unbroken surfaces with the Perf-A-Tape system or make an asset of the joints with the decorative beveled edge Sheetrock. You can apply Woodgrained Sheetrock that's finished in faithful woodgrain reproductions of knotty pine, bleached mahogany or walnut. Available now. For more problem-solving information, write us today. United States Gypsum, 300 West Adams Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.



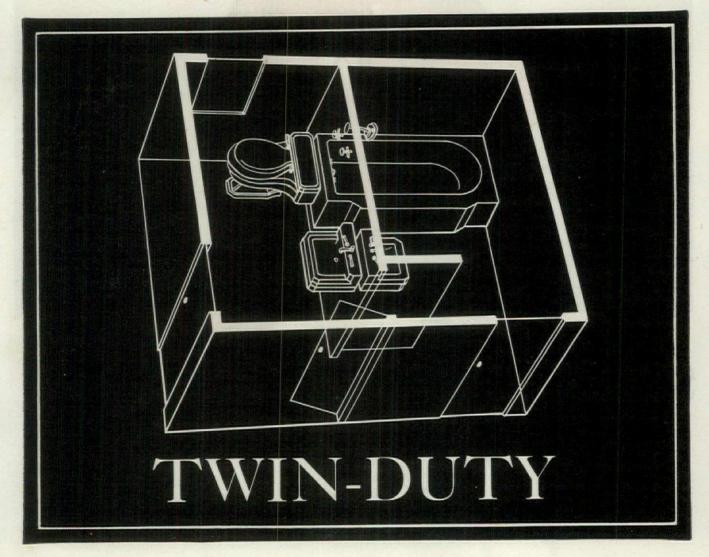
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A single layer of this Firestone rubber-latex foam is all that's needed for deep-cushioned ease in easy chairs, sofas, built-in seating.

Foamex provides its own springy-ness, its own softness—both in one sag-proof, lump-proof material. It transforms upholstering into a cloud of air-andlatex bubbles ... millions in a seat. Each is a tiny air cushion. Each is a little spring cushion. Each is a breathing valve to keep seating air-cooled, dust-free, damp-proof, odor-proof. All are welded together into one time-and-wear-defying unit.

Foamex is proven. Long before the war, it became standard for railroad, bus and airline seats, and in several leading automobile models. Put it into your post-war plans for homes, hotels, restaurants—wherever it pays to be economical with space and lavish with comfort.

Meanwhile, those little *Foamex* bubbles have a big job to do-shielding fighting men from concussion.

P.S. The ideal covering for Foamex seats-Velon*, Firestone's wonder fabric. Makes smarter colors practical.



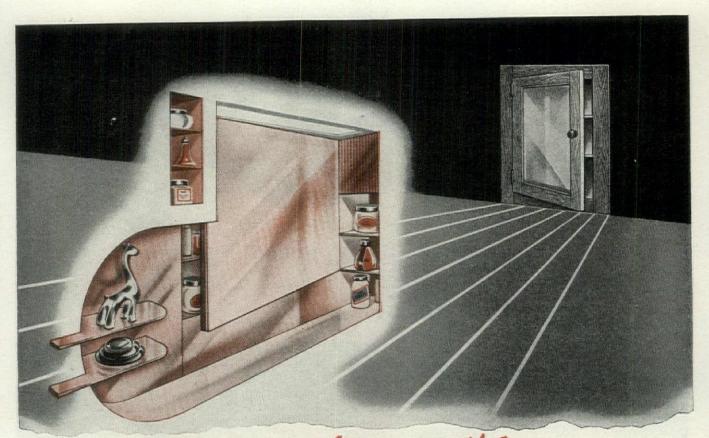
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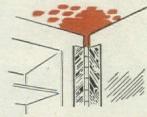


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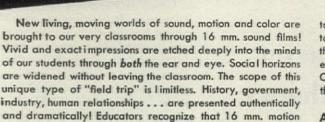
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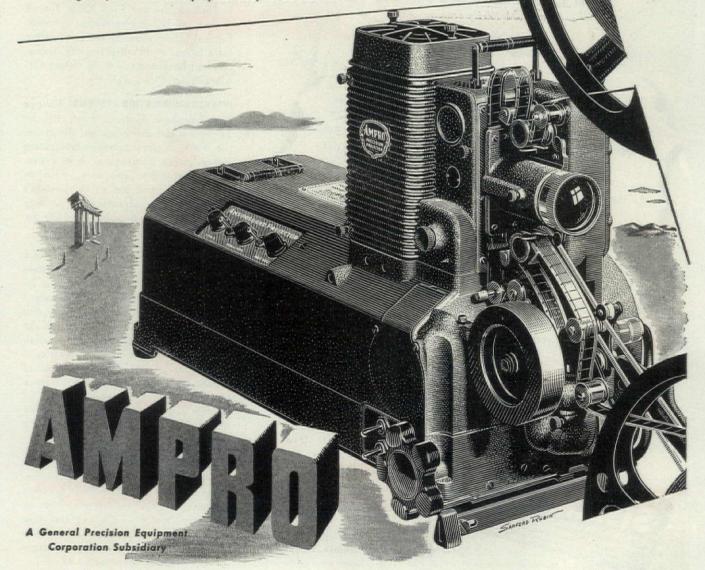
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GRANITE. Fletcher Granite Products, Bulletin No. 3, 9 pp., 81/2 in. by 11 in. This bulletin tells how granite masonry fits into the plan of dimensional coordination consistent with the plan of Project A 62. It offers a specific proposal for the application of accepted concepts of modular design and dimensional control to granite, with the purpose of providing the same distinguished granite stock for a ready-to-wear market, that hitherto has been available only as

a custom tailored material. Standards for the machine-fabricated granite units are expressed in terms of specifications covering kind of stock, color and texture, finish, size, wind, square, surface smoothness, saw markings, etc. A schedule of sizes and a section devoted to finishes is also included. H. E. Fletcher Co., West Chelmsford, Mass.

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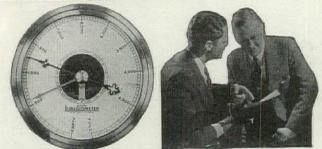
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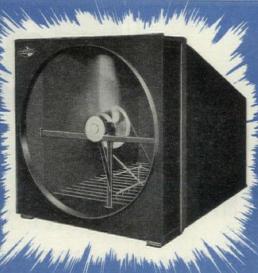
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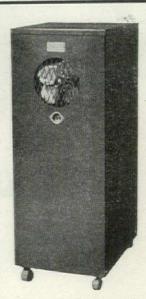
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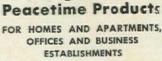
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