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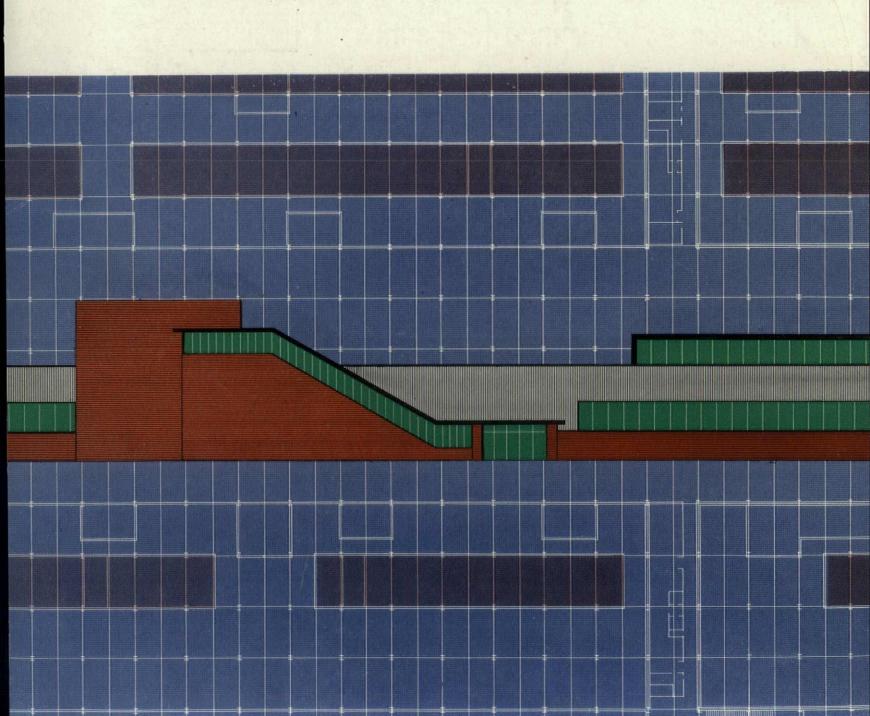
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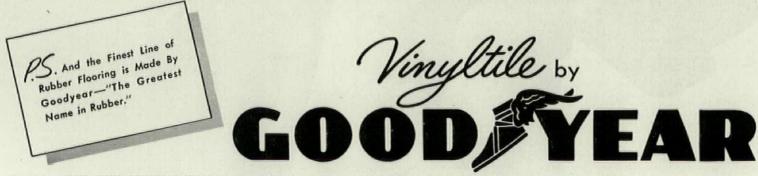
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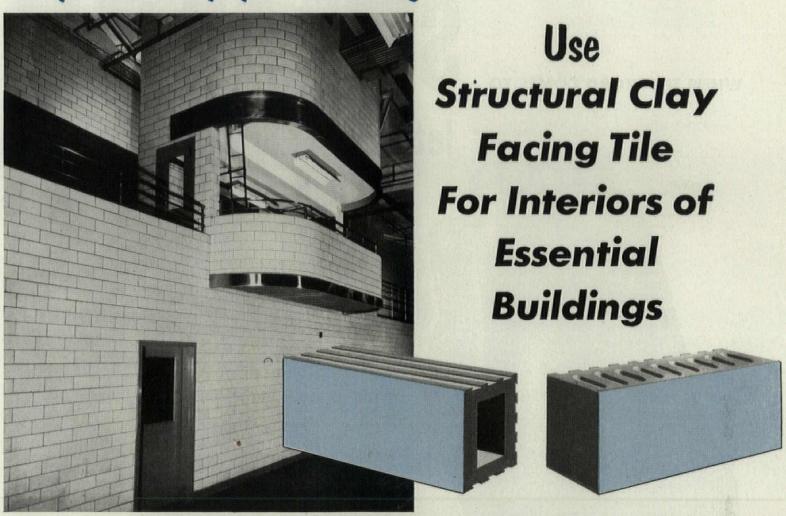
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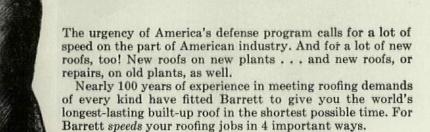
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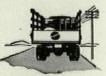
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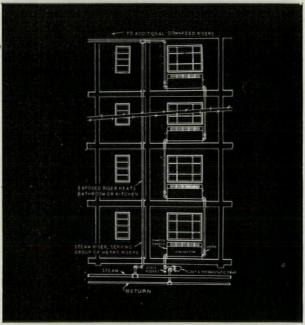


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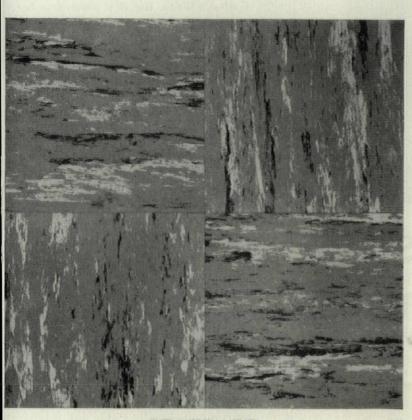
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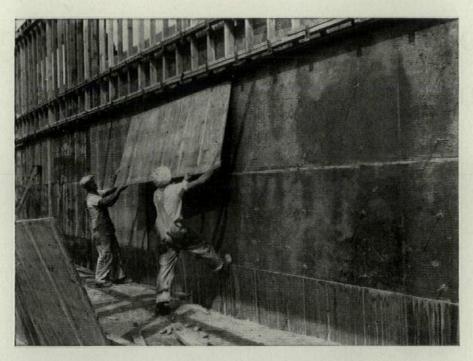
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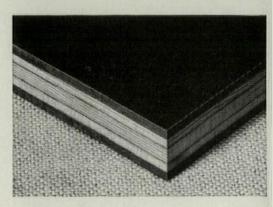
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#### New Form Panel Combines Plywood and Hardboard

A new panel material which combines smooth, wear-resistant hardboard surfaces with the strength and workability of Douglas fir plywood is now being produced by West Coast plywood makers.

Called Plyron, the new panel has been use-tested for concrete form work on several projects. One of the initial users,



Contractor F. A. Canuso who is using the material in forming overpass road slabs on the New Jersey Turnpike, reports the new material "is giving us some of the smoothest concrete we have ever seen. We are getting plenty of re-uses, too."

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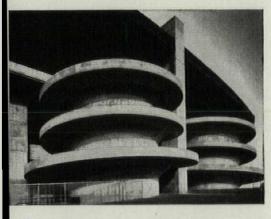
Kuhn, president, Kuhn Construction Co. "The panels speeded formwork all along the line," says Kuhn. "Panel re-use also helped lower costs." On the job, form sections were built by placing 3/4"-thick Exterior Concrete Form panels across studding. Forms were held in line with double 2x4 wales, backed by double 2x6 liners, placed vertically.

Architects Tucker and Silling, Charleston, West Va., who specified plywood on the job because the panels "permit a smooth monolithic surface to be cast simultaneously with structure," report that concrete surfaces on the Terminal are uniformly smooth and even textured.

#### Plywood Helps Solve Special Form Problems

Plywood was called on to help solve an unusually intricate concrete form job in building the spectacular twin-spiral ramps at the University of Washington Stadium addition.

All concrete surfaces were curved; ramp floor slab thickness varied to provide drainage; minimum form costs were required; exposed surfaces had to be smooth, fin-free.

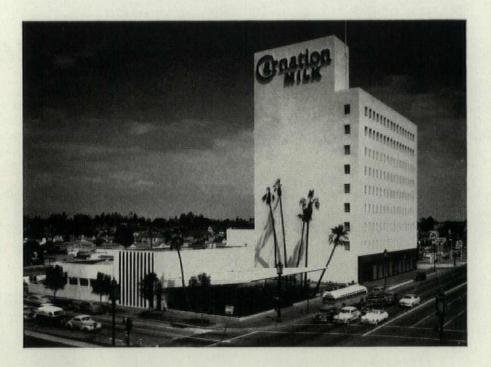


To create the smooth, sharply curved concrete surfaces, Strand & Son, Seattle, contractors on the job, used 1/4" plywood form liner, sheathed with lumber and backed by 2x4 studs and double 2x4 wales, The 4' wide form sections were bent to the required curvature by inserting shims between studs and walers. In this way, sections were stripped, re-erected and bent to the next required radius without re-constructing the basic form structure.

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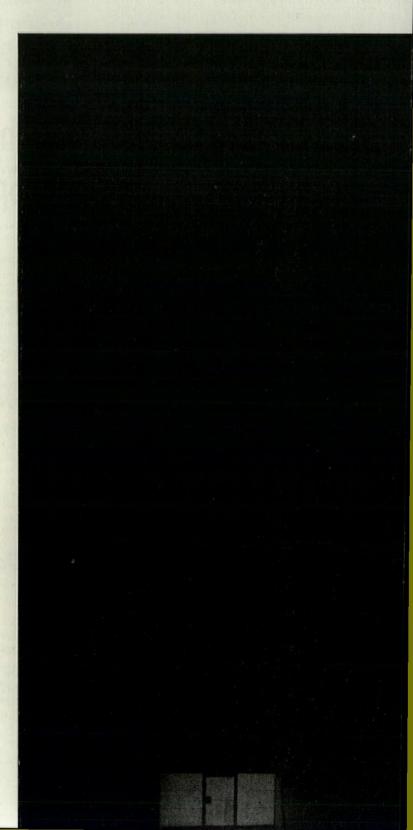
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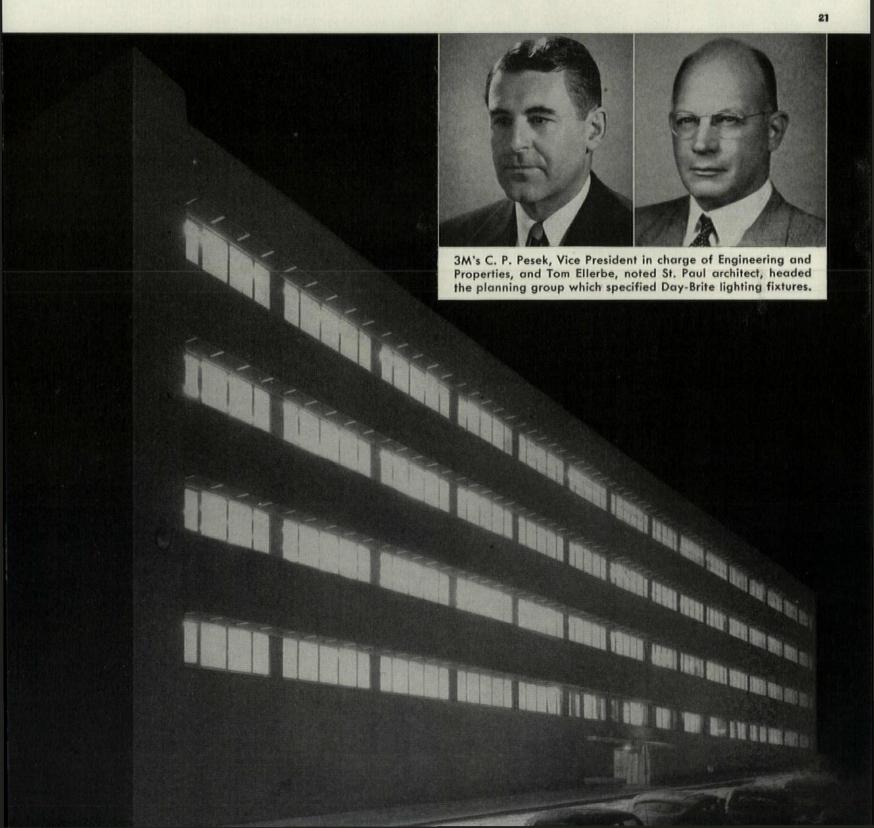
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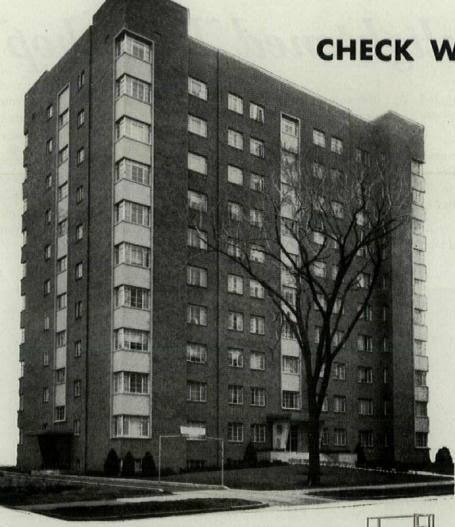
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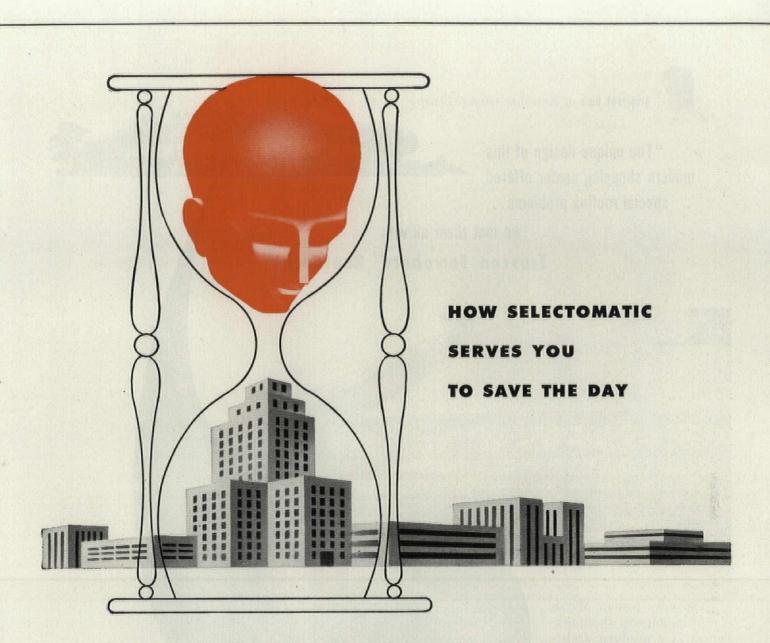


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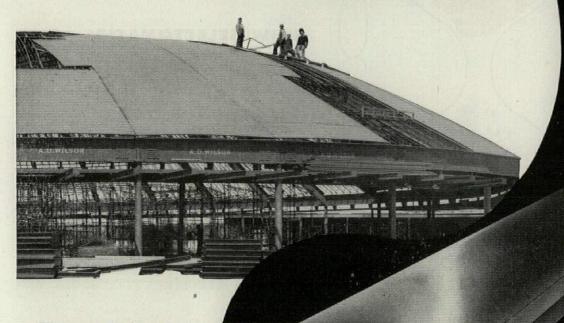
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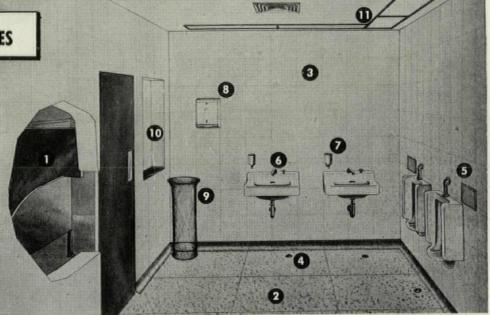
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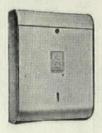


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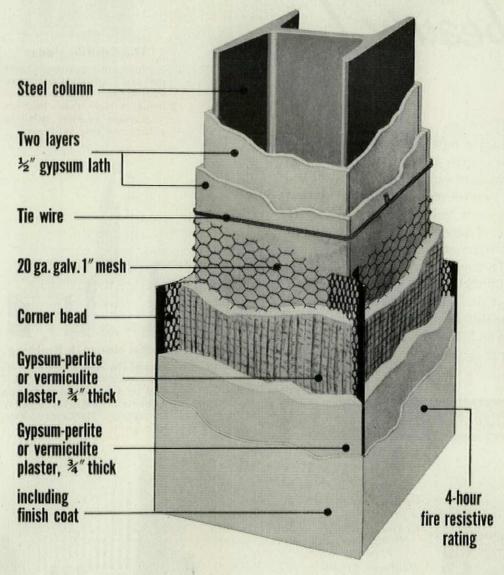


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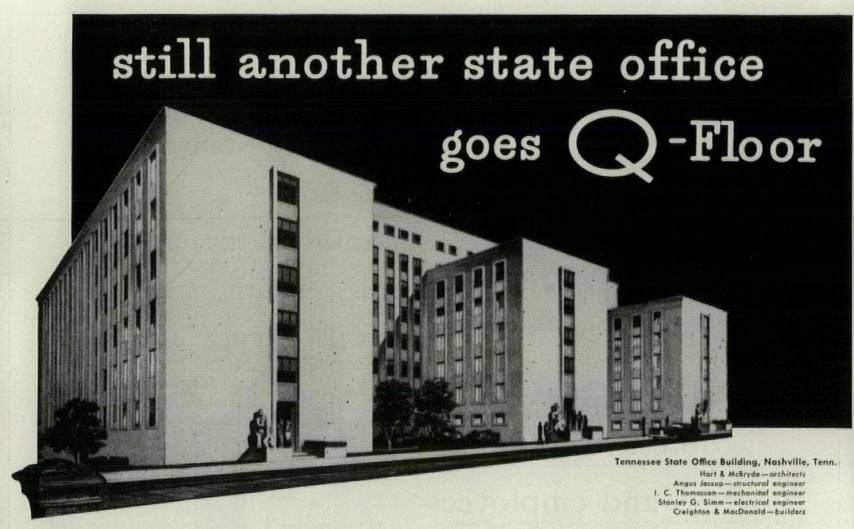


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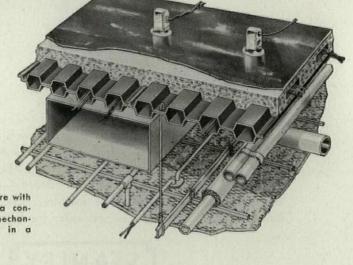
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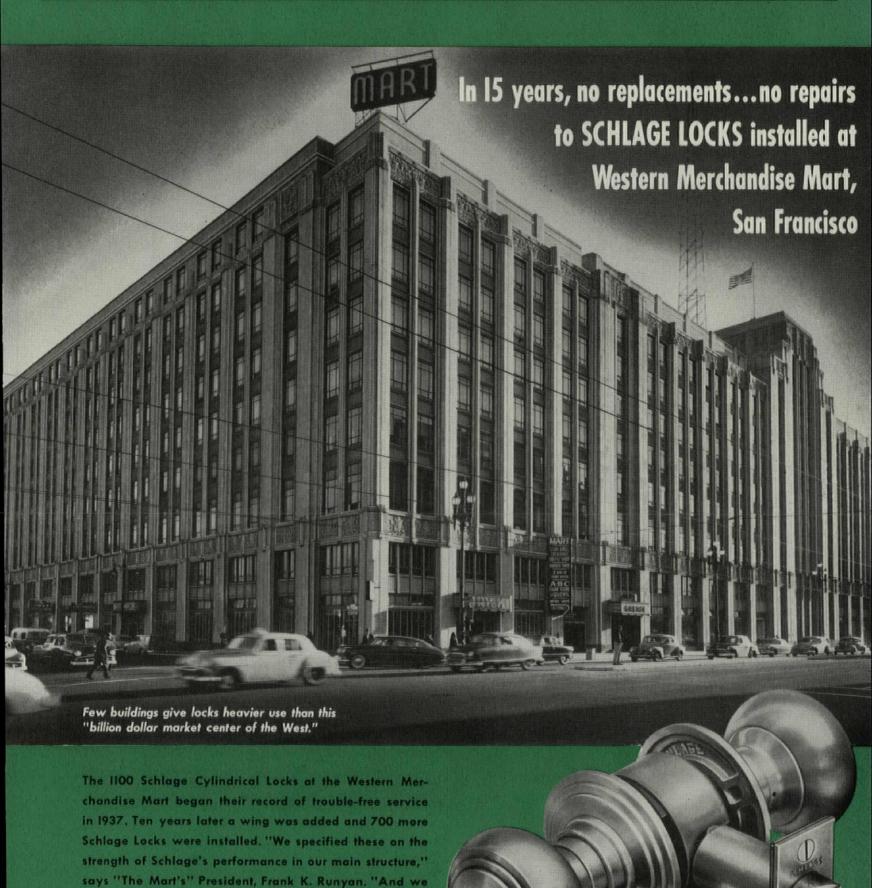


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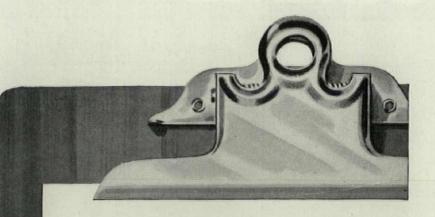
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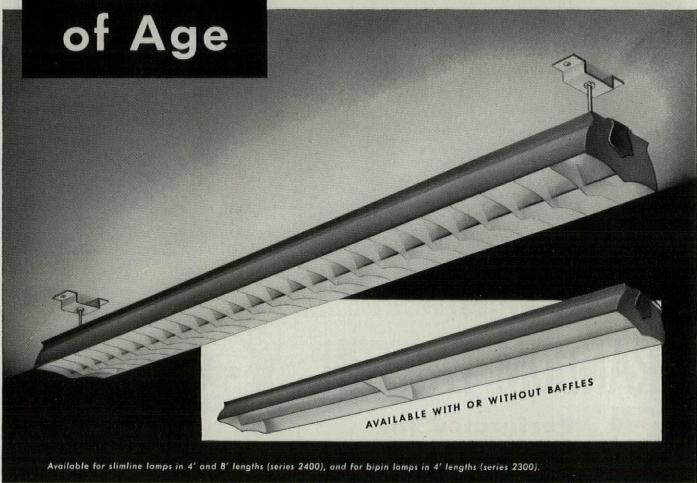
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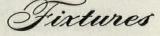
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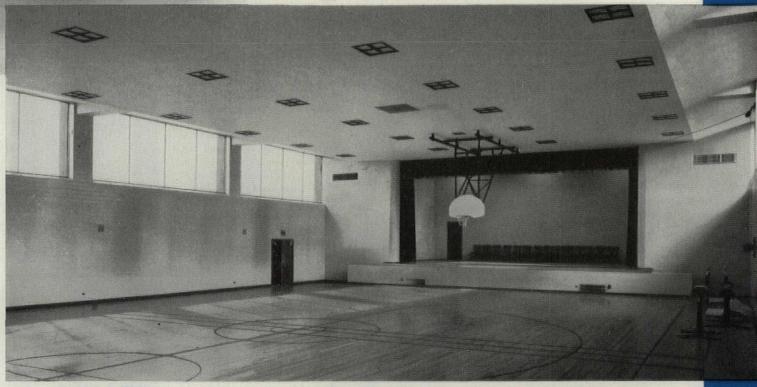


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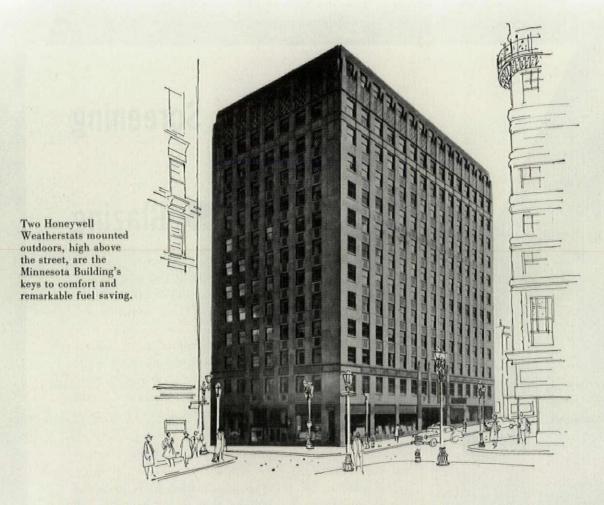
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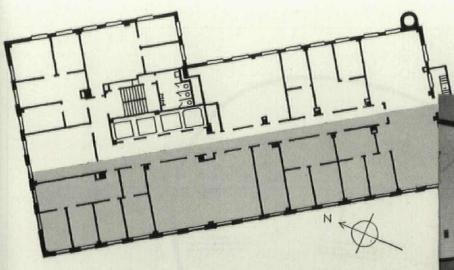
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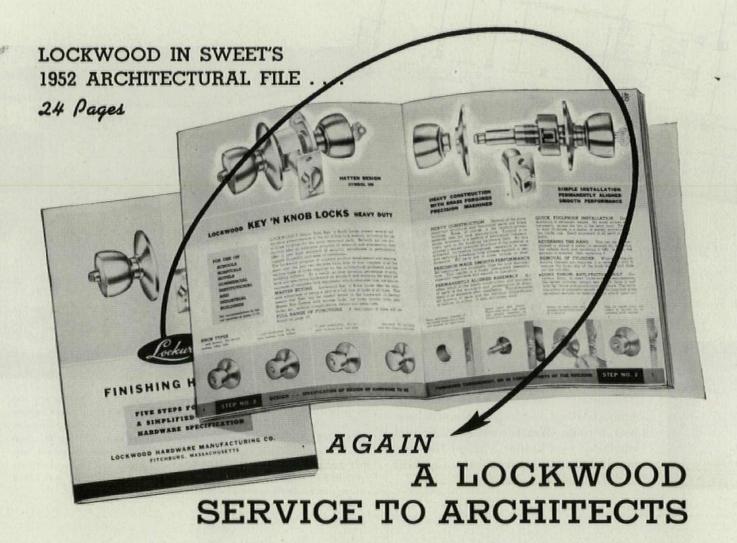
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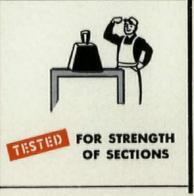
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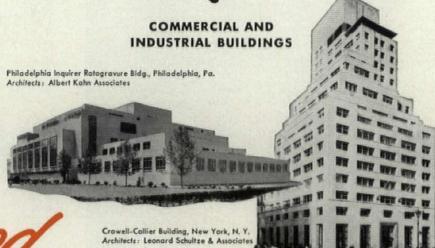
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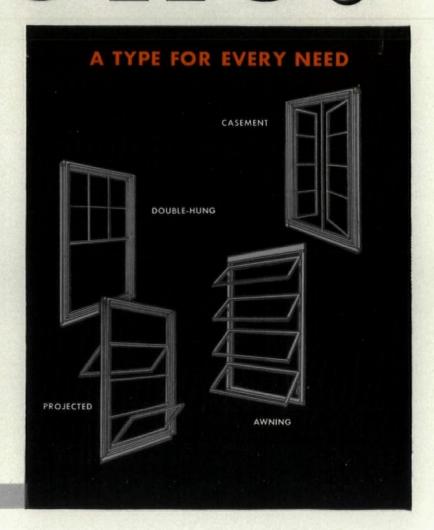
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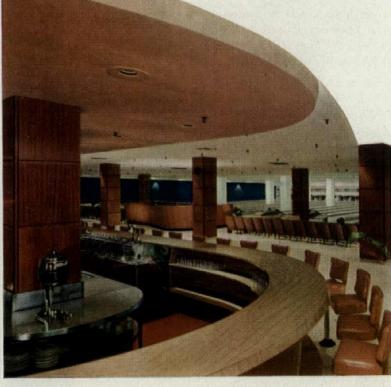
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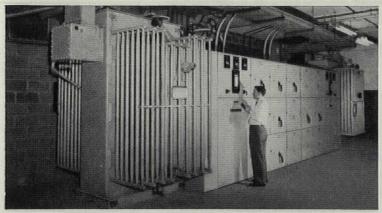




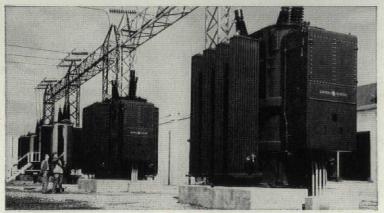


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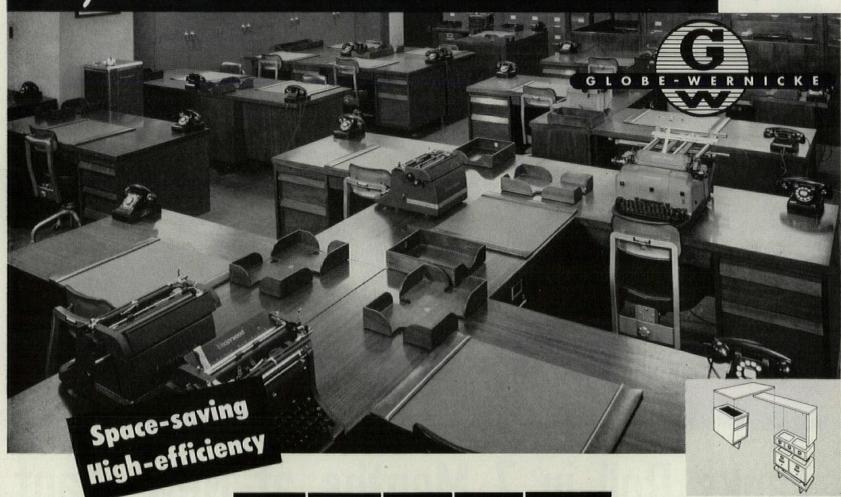
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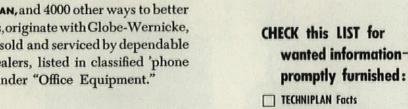
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# NPA Proposal Promises Relief For Areas Suffering Unemployment

Despite conditioned skepticism, builders could not keep down a fluttering of hope early this month when they heard National Production Authority Chief Henry H. Fowler's latest proposal for easing Controlled Materials Plan restrictions in "noncritical areas" (distressed because critical areas are getting the bulk of construction work). Fowler, in placatory letters to the New York congressional delegation (which represents 25,000 unemployed construction workers), committed the control agencies to what seemed to be a relief program.

Fowler's panacea would have NPA put a special allotment of controlled materials in the CMP bank. These would be used for nonindustrial construction in large urban areas, up to now pretty well snubbed in favor of defense production. This relief, for the most part, would mean a slight easing of restrictions on commercial starts which would be halted in the second quarter by previously announced CMP allotments.

Mere leniency in construction go-aheads for schools, hospitals and other public buildings would not solve the problem: there are not enough such projects in any of the distressed areas (or elsewhere for that matter) to provide more than token relief for construction industry unemployment. Industrial construction would help, of course, but little of that is earmarked for distressed areas. Channeling it there would interfere with more necessary Defense Department and DPA labor and material requirements.

But NPA's Fowler was not overly generous with his relief program.

He hedged the new distressed area kitty on the qualification: "Providing such a step would not deny allocations to new and necessary military and AEC construction."

It was clear the clamp down on stores and other commercial starts would not be eased until the third quarter. Except for the overallotments that could be garnered from the military — mostly aluminum— DPA's cupboard would be bare until then.

Where would the DPA begin? Beyond assuring the New York delegation that the big town was on the favored list, Fowler was vague. The news subsequently spilled, however: Boston, Washington, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Seattle were to be included. For fear of putting a premium on organized squawking, DPA was handpicking the places

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Among the next 23 pages are reports on these important developments:

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with the aid of Labor Advisor Joseph Keenan. Influencing it most in selecting distressed areas for relief was the volume of unemployment among construction workers. Much less consideration was given petitioning construction employers who were anxious to pry loose a deferred project here and there. Besides his letters to the New York congressmen, Fowler also wrote to the New York Building Congress. In a much sterner tone, he batted back charges CMP was unreasonably arbitrary or dilatory in its operations. Said Fowler: "The over-all volume of construction in the country will not be materially changed as a result of second quarter allocation cuts. The fact is, the greater part of construction which will be able to go on will be concentrated in military and atomic energy projects and completion of industrial and nonindustrial work already underway." Fowler did admit NPA regulations were overly gobbledygookish, promised to aim at Shakespearean simplicity hereafter.

One step in this direction, Fowler thought, was the consolidation of CMP Regulation 6 and Direction 1. More a codification than an outright revision, the new one-package version turned out to be a whopping 58-page document.

"CMP Regulation 6, Revised" contains a new table for the amount of controlled materials that may be self-authorized for nonhousing construction. No longer can builders self-certify up to two tons of structural steel. There is a limit on the amount of "B" products they can buy. Copper pipe and tubing will no longer be self-authorized. But in the over-all picture, the new order involved few major changes.

Actually the bulk of modifications were outlined to NPA's Construction Committee last month (AF, Jan. '52). They included such remedial steps as permitting

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1/9 NPA permits Federal Civil Defense Administration to process its own construction applications, assign ratings, and issue allotments of steel, copper and aluminum.

1/18 NPA rules controlled materials delayed from a previous quarter may be accepted without charging the current quarter (interpretation of Amendment 1 to CMP Regulation 1).

1/21 DPA reports certificates of necessity issued for first tax write-offs to 5,443 applicants involving \$11.5 billion investment.

1/21 DPAdministrator Manly Fleischmann makes formal announcement of Anglo-American agreement for interchange of steel, tin and aluminum in 1952 drafted at recent Churchill-Truman talk.

1/22 DPA expands priorities system for rapid tax amortization, adds five more categories. First on list: machine tool plants.

1/23 NPA guarantees holders of CMP tickets for aluminum a place on mill schedules if unable to place orders.

1/24 DPA announces Canada will export 15,800 short tons more of copper and 31,700 short tons more of zinc to U. S. this year than last.

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1/28 NPA decontrols chrome stainless steel, removes it from CMP.

1/29 NPA shifts duct work and reinforcing mesh from Class B to Class A under CMP. (For other major developments, see stories below.)

the use of foreign or salvage steel to supplement normal allotments in deserving cases.

What about housing? HHFA legal talent and the DPA were already to clamp a 1,500 sq. ft. and 11/2 bathroom maximum on all housing (new and remodeled) when the 30-man Industry Advisory Committee met in Washington, Feb. 13. First HHFAdministrator Raymond Foley said, "Nothing doing" on the sq. ft. limitation. Then the advisory committee (which up to now has been treated like a rubber stamp) balked on the bathroom limitation, declared the lack of metal for plumbing would be its own control. The committee also sought a modification on a proposed control for copper limiting houses to 100 lb. for plumbing, up to 30 lb. (at .025 lb. per sq. ft.) for wiring. Said the committee: Why not make the wiring restriction more flexible-guarantee a minimum of 25 lb. and then (at .5 lb. per 100 sq. ft.) run up to the 30 lb. maximum? Control officials went into a huddle to think it over. But it seemed certain the medicine would not be as bitter as it first threatened to be.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY (expenditures in millions of dollars)

		January	
Type	'51	'52	Change
PRIVAT	E		
Residential (nonfarm)	902	720	-20.2
Industrial	129	179	+38.8
Commercial	122	90	-26.2
TOTAL	1,586	1,460	-7.9
PUBLIC			
Industrial	36	83	+130.6
Military	24	140	+483.3
Residential	29	67	+131.0
TOTAL	508	667	+31.3
GRAND TOTAL	2,094	2,127	+1.6

## President's Budget Boosts Heavy Building, Includes Shelter Program

If the President's new \$85.4 billion budget was any indication, 1952 would be another banner year for heavy construction. Military construction of all kinds including overseas bases would reach an all time high -\$3.3 billion in the 1952-1953 fiscal year, compared to \$2.7 billion for the present one-with particulars to be given Congress later. Government economists were inclined to trim the significance of this figure. They doubted that more than two-thirds of such a staggering sum could be spent within the next year or even 18 months. They also cautioned stateside construction firms not to let their enthusiasm soar too high over the prospect of lucrative contracts for U.S. installations abroad. To an increasing extent, they warned, foreign contractors would be given first choice on this work. But when it came to construction equipment, American producers, though already swamped with orders, would have to meet practically all of the additional demand from abroad.

Concerning atomic plant construction, the budget message was discreetly silent. However, subsequent closed-door hearings on Capitol Hill revealed Congress would soon be touched for a supplemental \$5 billion for AEC's five-year expansion program. Four new plants, each as big as the South Carolina H-bomb project, could be built for this sum. No details have been divulged, but informed sources firmly stated, "Contemplated expansion cannot be carried out in existing AEC plants."

For VA hospitals as well as other nondefense categories of construction, new spending would be held to a bare minimum. The budget calls for a total allotment of only \$95 million for completing VA hospitals and for starting three new ones.

For community facilities in defense areas, a \$25 million loan and grant fund is proposed, plus whatever additional funds are needed for school construction. The budget could not be specific on this last item because Congress has not yet come up with a satisfactory program that side-steps embarrassing race and religious issues. Its last compromise in this respect had run into a Presidential veto on the ground that it would have perpetuated segregation with the use of federal funds and facilities.

Finally, Congress was asked to set up a \$250 million matching fund program to help states build community air raid shelters in critical target areas.

A similar request last year was turned down on the not implausible ground that the Federal Civil Defense Administration had not jelled its own thinking on the subject. This time legislative committees will find FCDA more ready with the answers. Its estimates are that 62 million people live in the cities considered most tempting for enemy bombers. About 31 million of them are concentrated in downtown areas during the workday period.

Further surveys have shown that 2 million can be accommodated in buildings that are reasonably resistant- or have sections that are reasonably resistant-to an atomic explosion a half-mile away. Another 6 million can be accommodated in buildings that could provide adequate protection with minor modifications. But major alterations would have to be made to downtown structures to protect another 8 million. And this would still leave a deficit of 15 million of the daytime population unprovided for. It is for this residue that community shelters are planned.

Up the sleeves of some defense planners is a scheme for extension of the rapid tax acceleration idea. Owners of existing buildings would be encouraged to tackle the neccessary strengthening operations to provide shelter areas by permitting the outlays to be written off in five years. Later on, FCDA will publish a technical bulletin wrapping up in one package its ideas on protective construction for new buildings. Based on government sponsored research at Lehigh University, these recommendations are understood to center around the construction of resistant cores in a section of a new building. The extra cost will not be too high, officials believe-probably not more than 5%. Mortgage lenders might well feel the reduction of the risk factor would more than justify this added investment.

#### BOON FOR REDEVELOPMENT grows from Baltimore controversy

FHA's mid-December reluctance to renew two Section 608 commitments for Baltimore redevelopment programs (Dec. issue '51) changed with the New Year from obstinate refusal to encouraging cooperation as the agency granted the local sponsors a series of 15 day extensions. Jarred from its immovable position by protests from Baltimore officials (Mayor Thomas D'Alessandro and others who went as high up as the President's office), FHA extended the commitments (dating back to Aug. 31, 1949) with specific instructions that the projects be restudied for insurance under Section 207. Today 207 is a live vehicle; 608 is a dead one, and FHA was anxious to bury it. Nevertheless, the 608 commitments remained a protective umbrella over the projects.

Back in Baltimore, floor plans and specifications were pared down on one committed project, Waverly Apartments (13 acres, 291 units). The second, Hopkins Towers (first 500 units of a 39-acre, 8block scheme near Johns Hopkins University), was shelved temporarily, and was replaced by a group of walk-ups (350 units) originally planned for a later stage in the long-range program. These structures would serve ambulatory patients, nurses, internes and resident physicians at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Envisaged was a low cost contemporary design in glass, brick and cedar-stained wood sidings to be executed by architect Alexander S. Cochran.

Two hurdles remained before a 207 commitment could yield the necessary mortgage loan required to keep rentals around \$65. First: the maximum 83% loan permitted



NATIONAL CONSTRUCTORS ASSN., whose 19 members account for almost \$2 billion of U.S. heavy construction (oil, chemical and steel), agreed in their annual meeting in New York last month that small (under \$5 million) Jobs might be taken on a lump sum basis, but that larger contracts required costs-plus figuring. Thinking of expiring wage agreements, materials price rises, and zooming taxes, Otto F. Seider (second from left), vice president of Cleveland's H. K. Ferguson Co., said: "Taking fixed price contracts would be committing suicide." Outgoing NCA Presi-



dent J. F. Pritchard (third from left), head of his own Kansas City construction firm, happily noted better relations with AFL building trades, a trend away from "the old baseball bat philosophy." Pritchard and colleagues saw a continuing boom for NCA, nourished by expanding basic industries. The convention elected J. J. O'Donnell (right) its 1952 president. O'Donnell is personnel and labor relations manager for New York's Lummus Co. Also active at the convention: T. C. Williams (far left), vice president of Boston's Stone & Webster Co. under Section 207 was inadequate. Second: estimated value of the property based on the prevailing 7% capitalization of net income further shaved the loan amount. This percentage, based on local conditions, is determined in the branch FHA office, not by national directive. Without a 90% loan based on 6% capitalization, the project was stymied. Said James Rouse, able, articulate Baltimore lender in on the negotiations from the beginning: "The effect of these two changes is real and critical. If both are applied, it means that 207 is really in business for redevelopment projects."

Then last month, FHA gave written notice to the sponsors that Regulation X would be rescinded for their projects. Net result: a 90% loan. Still in the discussion stage is the capitalization rate, with FHA ready to drop it to 6½%, possibly even 6%. Should FHA yield on the capitalization rate, Section 207 could really become a workable medium for other cities contemplating redevelopment.

#### PHA VACANCIES: many would-be tenants too rich for public housing

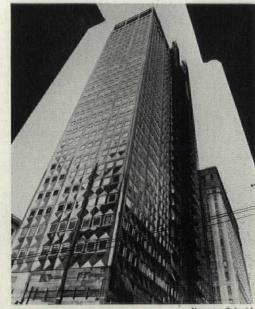
Bridgeport, Conn. is in a dilemma. It now has 225 public housing apartments vacant in the Phineas T. Barnum development. There will be 250 more vacant units June 1 with the completion of the Charles Green project. Yet the Defense Production Administration has declared Bridgeport a critical area and wants 1,000 more units built, either privately or by the PHA, as an inducement to immigrating defense workers.

Crux of the dilemma is this: the apartments already up are low rent, but have tenant income ceilings of \$2,295 for childless couples, \$2,885 for couples with four or more children. However, with the exception of a few distress cases, family incomes top these ceilings (Bridgeport Manufacturers' Assn. reports the average male factory worker earns \$4,053 a year; the female worker, \$2,897). And the DPA's proposed 1,000 units will make no change—they will have the *same* income ceilings.

Says Bridgeport Housing Authority Director Harold C. Poole: "One agency says build more homes' and another says 'don't let the workers in—they are making too much money." To relieve the situation, Poole has secured a \$9.8 million loan from he State of Connecticut for erecting 832 apartment units. These will have more 'realistic' income ceilings for its tenants, \$3,500 per couple plus \$300 per child. A couple with two children will then be able o earn \$4,100 and still qualify for a \$65-per-month apartment. Bids on this program are due Feb. 28.



ALL-ALUMINUM SKIN is just about zippered up on the Aluminum Company of America's 30-story Alcoa Building in downtown Pittsburgh. The skin, composed of ½8" thick stamped aluminum panels, forms a curtain wall with a 4" lightweight reinforced concrete backup. Alternating with the panels are 4' x 4½' windows, so pivoted that they became reversible for cleaning. New York architects Harrison & Abramovitz began planning the building 11 years ago, experimented with 16 different skin treatments before they were satisfied. For a while it looked as if the nation's aluminum shortage would force Alcoa to put up substitute panels on the first six floors. But DPA's Manly Fleischmann relented last month, decided the panels had been fabricated months in advance anyway and wouldn't affect the defense effort. The Alcoa Building, an eye-



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Meanwhile Poole has petitioned the PHA to raise its income ceilings on the federal developments. Other communities, which may soon find their workers unhoused for ironically earning too much for their own good, are anxious to see if the ceilings will be relaxed as they were during World War II.

## MILITARY HOARDING of materials decried; gov't, takes action

Either clairvoyant or an organization with mighty good pipe lines, AFL last month called for a civilian board within the Department of Defense to screen military requirements and allocations of scarce materials. The Defense Department had just done so but wasn't announcing it.

In asking for this board, AFL became the first politically potent U.S. pressure group to demand that military metal hoarders be called to account. Said AFL at a meeting of both its Building Trades Council and Executive Committee in Miami Beach: "Suspicions are inevitably roused when it is known that for many items allotments to the military are at about the same level as at the peak of World War II . . . (Their) request for enough materials to construct permanent housing equal to more than one-fourth of the total national housing goal for 1952 also seems far out of line."

Anxious for an effective job, AFL said current DPA screening of materials needed to produce the end products was only half of it. "(We must) measure the need for these end products against the stated military objectives."

At their Miami Beach meeting, the

Building Trades Council also asked for a renewal of the National Board for Jurisdictional Disputes. The Board's renewal had already been voted by contractors (who, along with labor, have four representatives sitting before the impartial chairman, Harvard Prof. John T. Dunlop). The arbitration board, extended from year to year, is popular on both sides because it irons out innumerable differences, allows problems to be handled by the industry rather than by government.

### AIA SURVEY forecasts trend of architectural work in 1952

AIA this month gamely tried to predict the shape of things to come for architects in 1952. The method: a questionnaire sent to 9,000 members. The conclusion: the profession can look forward to a "slight increase" in dollar volume over 1951, though large-scale readjustments would continue to be made by individuals and firms in non-defense areas. Biggest factor in the gain was the tripling of defense work now on the boards of the 1,036 reporting offices. Other prophesies:

Other public work same
Private industrial up 100 %
Institutional little change
Commercial down 33 1/3 %
Residential down 25%

AIA's survey showed the importance of nondefense government work, which accounts for a full third of the architects' volume, but bemoaned the fact that residential stood last on the list and that "there is no doubt that the architect has not taken his rightful place in the large volume of speculative homebuilding since the war."

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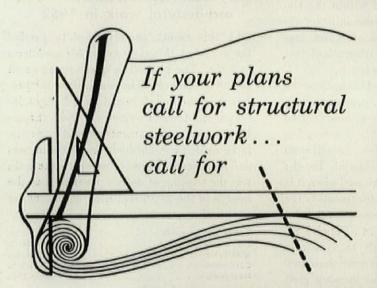
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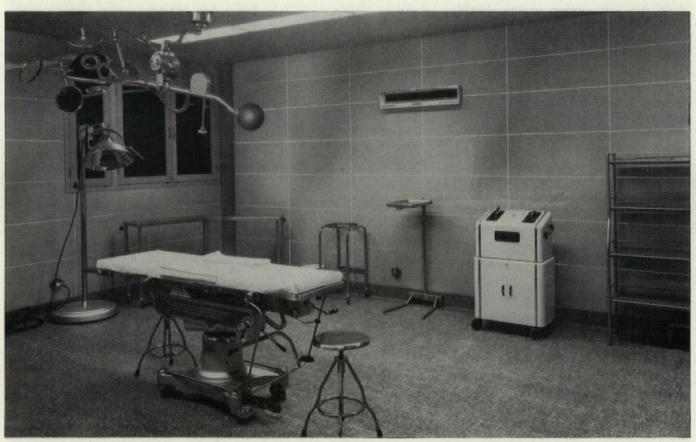
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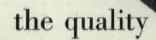
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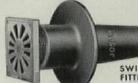
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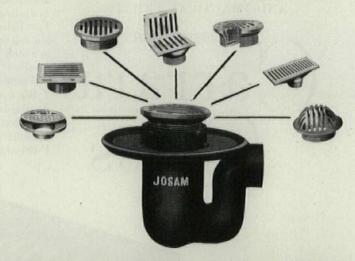
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### FUTURE OF DESIGN debated by top architects in Boston meeting

"Architecture is an art. It must be created by teams, it must use the machine creatively if it is to escape the anarchy of incompatible standard parts." So said Harvard School of Architecture Chairman Walter Gropius in kicking off a Boston Institute of Contemporary Art symposium on "The Future of Design" Jan. 31. He added architecture is diametrically opposed to "Art for Art's sake"—its goal is social expression, its future depends on the accuracy with which it meets man's biological needs.

Teamwork? Very well, said Gyorgy Kepes, M.I.T. professor of visual education, so long as it is a teamwork between the arts and sciences with its goal a common language understandable by both artist and art consumer.

Serge Chermayeff, until recently president of the Illinois Institute of Technology's Institute of Design, saw "a regrettable trend" toward depersonalization of architecture. "Today's architect is a politely educated builder." Schools can train the average collaborator, said Chermayeff, but the expressive individual artist cannot be made by schools at all. "I would like to see it made very much more difficult for architects to earn that title."

Also on the Institute of Contemporary Art's panel were Pietro Belluschi, M.I.T. dean of architecture, and Charles Burchard, Harvard architectural professor. So many New Englanders showed up for the gathering of architectural minds, one-third had to be turned away from the auditorium.

### BIRD-PROOF CORNICE: pigeons shocked; maintenance eased

Brooklyn's Master Bird-proofing Co. is out to get the starlings and pigeons which deface ornate urban facades. The weapon: a miniature electric fence installed along the decorative ledges and column capitals where the birds roost. Its indoor generator sends out a ½ milliampere second pulse through the open wire field 1½ times a second. It works off a 115-volt main, uses no more power than a 35-watt bulb.

Take the Colorado Building in Washington, D. C. where a network of wires and porcelain insulators (colored to match the building's facade) has just been completed. Eyewitnesses reported it this way: "The starlings return from a day's work of seed stuffing and hit the old ledge. Ouch! They regroup and zoom in. Ouch again! They make three or four more passes. A few try to land but the guy on the end gets the tingle. Then they nove on."



SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS CHERMAYEFF, BELLUSCHI, GROPIUS, KEPES

Fred Stone

The bird-proofers say their device meets the standards of the National Electrical Safety Code and the A.S.P.C.A. Installation, plus a year's maintenance, runs from \$1,200 to \$20,000. The fencings are permanent; have to be. Even if the old birds set up a conditioned-response pattern and stay away, there'll always be a new crop coming along.

The electrical tingles protect customers of the service but provide absolutely no assurance for the building owner across the street.

"We're doing some research on statue work now," says Robert H. Smith, one of M.B.-p.'s owners. "Once we get the problem licked (the insulators and wiring have to be invisible for aesthetic reasons) we'll probably fix up Father Duffy in Times Square—he's always been smeared."

### ANTI-WASTE DRIVE: no progress seen in survey of gov't. building

If NPA thought that government building was paying more than lip service to the materials conservation program urged by industry spokesmen, a Building Research Advisory Board survey last month set them straight. BRAB's conclusion: Little progress.

A shocking basic truth: there is no incentive to save materials. Long accustomed to cheap building products and expensive labor the U. S. finds it far too costly to use special design to save even critical items, if it means added manhours. Also, BRAB pointed out, architects doing government work haven't been directed to cut down on scarce materials. (One industry suggestion: ingenuity in stretching materials be made a plus factor in compensating architects and engineers.)

Big hurdle in any conservation program

is government insistence that all contracts be let to the low bidder, and VA even adds completion time as a factor in their contracts. This naturally discourages experimentation, which often adds to construction time.

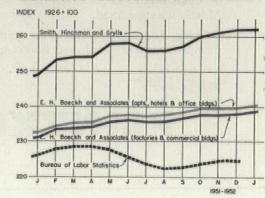
#### DOUBLE-DUTY BUILDING

The first promoter or investor clever enough to figure out a way of making an otherwise prohibited commercial structure do double duty as an emergency shelter area is apt to hit something like a jackpot. Washington dopesters are even ready with a little prompting—an underground bowling alley would be a natural. It would not take a lot of scarce building material and would provide a maximum amount of shelter space.

#### STEEL SUPPLY IMPROVES

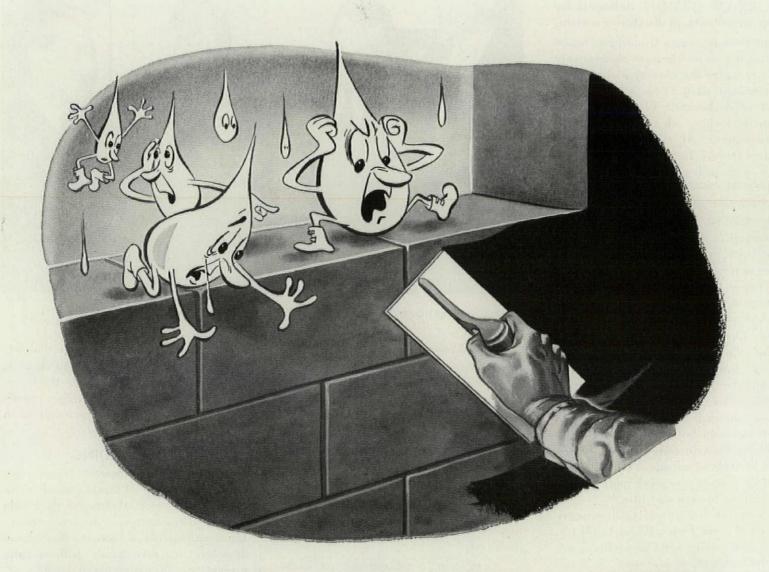
NPA thinking on structural steel now runs this way: there will be an unexpected improvement in supply by next summer in all types except wide flange (used only in large buildings). Therefore more encouragement can be given such small buildings as schools and stores. A special allotment may be set up for "structures in the civic interest"—badly needed jails and firehouses.

#### **BUILDING COSTS REMAIN STEADY**



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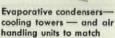
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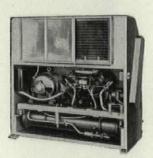
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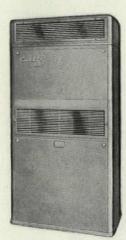




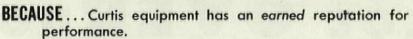




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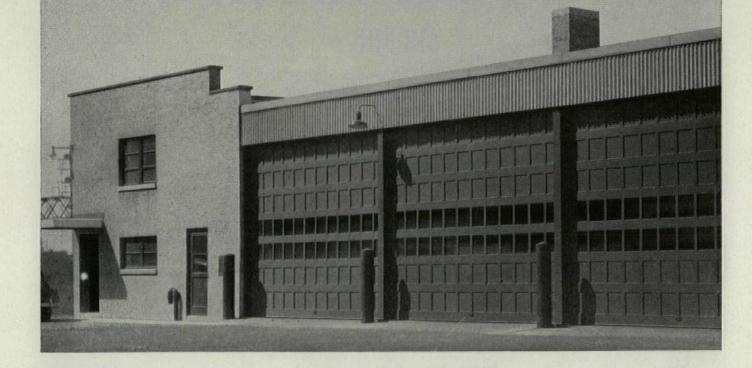
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# \$40,000 FINE levied against builder for overpaying labor

A double spanking was given Washington D. C.'s J. D. Hedin Construction Co. by the Wage Stabilization Board late last month for exceeding legal wage rates on a VA hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. Ruling that the construction company had violated regulations laid down under the Stabilization Act, the board in its first official crackdown:

Directed VA to withold \$40,000 in its payments to the firm (the amount of the overage paid by the contractor in coaxing bricklayers from Detroit).

▶ Refused to allow the company to claim a business expense deduction of a similar amount in computing its 1951 income tax.

Actually the board would have been within its rights had it levied the maximum penalty for the contractor's entire bricklayer payroll—\$116,131.50—and refused an equal amount in tax expense deductions. But the wage regulators noted: "Respondent was not guilty of any acts of dishonesty or concealment."

The decision failed to create a profound stir in the construction industry. For one thing, construction men know full well the Stabilization Act has teeth. More to the point, most of them were not too sorry to have the sanctity of area wage agreements upheld. Any widespread flaunting of the carefully worked out scales by siphoning workers from adjacent higher-priced areas would just pile up more trouble.

How is a lower-rate peripheral area (Ann Arbor) in which heavy construction projects are suddenly launched supposed to entice building workers away from nearby higher-pay scale cities? This had been the Hedin Co.'s problem. It had considered that it was not stretching things too much to go to the Detroit market for brick-layers—a scant 40 miles away. It had even signified its intentions to the VA, but apparently made the mistake of seeking verbal, rather than written, clearance.

Another first on the board's docket was a special compensation dispute in the construction field in which both parties voluntarily sought an official determination as to the amount of the payment. At issue was the size of extra allowance or "job isolation" pay that building workers on the AEC project at Hanford, Wash. collect from their employing contractors. The workers wanted a hike of \$1 an hour. The contractors thought that a lesser amount would be ample. Late last month the board ordered the contending sides to settle on the in-between amount-621/2¢. WSB officials state this is an uncommon practice and has only been approved in one other instance—for construction workers at AEC's ARCO project in Pocatello, Id.

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Fairchild Aerial Views

## Slum Clearance for Morningside Heights Gets Backing of 9 N.Y. Schools, Churches

Nine New York schools, colleges and churches have banded together to become the first such U. S. sponsors for a slum redevelopment project under Title I of the 1949 Housing Act. Under present plans, they will put up as much as \$2.5 million (probably less) to buy land \* and start the 1,000-unit \$12.6 million apartment project replacing ten acres of Manhattan slums (in Morningside Heights). Sometime after construction starts, the apartments will be sold as cooperatives, returning the sponsors' capital. The project is much more than pure slum clearance to the nine institutions-Barnard College, Columbia University, Corpus Christi Church, International House, Jewish Theological Seminary, Julliard School of Music, Riverside Church, Teachers College and Union Theological Seminary. All are located in the neighborhood of the project. A survey a year ago showed most of their 6,000 faculty and employees

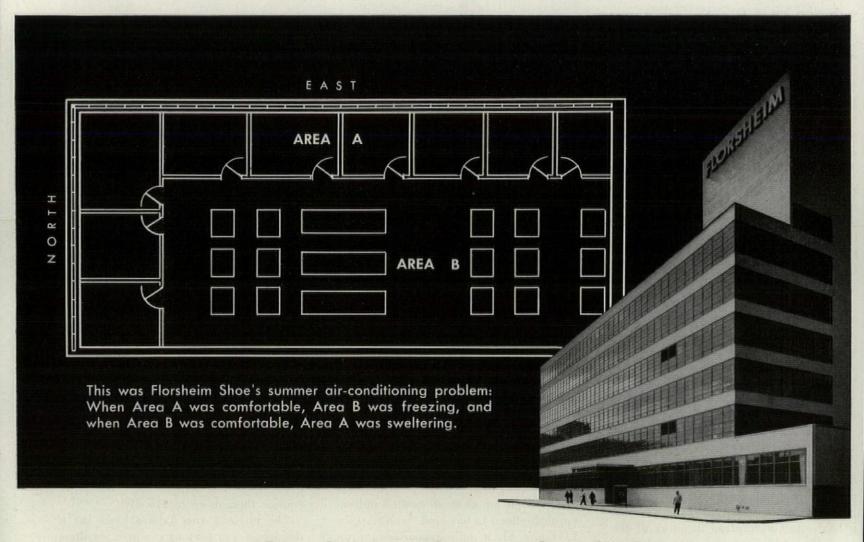
would like to live nearer their jobs—if decent housing were available. Original plans by Architects W. K. Harrison and H. H. Goldstone envisaged rentals of \$23 per room, but experts are trying to squeeze them down to \$16..\$22.

The blighted area (above) now has a density of 735 persons per acre, or three times the New York City average. Razed of its dingy, old-law tenements, it would hold 358 per net residential acre in a grassy, tree-lined community insulated from the dirt and noise of the nearby elevated subway by a buffer of new stores. The scheme calls for six 20-story buildings, a commercial structure, off-street parking spaces and numerous child play areas. North and east of the site, a 1,536 unit \$23 million public housing project will siphon off some displaced tenants.

This plan is one of nine (183 acres, 14,000 dwelling units) approved by the city's committee on slum clearance plans.

\*Under Title I. up to two-thirds of the loss incurred in acquiring, clearing and reselling the slum sites is borne by the federal government (with HHFA as agent), the remainder by the locality.





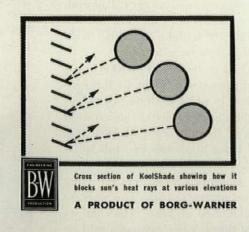
# Here's how Florsheim Shoe solved their office heat problem with KoolShade Sunscreen

The general offices of the Florsheim Shoe Company in Chicago had a personnel problem in their new offices. With air conditioning, on a hot day the private offices in Area A would be cool and comfortable. But the open general office space in Area B was too cold for comfort. If the thermostat was raised, the open office space then became quite pleasant... but the private offices on the outside became uncomfortably warm, and the complaints switched from Area B to Area A.

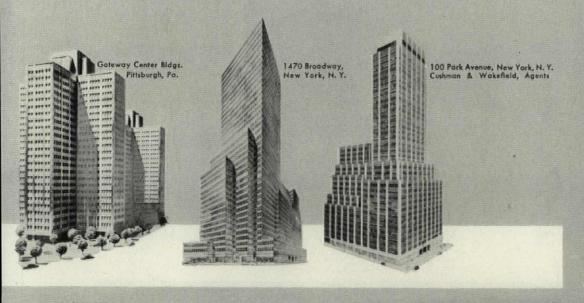
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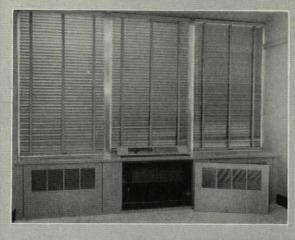


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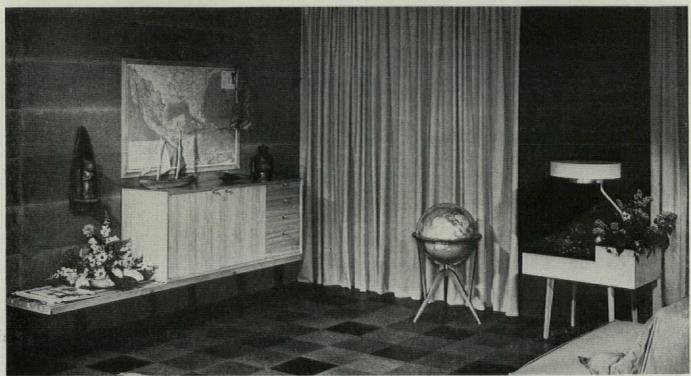
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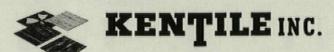
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France's Le Corbusier was en garde again over the "Radiant City" he is building 17 stories up in a Marseilles suburb. The chal-



lenge this time came when Beaux Arts Professor of Architecture Georges Labro and Roger Beguin of the taxpayers' lobby, "National Confederation of the Middle Classes," heard Corbu was getting a government loan

guarantee for another "Radiant City," this one in Rezé outside Nantes. Said they: "It will require elevators, which are subject to breakdowns; special water pumps and electrical units, foundation-pilings at a needless and additional 15% of cost; a tall building is unnecessary in cheap land like Rezé. Let us be of our time and not forerunners. We are a country of slow evolution and not brusque revolution." Replied Corbu: "Do we have to neglect this mode of locomotion (elevators) in modern buildings under the pretext of possible breakdowns? . . . French building tastes, when not running to 18th Century imitations (are) Berlin moderne. Everywhere (but in France) I am treated with respect. (The French carpers) can go on barking." Having applied the coup de grâce, Corbu explained Rezé would have only 296 apartments ("Radiant City" will have 337), dispense with Marseilles' seventhfloor commercial district, its swimming pool, athletic field and ten-acre park.

Named: As governors of the Federal Reserve Board, Abbot L. Mills Jr., 33-year-old executive vice president of the U. S. National Bank in Portland, Ore., a Republican, and James L. Robertson, 44, First Deputy Controller of the Currency, a Democrat; Jack F. Burns as the \$19,000-a-year executive secretary of the Cleveland Building Trades Employers Assn. Burns's

job up to now: president of Cleveland's (AFL) Federation of Labor and business agent of the local Building Trades Council; Leland W. King Jr., 44, as head of the State Department's foreign building program. An architect and State Department veteran of 14 years, King succeeds Frederick Larkin, who is returning to private architectural practice; Karl C. Sippel and C. W. Wolfe, as vice presidents of Cleveland's mammoth Austin Co.; R. E. Gillmor, vice president of the Sperry Corp., as chairman of DPA's new Distressed Defense Areas Task Force; Huson T. Jackson, assistant professor of architecture at Pratt Institute, and Addison Erdman, New York architect, as winners of 1952 Brunner Scholarships.

Clarence C. Zantzinger, 79, this month became the fifteenth architect to be elected to America's exclusive (250 members)



National Institute of Arts and Letters. Philadelphia-born, Yale-educated Zantzinger designed the Detroit and Philadelphia art museums, the Department of Justice building in Washington, Yale's administration building,

dormitories for Princeton and the University of Chicago, hospitals around his Chestnut Hill, Pa. home. He is a past AIA vice president, former head of the Pennsylvania State Art Commission.

Mammoth Webb & Knapp's mammoth boss, New Yorker William Zeckendorf, stopped off in Atlanta for a visit with Frank H. Neely, board chairman of Rich's Inc. (see p. 132). On arrival, the Atlanta Constitution hailed Bill as "the most fabulous real estate man in America . . . 250 lbs. of irrepressible good nature, razor sharp shrewdness and unbounded energy. . ." As usual, Bill obliged with a spectacular "multimillion dollar" project. This time it is for a retail shopping center in Atlanta.



Mark Carro

SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS last month held its annual meeting in New York, a city which up to now had never been architecturally worthy of SAH pilgrimages. Some 175 members, including Tokyo's Ryuichi Hamaguchi, squinted through the skyscrapers and examined what remained of 17th and 18th Century New Amsterdam. Said Hamaguchi in St. Paul's Chapel graveyard: "I am glad to see such interest in ancestors." The Society gave its annual book award to Anthony N. B. Garvan (with tattersall) for his "Architecture and Town Planning in Colonial Connecticut." Others pictured: Mrs. John Gilchrist, secretary-treasurer (left), Louise Hall, vice president, Charles Peterson, president.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. announced a shift in its top echelon. Admiral Ben Moreell, Navy wartime construction chief



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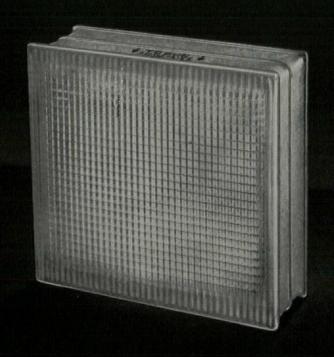
and postwar head of Turner Construction Co., moves from J&L's presidency to board chairman and chief executive. Youthful-looking Charles L. Austin, 49, goes from executive vice president to president. Austin was so surprised by the

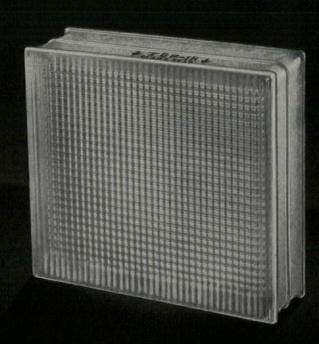
suddeness of the election, he had no new plans to announce. The new steel monarch specializes in administration, rather than production. Austin is a native of Port Chester, N. Y. He received his B.S. from Princeton in 1924, was a vice president of Mellon Securities Corp. before joining J&L as treasurer in 1942.

Architect Edward D. Stone last month won the Architectural League of New York's Gold Medal Award for his El Panama Hotel in Panama City (Apr. issue '51). The 271-room hotel, honey-combed with verandas, makes use of the trade winds for air conditioning. Stone was assisted by Carl J. Holzinger of New York, and Medez & Sanders, Panamanian architects.

Died: Leicester B. Holland, 69, chairman of the department of architecture at Miami Univ., Ohio and former head of the Congressional Library's fine arts division, Feb. 7 in Philadelphia; Joseph E. Stone, 77, former vice president of the Stanley Works and onetime president of the American Hardware Manufacturers Assn., Feb. 4 in New Britain, Conn.; Herman Kregelius for 25 years Cleveland commissioner for architecture, Jan. 28 in Hudson, Ohio; Frank P. Whiting, 79, architect for the Corcoran Art Gallery, Naval Academy buildings at Annapolis and the National Baseball Museum, Jan. 26 in Cooperstown, N. Y.; Soren A. Thoresen, engineer and designer of the Detroit-Windsor vehicular tunnel, Jan. 25 in New York; John Donlin, 83, president of the AFL Building Trades Dept. from 1916-24, Jan. 24 in Chicago; Edward I. Devlin, 91, former head of mortgage and loans for the New York Life Insurance Co., Jan. 21 in Greenwich, Conn.; Edward F. Loud, 93, whose Au Sable River holdings made him one of the last of Michigan's lumber kings, Jan. 19 in Oscoda, Mich.; Herbert E. Law, 88, realtor who rebuilt the Fairmont Hotel after San Francisco's disastrous 1906 earthquake, Jan. 18 in Palo Alto, Calif.; Chester S. Allen, 70, head of New York's Lockwood Greene engineering firm, Jan. 6 in Auburndale, Mass.

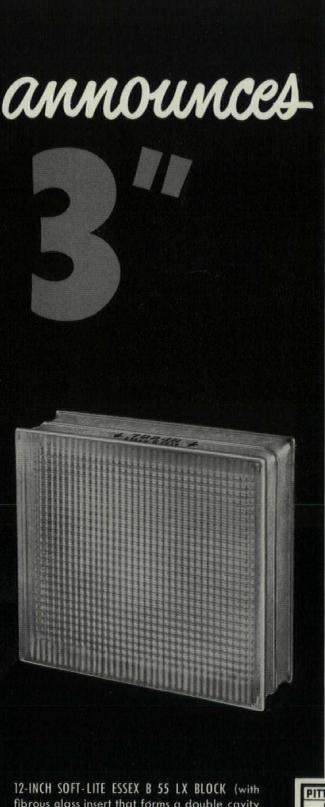
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U. S. code unification has long been compared to the imperceptible creep of a glacier. The trouble with selling building codes to the public, explains Albert H. Baum, St. Louis building commissioner, is "they have practically no television or sex appeal. You cannot add lanolin or irium or solium to add zest to your product."

Yet during the past two years, some 266 U. S. communities have adopted one of the four major regional building codes (see table). To building officials, this is encouraging progress in their long struggle to unify the 2,500 different local codes in force throughout the nation. Says George Strehan, consultant to the Building Officials Conference of America, newest of the country's regional code groups; "There is much more activity . . . more inquiries . . . than a year ago."

Nothing money won't cure. Faster adoption of regional codes has been held down because most of the sponsoring organizations are so poverty-ridden they are understaffed, woefully shy of statistics. Lacking money to check up thoroughly, they are seldom sure how many cities have adopted their code. For instance, BOCA recently sent postcards to 500 communities. Only a third bothered to answer. Often a state (like California) adopts a code in toto, then allows its cities to water it down with modifications.

Acceptance of the National Plumbing and Electrical Codes was making the biggest strides of all. Massachusetts adopted the electrical code on a statewide basis, overriding all local codes (except laborstronghold Boston's). Nearly 20 other states had also adopted the NEC, but usually only for rural areas or cities without stricter regulations of their own.

Plumbing code gains. Technical men were giving the National Plumbing Code widespread support. The National Association of Master Plumbers accepted an interim report on the code last May. The American Society of Sanitary Engineers approved the code itself last October. BOCA will consider incorporating the plumbing code's provisions in its own code at its 1952 convention in May. American Standards Association last month took first steps toward endorsing the code: circulating it for comment. The Western Plumbing Officials Conference, at its fall meeting, revised its Uniform Plumbing Code to include 75% of the National Code's provisions.

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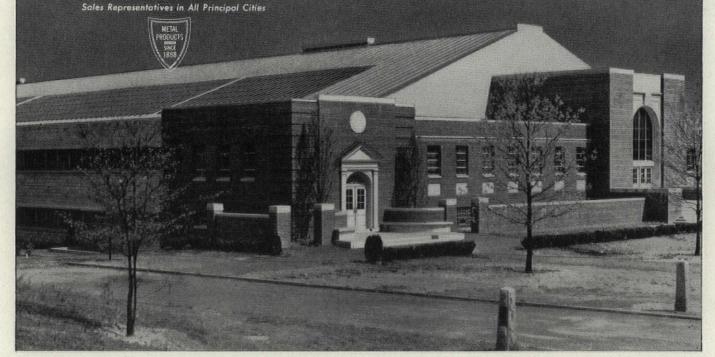
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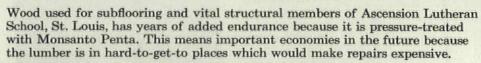
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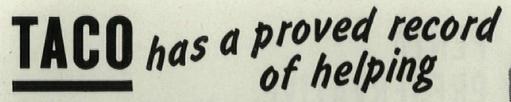
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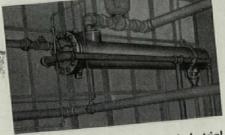
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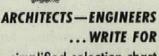




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#### CODE UNIFICATION: joint committee agrees on big points

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Result: last month, the JCBCU had something to show for its labors, Meeting January 18-20 in Houston, Tex., it reached final agreement on 25 pages of code provisions it hopes its member groups will make their own next time their codes are revised. Points of agreement covered definitions, use and occupancy classifications, types of construction including fire resistance ratings and design loads. Although these might form only 15 to 25% of the bulk of a building code, as one committeeman crowed: "This is the backbone of a national code. The rest is just dressing."

Hurdles ahead. Member organizations of JCBCU are under nothing more than a tenuous moral obligation to adopt its recommendations, many of which were not unanimous. And the Southern Building Code Congress, which has refused to join the committee, seemed likely to ignore its handiwork entirely. Recently an article in SBCC's house organ called the JCBCU "almost ridiculous."

Biggest hope that the recommendations would find acceptance lay in the fact that member groups sent top technical men to the drafting sessions. Next forward step was suggested by Building Research Advisory Board: would JCBCU help get government agencies to agree on the same uniform standards? Now, almost every agency that buys construction has different requirements.

#### OLD FOLKS AT HOME

New York State bowed to the increasing percentage of oldsters in the U.S. population. State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman ordered that all new state-public housing projects henceforth set aside 5% of their apartments for the aging. To designers, he suggested such amenities as bathrooms with non-slip floors, tubs with seats and handgrips.

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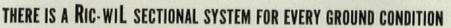
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Building Trades Department considers repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act its No. 1 legislative target. Most labor unions therefore won't consider supporting amend-

Like the rest of organized labor, the AFL

fore won't consider supporting amendments to the act. Nearly all segments of the building industry agree, however, that the T-H Act is unworkable for construction: jobs for building labor are so transitory and intermittent that certification elections through NLRB would lead to a nightmare of confusion.

Last month, the potent AFL Building Trades Department at last took sides (with industry) in asking that construction be exempted from T-H union representation provisions. The amending legislation was framed by such strange political bedfellows as Senators Taft of Ohio and fair-dealing Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. It seemed almost a certainty Congress

AFL ELECTRICIANS warned: 'loafing imperils your job'

would pass it.

Thoughtful labor leaders—mindful, among other things, of how the low output of plasterers has helped boom dry wall construction—realize that productivity of labor should be a serious concern of unions as well as management. Recently, Business Manager M. J. Boyle of Chicago's Local 134 of the AFL Electrical Workers put the issue before his 8,000 members in a two-page letter. Scolded Boyle:

"It is high time for all building trades mechanics . . . to give serious thought to the manner in which loafing works against their own interests, jeopardizes their livelihood and undermines their unions. In the last six weeks, reports have been coming into this office in increasing numbers that many electricians are now and have been loafing and killing time on the job . . . The fact that management bears a major part of the responsibility for loafing practices and that it may do little if anything about it, other than to complain and blame the union, does not mean that we should do nothing about the problem . . . Why should we be shortsighted and do harm to ourselves by countenancing any nonproductivity among our members?"

#### ARMY ENGINEERS SHUFFLE

A shakeup in the Army Corps of Engineers brought consolidation of its engineering and construction operations divisions. Col. McDonald D. Weinert, chief of the engineering division, was upped to deputy chief of engineers. Under him, Col. W. J. Ely will head the consolidated division.

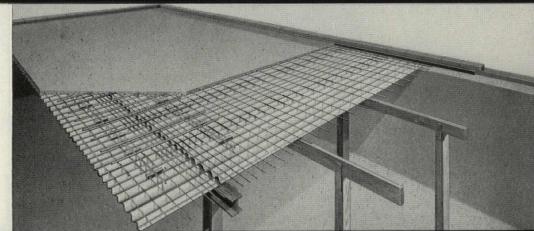
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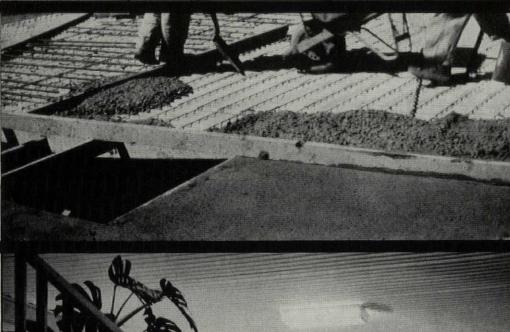
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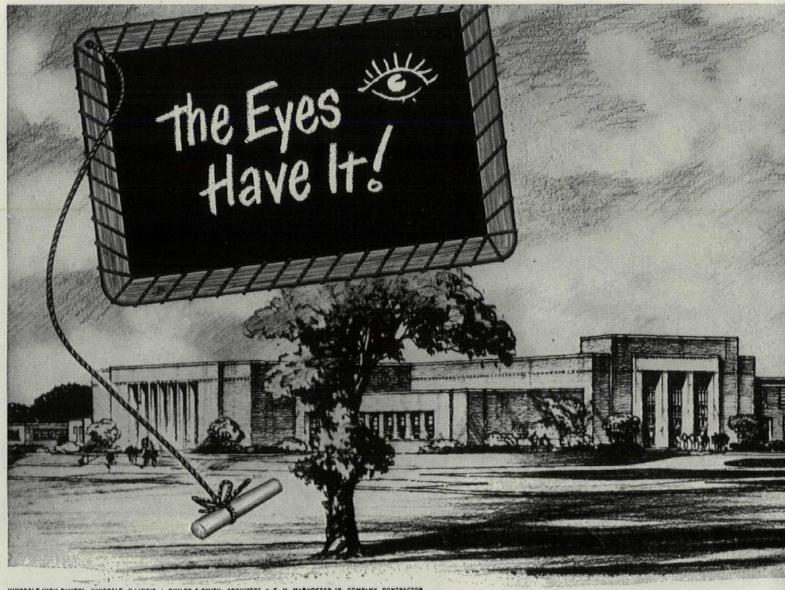
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> FREDERICK ARPKE Larry Smith & Co., Real Estate Consultants Seattle, Wash,

Sirs:

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MORRIS KETCHUM, JR., Architect Ketchum, Gina & Sharp New York, N. Y. (Continued on page 70)



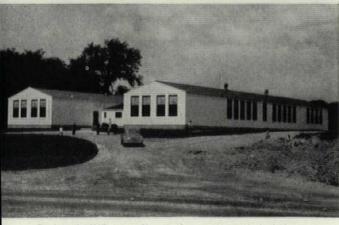
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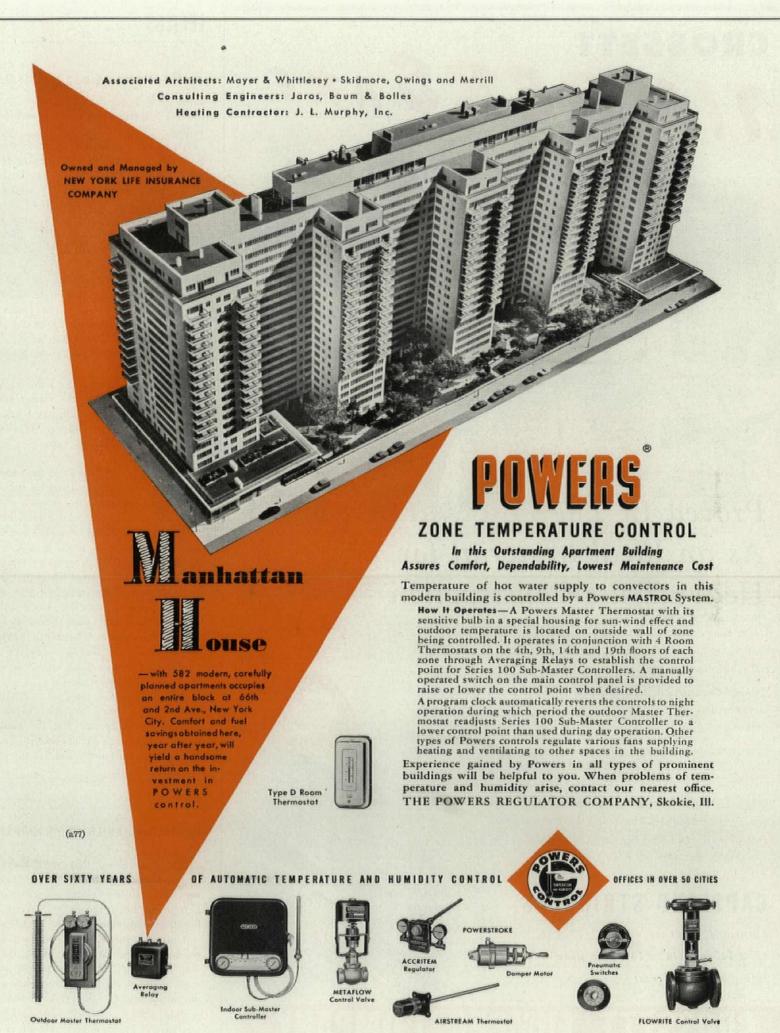


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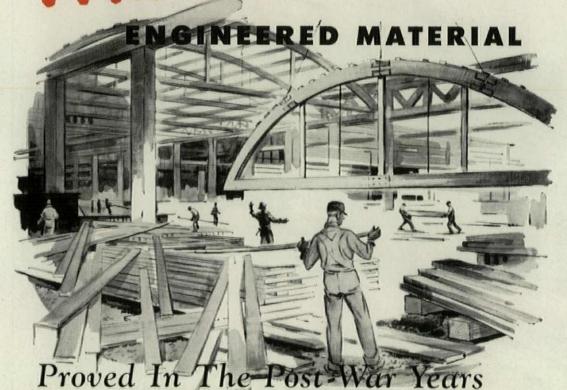


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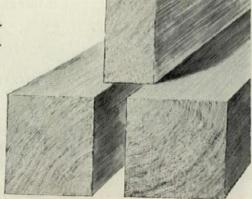
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In case you are interested, it turned ou (after considerable inquiry) to be a con mercial establishment. But the moral of th story is: It's tough for anybody to do busines in a managed economy, but, for the little man it's really tough.

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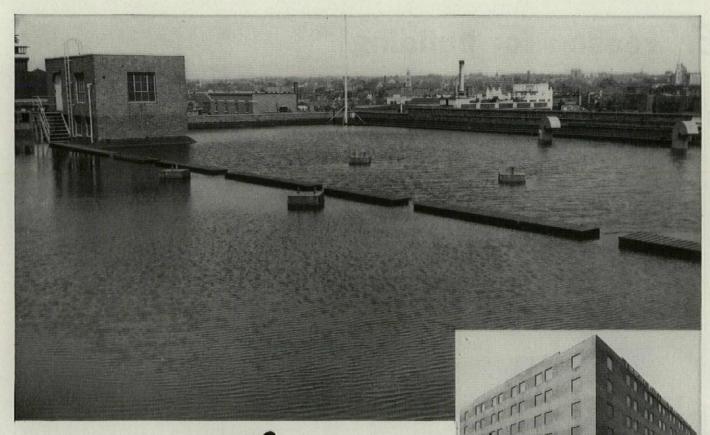
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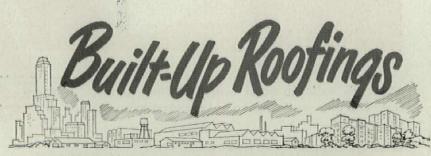
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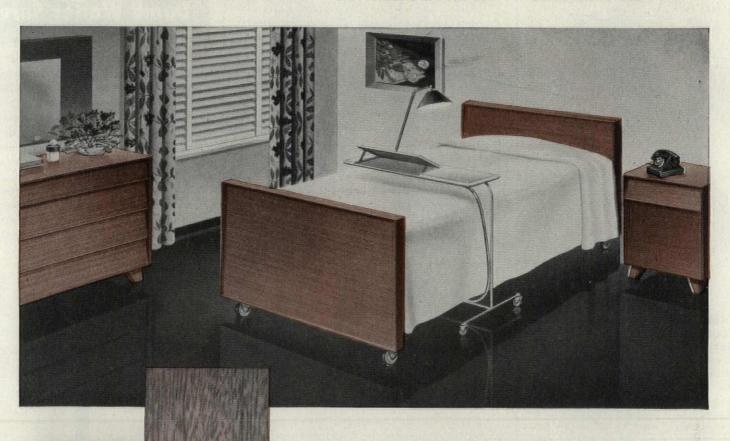
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This same pressure, together with the necessity of answering functionally varied and unusual problems in space, have led the industrial architect and engineer to find new answers not only in volumes and definitions of space, but even in the materials of construction. Thus the skins mentioned above were not adapted from another, but created within this field. The development of these skins would have been impossible in other classifications of buildings subject to certain code limitations.

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• Pioneering by industrial architect-engineers is further documented in the presentation of the recent work of Albert Kahn Inc. elsewhere in this issue.—Ep.

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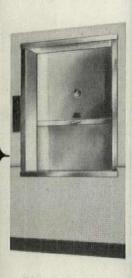
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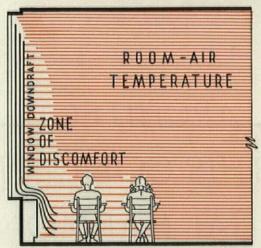


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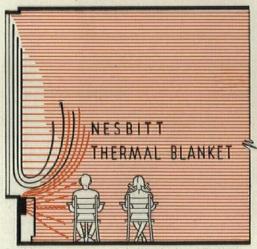


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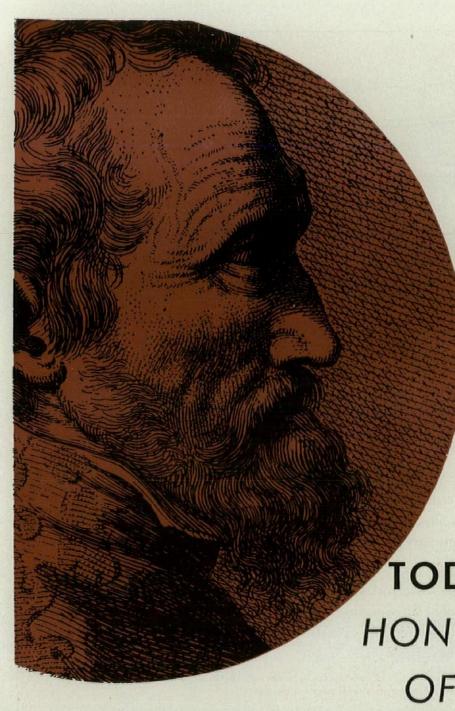
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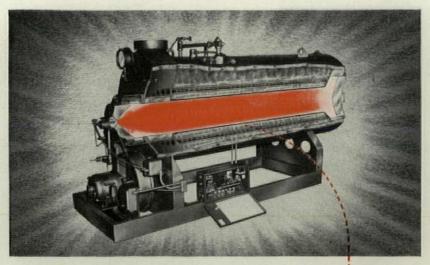
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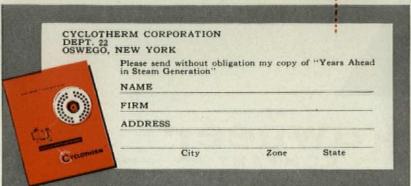
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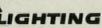
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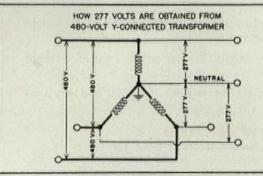


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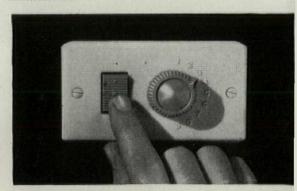
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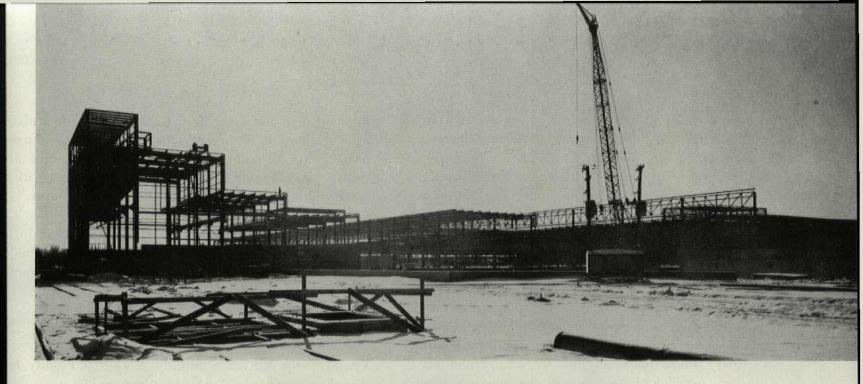


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## **DUAL-PURPOSE PLANTS**

The nation's No. 1 architectural-engineering firm shows how it designs for flexibility: a review of the recent work of Albert Kahn, Associated Architects and Engineers

> "Guns-and-butter" economy means guns-and-butter factories too. But today's defense plant is not, as some believe, a plant where tanks roll down one line and automobiles down the next. On the contrary, it is a plant planned with infinite care for total production of tanks or jet engines or cannon now and for quick conversion to total production of automobiles or refrigerators or tractors later.

The news about the current boom in industrial building is that the bulk of the defense plants now going up all over the U. S. are dual-purpose plants. These plants are not the "five-year" plants of World War II, built overnight to throw planes over some battlefront. Today's defense plants are a substantial addition to the permanent peacetime production facilities of the U. S.

This means that their designers have had to solve the intricate problems of providing the space, the structure and the electrical and mechanical equipment to accommodate two very different process layouts. Thus these new plants represent a new high in built-in flexibility, the kind of flexibility almost every industry needs to keep pace with today's rapid rate of technological advance.

Most of these dual-purpose plants are being built for the automobile industry, to which the U. S. has turned in every rearmament drive since Henry Ford pushed World War I sub-chasers off his assembly line into the Detroit river. And most of them have been designed by the firm which for a half-century has been the automobile industry's architect—the great Detroit office of Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers.

Over the last year and a half the Albert Kahn office has made plans that will add more than 20 million sq. ft. to the nation's industrial space. Almost all of this is privately owned plant.

Buick's new plants show the pattern. Buick is building a vast array of parallel plants on open land adjoining the dense-packed triangle of its Flint works. These new plants will replace some of Buick's present manufacturing facilities, and they include what will eventually be one of the biggest assembly buildings in the industry, a 1,725,000 sq. ft. area. As fast as they are built, Buick will put its new

plants to work on such products as jet engines and torque converters for tank transmission. After the emergency, Buick will be in a flexible position in more ways than one. (See page 94 for the amazing amount of flexibility Buick has built into these plants.) Now operating in space so crowded that peak production means running three shifts in some plants, Buick can adjust use of its combined space to the tempo of the post-emergency market. Moreover, the flexibility of the new buildings means that these can be quickly shifted back again to defense manufacture if this is required. Because the U. S. is beginning to accept the probability that its present "emergency" may last for a generation, the provision for quickly turning from normal to military production at any time is an important one.

Buick's parallel plants are only the most spectacular example of what many manufacturers are doing. Even the huge tank plants are being built with an eye on tomorrow. For example, in the Ford tank plant near Detroit a huge craneway has been specially built to take the load of the giant cranes used to tilt up the heavy turrets and hulls for machining. Columns carrying the crane load are designed for removal if future use requires clear floor space.

Even outside the auto industry, which has always been conspicuous for its willingness to spend money on plant and save money on production, many another owner is beginning to take a wider view of capital cost. And the initial cost of flexibility is not high—if it is calculated against savings in future operating costs. Says Kahn president George Miehls: "The slight additional cost of providing flexibility for periodic plant changeovers will be amortized many times over in the life of the building."

Tank plants today will be tractor plants tomorrow: jet engine plants today will be assembly plants or metal stamping plants when normalcy returns. For such major defense items, the plant required now will differ from a normal peacetime plant in these main ways:

- ▶ Space required for a military product is usually more than the space needed for a peacetime product.
- **Power** required for a military product is usually less than the power needed for a peacetime product.
- Number of workers required per sq. ft. for a military product is usually more than the workers needed for a peacetime product.

While there are plenty of exceptions, these general rules tend to hold because: 1) war products are bigger than their peacetime counterparts (tanks are bigger than tractors, aircraft engines bigger than auto engines); 2) they rely more heavily on subcontracting carried on in existing plants, with new construction used as a final assembly area; 3) they require (at point of assembly) more man power than

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Top Kahn officers are (1. to r.): Executive Vice President Sheldon Marston, Secretary George K. Scrymgeour, President and Treasurer George H. Miehls.

Today's factory is a complex building: Kahn staffers say that if it costs \$12 a sq. ft., \$6 of this is in mechanical services. Not even Henry Ford's great vision foresaw the extent to which the factory would become a production tool. In the old days Ford might say: "Build it big and build it strong. We can always use it." But today's factory is the footprint of a process layout.

Industrial architecture today is thus a far closer partner of engineering than it was in the days when the late great Albert Kahn created the first all-around design team. Nothing would be more satisfying to its founder than to know that this 50-year-old firm has kept its place at the very top of the profession. Before his death, he had set up an organization designed to accomplish just that: he admitted 25 top men to ownership as associates. Since then membership has been opened to many others.

But organization is only part of the story. Trained by Kahn himself to recognize that no specialist, however brilliant, can be of real use unless he can work with other specialists, Kahn men today say: "We're all gears—but we mesh perfectly."

Nor has the firm lost its early emphasis on the architect. Recognizing that the architect's ability to analyze space is the priceless ingredient in any plan, the Kahn firm p an architect in charge of each job.

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machines. Unless the plant designer has mastered the art of accommodating two process layouts, the plant may turn out to be underpowered for peacetime use, but oversupplied with employee facilities.

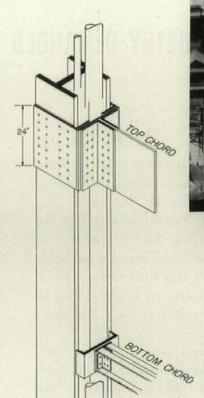
In designing dual-purpose plants, the industrial architect today commands some impressive resources. For many of these, he may properly feel indebted to the pioneer work of the firm Albert Kahn founded in a day when beaux arts architects tossed factory design jobs to the office boy. To the Kahn architects and engineers, the dual-purpose plant presents few challenges which they have not met before—as they marched step by step with such men as Henry Ford, Bill Knudsen, Charlie Sorenson, Walter Chrysler and many others in the most astonishing mechanical conquest ever made by man. For this is the great firm whose design "firsts" are so many as to defy a complete listing: first successful reinforced concrete construction in the U. S., first steel sash, first unit heaters, first movable concrete forms, first "victory" sash, first unit ventilators for "black out" construction, first 300' spans—to name only a few. The spectacular history of this firm is written in billions of dollars worth of industrial plants on five continents. The first bomb intended for Pearl Harbor fell on a Kahn-designed steel truss in an aircraft hangar at Kaneohe, the decisive Battle of Midway was launched from Kahn-designed naval bases, the defense of Stalingrad was made from a Kahn-designed tractor plant, the aircraft engines that helped to save Britain came from Kahn's famous Dodge Chicago, the world's biggest plant, whose incredible 500-acre boundaries cover more ground than Chicago's Loop. (The main 86-acre building is now being converted by Ford to production of airplane engines.)

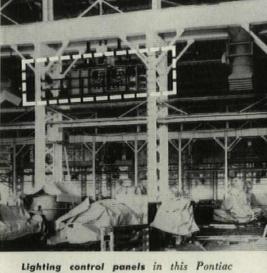
### EVERYTHING OFF THE FLOOR

Today's dual-purpose factory looks very different on the inside from the crowded, noisy factories of prewar days, different even from World War II factories. The sharpest difference the alert visitor might note is that there is practically nothing on the factory floor but the machines. Flexibility for future use means getting everything you can off the floor. While flexibility for future use may require vastly increased electrical equipment, this is not permitted to cut 1" off usable floor space: the huge control panels, for example, have been lifted up on platforms built between steel columns.

All electrical and other service lines will probably be threaded through the trusses in a grid arrangement permitting easy connections from above at any point in the process layout. Conveyors and other fixed handling equipment will be suspended from the overhead trusses rather than fixed on the floor. (Chevrolet, in its big new assembly plant, carried this off-the-floor trend to a logical conclusion by lifting chassis assembly off the floor to work bench height, so workers no longer have to lean over—see photo.)

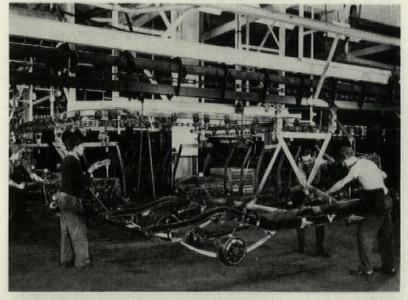
But the biggest move to keep ground floor space completely free for future changes has been in the location of employee facilities. Only a few years ago, these moved off the assembly (Continued on page 92)





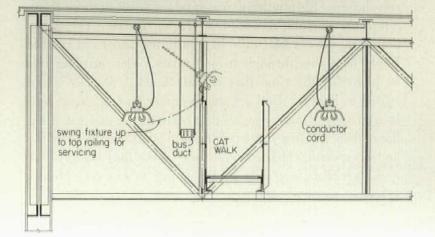
Press Plant are built into platforms between the columns (above). Panels are 9' wide. All branch circuit controls are mounted here; only one wire had to be brought down the column to connect with a floor switch. Note rungs welded between column flanges to provide repair access.

Method of joining trusses to outside of column (instead of to column web) creates vertical channel from floor to roof for the neat accommodation of electrical and plumbing risers.



"Suspended assembly" in huge new Chevrolet assembly plant was inspired by general trend to lift conveyor lines off the floor and hang them at work bench height by monorail from trusses.

Maintenance catwalks were built running the length of the building and parallel to the rows of lighting fixtures in New Departure plant. Owner says these are worth their cost by making it possible to wash lights without paying overtime or interrupting production.



### THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY DEMANDED A FLEXIBLE PLANT

The auto men were naturally always in a hurry. After all, it was the passion for getting places fast that had started them off in the first place. It never occurred to them that any activity known to man couldn't be run through the same time-wringer. Architect Albert Kahn's biggest trade secret may have been that he never told them the difference.

The insight that wrote Henry Ford's name across the world while the Peerless, the Jordan, the Whippet and literally thousands of others hit the junk yard was probably the extent to which Ford grasped this time factor. While his competitors may have been distracted now and then by the cost of things, Ford always seemed to know that hours are more important than dollars.

Ford's willingness to venture vast sums to improve tools, process or plant sometimes unnerved even the Kahn men. "I don't care what it costs," he would say quietly. "The question is—can you do it?"

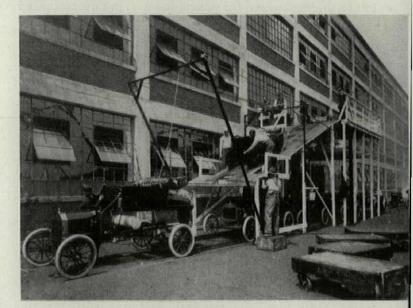
So they opened up the wall in the first Highland Park plant. "Give me enough glass for daylight and sunshine," Ford had said. "Men can't do accurate work in sloppy surroundings." After that, the Kahn architects put acres of glass in Detroit factories, and they devised the first steel sash so they could do it.

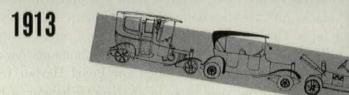
At Highland Park, Ford had all his processes under one roof, a vast improvement over the random cluster of small machine shops that composed the factory of the day. It was in this building that Ford pulled the switch that started the first moving chassis assembly line. That chain-driven conveyor pulled along a number of other things, ranging from an economy of abundance for the whole U. S. to a new kind of factory design.

The Highland Park plant was stacked up on three floors, and Ford soon realized that the elevators used to move parts from floor to floor were empty half the time. "We have to go out to cheap land where we can spread out a line all on one floor," he said. So they moved out to a site along the River Rouge, where the Kahn architects drove steel piles into the marshland to carry an industrial city that took in iron ore at one end and pushed automobiles out the other.

It was 1917, and they built the first Rouge plant to make sub-chasers. Shipbuilding was outdoor work in those days, but Ford thought it would go faster inside. The Kahn architects drew a half-mile-long building and Ford ran the Eagle boat line through it on flatcars. The building was so huge for the time that nobody knew how they could afford to heat it. But a Kahn engineer had an idea: let's spot groups of cast-iron heating sections around the plant floor, then put big propellor fans above them to blow the hot air around. This was the start of the unit heater.

As architect not only to Ford, but to General Motors





Ford bodies are added to chassis on final assembly line outside first Highland Park plant

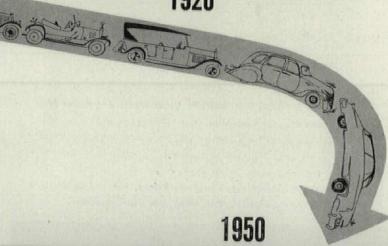
(for whom they have designed over 200 plants), Chrysler, Packard, Hudson, and, at one time or another, practically everybody else who ever built automobiles, the Kahn men were in on the ground floor of a new way of building. It was a way of building which accepted change as the only constant in the manufacturing process.

The auto men wanted a factory they could gut from one end to another whenever they found a better way to make an automobile. And the Kahn men gave it to them, sometimes only three days after they asked for it. (Back in the days when process layout was fitted to the plant building, K. T. Keller once called on Wednesday and asked for a plant a mile long. Kahn gave him the roll of architectural and structural drawings on Friday.)

Little by little, as they moved along with the auto makers, the Kahn architects and engineers designed a plant in which process changes could be made literally overnight. They started with flexible structure: wide spans, steel trusses designed to take a conveyor load at any point, even concrete construction so channeled and cast that almost anything needed tomorrow could be hung from it. They moved on to flexible power and lighting grids, walls that could stand up under as many as six moves. Just a year or so ago they finally licked the problem of flexible foundations: they designed half-mile-long pits in which 440-ton presses could be moved around. (See p. 98).

Because they were primarily architects, the Kahn staff





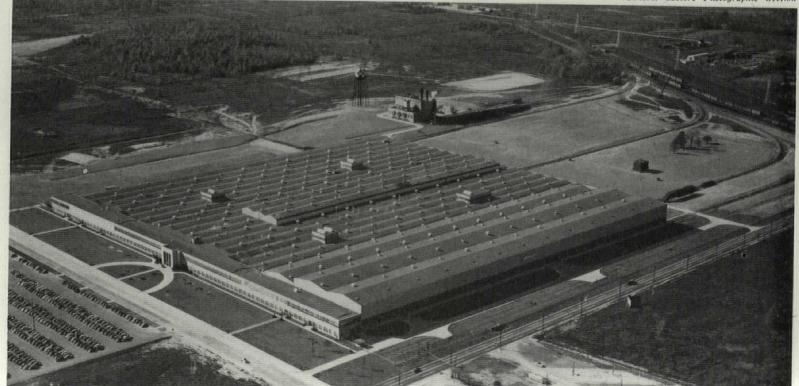
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Final assembly line in Lincoln-Mercury plant, St. Louis

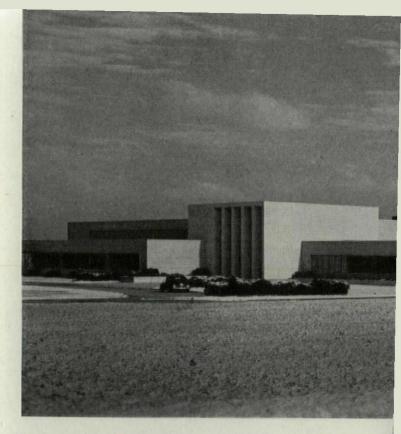
Postwar decentralization: plant for Chevrolet Cleveland Paris Manufacturing Div., General Motors Corp., Parma, Ohio

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bent all these engineering innovations to a single end. They saw their job, not as helping the manufacturer design his process, but as helping him lay out any conceivable variety of processes so that space would work for him instead of against him. While they have refused to add a process engineering or even a factory layout department to the firm, they bring to their many studies and restudies of the manufacturer's own layout a superlative grasp of the modern architect's special insight: an awareness of the extent to which motion can be used to beat the limits of both space and time. Thus, to pick up a very simple example, Kahn architects can propose, without batting an eye, a cafeteria big enough to seat 3,400 assembly workers in a single motion. Why this huge space, lying idle 71/2 hr. a day? The answer: getting 3,400 men back to work at once after 25 min. for lunch is cheap no matter what you build to do it.

Having accomplished something approaching the ultimate in efficient motion inside the plant, the auto makers and their architects only recently began to look outside. With automobiles selling at prices the workers could afford to pay, every big plant began to have traffic and parking problems. They turned increasingly after World War II to one more time-saving motion: they moved their own assembly plants out to the customer-to Georgia, to California, to New York. George Miehls says: "The modern course of industry is turning our cities inside out. The decentralized factory is surrounding itself with houses built along the one-story lines of the plant itself. Nearby is the modern supermarket where production-line selling is on a one-floor basis. The one-story school is there, too, with horizontal communication. All these are offspring of the modern factory."



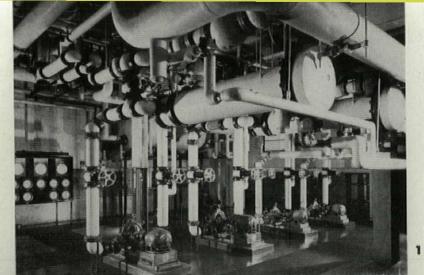
Postwar decentralization: assembly plant for Lincoln-Mercury Division, Ford Motor Co., St. Louis. White stone main entrance, 1½ stories high, is flanked by onestory brick walls of the office building.

Plant for New Departure Division, General Motors Con Sandusky, Ohio shows maximum use of glass in forge sh

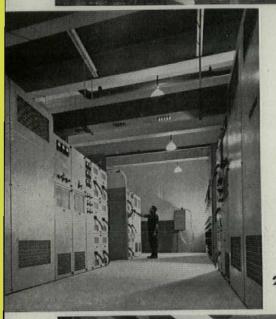
Assembly plant for Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corp., at Van Nuys (Los Angeles), Calif. Note that climate permitted a considerable amount of open equipment on the roof. Vertical fixed louvers of lightweight concrete overlapping slabs screen windows on the west side of the building. Parkinson, Powelson, Briney, Bernard & Woodford were architects. The Kahn firm was consultant.



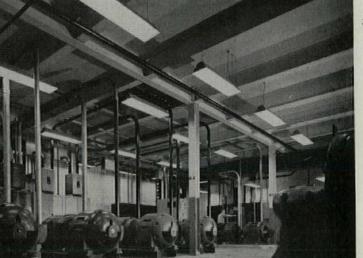




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Typical of the Kahn care in composition of mechanical equipment are these four well-lit interiors. The equipment has been made part of the architecture, and has enriched it: 1) machine room in office building; 2) metal clad switchgear in transformer room; 3) basement machine room, showing electrical equipment; 4) garage in office building. Structural system is steel bents.





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floor itself, leaving space uncluttered for future shifts in machine location. The trend then was to put them in the basement, wher tunnel entrances required only a short climb to the operating floor. The basement location also made it easy to provide a mul titude of entries and exits, permitting several thousand men to make an almost instant change of shifts. Despite these advan tages, today Kahn architects are likely to locate the cafeteria locker rooms, "swing" rooms, etc. on a mezzanine hung above the assembly floor. This means that the process engineers will b free to locate machine trenches and pits below the ground floo as future changeovers may require them. It also turns out t have some other dividends: the problem of oil drip from machin ing operations required expensive copper plate protection whe employee facilities were located below the production floor; the can now be cut from plant cost. Moving all nonproduction facil ties off the main floor also eases housekeeping burdens; there as few corners and angles left to catch the dirt.

A careful observer would notice that the production floor has grown vertically as well as horizontally. Machines, which starte to grow bigger as they became automatic, are growing still. The growth of machines, plus the area above them needed for the increased use of automatic handling equipment, means that true height has inched up from an average 14' to 18' or mo. This 4' growth in structure has combined with other reasons call for higher lighting intensities and it has also persuaded sor plant owners to put in moving stairs to carry employees mezzanine facilities (see page 94).

### THE FACTORY IS A BETTER NEIGHBOR

If the enormous room of today's Kahn factory is quiet, w lighted, free from fumes and grinding dust, painted in the shad blues and greens of the natural horizon, outside it shows so striking changes, too. In the first place, it will be located aw from the dense-packed industrial district. This means that designers will have been obliged to start from, say, a mead with maybe one telephone wire running through it, and may the most complete and basic plans for equipping this new industrial settlement with power, waste disposal and sewage facties. But this also means that the factory owner will be my more sensitive about whether his new building will be a blift on the landscape (why worry when you are making just of more addition to a hopeless industrial slum?) or whether it we speak in a positive way to his employees, his customers and community which will set his tax rates.

Architects interested in the esthetic contribution of the fory may greet the owner's new sensitivity with mixed feeling. Today's owner wants his factory to look good, and this urge representation become demoralizing if he expects it to go to work for him like page of display advertising.

On the other hand, today's factory exterior may express i very positive way the owner's growing and broad concern for welfare of his employees, and this concern can be said to fully and gracefully expressed in the Kahn work. There is, example, a noticeable tendency to bring the employee's cafet to the front of the building where it can have plenty of sunstand view (the view is good out in the country). Thus this reenclosed in a glass wall frequently becomes, as it does in Clark Equipment Co. plant (see photo), a new and effective eler of the facade. The concern for how employees may feel al their work is also expressed, where the manufacturing plar small-scale, in what might almost be called a domestic treatm. In the small Kahn plants, there is a noticeably increased us

glass sash and face brick, of home-size entries, of flower boxes. In the vast new industrial locations, there is a new requirement, which may eventually provoke more far-reaching esthetic solutions. This is the need to relate the various buildings of a spread-out plant. Right now this is, of course, being handled on a purely functional basis. The manufacturing building or buildings are so located on the site and so provided with truck and rail docks that future expansion will be easy. The hive of accessory buildings-powerhouse, truck farm, warehouse, etc.will be spread out so they will not be in the path of future additions to manufacturing area. In the splitting off of these accessory buildings, the boilerhouse-key to the whole possibility of future expansion-was the first to be moved away from the manufacturing plant. Today's boilerhouse is a very big building indeed: it is big enough, not only to house the much bigger boilers needed to provide the increased heat supplied to today's well ventilated factories (see page 96), but also to provide room for the air compressors and air conditioning equipment now considered increasingly important for efficiency of both personnel and process. The boilerhouse must also have expansion room, for the whole expandability of the plant may depend on whether there

### A NEW APPROACH TO WASTE DISPOSAL

One of the biggest ways that today's factory has become a better neighbor is not visible to the observer. This, too, can be chalked up to the move away from already built-up industrial areas. When the factories moved out to the country, objectionable wastes could no longer be buried in existing municipal sewage disposal systems with any corrosive result paid for by the taxpayers. State and federal laws have also been passed prohibiting stream pollution;

### PLANNING FOR EXPANSION

is a place to put additional boilers.

Appliance Park, the great building group outside Louisville where General Electric Corp. will centralize all its major home appliance manufacture, is carefully planned for future expansion. The present plan calls for five manufacturing buildings. Two of these are now under construction; the remainder will follow later. These manufacturing buildings, each averaging about 500,000 sq. ft., are spaced about 300' apart. Courts between buildings can be completely filled in for future expansion. Eventual expanded plant might be 1 mi. across the front, 1,480' deep. Overhead bridge supports, carrying service lines from the powerhouse to all buildings, have been carefully located so as not to be in the path of this future expansion. Three walls of each building are designed for easy expandability: girts, siding and sash, even stone sills, can be easily removed and relocated. The powerhouse will have three boilers to start with, but space is provided for the addition of three more later. The road system and parking are so designed that additions can easily be made.

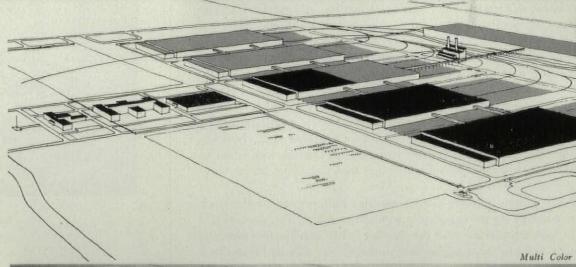
As presently planned, the building group at the front of the site includes 1) administrative offices; 2) laboratory and research facilities; 3) personnel building. In addition, each manufacturing building will have a two-story office section in front for operating personnel. Plant buildings were standardized for maximum economy: for example, stairs, fan rooms, wall specifications are identical.

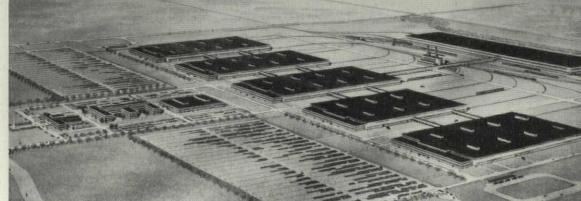


Al Salter

A long, windowed cafeteria wall is the facade which this machine shop and office building presents the community of Jackson, Mich. Designed by Kahn for the Clark Equipment Co., it symbolizes two newly stressed industrial aims: respect for the community and for employee relations. Below is spacious employee locker room in Chevrolet assembly plant in Van Nuys, Calif.

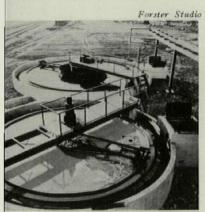






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thus comprehensive waste disposal systems, planned as the building itself is planned, have become imperative. Such systems mean special drain lines for harmful wastes (waste drainage used to be



connected with whatever pipe was available — sanitary line, storm sewer, etc.) and special treatment of wastes, usually in a separate disposal plant.

Kahn engineers designed what was probably the first comprehensive waste disposal system for a plant built for the New Departure Division of General Motors Corp. at Sandusky, Ohio. This was also the first fully integrated ball bearing plant ever built. Here Kahn

engineers had to deal with a variety of wastes—alkali rinse waste from the cleaning machines, spent pickle liquor, wastes from chrome plating and Parkerizing processes. They decided to install two main collection systems: 1) overhead piping threaded through the trusses to carry off weaker alkali wastes; 2) below floor piping through which acid wastes would flow by gravity. They built a chemical treatment plant flexible enough to dispose of this variety of wastes.

### SOME STILL LIKE MONITORS

A surprising number of today's dual-purpose plants are of monitor construction, and concern for the psychological well-being of employees is probably the biggest reason why many owners still insist on it. Artificial lighting and mechanical systems of ventilation have been so perfected, Kahn engineers say, that it is pretty hard to justify monitor construction on a cost basis alone, especially when winter heat loss is figured as a continuing part of this cost. But some owners go to great lengths to avoid anything smacking of worker regimentation and always specify monitors. Although they may spend thousands to provide an adequate year-round system of mechanical ventilation, they always add monitors with motor-driven movable sash. Nothing, they say, makes a worker feel more in control of his own situation than to walk over, push a button and then feel a cool breeze blowing right down on his own machine.

Most auto industry owners are also unimpressed by the stock arguments for the completely windowless plant. The workers like to look out and see what the weather is like outside, they say, and they point to the wrenches that workers every now and then threw through the blacked-out windows of World War II plants as evidence in point.

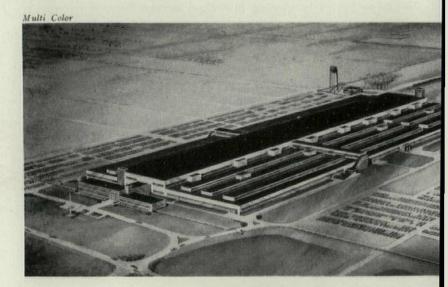
The U. S. is now swinging into a new phase in building for defense. This article focuses on plants planned last year and now under construction for the automotive industry. Now government-owned plants, most of them for aircraft production, are coming on the drawing boards. The next issue of Architectural Forum will report Kahn work for the aircraft industry, with some revealing data on how new aircraft plants differ from the dual-purpose plants shown here. The work of this famous architectural engineering firm is not, of course, limited to the automotive and aircraft industries. Its total list of clients reads like a bluebook of U. S. industry, and its practice includes office buildings, hospitals, schools.

## BUICK BUILDS FOUR FLEXIBLE PLANTS,

Buick's new parallel plants show how far today's owners are willing to go in paying for an electrical layout flexible enough to provide for future changes in power, light and signal loads. Buick knows this flexibility will be worth much more than its cost, not only when these plants are converted from, say, jet engine to peace time manufacture, but also in meeting the normal and highly competitive demands of auto production. Auto manufacturers cannot afford shutdowns; if it takes too long to make the annual model characteristic of the industry, sales may go to somebody else.

Kahn electrical engineers have given Buick a standard power distribution system, providing full capacity of 440 volts all over the manufacturing floor. A bus duct and cable feeder grid makes instant plug-ins possible at any point. This means that any department in the process layout can be moved without making any changes in power wiring and with only the simplest of floor connections.

Buick is also putting in a continuous grid of trolley duct as a part of the steel structure. Kahn engineers have used the trolley duct as a continuous raceway, providing uniform lighting capacity all over the factory floor. This means that lighting fixtures can be clipped on to provide any needed lighting intensity, right up to a maximum potential of end-to-end fixtures. The 2" wide trolley duct grid is supported by angles spanning from truss to truss (which means using about 1 lb. more steel per sq. ft.). With this



Two-story plant, 1,725,000 sq. ft., will be used to produce jet engines first, later will become Buick assembly building. Buick had to run three shifts in present assembly building to maintain peak production.

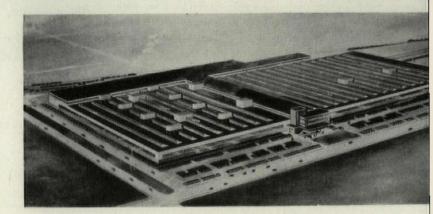
Another jet engine plant will amount to 580,000 sq. ft., later be used for auto engines. This building is one-story and mezzanine. Because this plant is planned for big machines, height to the truss on the first floor is 16', while height to mezzanine is 24'. Buick believes this is too high to ask workers to climb and has installed moving stairways to carry 2,500 workers quickly up to mezzanine cafeteria and locker rooms.

### spreading out from its present crowded site

built-in duct system, it is almost as easy to provide the extra light which a departmental shift may suddenly require as it is to change a burned-out bulb. While the system requires a substantial initial investment in feeder, lighting panel and transformer capacity, Buick has standardized it for all these new buildings. This installation turned out to have an unexpected dividend: the supporting angles form a continuous scaffolding, available for maintenance use.

Trusses in all the plants are designed for free-loading. This means that a pair of channels is used as the bottom chord of the truss, acting as a beam between the panel points. This, of course, requires slightly more steel than the conventional truss which can be loaded only at the panel points. But Kahn engineers point out that when extra loading capacity is designed in the truss at the start it is cheap steel. If extra monorails have to be added later to take a new conveyor load, the reinforcing may cost many times more per ton. This is because handling is a bigger factor than material in structural steel cost. And even at a higher price, it may be impossible to get loading capacity where you need it.

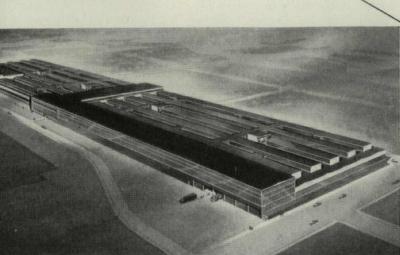
The steel work in these plants will be held together by hightensile bolting, a method adopted from heavy bridgework. (A technical report on this new method will appear in the March issue —ED.) High-tensile bolting is faster and cheaper than welding, noiseless, and fills the gap left by a rapidly vanishing segment of our labor force: the riveter and his bucker-up. One-story plant amounting to 850,000 sq. ft. will be used first for torque converters for tanks, later will be shifted to auto transmission manufacture.



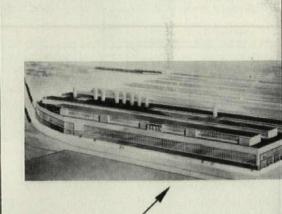


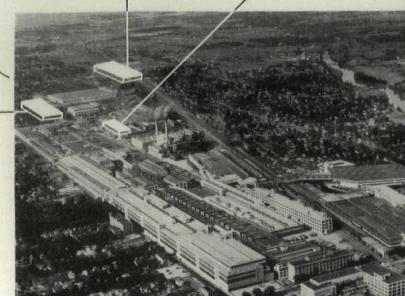
New castings cleaning building will add 170,000 sq. ft. of floor space to Buick's existing foundry. Building has basement locker and shower rooms for foundry workers and is equipped with 30,000 sa. ft. of dockage.





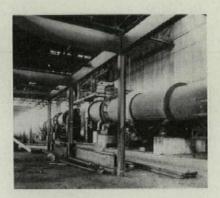
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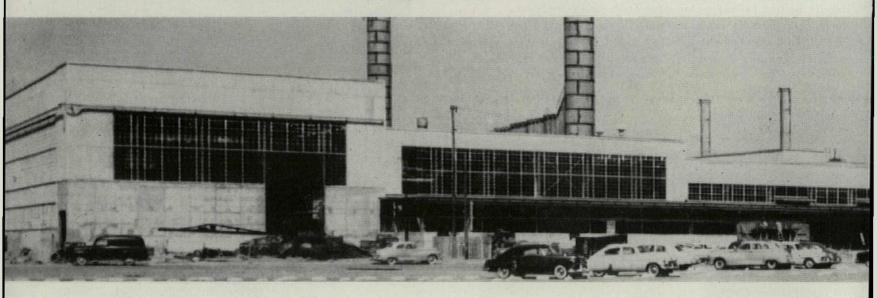


This straight-line foundry for Ford and V-8 Mercury engines composes a vast materials handling problem. Sand (to form the molds) goes in one end; hot metal meets it halfway down the line. Photo above is 20' high pile of sand, brought in by rail and dropped in conveyors. In photo at right the sand is being dried.



After being run through driers and cleaning screens, sand is moved to temporary storage bins. Then it is moved by crane to the hoppers in the molding area, the second big section of the building. This same crane also serves the core room, where ovens for baking cores are located. After the cores are completed, they are conveyed to the casting section. Meanwhile, in the melting area on the other side of the casting section, the metal is being made ready to pour.

## FIRST SMOKELESS FOUNDRY sums up progress in factory ventilation



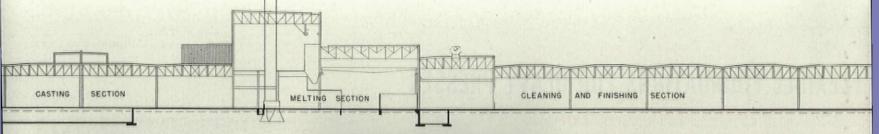
Probably the first foundry ever built free of smoke, dust and fumes, this 1,395,940 sq. ft. structure is for the Ford Motor Co. It is on a site about 10 mi. out of Cleveland, where an equally huge engine assembly building connects with it. These buildings mark the first Ford casting and engine making outside the Rouge.

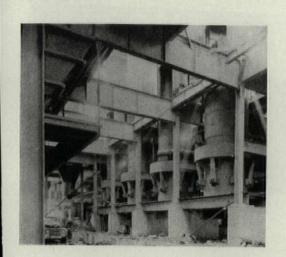
In the search for operating flexibility, air supply ducts have been moving steadily upward in the factory building. In the foundry they designed for Studebaker in 1920, Kahn engineers put the ducts under the floor; in this new Ford foundry the ducts are on top of the roof. In fact, these huge ducts have become an integral part of the roof: they are built of sheet metal on three sides only, the roof makes the fourth side. While the huge size of the ducts called for the roof installation in this case, such a design might also be useful in smaller systems where it is necessary to leave truss height free.

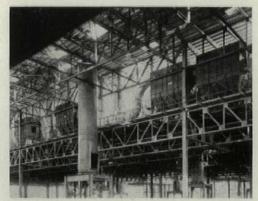
The huge fan units (300,000 & 250,000 cfm units) pull fresh, filtered air into this vast interior at about 3 million cfm. Air is exhausted at the point where contamination originates so that there

is no chance for the sand, dust, fumes, etc. it carries away to get back to breathing level. This means collecting the vitiated air directly at the machine.

Well ventilated interiors have been the biggest single advance made in factory planning over recent years, Kahn engineers say. "Modern processes require careful air exhaust. This air must be replaced, sometimes in enormous quantities." Replacing air in the quantities needed has meant bigger heater bills and bigger boilerhouses. One small heating tip from Kahn engineers: don't operate the heat curtain (intended to keep out cold air when a big factory door is opened) entirely by thermostat. To turn on the heat curtain, make use of a switch that the door will throw as it moves open; otherwise, minutes may be lost before the thermostat reacts to a temperature change. But let the thermostat turn the heat curtain off; in a plant where air supply balances air exhaust there will be no great whoosh of in-rushing air whenever a door is opened and temperature around the door area may be equalized even before the door it shut.

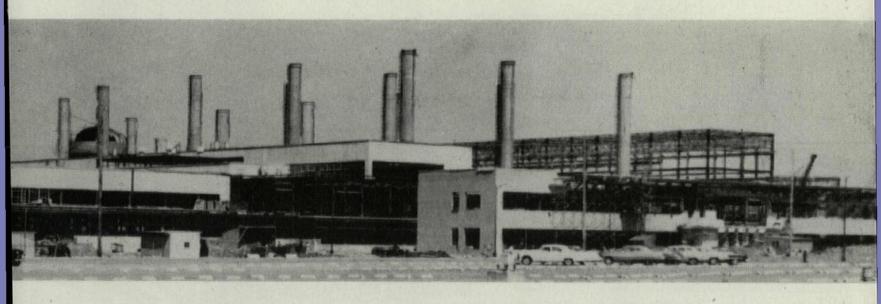






Metal is melted in big furnaces called cupolas (photo left). Scrap iron and scrap steel are brought in by overhead conveyors to the weigh platform (photo above) then dumped by skiphoists into cupola along with coke and limestone.

After the pour, the completed engine blocks, with molds still attached, move to the shake-out building (it stands to one side, the only bend in the straight production line). In the shake-out building the cores are removed from the blocks, which then are ready for the cleaning area and finish area.



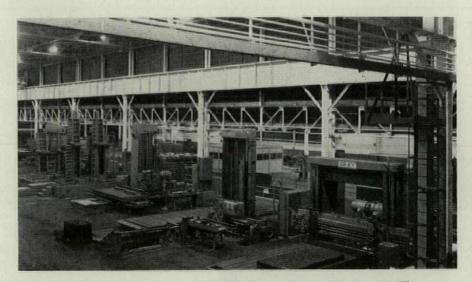
Foundry sends its product to the nearby engine assembly plant by truck. Together they form one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken in the Cleveland area, using a 209-acre site. Engine plant sits at north end of site. Together, the two buildings will add approximately 2,420,000 sq. ft. to Ford's engine manufacturing and foundry facilities. Employment will reach 16,000. Construction cost is over \$85,000,000.

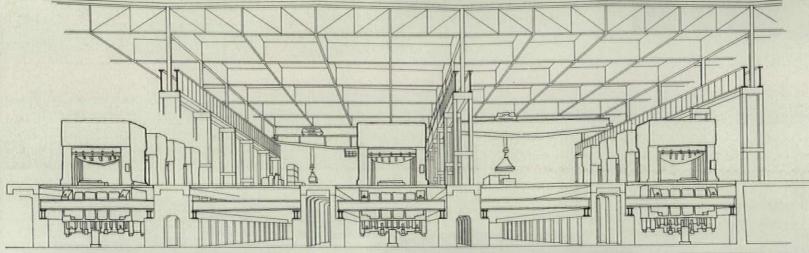


## FLEXIBLE FOUNDATIONS FOR HEAVY PRESSES

In this new plant for the Chrysler Corp. at Detroit, Chrysler engineers working with the Kahn firm designed the first flexible foundations to permit moving of the giant metal-forming presses. Before the development of this continuous press pit, each machine was set on a permanent foundation (sometimes 20' deep) and had to be individually torn out and relocated if any change was made in the production line.

In this new kind of press plant, the presses are set above an open basement and designed so that most of their moving parts are below the first floor level. This means that the operator can fabricate steel above while repairmen work on operating parts below floor level. But the big bonus of the plan is that presses are lined up in continuous trenches and are so supported that they can be moved merely by remov-





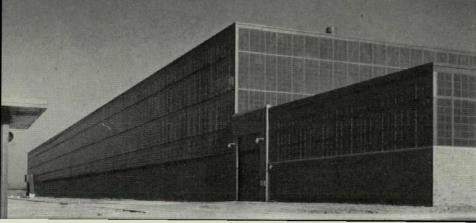
ing some of the surrounding oak flooring. A 50-ton overhead crane moves the press from its original anchorage to the new location.

Here's how the supporting steelwork is designed:

Concrete piers 40' on center one way and 13' 4" the other support the 176' continuous lower tier girders. Pairs of these girders, 30' apart, form 12 separate aisles with a 10' wide floor strip between each one. In each press aisle, upper tier girders rest on the lower tier girder. The press rests on the upper girder, which has top and bottom cover plates slotted so that press anchor bolts and presses can be moved to any desired position laterally. The upper girder can be moved lengthwise to any desired position in the press aisle.



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First floor press aisle (photo top) shows how continuous press pit is covered over with easily removable oak flooring. Drawing shows how presses are designed with all moving parts below the first floor level and how concrete piers support the upper and lower tiers of steel press girder. Bottom photo shows supporting structure from the basement level.

Exterior walls are steel sash glazed with heat resisting glass on three sides. Brick curtain wall below sash is 8'9" high on three sides and 13' high on the south side.

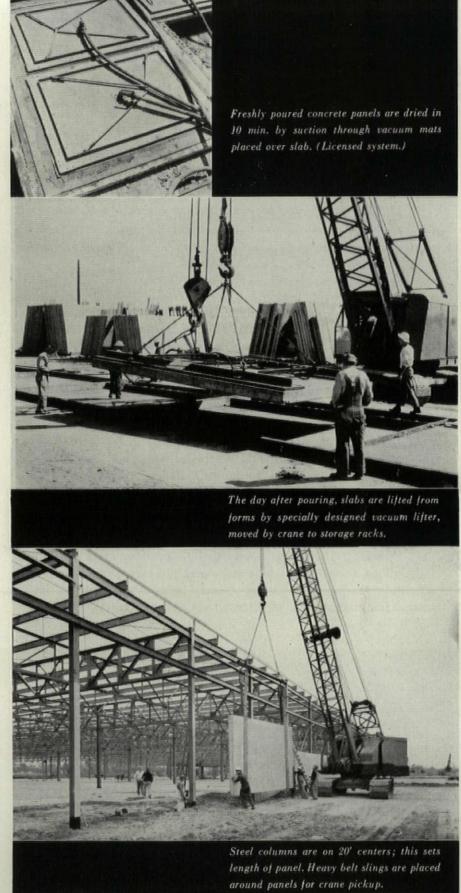
## FAST NEW CURTAIN WALL

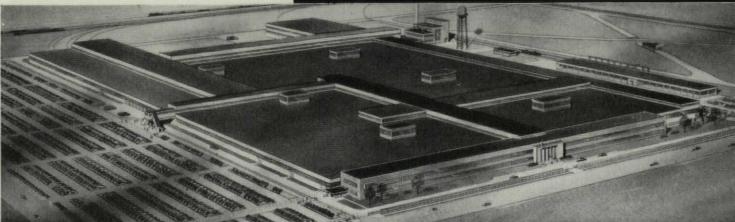
Fast new curtain wall construction is cutting months off the building time in this 1½ million sq. ft. tank plant being built for the Ford Motor Co. at Livonia, Mich. Precast reinforced concrete panels make the curtain wall, and a new licensed vacuum drying system makes it go up fast. Shortage of bricklayers puts this fast way to use concrete in the spotlight.

Kahn staffers are enthusiastic about the way the system has worked out. This Ford plant is the first place they have tried it, but they expect to use it a lot more from now on. All the panels needed to enclose this vast area were cast in four weeks, and this includes all the special panels which required steel door frames, louver frames, etc. cast integrally. Casting operations went ahead while the job was waiting for delivery of structural steel. Panels then went into storage and, when steel work got underway, enclosure followed rapidly on the heels of the structural steel workers. From 10 to 12 of the panels were set in place in one day. This means that each 20' long panel can be placed in less than one hour, using a crew of six men including the crane operator. This beats, in both time and labor cost, any comparable masonry wall.

Fast casting was possible because a specially licensed vacuum system was used to draw all excess water from the concrete immediately after pouring. Concrete was poured in forms on a mass production line. Then specially designed mats were placed over the slab to draw out water by suction. These mats draw off enough water in 10 or 15 min. so that the slab can be finished as soon as they are removed. The finished top side of the panel becomes the outside of the curtain wall; since the panel has been poured on an oiltreated slab, the bottom side requires no finishing. By the next morning the panels are ready for stacking. Specially designed vacuum lifters pull them from forms; a crane moves them to storage racks.

Kahn structural engineers designed a wall section which allows a 2" leeway between the steel column flange and the inside of the precast panel. The concrete panel (by means of cast-in inserts) is bolted to clip angles, and the clip angles are welded solidly to each side of a steel column. After welding, the bolt is given a half-turn backoff to permit independent movement of the steel frame and the concrete panel. Plastic rope, properly framed and compressed, is used between panels for a weatherproof joint. Kahn engineers report design strength of the panels as 2,750 lbs. per. sq. in. in 28 days.





## PARISH CHURCH

Its checkered wall adds a note of joy to a craftsmanlike, economical structure

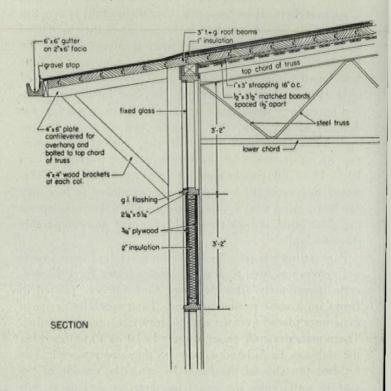
Too few modern churches reflect the fact that joy is as much an element of religious experience as reverence. St. Anthony's parish church in West Vancouver, B. C. is a charming exception. Its gay checkerboard screen wall and crisp entrance canopy extend a cheerful invitation to worship and the exuberant spirit of its builders sparkles in every line.

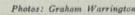
"This project was a pleasure and thrill throughout," says Architect Peter Thornton. "Father Leo Hobson readily accepted our ideas and helped with construction chores every day. The contractor, a member of the congregation, carried out the feeling as well as the detail of the design. And work parties of men, women and children were constantly on the job."

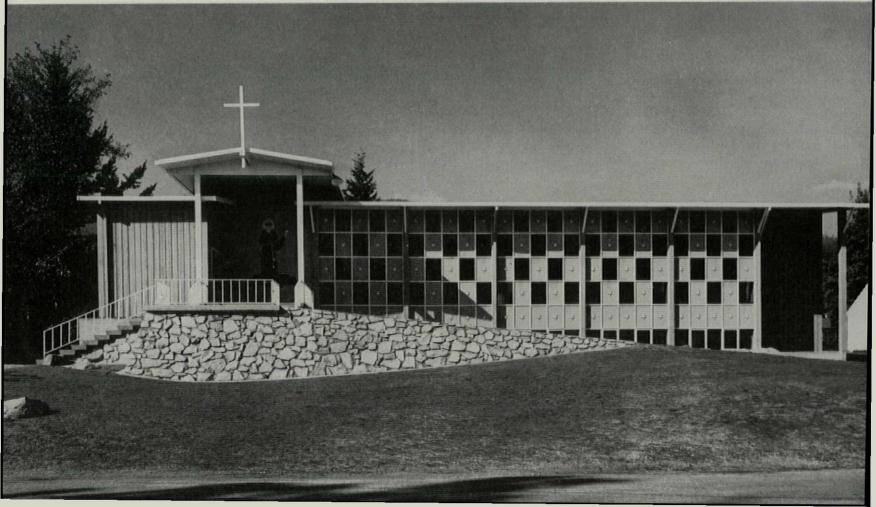
Costs were held down not only by this willing volunteer labor but by a compact plan and a simple structural system which translates the fine carpentry tradition of the Northwest into direct modern terms. With full parish house facilities and landscaping, this 300seat church cost only \$73,000 or \$9.36 per sq. ft.—well below the U. S. average for Catholic churches of comparable size.

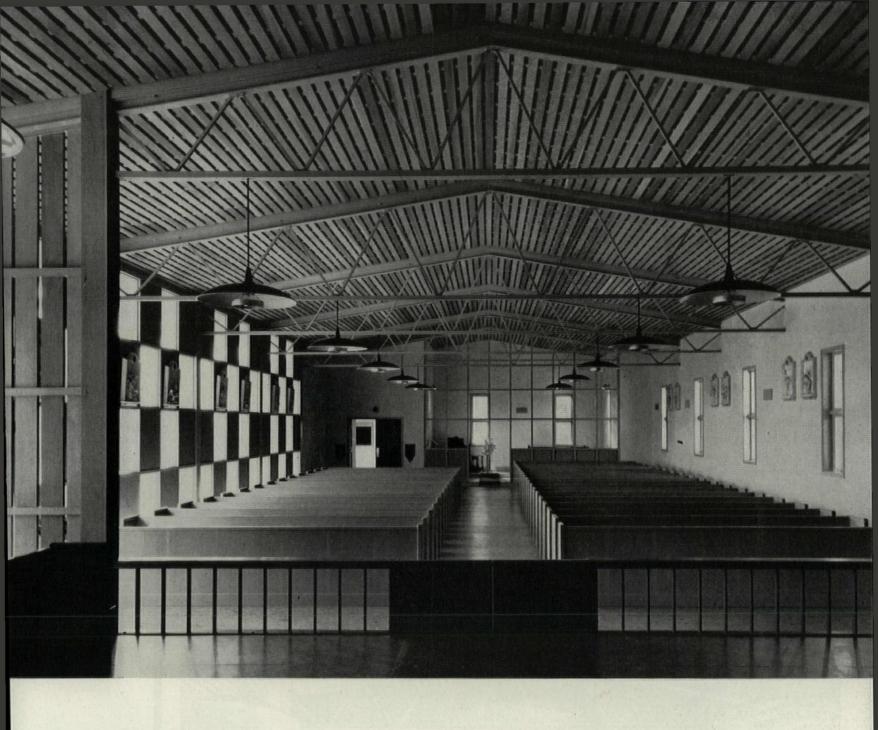
Structure throughout most of the building is frankly exposed, with natural finishes predominating. This not only cut costs, but achieved a simple, unpretentious dignity. Welded steel trusses, painted a soft green, span the nave and carry the roof load to 6" x 8" fir posts spaced 12' on centers. The nave's checkered south wall is merely a curtain of alternating panels of pale amethyst glass and painted plywood framed by clearly articulated structural posts. (Despite the colored glass, shading devices may have to be used to offset the

LOCATION: West Vancouver, B.C.
GARDINER & THORNTON, Architects
HANSSEN CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., General Contractor



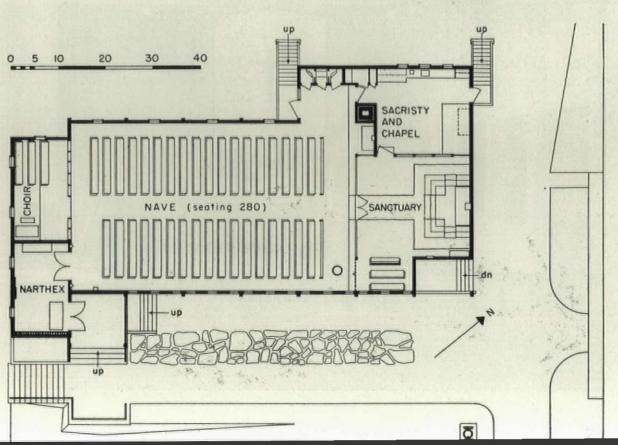






View from sanctuary shows dominant theme of light, rhythmic exposed structure. Ceiling of cedar boards spaced 1½" apart not only reduces sound reflection but will also hide normal spreading of joints in T&G plank ceiling above. Without shading, brightness contrast of checkered wall is distracting.

To save cubage, sacristy was designed to erve also as a chapel and a crying oom for larger masses; parish house acilities are in basement, get light and ir from high strip windows.





brightness contrast between solid and glass panels.) The theme of light, rhythmic structure is also carried out in the acoustically effective ceiling of spaced cedar boards, in the simple choir screen and in the natural cedar finishes of the sanctuary. But in the rough-plastered north wall, the architects weakened the theme by punching through a series of conventional windows.

The exterior is also a direct expression of structure, relieved by pleasant contrasts of color and texture. The checkerboard pattern of the nave wall is accented by painting the dividers white and the solid panels cobalt blue. (In an excessive burst of enthusiasm, the architects also studded the panels with gold stars.) The cleanly detailed entrance canopy sets this gay wall off from the rest of the structure, which is faced with rough-sawed board-and-batten siding stained a soft brown. A rugged retaining wall of native stone buttresses the building against the slope; a handsome feature, it provides a comfortable ramped approach for older people.

South facade overlooks the street and a harbor view beyond. Bell from old church is mounted on stone pedestal in foreground.

Sanctuary is a simple contemporary expression of old traditions. Walnut altar is topped by a baldachino of cedar squares.

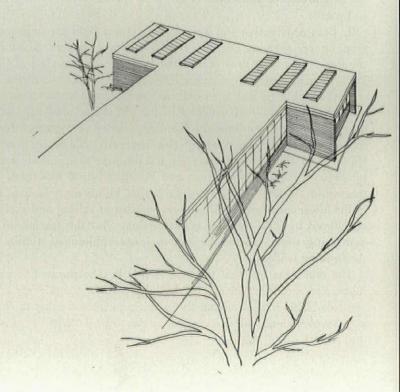


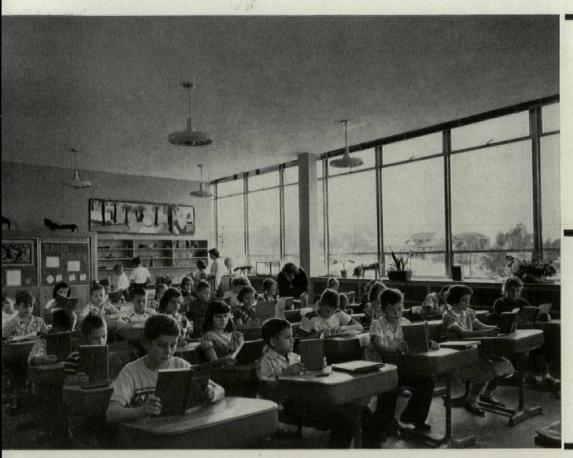


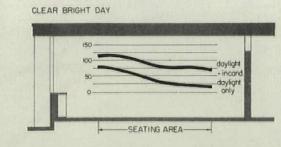
## EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL tests top-lighted classrooms

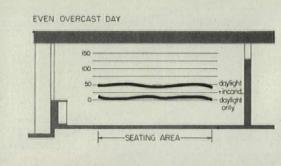
One of the late Matthew Nowicki's many brilliant design legacies was an idea for a school lighted chiefly through the roof first proposed in his "Forum School for 1950" (Oct. issue '49). As a tribute to Nowicki, his good friend and former associate, veteran Raleigh, N. C. architect William Deitrick has now put the idea to practical test in that city's new Sherwood-Bates elementary school.

Deitrick's original plan for this 400-pupil school called for overhead lighting throughout with only narrow strip openings around the perimeter for vision and ventilation. But because the School Board favored a cautious experimental approach, he confined toplighting to two secondary classrooms and substituted continuous sillto-ceiling windows for the vision strip (sketch, right). Other rooms in the secondary wing are conventional, but primary rooms are Lshaped. This combination of different room treatments has enabled LOCATION: Raleigh, N. C. WM. HENLEY DEITRICK INC., Architects F. Eugene Jones, Architectural Designer H. W. Moser, Mechanical Designer M. E. Ray, Structural Engineer GRANNIS & SLOAN INC. and C. V. YORK, General Contractors









On bright day intensity of light in conventional classroom drops off sharply near corridor wall. On overcast day, natural light is inadequate, must be supplemented by full use of incandescent fixtures.

the architects, teachers and Board members to make a comparative study which will guide the design of future Raleigh schools.

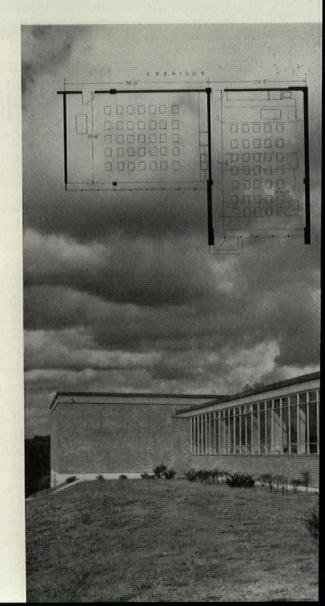
Architect Deitricks' experimental classrooms are lighted from above by a combination of strip skylights and recessed fluorescent egg-crate fixtures (details, opposite). This system has two clear advantages over the conventional lighting used in the rest of the school (photo, above):

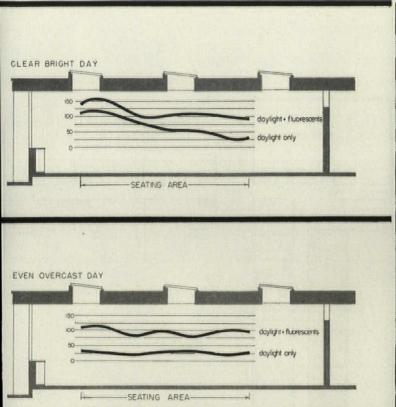
1. Since windows are needed for view only, classrooms can be turned so that the short ends instead of the usual long sides are exposed, saving 12' of corridor length per room (plan, right). Used throughout, this layout would have shortened periphery, reduced the length of pipe runs and cut down on corridor travel for teachers and pupils.

2. Both distribution and intensity of natural light are improved—even on an overcast day the skylights alone provide 28-30 footcandles' intensity at desk level (charts, above). And electric lights are seldom needed.

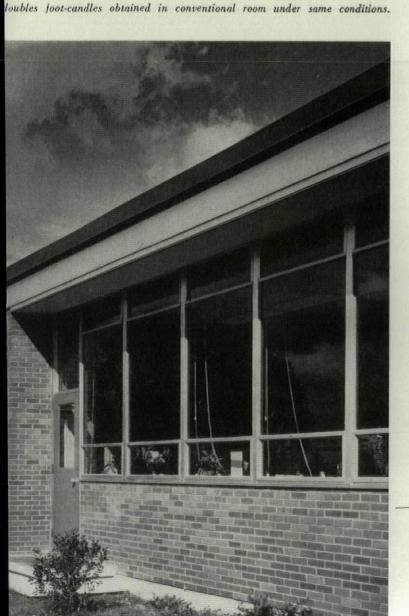
If the architects had been able to use their proposed vision strip instead of conventional windows in the test classrooms, they would have obtained an additional advantage—better sun control for an east-west exposure imposed by site contours. Since no practical width of overhang would have shaded the present windows, a combination of glare-resistant glass and Venetian blinds was used. The teacher in the west-facing room finds that blinds must be kept shut in the afternoon, that the brightness contrast of ceiling and skylights unrelieved by side lighting is distracting. But the teacher in the east-facing room (where the sun is less troublesome) thinks that the lighting is ideal.

The architects feel that the next step is to incorporate fluorescent tubes and movable louvers in skylights with automatic electronic controls. This will eliminate sharp shifts in intensity due to changing sky conditions, will also permit rooms to be darkened for movies and slides.

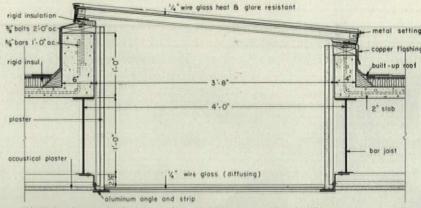




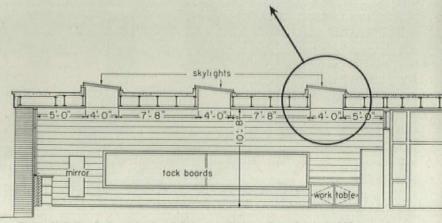
On bright day, skylights improve distribution, provide high intensity at desk level (above and right). With an overcast sky intensity of daylight is adequate, distribution is good and combination of both skylights and fluorescents







Skylights have wired glare resistant glass on top, ribbed diffusing glass at ceiling level. To deaden sound of rain and hail, skylight rests on gasket of insulation, is lined with acoustical plaster. Cost per classroom: \$700.



Strip skylights fit between bar joists, are cheaper than plastic bubble type proposed by Novicki. With these conventional windows instead of planned vision strip, architects think two skylights per room would suffice.

## L-Shaped rooms provide bright work alcoves for primary grade projects

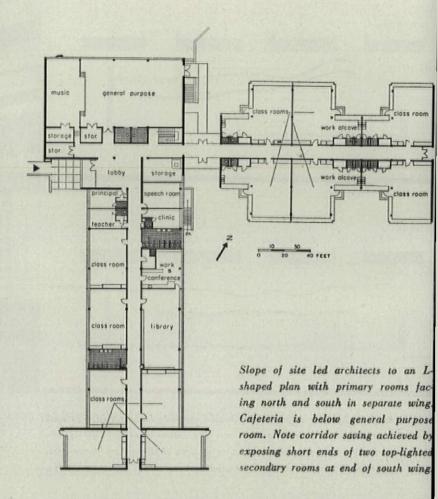
To create the secure, home-like environment needed by younger pupils, architect Deitrick put them in a cleanly segregated wing of L-shaped rooms. The children enter through a glass-walled passage (plan right) which brightens the approach from the main lobby.

Each room is a self-contained unit with its own work alcove, sinks, storage space and toilets. Each has an individual color scheme of soft blue, green, pink or yellow walls with brighter accents provided by the Venetian blinds. Storage units and doors are natural finish birch.

Continuous windows create a sense of spaciousness and direct contact with the outdoors, but also complicate sun and glare control. On the north side, teachers leave the blinds part way down to cut sky glare, generally turn on several lights near the interior wall to compensate for this shading. On the south, sun is controlled by a combination of glare-resistant glass and blinds—teachers leave blinds in the down position with louvers nearly horizontal. Through ventilation is provided by movable sash at top and bottom of windows and by high strip windows along the corridor wall.

Teachers particularly like the light, cheerful quality of the rooms, the flexible seating arrangements made possible by the extra work alcove space, and the radiant heating which permits pupils to curl up comfortably on the plastic-tiled floors during rest periods.

Structure throughout is steel frame with 24' bays, brick cavity walls, concrete block partitions and slab on grade under classroom wings. Most interior walls are exposed masonry, and an economical sound absorbent ceiling was provided by a finish coat of light-weight aggregate plaster. Due mainly to high site improvement costs (\$12,-000), top-quality kitchen equipment and extensive built-ins, cost was slightly higher than the local average—\$11.82 per sq. ft.







Continuous sill-to-ceiling windows give youngsters a sense of freedom and space in L-shaped primary classrooms, but require teacher-regulation of blinds for light control. Work alcove in arm of L (below) combines sinks, counters, storage space and toilets in compact unit. Note big glass panels which light interior spaces, prevent fear of confinement.



### 1. MARBLE CURTAIN WALLS hung from the inside of pre-

fab framing cut costs but preserve quality

Marble curtain walls made building history in this Atlanta office. With one bold stroke, architect Pei freed traditionally monumental marble from its use as a thin veneer on costly masonry walls and turned that veneer into the wall itself. Although this is not the first such use of marble (see Detroit Federal Bank, Mar. issue '50), Pei's building realizes, for the first time, the full economic benefits of marble curtain wall construction. Result: a phenomenally low building cost of \$7.50 per sq. ft. including all mechanical equipment.

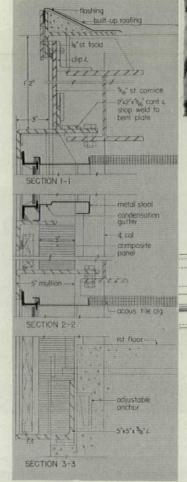
Pei's grasp of the potentiality of curtain wall construction resulted in:

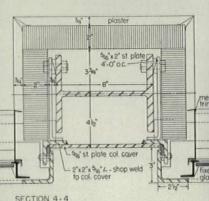
- 1. Prefabrication of wall frames—with the simplest of detailing
  - 2. Exposed exterior steel in a loft-type structure
  - 3. Backup of cement-woodchip panels with a plaster finish
  - 4. Elimination of all scaffolding during construction

#### Design

Conceived as a Webb & Knapp investment property, the small office was leased to Gulf Oil before it was even designed. This situation handed Pei two big problems: 1) a small, inflexible investor's budget, 2) tenants who demanded the solidity of a traditional colonial-type building.

To stay within the budget Pei chose curtain walls. To get the desired institutional quality, he turned to that most institutional of all materials: marble.

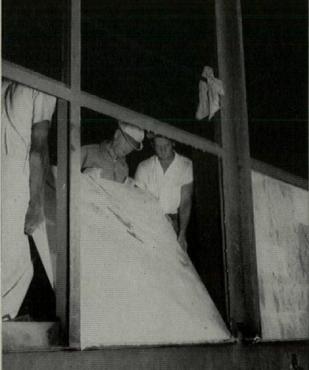


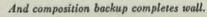


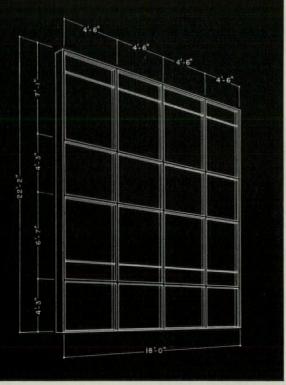
Glass, marble and dark painted expose steel compose the effective, economic curtain wall on architect Pei's Atlan office building. Simple detailing (1.) c labor time, helped complete building four months.

Prefabricated frame bolted in place . . .

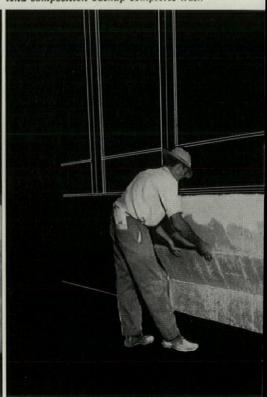
Marble panels are installed from inside . . .













Photos: Gabriel Benzur

In design, the office building holds as nearly as possible to the best principles of simplicity. Where Pei could not fully realize his goal, he frustrating factor was economic. Bent steel, for example, was used on corner column covers where Pei wanted welded steel corners ground flush for more precise edges.

Much of the building's impact stems from the subdued color chosen o harmonize with the marble. All exposed steel (column covers and vall frames) is painted dark brown, emphasizing it, outlining the class and marble and giving rhythm to the building. Despite the mposed economic limits, the building possesses a quiet simplicity which is particularly effective in cluttered downtown Atlanta.

#### conomical construction

Realizing the design within the budget proved to be the biggest roblem. Yet with few modifications, it was done using curtain wall onstruction plus other ingenious devices.

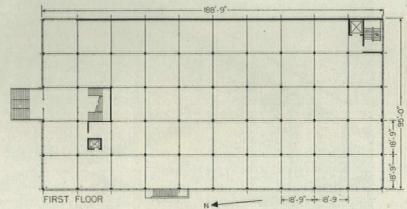
Bays 18' 9" square divide the 50,000 sq. ft. building. Reinforced oncrete floors and a built-up roof supported by bar joists complete he basic structure.

Curtain wall frames (each spanning a bay and reaching from oor to roof) were prefabricated. This cut on-the-site labor time nd helped materially to complete the building in a scant four nonths. Although movement of the large sections from factory to ite was prohibited legally, a concession was made so they could be ransported at night. The next day, workmen quickly bolted them a place and proceeded to finish the walls.

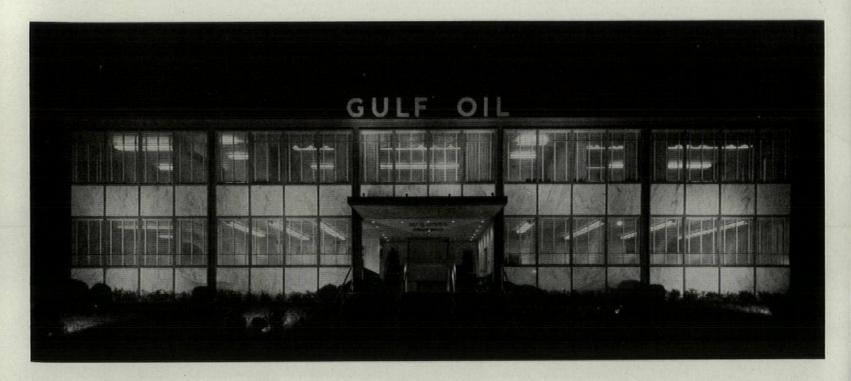
Complete air conditioning permitted use of fixed glass throughout, eliminating cost of movable sash. Local Georgia marble was used economically for wall panels, crushed marble chips for roof finish.

LOCATION: Atlanta, Ga.

I. M. PEI, Architect
C. W. GOYER JR., C. F. GROOS JR., I. KESSLER, D. PAGE,
F. PRESTON, Associates
HENRY C. BECK CO. Contractor



Loft-type structure grosses 50,000 sq. ft. (including semifinished basement space). Bays are 18'T" square. Interior is partitioned so as to place executive offices along exterior walls leaving interior space open for general office use. Hung fluorescent fixtures light all areas.



Installing the glass and marble panels was simplified by designing the frames so all pieces were set in place and mortared from inside the building, thus eliminating scaffolds. (Caulking done outside required only one man and a movable ladder.)

Exposed exterior steel was permitted under a sensible and liberal interpretation of the city's fire laws. Column covers and curtain wall frames thus become a major design element.

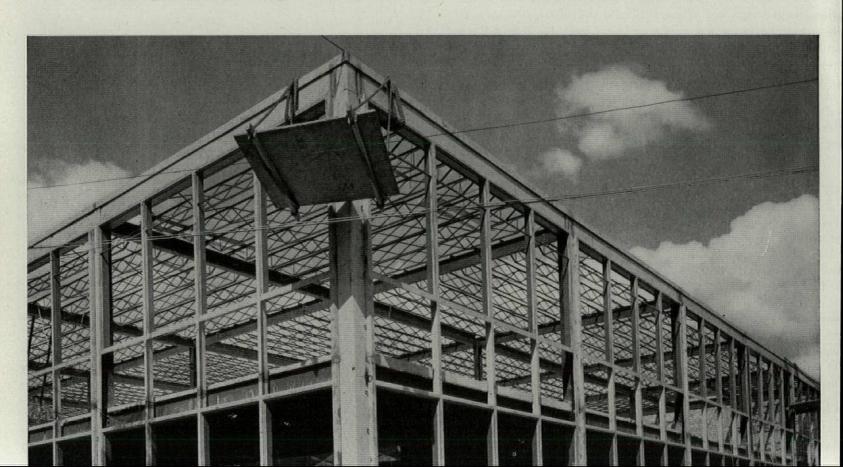
Backup for the marble walls (and interior column casings) was provided by 3" thick panels of cement-woodchip composition finished off with plaster. This fire resistant treatment proved feasible since the office was a low two-story structure and the furniture was the only combustible item inside.

Inexpensive local Georgia marble was used on the curtain walls. Inexpensive crushed white marble chips were used on the roof, materially reducing the load on air conditioning equipment.

Since the building is completely air conditioned, fixed glass was used throughout, thus eliminating the cost of movable sash.

Floodlighted exterior reveals the rhythmical geometry of architect Pei's building, the expression of the basic structure (below) in the finished work.

Steel frame of the building, including curtain wall frames took two weeks to erect. From this point on, no scaffolding was required since walls were designed to have glass and marble installed from inside.





#### SMALL OFFICE BUILDINGS

### 2. LIGHT WITHOUT GLARE through louvers and egg-crates—a dividend of

#### wide-span construction

function and environment controlled the creation of Richard Neutra's latest Los Ingeles building. As an insurance office it had to express security and friendly ntimacy; as a Southern California building it was expected to reflect the openness and casual living habits of the region.

Using glass, brick and steel, Neutra accomplished these objectives with:

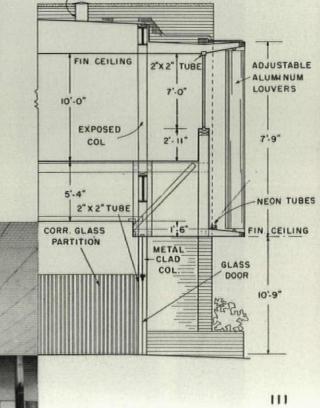
- 1. Skillful relation of large simple masses
- 2. A glass facade permitting passers-by to see into the office
- 3. A minimum of interior partitions
- 4. High intensity general illumination

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL FIRE ASSN., OWNER

RICHARD F. NEUTRA, Architect

. W. DRIVER, Contractor

un-controlling louvers (above) contrast with ray brick mass housing interior stairs. Egg-crate eiling over open office area (right) lights inerior without glare, reveals rich finish of birch nd walnut counters, stainless steel columns.



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#### Aim: comfortable function

Neutra's building is so arranged that it gives the impression of being simply two big rooms. No usable space is subtracted from the building's 16,000 sq. ft. except that needed for elevators and stairways.

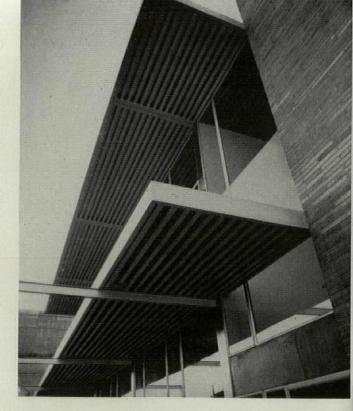
To further the feeling of spaciousness, a minimum of partitions were built. On the second floor, for example, collapsible curtains define a reception-display area for the American Crayon Co. (now leasing the floor). On the ground floor, the only enclosed work space consists of three executive offices and a conference room. A self-standing wall and a movable, louvered glass screen define the lobby, leaving the rest of the floor open. A large (78' x 80') general office area free of columns provides space for various departments which are divided by function rather than physical partition.

To free this area of columns, heavy beams capable of spanning 41' were required. Neutra then took advantage of the deep-beam construction to hang an immensely effective egg-crate ceiling with fluorescent fixtures far enough above it to eliminate all glare and shadow. In addition, the egg-crate functions acoustically.

Admittedly not a cheap construction method (the building cost \$20.31 per sq. ft.), it does admirably what its owners demand of it: provide an unusually pleasant place in which to work.

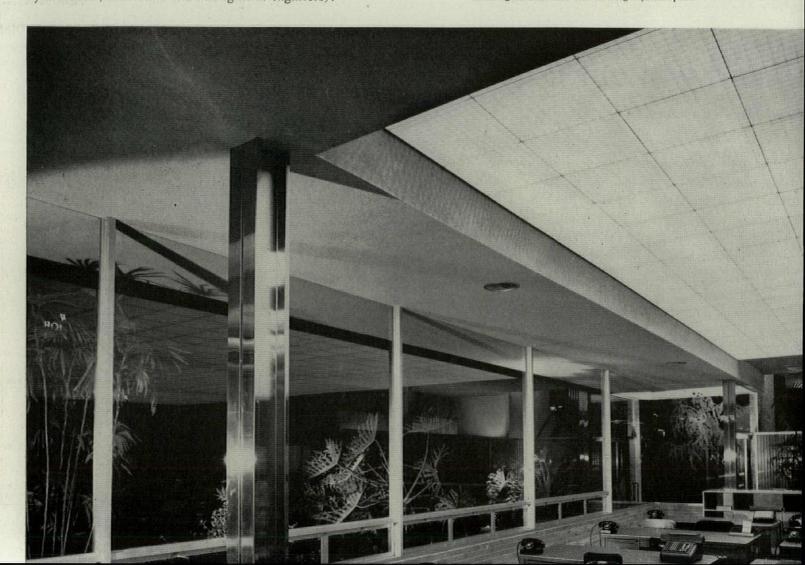
The deep-beam, wide span construction method also affected the exterior design. On the street side (facing east) Neutra employed vertical louvers to control direct morning sunlight. The louvers cover both the window and wide spandrel areas and are therefore larger than their strict function demands. However, their 17' height does serve a legitimate purpose. Had the louvers covered only the windows, the spandrel facing plus the ground floor glass facade would have complicated the small building front with three separate areas. As it is, the louvered facade decorates and simplifies the building.

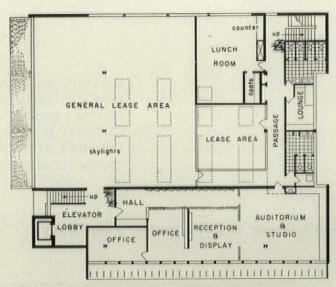
So successful is Neutra's office that it won honorable mention in Office Management Magazine's "Office of the Year" contest (judged by architects, decorators and management engineers).



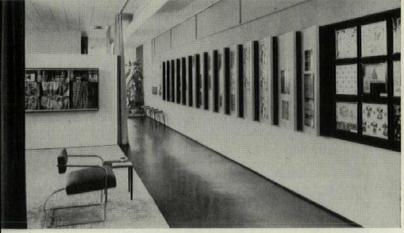
Steel supported deck and roof overhang control sunlight on the building's south side making extensive window areas practical.

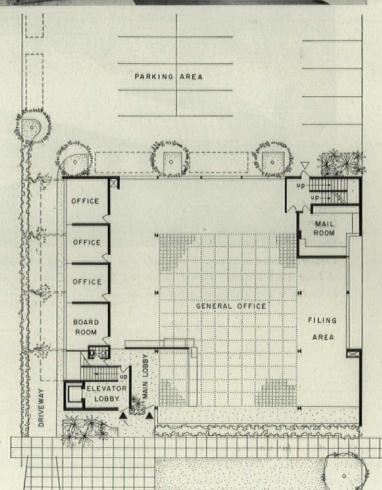
Glass facade on first floor (below) faces street, adds to the feeling of openness. Planting outside keynotes informality of the entire building. Upstairs office (opposite page) with curtains drawn back turns office and hall into one light-filled space

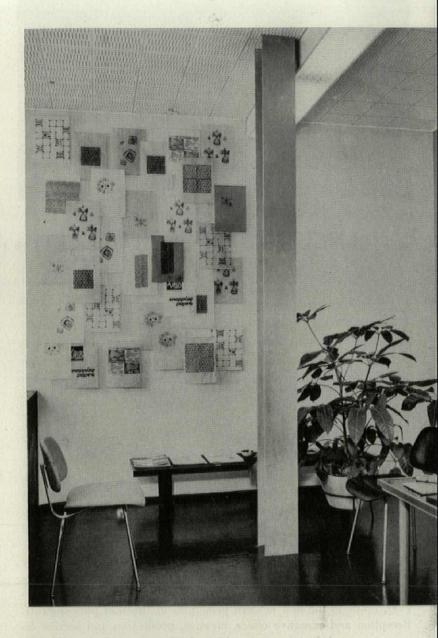




Second floor accommodates the insurance company's service facilities and utility rooms as well as expansion space which is currently rented. Ground floor plan is shown below.







Egg-crate trough in acoustical tile ceiling (above and continuing into the hall, left) lights reception-display room of second floor tenants. After dark (below) fluorescent lights silhouette vertical aluminum louvers—the main exterior design feature.





#### SMALL OFFICE BUILDINGS

LOCATION: Menlo Park, Calif, LANE PUBLISHING CO., Owner HIGGINS & ROOT, Architects CLIFF MAY, Design Consultant HOWARD J. WHITE, INC., Builder CHARLOTTE HINCKLEY, Interiors

### 3. RANCH HOUSE PLAN expresses the region's flavor and the owner's business

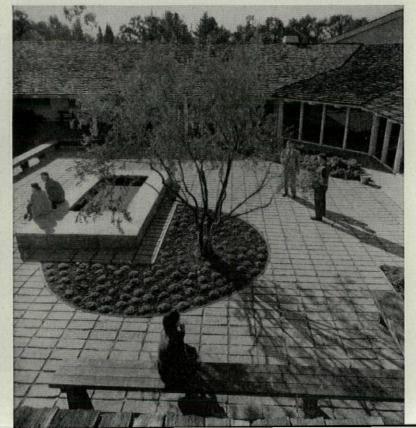
What happens when a business moves its office to the country?

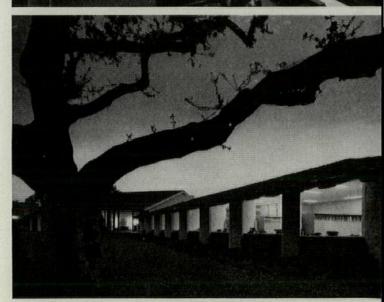
Nine times out of ten, it builds a Main St. office using its
rural setting for nothing better than a pretty backdrop. Hap-

pily, the publishers of Sunset, The Magazine of Western Living, have done just the opposite. Their new office in Menlo Park, 30 mi. from San Francisco, is a rambling one-story building located on a seven-acre site and personifying the tenets preached in the magazine itself—indoor-outdoor living, casual comfort, barbecue cookery and gardening.

The office actually helps put out the magazine. The gardening editor, for example, has space for a garden where horticultural advice in the magazine is pretested; recommended recipes are prepared in the big kitchen and served for editorial consumption and criticism—outdoors, of course, on a shaded porch.

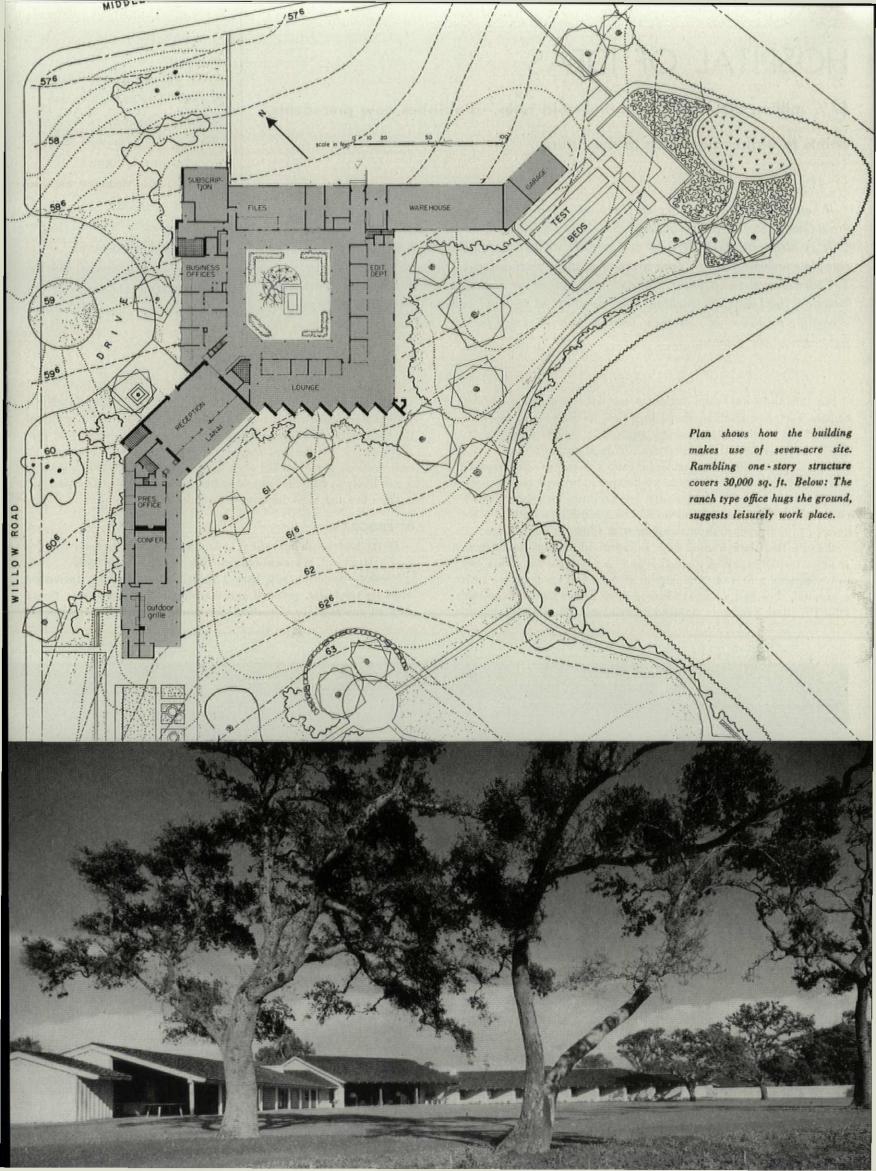
The 30,000 sq. ft. adobe-and-redwood building unfortunately abandons contemporary architecture in favor of a trance-like remembrance of things past: a Spanish ranch house. Its plan, however, holds to the best modern principles of function plus comfort. Reception and executive offices, creative, production and service departments each have separate wings. In the center, a patio provides private space for employee relaxation. Louvered walls on one side protect offices from the western sun and deep overhangs elsewhere form cool shadowed porticos.





Louvrered adobe walls on the west side give Sunset workers advantages of large glass windows without discomfort from sun (top). At night, lights inside give distinctive pattern to the wall.

Central patio (left) is for workers' relaxation during lunch and morning and afternoon rest periods. Planting in and around building shows how well a 'city' office can develop a rural site. Patio is accessible from all sides, has sheltered walks around it.



### HOSPITAL OF IDEAS

\$7½ million Cancer Station breaks old rules, establishes new precedents, points to higher standards in the future

When Houston's new Anderson Hospital is completed a year from now it will be as modern a Cancer Station as any in the U.S.—very probably the most modern.

It is also exceptionally well researched: architects MacKie & Kamrath developed 23 complete schemes before they arrived at their final solution.

That solution is a Cancer Station (rather than an ordinary cancer hospital) because its functions will include teaching and research, as well as patient care. This combination, according to Anderson's energetic director, Dr. R. Lee Clark Jr., is the key to success in the fight against the disease.

Garden & Erikson.) As a result, the \$7½ million hospital MacKie & Kamrath designed for Dr. Clark's bosses (the Board of Regents of the University of Texas) establishes many new precedents in the program set up for the building by the hospital as well as in design

contributions made by the architects. American hospital planning

is not likely to be quite the same after Anderson opens its doors.

Here are the most important precedents:

But this three-way combination is not all: Anderson will also contain complete machine shops in which to design and fabricate some of the precision instruments required in various departments; it will be the editorial headquarters for the Cancer Bulletin (circ.: 80,000), a bimonthly magazine in four colors; it will produce movies and slide talks, and some of its operations will be televised; it will have its own library, laundry, and facilities for related service club activities; in short, Anderson will be a complex industrial plant

Because Dr. Clark wanted such an unorthodox plant in which to practice revolutionary and unorthodox ideas, he went out of his way to recommend a firm of young architects who had never before built a hospital, thus had no fixed ideas to ditch before tackling the job. (But Dr. Clark prudently retained experienced consultants Schmidt,

devoted to the production of weapons with which to fight cancer.

#### IN PROGRAM:

First (and worth repeating)—Anderson will have the trinity of cancer treatment, research and teaching all under one roof.

Second—Anderson will have a horizontal flow of transportation (linking treatment, research and teaching facilities on every floor) without any sacrifice of vertical communication within departments.



LOCATION:

Texas Medical Center, Houston, Tex.

MacKIE & KAMRATH, Architects

SCHMIDT, GARDEN & ERIKSON,

Consulting Architects

LOCKWOOD & ANDREWS,

Consulting Mechanical Engineers

WALTER P. MOORE,

Consulting Structural Engineer

H. G. KNOLL ASSOCIATES,

Consulting Interior Designers

FARNSWORTH & CHAMBERS CO.,

General Contractors



Photos: F. Wilbur Seider

View of Anderson Hospital from the southeast shows nursing units wing in the foreground, research laboratory wing in the back, to the right. Black material

In fact, communication (using two-way radio, color TV, pneumatic tubes etc.) will be better than ever before.

Third—Anderson will be one of the first all-food-wagon-served hospitals in the U. S., will spend an initial \$15,000 more for food-packing equipment—but eliminate subdiet kitchens on every floor and thus save an estimated \$25,000 p.a. in kitchen personnel wages alone.

And fourth—Anderson will have the most modern radiation equipment in the world (including the first Cobalt 60 therapy unit ever made)—and will of necessity contain the most modern antiradiation safeguards yet built into a hospital. These safeguards were developed by the late Dr. Leonard Grimmett, an English radiophysicist of world renown, whom Dr. Clark had brought to the University of Texas some years earlier. Dr. Grimmett also was the designer of the Cobalt 60 unit (voltage: 1,300,000) to be installed at Anderson.

#### N DESIGN:

First—Anderson's intricate air conditioning system will include 'under-window' room units that are actually tucked away above doors o save precious floor area.

is membrane waterproofing, will be hidden by %" marble finish. Spandrels in framed part of facade will be finished in extruded aluminum.

Second—Anderson will save additional space by cutting its curtain wall thickness from 13" to 9" without sacrifice of the 4 hr. fire rating. Parenthetically, the architects will demonstrate that a marble-faced curtain wall backed with a 4" volcanic aggregate block can be cheaper than a brick-faced curtain wall, and that marble as a material is also 200 to 300 times more weather resistant than brick (important in a hurricane zone).

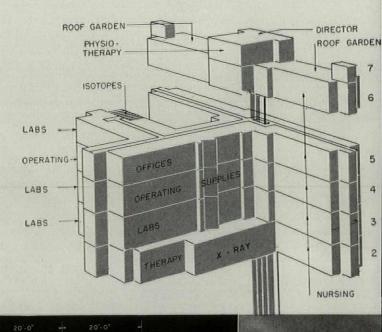
Third—Anderson's plans in certain individual departments—such as the areas relating to surgery—will set new standards.

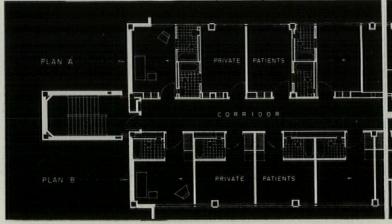
And fourth—In its architectural design, Anderson Hospital will be a striking attempt to apply the principles of organic architecture to a tall, slab-like structure made up of repetitive units.

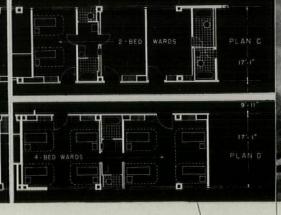
MacKie & Kamrath have been at work on their hospital for more than four years, in close collaboration with Dr. Clark and his staff of scientists and physicians. New developments in radiation techniques (as carried on at Oak Ridge and elsewhere) and numerous other factors caused many innovations. For this reason alone—and quite apart from the design quality of the building—the eight forward steps listed above make Anderson one of the most original recent events in hospital planning.

#### ANDERSON HOSPITAL IS DIVIDED INTO THREE WINGS:

THE NURSING UNITS are contained in a 385' long, sixstory wing that runs due east-west. In the center of that
wing is a stack of four elevators; plans for future expansion include an additional nursing wing to extend due
south from the elevator lobby, and elevator capacities were
calculated to absorb this additional traffic later on. The
nursing units have double-loaded central corridors, vary
from 26 to 34 patients per unit. Patients' rooms range from
private rooms with private baths between them (see plans
A&B) to semiprivate units with a joint bath, toilet and
subutility area between double rooms (plan C). The subutility is a time-saver, eliminates frequent trips to the
central utility room and enables the nurse to clean most
equipment on the spot. 4-bed wards have similar subutility
(plan D).



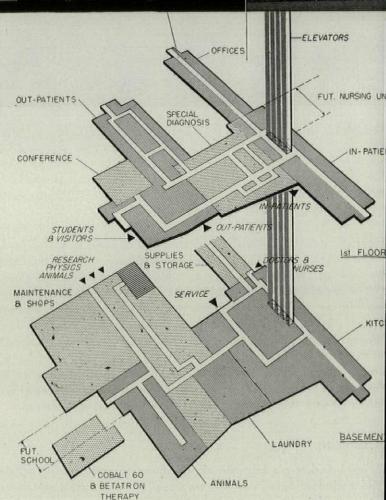




THE MEDICAL SERVICES WING extends due north from the elevator stack. This wing varies in size from 18,500 sq. ft. to 10,700 sq. ft., contains the following services and departments: outpatients' entrance lobby and examination rooms for outpatients requiring special diagnosis on the first floor; X-ray diagnosis and therapy on the second; clinical and anatomical pathological labs on the third; central sterile supply and surgical sterile supply, as well as operating rooms, on the fourth (60% of all patients are treated by surgery); and more laboratories on the fifth.

THE RESEARCH LABORATORY WING is an off-shoot of the medical services wing, and covers about 8,500 sq. ft. per floor. Most of the training is centered in this wing, in additional labs and in conference rooms. Training is strictly on a postgraduate level and concentrates upon seven major subjects: physics, blochemistry, biology, experimental pathology, experimental medicine, experimental surgery and experimental radiology.

In the far east corner of this wing, on every floor, are labs for low- and high-activity isotopes (radioactive substances that are taken internally). Surrounding areas are carefully protected against their radiation by thick concrete and lead-shielded walls around this stack of rooms (see below). On the first floor there are examination rooms for outpatients, and some operating rooms are located on the fourth floor. But the bulk of the space in this wing is used for training and research.



#### THE CANCER STORY

Anderson will contain 320,000 sq. ft. allocated to three basic divisions that correspond roughly to its three basic functions:

- 1. A 310-bed nursing units area
- 2. A medical services wing
- 3. A research laboratory wing (see diagrams opposite).

About half the beds in the nursing units will be treated as "research and training beds" supported by University of Texas appropriation. The other half will be self-supporting private beds. In the laboratory and research wings, some 100 MDs and PhDs will receive training in their specialties: they will also carry on continuous cancer research using the cases in the nursing units (as well as outpatients) for daily reference.

In general, therefore, there will be a constant flow of personnel and information from nursing units, through test labs, to research labs and back.

For the present, Anderson Hospital will be able to handle about 100 trainees. However, the hospital was planned for future expan-



sion of training facilities, and a school wing extending due north from the laboratory wing may be added in a few years.

Dr. Clark considers the training aspect of his hospital most important. "The general practitioner is the first one to recognize cancer symptoms, and the earlier they are spotted the better the chance of recovery," he said recently, "so we must keep the family doctors informed of the latest developments. One way has been through the Cancer Bulletin we started to publish four years ago. It now has a circulation of 80,000, and we'll have an office for the editor in our new hospital. Another way is to invite doctors from all over the state to attend conferences for a few days at a time. We also plan to make and distribute movies of cancer treatment." Anderson will be more than a treatment-training-research center: it will also be an information center for the whole state, handing out the latest cancer information developed in the research labs.

Anderson's annual operating budget will be around \$3 million, with \$1 million devoted to research alone. The hospital will be able to handle 100 new and 200 old patients every day. Old patients must come back periodically over a period of five years after they have been discharged; records of this five-year follow-up program are an essential part of cancer research, and are kept in a large file room in the hospital basement.

#### THE COMMUNICATIONS STORY

The complexity of Anderson's plan is best seen in the fact that there are seven major, separate entrances to the hospital: for doctors and nurses, for inpatients, for outpatients, for trainees working in the

research wing, for kitchen supplies, for physics and other laboratory supplies, and for animals used in tests. (The animal influx has to be carefully controlled within the building: air-lock entrances will keep smells from penetrating to adjacent areas.)

Seventy per cent of the operating budget of a hospital pays for personnel, so that smooth traffic and elimination of waste motions are of supreme importance. Since most of the nursing-unit-to-laboratory-to-research flow is best accomplished horizontally on every floor, the chief problem is walking distance and poor vertical communication—by ordinary means.

The answer was to find extraordinary means of transportation and communication. Here are some of the extraordinary means employed:

#### **Transportation facilities**

- Wagons for packaged food (see below).
- ▶ Pneumatic tubes (cost: \$27,600) to transport supplies measuring up to  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ " in length. Dr. Clark believes this system will pay for itself in runners' wages in two years.
- And special elevators and dumb-waiters for animals, supplies, isotopes and other "hot" matter.

#### Communication facilities

- Two-way radios between patients' beds and nurse's station.
- Call system for doctors using light control panels at every nurse's station, with names flashing on if and when doctor is wanted. Gong system in emergencies only.
- ▶ Planned for future use: a newly developed, pencil-sized "walkie-talkie" for each doctor.
- Color TV to televise operations. This will eliminate old-fashioned operating theaters in which observation was poor and air conditioning load great. TV reception will be in the conference rooms and labs, and trainees can ask questions of surgeon by intercom as the operation progresses. Black-and-white TV would not have done this job, since differentiation in color is only way to tell a surgery story.
- ▶ 16 mm. color films with sound tracks will also be used. Chief disadvantage as compared with color TV: no chance of questioning surgeon during operation.
- > Special dictating booths and equipment spaced along corridors outside examination rooms. This equipment will be connected directly to monitors in the central secretarial pool for quick recording of examination and of diagnosis.
- And a specially designed records-lift which transports records to and from the central control stations.

#### THE PACKAGED FOOD STORY

All patients at Anderson will have their food served to them from food-tray dollies. These stainless steel vehicles (see cut on p. 156) carry either 20 or 40 trays on racks, and soup, coffee and tea containers on top. The meals are prepared in the central kitchen and placed in hermetically sealed, insulated container-trays that are kept warm in the heated wagon. (For details, see p. 156.)

#### THE RADIATION STORY

Most important of all the innovations at Anderson may be those concerned with the radiation equipment used at the hospital. Many of these developments should be credited to Dr. Gilbert Fletcher and the late expert radiophysicist, Dr. Leonard Grimmett—an Englishman who was brought from London to Houston when Anderson's plans were being prepared. (For details see p. 156.)

#### THE AIR CONDITIONING STORY

Most hospitals built in the U. S. to date have exterior shells from 2' 6" to 3' thick—counting the masonry skin and all the equipment stashed away under window sills. Since the design of Anderson Hospital was a constant race against rising costs and a constant battle for more generous funds, MacKie & Kamrath refused to accept such wholesale waste of precious floor area, decided to question what most hospital experts were accepting as unavoidable.

By keeping practically all their pipes and all high-velocity air conditioning units away from the exterior walls, they reduced



the exterior wall thickness initially to the 13" minimum required by Houston's antiquated building code. (This was still further reduced later on, as we shall see below.) In any event, this reduction alone added some 15,000 sq. ft. to the gross area of the building—or, to put it another way, gave Anderson some \$180,000 worth of space free.

Having wrung this extra space out of their building, the architects looked for ways of placing their high-velocity units (one for each bedroom) where they would be out of everybody's way. In collaboration with the Thermal Engineering Co. of Houston, they devised an individually controlled, high-velocity unit that could be suspended from the ceiling and furred in just above the entrance passages to each bedroom (see cut). Since there are bathroom drains close at hand everywhere in the nursing unit, condensate could be drained off through these. So successful is the installation that General Electric is now planning to produce a standard, "above-door" unit similar to the one used at Anderson.

To supplement the high-velocity system, the architects installed a low-velocity cold and warm fresh air system with ducts in the central corridor ceilings. In addition, there is a great variety of special air conditioning and ventilating systems for operating rooms and hot labs—the latter requiring a special exhaust fan for the disposal of 100% of all radioactive fumes. All through the hospital, concrete spandrel beams are very deep and only 8" thick, and openings were cut into them wherever special intake units were required in labs handling radioactive materials.

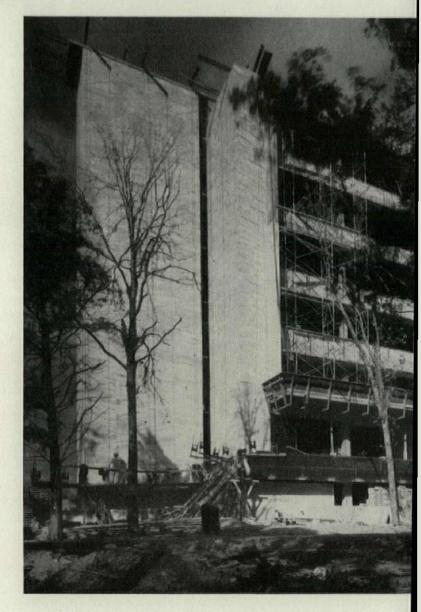
Most of the heating is accomplished with baseboard convectors used in conjunction with circulated warm air. In the private rooms on the second floor, however, radiant heating coils were set into the floor since these rooms have glass sliding walls opening on a cantilevered balcony. Almost all the pipes needed for heating, high-velocity air conditioning and other services (including suction and oxygen in every patient's room) were kept back from the exterior wall and assembled in compact stacks along the sides of the central corridors. Only one steam pipe runs in the thin curtain wall: it was needed to supply the baseboard convectors.



Photos: F. Wilbu

View of roof garden above. This can be used by ambulatory patients. Picture was taken from director's penthouse office.

Picture at left shows high-velocity air conditioning units suspended from ceilings, just above entrance doors to patients' rooms. They are drained through bathrom drains. Above-door installation saved hospital 15,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Below: Stair tower at west end of nursing units wing.



#### THE CURTAIN WALL STORY

From the very first, MacKie & Kamrath realized that a steel frame building was out—they would have had to add the equivalent of a complete concrete structure to get the floor-to-floor radiation protection that concrete affords (rule of thumb: 1' of concrete equals 1" of lead in protective value). Moreover, concrete proved more stable against vibration, thus protected finely calibrated instruments in the research wing.

Much more difficult was the choice of a curtain wall. Not satisfied with having added another 15,000 sq. ft. to Anderson's gross floor area, the architects now began to question the validity of Houston's archaic 13" minimum thickness for exterior walls. In so doing, they went through a whole range of possible curtain walls, analyzed their relative costs and the structure needed to hold them up and arrived at their final selection of a 78" Georgia pink marble veneer with a 4" volcanic aggregate block backup. The chart on this page shows the cost comparisons developed in this study. The study revealed several interesting facts:

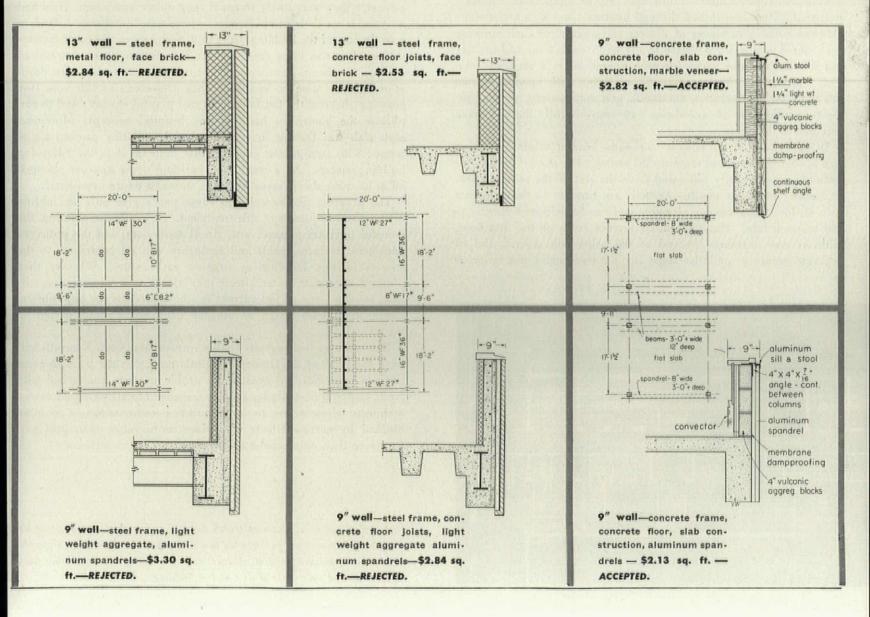
- 1. The 4" backup block had the same Underwriters-approved, 4 hr. fire rating that Houston expected from its 13" masonry wall. Convinced, Houston's building code administrators changed the code, permitted Anderson to go ahead with a wall consisting of marble veneer, air space, 4" block, more air space and interior finish. Total thickness: 9".
- 2. This reduction of 4" in curtain wall thickness increased Anderson's usable floor area by another 3,400 sq. ft.

- 3. Water absorption of marble tests a mere 5/100 of 1% by weight as against 10% to 15% for good face brick. In a hurricane zone this factor is tremendously important.
- 4. Weight of 13" of masonry would have required additional reinforcement and concrete in spandrel beams, columns and footings.
- 5. Cost of the 9" marble veneer wall will be only \$2.82 per sq. ft. (and that of a 9" aluminum spandrel wall only \$2.13) while the conventional 13" thick walls would have come to around \$2.84 per sq. ft., not counting increases in structural costs to hold up the thicker masonry.

Part of the exterior will be finished with extruded aluminum panels. They are factory-oxidized and will blend perfectly with adjoining marble surfaces. Aluminum-faced spandrels occur mainly within the framed and shaded portions of the hospital facades, on the south side of the nursing unit wing.

The architects, greatly concerned with maintenance problems, were happy that the marble veneer with its low absorption would be much less trouble after rains, high winds or hurricanes.

Consideration of cost and maintenance also dictated the choice of interior finishes, which will be of a clear plastic sheet backed up with a colored (and occasionally patterned) fabric—the whole sandwich to be mounted on the plaster surface. H. G. Knoll Associates who are co-operating on all interiors (including color selection) decided with the architects and Dr. Clark that the plastic wall finish would give them superior wear.



#### THE PLAN STORY

No visitor to Anderson Hospital can help being impressed by its complexity and by the way the architects managed to integrate dozens of different activities in one organic plan. Even more impressive is the fact that the hospital was designed so that whole sections, wings or floors could be chopped off without affecting other hospital functions in the event fund-raising did not come up to expectations. Thanks to the indefatigable Dr. Clark, however, who parlayed an original \$1,750,000 appropriation into a total that now approaches \$7½ million (and who fully expects to get an additional \$1 million for equipment before the building opens its doors), no important wings or departments had to be amputated.

This planning-with-one-eye-on-fund-raising is quite a story in itself. But more interesting to other hospital designers are the detailed plan innovations incorporated at Anderson, especially those around the operating rooms. Here are the most important ones:

- 1. Operating Rooms. As in most modern hospitals, these are grouped in pairs around one central work and scrub-up room, so that one surgeon, with two teams, can carry on two operations simultaneously (see plan). Some sterilizing of equipment goes on in the workroom and there are detergent sprays for the surgeon to clean his hands.
- 2. Anesthesia. Since Dr. Clark's wife is a practicing anesthesiologist, the anesthesia program was particularly well worked out for the architects. To keep tanks and other bulky equipment from cluttering up the operating room floor, MacKie & Kamrath designed a two-way storage wall loaded with gases piped to the prep rooms, and equipped (on the operating room side) with control panels to which the anesthetist could attach a thin hose. Sterile supplies are similarly prepared. They are pushed through another two-way storage wall: this one consists of stacks of drawer trays arranged each morning by a nurse who has a schedule of the day's operations and can lay out instruments and packs for each operation on a separate tray.
- 3. Subrecovery. The prep rooms adjoining each operating room are used for preoperative anesthesia and subrecovery, so that patients coming out of anesthesia can recover fully before being returned to their rooms.

In other parts of the hospital this same kind of original thinking has produced better and more useful rooms. The animal rooms, for example, are carefully separated from the rest of the research area to isolate obnoxious smells. Animals are brought in through their own air-lock entrances and elevators and can be delivered directly to the research labs. The 350-seat conference room on the first floor, with its rear entrance (instead of the usual side doors) and its separate entrance onto the stage for patients under discussion is

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another example of simple rethinking of an accepted standard. And the use made of the roof areas (gardens that can be reached by ambulatory and wheel-chair patients) might well be copied by other hospitals. In the center of this roof area, incidentally, is Director Clark's own office and conference room—far enough away from the main entrance to discourage stray visitors. Dr. Clark spends a good many hours in the operating rooms himself, and needs all the time he can get to run Anderson Hospital.

#### THE DESIGN STORY

The kind of organic architecture to which MacKie & Kamrath subscribe has, of course, been brilliantly pioneered by Frank Lloyd Wright. Its principal characteristics—sweeping horizontal planes and lines that tie a building to its natural setting—can be expressed without too much difficulty in low-slung residences. But in a tall, slab-like building, these principles require an entirely different expression, have frequently prompted the master himself to seek strikingly original solutions.

The architects looked at some of these solutions, adopted a few of their basic concepts, but came up with an expression that has originality in its own right: their hospital rests on a series of horizontal planes — the projecting masses of first floor wings, the cantilevered canopies over carports and the cantilevered balcony outside the private rooms. The simple, tall masses of the building proper then rise out of the flat, horizontally accented base.

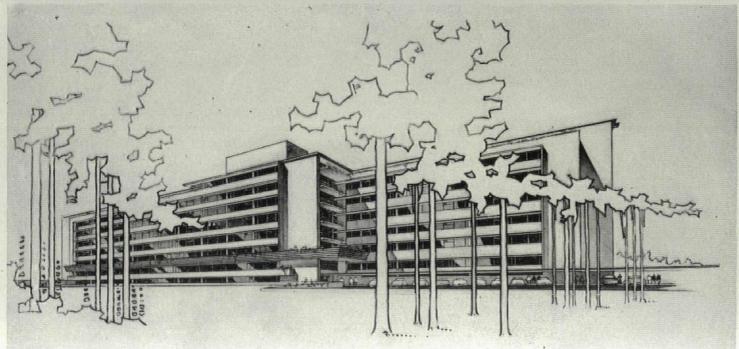
Flat, slab-like buildings are anathema to organic architecture, and MacKie & Kamrath made several attempts to fight the "flat-bosomed" geometry they were likely to get if they didn't watch out. They had no trouble on their south facades, where deep overhangs helped to give the face of the building depth and modulation. On other facades the problem was more complicated: here the architects introduced eyebrow overhangs that continue the ceiling planes, then turn down at one end to frame the windows. They projected tiny balconies (for planting) beyond the flat facades to cast playful shadows and to emphasize the humanism basic to any hospital concept. Moreover, each slab was framed in roof overhangs and tiny projections or topped with roof-garden canopies that help tie it to the adjoining building masses. As a result, the building never appears chopped off at its ends, always seems really to stop and return upon itself.

The progress photographs on these pages give only an inkling of the possible success of this treatment. No doubt the planting, the colorful interiors planned with Knoll Associates, and the projected peripheral terraces, pools and sculpture will all contribute to the success of this building as organic architecture. Whether they planned it or not, the architects may arrive at a solution that will help resolve some of the current conflicts between the opposite extremes or organic design on the one hand and abstract design on the other.

But whatever their success in this respect, MacKie & Kamrath will have built one of the freshest hospitals put up in the U. S. in some time—a fresh hospital because its problems were approached with fresh, unprejudiced minds; an encouragement to all young American architects whose access to large building commissions is so often blocked by narrow clients who place more value upon past performance than upon uncluttered vision and future advance.

Left, typical operating rooms on fourth floor. They were laid out to permit one surgeon with two teams to carry on two operations simultaneously. Opposite: Rendering of finished hospital. Above: Approach view, showing marble finish in place around stair tower at west end of building.





### **BOWLING ALLEYS**

substitute good design for juke-box appeal, convert awkward bus terminal space to a money-maker

Here is a bright new note in bowling alley design—a direct, cheerful layout which shifts bowling from the poolroom league to the cocktail set. Sandwiched between two levels of New York's mammoth but shapeless new mid-town bus terminal, these 30 alleys gross \$750,000 a year from space previously useless because of an inclined bus-loading floor above.

Architect Arbeit converted the liabilities of this wedge-shaped cross section to assets by putting the alleys at the low (9') end and stepping up to the high (12') end with a tier of seats and a spacious promenade for spectators. The curved entrance foyer brings people in on the high promenade level, opens up a sudden, dramatic view of the 200' wide sweep of alleys beyond. To the left is a glass-walled cocktail lounge, well segregated from the bowling area; directly ahead is the control desk; to the right is the dominant feature of the promenade—an inviting, curved lunch counter (above).

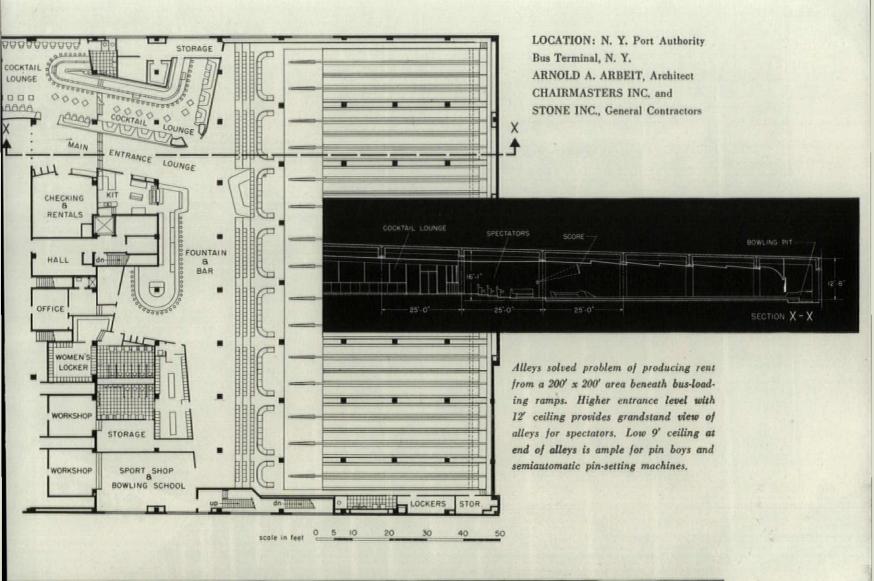


Over the alleys, the sloping plane of the ceiling is broken into sawtooth sections which aid acoustics and serve as baffles for fluorescent lighting concealed in the coves. To eliminate distracting overhead patterns and keep attention focused on the brightly lighted alleys, small recessed down-lights are used in the rest of the area. The acoustically treated ceiling keeps noise at a comfortable level, but does not kill the satifying rumble of a "strike."

Finishes were selected both to produce a warm, friendly atmosphere and to permit easy maintenance. In the spectators' area, columns are sheathed in plastic-impregnated mahogany, rear walls are vertical redwood siding, with an accent of salmon-colored tile behind the lunch counter. Columns between alleys are painted white to blend unobstrusively with the ceiling and background. As a foil for the dominant warm wood tones, side walls are faced with deep blue plastic-coated fabric.

Completely air conditioned and fitted out with the latest in standard bowling equipment, the whole job cost close to \$1 million.









# NEW DOWNTOWN STORE

adds to a central store community, counters the race to suburbia

The clean-cut glass and aluminum facade on Broad St. in Atlanta stops by-passers, instantly suggests news. And indeed the new seven-floor Store For Men built by Rich's famed department store as its latest addition has more than one useful story for visiting merchants and store architects.

Obviously, the striking glass front by architects Stevens & Wilkinson is one of the stories: it emphatically contradicts the trend toward windowless department store buildings such as Macy's in Kansas City (Feb. issue '50).

Equally fascinating is the store interior—designed all the way through for a special merchandising policy, the policy of customer *self-selection*. (Rich carefully explains that this differs sharply from *self-service* and that specialists are available for personalized service.)

Serving this policy, store designer Eleanor LeMaire has given the Store For Men an extraordinary array of sharply designed special-purpose fixtures, specially lighted and

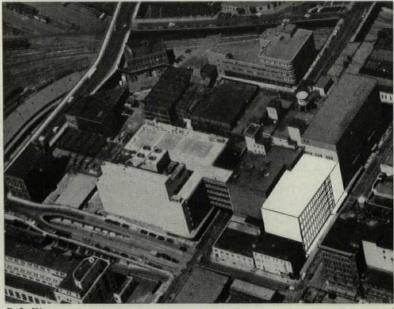
LOCATION: Atlanta, Ga.
RICH'S, INC., Owner
STEVENS & WILKINSON, Architects & Engineers
ELEANOR LEMAIRE, Designer
MION CONSTRUCTION CO., General Contractor

Glass and aluminum facade of Rich's new Store For Men in Atlanta sets a shining example of downtown development.

The store has its own identity yet adjoins other Rich's stores.

Combined, they form a mid-town shopping center.

(Photos Ezra Stoller—Pictor)



D. L. King

New Store For Men takes its place beside Rich's main store. It is the fourth major addition since 1940.

arranged to show customers full lines of every stock classification (p. 132-133).

Less immediately obvious are the strong implications of the fact that this is clearly a men's store—a separate entity built by a department store. The ordinary department store would have added floors, not stores; would have simply expanded existing departments vertically or horizontally. But this is the second time since World War II that Rich's has hit Atlanta with a new department set up as a complete new store. (The first was the fabulously successful Store For Homes built in 1947.) And therewith emerges clearly a significant new pattern.

Rich's new pattern—adding stores, not floors—is the first radical new downtown idea challenging the suburban shopping center. What Rich's has invented is nothing less than the idea of the downtown community of stores under single management—a sort of one-store downtown shopping center.

#### **STORE FOR MEN: requirements**

In its new store, Rich's shopping community has come closer to achieving its merchandising goal than in any previous expansion or renovation. Since it contains the fruits of the owner's extensive experience, the requirements handed architects and designer were precise and to the point: design a complete store for men adjacent to the main store with a separate identity and separate entrance but accessible from the main store. Above all, make the new store appeal to men.

These requirements were met. The Store For Men competes with the most exclusive men's specialty shops in Atlanta. It includes not only clothing but an Abercrombie-&-Fitch-type array of sporting goods—everything a man might want to buy from jeweled cuff links to outboard motors. Shrewdly, it also has everything a gift-shopping woman might conceivably buy for a man.

With this new store, Rich's confidently expects to increase its annual \$3 million sale of men's goods to at least \$6 million.

#### **Development of store community**

Rich's Store For Men is in fact the latest step in a building policy which has broken rule after rule usually set up for successful merchandising—and all in the name of a constructive conservatism that has proved its point.

Rich's main store, ten floors encompassing 250,000 sq. ft., was built in 1924 for the booming Twenties. Though the store immediately succeeded, many a wiseacre was soon declaring that Rich's was in the wrong place—some said "on the wrong side of the tracks"—away from Atlanta's newer uptown section of specialty stores.

But the late Walter Rich's first step was to stick where he was. Instead of moving to expensive land, he expanded where he stood, buying a corner store in 1928 to add 25,000 sq. ft. He was out to prove that a store on inexpensive land could pull its neighborhood up with it. Rich's bought deteriorating neighborhood properties, improved them by expanding and thereby encouraged other merchants to come into the area with good buildings. As a result, the adjoining streets have taken on new life and are now among the most pleasant in the downtown area.

Because president Richard Rich and chairman Neely were indefatigable workers in civic affairs for the benefit of Atlanta, they and other members of the Merchants Assn. were in a good position to convince the city of the value of better streets, better services down on Broad St.

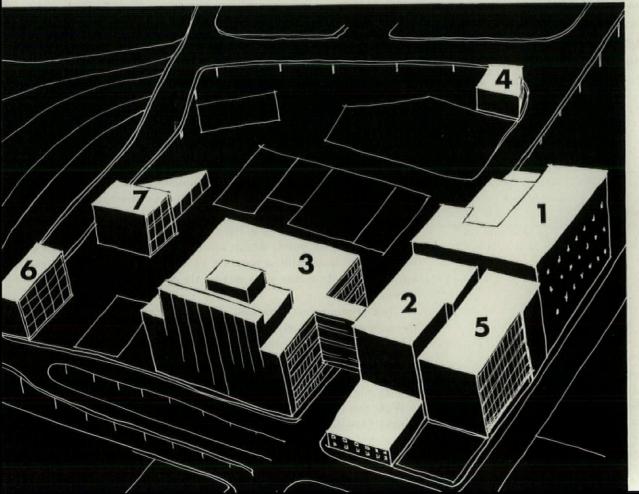
Meanwhile they worked constantly to keep the store itself up to date. In the course of doing so they asked Eleanor LeMaire to facelift their third floor in the mid-Thirties and learned to respect the hard-headed business thinking of this woman designer. Said she,

"It would be a waste to restyle a floor which the customers could not easily reach." Upshot was a thorough traffic study, resulting ultimately in the installation of moving stairs—the first in Atlanta.

A more radical move resulted from some constructive daydreaming by Walter Rich's cousin Richard during World War II. He was thinking about war's end when G. I.s by the million would want nothing so passionately as a wife and home. Answer: A fine Store For Homes where, in a single shopping trip, these future home-builders could find everything a house might need. More important, he thought of it as a substore of Rich's but with its own name, its own entity, dramatizing the idea. Said he, "A simple idea is always easier to sell."

In planning this 1947 addition, several major decisions had to be made. Integrated and mutually accessible stores were a "must" but a new store across the street made complete accessibility difficult to attain. The solution was a connecting bridge above street level and connecting underground tunnels for basement areas.

Designwise, the connecting link called for a wide (35') glass-enclosed bridge to overcome the heavy tunnel-like feeling encountered in most such structures. This set the pattern of using great areas of glass in the store. With the glazed bridge planned, the entire connecting wall of the new store was designed with glass. The adjoining wall of the building was kept windowless to provide enclosed space for service areas and elevator banks. Its brick exterior was designed in a series of vertical convex and concave sections to relieve monotony. (It was found that laying brick in curves over such a large area did not increase costs considerably.)



Step by step,
Rich's developed
its community of stores.
Still in the future:
a parking plaza
and a new service building.
Below are listed
the steps taken to date:

- 1 Main store (1924)
- 2 Main store addition (1940)
- 3 Store For Homes (1947)
- 4 Rich's garage (1949)
- 5 Store For Men (1951)
- 6 Old building for storage
- 7 Old building for storage

Rich's

At the rear of the building the wall parallel to the glass front was planned also for glass to give a view of a proposed plaza area where customers could drive up to an attended entrance. The plaza project was deferred, however, and the rear wall blocked up. But when the plaza is built, the block can be removed and glass substituted with no structural changes.

Throughout this expansion, Rich's experimented continually with more and more fixtures to further self-selection. Some of the solutions involved adapting existing display tables. Others had to be built. Perhaps the most successful were in the Store For Homes' china department. These single-purpose fixtures show a place setting as it looks on a table with shelving above which shows it as it would appear in a cupboard. Above each compartment, the name of the pattern is printed. Other display cases were built or adapted until virtually every classification of stock could be seen and handled by shoppers.

In 1949 more parking space was required and a Rich's garage was built a scant two blocks from the main store. It has a capacity of 350 cars and handles an average of 1,200 daily.

xpansion since 1940 has more than tripled Rich's original tore space at an average rate of nearly 50,000 sq. ft. a year.

The box score (including basement and sub-basement):	Area
1924 Main store (10 floors)	250,000 sq. ft.
1928 Acquired corner store building (3 floors)	25,000 sq. ft.
1940 Addition (8 floors)	
1947 Store For Homes (9 floors)	
1951 Store For Men (7 floors)	
	816.500 sq. ft.

he need for expansion can be seen in Rich's sales figures. From 940's \$10 million they have climbed to over \$50 million in 1951.

#### Vhy stay downtown?

n the above figures is proof of the sound decision to remain in the downtown area.

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"In Atlanta," said one Rich's official, "the suburbs are, at most, mi. away. With the express highway leading to town and with ur increased parking facilities, we feel serious consideration of a ranch store is at least ten to 15 years in the future. In the meanme we'll stay put."

Rich's is not through expanding yet. Plans for the plaza (leadg off a nearby express highway to suburban Atlanta) plus a new rvice building (to free existing floor space for selling) are comete. They wait only a starting signal.

#### lass walls

ontrary to the popular belief that stores should use artificial ght exclusively in selling areas, Rich's employed entire facades of ass in its Store For Men and Store For Homes (in conjunction the glazed bridge). As a result, Rich's is enjoying the advanges of glass—natural light for merchandise selection, a feeling of aciousness on all floors, and an aid in general store lighting.



Glass bridge connects 1947 Store For Homes with the 1940 addition to the main store. Use of glass here set future pattern of fenestration.

At the same time the managers are grappling with the disadvantages: sun glare and merchandise fading.

To counter glare, thin drapes have been employed on several floors. To combat fading, such items as glassware, white curtains and furniture that resist fading are displayed next to the windows. The problems have not been solved completely but with continued study Rich's hopes to lick them.

Oddly, sun heat through the windows has not been a problem. Heat resistant glass is used in panels near the ceiling in the Store For Men but no additional air conditioning outlets were found necessary in the window areas.





Fluorescent lights behind glass squares light the cantilevered canopy and lead into the separate entrance which psychologically sets the Store For Men apart from adjoining Rich's stores.

#### STORE FOR MEN: solution

Culmination of Rich's years of experimentation and expansion is the new Store For Men. From its five-story glass facade down to the smallest display fixture, Rich's successful merchandising philosophy has been realized by both architects and designer.

The facade itself is composed of large lights of 1/4" polished plate set in extruded aluminum members. Convector strips on each floor run along the base of the glass introducing air movement over the glass to prevent condensation.

At one end of the facade a service stair well with its diagonal pattern of stringers is visible from the street. These stairs and the staggered arrangement of glass sections become a major design element at night when the store is lighted. In contrast to the glass facade, the masonry wall connecting the new store with the old is windowless.

A cantilevered aluminum canopy over the entrance maintains the simple character of the exterior. Fluorescent lights behind translucent squares of glass light the underside of the canopy and carry into the foyer which is defined by six sets of tempered glass doors. Here, terrazzo floors and marble walls in combination with the lighted ceiling make the entrance an unobstructed invitation to enter the store.

A split level inside permits customers to descend only a few steps to the sporting goods department and grill or go a short distance up to the first men's furnishings floor.

Reinforced concrete columns and beams (with a 23' span) support flat slabs which bring all floors level with those of the adjoining main store. Columns were aligned as nearly as possible with those of the older building. This gave the desired accessibility from the main store and added a feeling of spaciousness to the relatively small (approximately 10,500 sq. ft.) floors in the new store.

Freight moves vertically via an elevator in one corner, making the new store independent of the main store's facilities. Reserve stock is kept in rooms at the south end of each floor and back of show windows on the first floor.

Vertical travel for customers is provided by moving stairs near the rear of the store. On the first floor a unique treatment of the moving stairs reveals the structure and mechanism. Glass panels, substituted for conventional plaster, permit a view of the frame, the wheels (which are painted orange) and the endless belt. This kep the bulk of the mechanized stairway from being too massive and provided a spot of mobile decoration as well as offering an invitation to ascend to the floors above.

Glass doors give minimum obstruction in the entrance.

Brightly lighted store interior shows through the glass facade.

Service stairs left fully exposed add to the variety of the facade itself.

Thin drapes on second floor level help daytime control of sunlight.

Moving stairs near the junction
of the main store and the Store For Men
give independent customer circulation to the store.
Recessed down-lights are patterned
to avoid a directional feeling.
This first floor houses 11 departments.

Photos: Ezra Stoller-Pictor



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#### Design for self-selection

Display cases and tables were designed with the idea of furthering Rich's pet merchandizing theory of self-selection. To carry this theory to its logical conclusion demands that every classification of goods in stock be on display. And, in the Store For Men, the only items not on display are servants' uniforms.

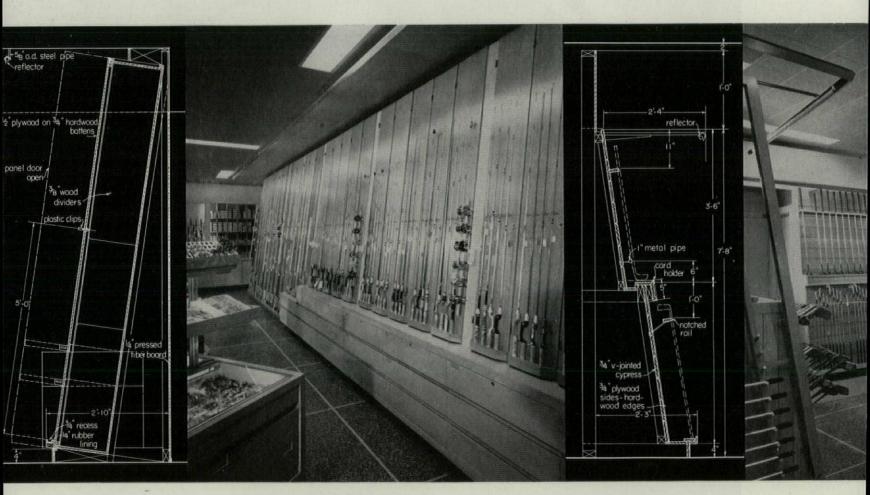
All fixtures are of stained oak (their color being varied to fit the department and surrounding color scheme). Display tables have been designed with removable tops for maximum flexibility. Many of these trays are open and have only vertical divisions which permit customers to pick up and examine shirts, sweaters, etc., but keep the merchandise in neat stacks.

Special single purpose racks were designed for many sporting goods items. Fishing rods, for example, are displayed on slanted panels and held in place with metal clips. The panels actually are doors to forward stock compartments. Reels are mounted on an aluminum tube placed at hand level so customers can manipulate a reel as if actually fishing with it.

Glass-topped showcases display such items as jewelry and pistols (obviously articles not meant for unsupervised examination or brandishing about). But these cases are so well illuminated an observer has no sense of a barrier between him and the merchandise he is examining.

#### Lighting

At the insistence of Designer LeMaire a much higher intensity general lighting was used in the Store For Men than had been planned. The effect surprised and delighted Rich's since much more merchandise became visible from greater distances. The general lighting source is recessed fluorescent fixtures. These were arranged



Fixture for display of fishing rods shows extent to which Rich's goes to put all stock on display. Rods are mounted on panels which are hinged doors to forward stock compartments (detail, left).

to avoid as much as possible any directional feeling and to give a pleasing over-all pattern. Supplementing these is a diagonal pattern of adjustable down-lights, each of which fills one square of the acoustical metal pan ceiling. This system of general lighting prevails throughout the store except for coves in the shoe department and a recessed row of down-lights in the grill.

Use of high intensity general lighting made even higher intensity display lighting mandatory. Open wall racks, for instance, get their special lighting from vertical angles spaced along the forward edge of the case. The chromium flanges face inward at an angle of 45° to the front line of the case. Light from slim tube fluorescents inside the angles is thereby directed on the merchandise illuminating the lower shelves equally as well as the higher ones. This is particularly effective on light, brightly colored merchandise which has been used as a decorative element in the over-all color scheme.

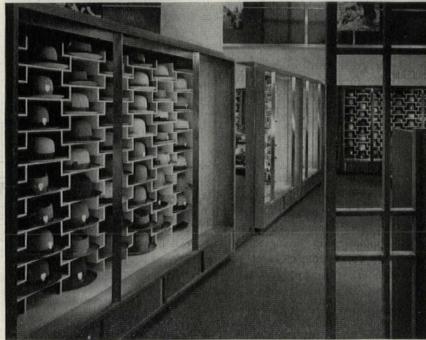
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If club sets are displayed on their own special purpose fixture, to heads are held at about hand height encourage examination on the part of customers (detail, left), sets, from cheapest to most expensive, can be seen.

Flanges of the chromium finished structural angle point inward at 45° directing light from slim tube fluorescents onto the merchandise.



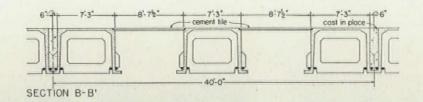


Hat racks designed for decoration and display have no glass doors to prevent customer handling. Vertical structural angles do more than support display case top; they house the lighting fixture that illuminates top and bottom of the case equally well.

#### Color

A characteristic LeMaire touch, colors are used to characterize the store while defining and relating the different departments. On the first floor, for example, neutral brown and beige set a masculine tone. Stained oak fixtures relate the 11 departments here, all of which have distinctive secondary color treatments. Jewelry is displayed in gunmetal-stained fixtures with blue shelving and lining. The shoe department has brown-stained and bleached white fixtures, green leather chairs and green lacquer display pieces.

Departments are organized in a series of islands and their ordered appearance stems from color definition which simultaneously harmonizes with the color pattern of the entire floor.



# 1. CONTINUITY IN PRESTRESSED CONSTRUCTION

By rigid-frame design, prestressed concrete engineers save 25% concrete, 25% depth and 30% steel as compared with simply supported prestressed members

Though the value of continuity is well established for steel and reinforced concrete, little progress has been made in applying this principle to the design of prestressed concrete structures. Analysis of such members has long proved extremely complicated. However, a new, simplified method of design of rigid-frame prestressed concrete members has been used by Albert Kahn engineers on three industrial buildings, the first of which is already being built (details right).

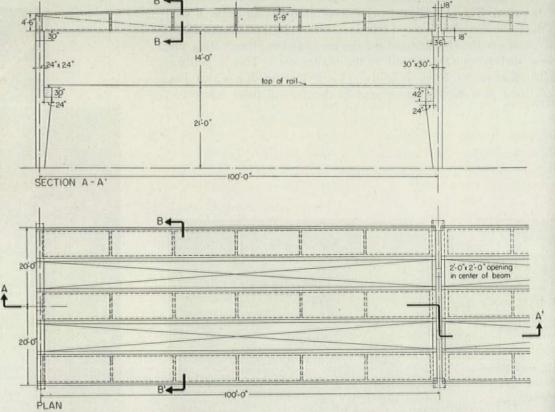
Chief advantage of continuity — where beams are continuous over the supports as distinct from a series of independent beams —lies in the shallow section that can be used to carry a given load. Thus maximum clearance is provided, dead load is reduced to a minimum and greater spans can be bridged. Furthermore, the number of end anchorages and prestressing operations required is fewer than in simply supported structures, and the present high cost of prestressing is reduced.

To show the savings possible by the exploitation of continuity with prestressed concrete construction, Portland Cement Association engineers Alfred L. Parme and George H. Paris analyzed a typical 60' prestressed beam having a live load of 1,760,000 in.-lb. for both simple and fixed end supports. Their conclusions:

	Simply- supported	Rigid frame	Saving
Area of concrete	280 sq. in.	208 sq. in.	25%
Depth of section	24.50"	18.5"	25%
Area of steel	1.90 sq. in.	1.33 sq. in.	30%

Major limitation to continuous prestressing is that the cable must have a more or less sinusoidal shape which may develop too much friction during prestressing. By experiment Belgian engineer Gustave Magnel found this loss did not exceed 5% if there are not more than three spans and the tension is applied simultaneously at both ends. His recommended limit of three spans is supported by the need to provide expansion joints about every 120′, which would in any case break up continuity.

Continuous prestressing. 100' beams designed by Engineer Alfred Zweig of Albert Kahn Associated Architects & Engineers, for a new factory addition. Beams are fully prestressed with partial continuity achieved by tie bars cast in place between beams after erection. Cables are not covered with concrete and are galvanized against corrosion.



# CONTINUOUS PRESTRESSING applied to long-span roof design

Albert Kahn Associated Architects & Engineers found that prestressed concrete was the only alternative to steel in designing 100' spans in this factory addition calling for 100' x 40' bays with heavy concentrated loads of 15 lb. per sq. ft., a total of 30 tons on each bay. Reinforced concrete was out of the question because of excessive weight and depth of beam. Steel may yet be used but at the moment is unobtainable.

Each bay is to be spanned by three 100' prestressed beams, each in section like an inverted "U" 7'3" wide and up to 5'9" deep. Dead weight of the roof will be kept down by lightweight concrete planks spanning the 8'7½" between adjoining prestressed beams. Diaphragm stiffeners are placed every 16' along each beam to stiffen the web of the beam, and to provide support for overhead cranes and conveyors.

Weighing 50 tons each, the prestressed beams are designed to be cast or the ground and lifted by two erec tion cranes into position atop cast-in place concrete girders. In section like an inverted "T" these 40' girders are no cast until the beams are in position mounted on temporary supports. Beams and girders then form a single homogene ous unit reinforced with tie bars, with the result that the beams are noncontinuous for their own weight and continuous for other loads. An equivalent noncontinuous bean would require 15%" cables and would weigh 60 tons; partial continuity thu saves 20% in cost.

Each prestressed beam contains four 13% cables, tensioned to 70 tons per cable and anchored by the Roebling system. Thi cable is galvanized, and can be left uncovered with no danger of deterioration through corrosion.

As compared with an equivalent structure designed in steel, this prestressed roodesign uses only 30% critical steel, but cost

is estimated at 18% more. Detailed material requirements and costs:

Typical 100' x 40' bays Steel required Prestressed concrete roof Steel frame roof

per sq. ft..... 31/2 lb. reinf.

151/2 lb. struct.

1.2 lb. wire cable

Estimated cost

per sq. ft..... \$3.35

\$2.80

### ANCHORING THE CABLES

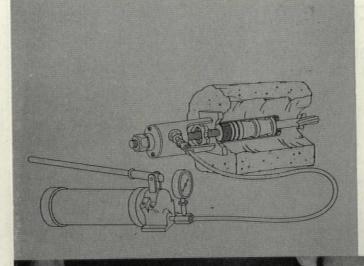
Prestressing cables to be used by Albert Kahn Associates consist of prestretched strands of high-tensile galvanized steel wire made into bridge cables by John A. Roebling's Sons Co. Cylindrical terminals are threaded to take the nuts which hold the cable in tension against steel bearing plates. The cable is gripped by a hydraulic jack extension, tensioned to 125,000 psi; then the nut is screwed down tightly to the bearing plate embedded in the end of the beam, the jack is released transferring stresses to the nut, and the complete anchorage is grouted. Available in diameters from 5%" to 15/8", the cables have tensioning loads of 131/2 tons to 100 tons.

The fitting shown here is for the 13%" cables used in Kahn's prestressed industrial buildings. These cables will employ the 43/4" thread fitting shown on right. Initial tension on the cables is 125,000 psi, but the design tension is calculated at 105,000 psi to allow for creep of concrete and steel. Cables can either be applied within the beam itself, suitably sheathed to prevent bond with concrete, or can be applied externally as in the accompanying designs. In the latter case a galvanized coating prevents atmospheric corrosion of the cable.

### PRESTRESSED GARAGE ROOF

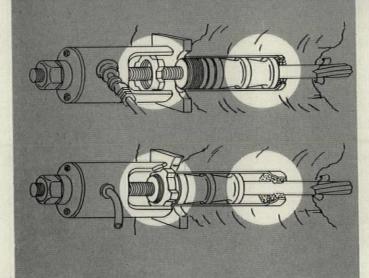
Nine 66' 10" prestressed concrete beams are now being erected to roof a garage for an industrial plant at Flint, Mich. Supported on brick walls and placed 8' on center, each 12 ton beam is prestressed by two 13/8" galvanized cables. Depth of each beam is 381/2", top flange 24" wide, bottom flange 18" wide with a 5" web thickness. Solid end blocks distribute the prestressing load to the top and bottom flanges of the beams.

Tension cables are exposed, one each side of the web, and pass beneath three 6" wide diaphragms on 16'81/2" centers which serve to transmit an upward bending moment to the beam. To withstand handling stresses, flanges are reinforced with two 7/8" diameter mild steel bars in the top and two 3/4" bars in the bottom. Beams are precast and prestressed on the ground, then hoisted and grouted into position, with cement tiles spanning between the beams.

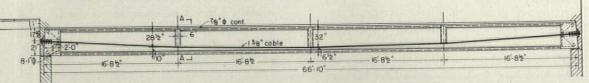


Prestressing cables are tensioned in a few minutes by means of a center hole hydraulic ram jack. Each 13/8" cable requires a tensioning force of 70 tons.





End connection of prestressing cable. Upper diagram shows jack in position ready to tension cable. Below, cable is stretched, and nut is screwed down tightly against bearing plate to hold cable in tension. Each cable and unit is carefully annealed to withstand the 125,000 psi tensioning stresses.



SECTION AT END

66' 10" prestressed beams designed to roof an industrial garage in Flint, Mich. Exposed prestressing cables pass beneath web flanges, are galvanized against corrosion.

On page 134 is an account of a new framing technique which combines the economies of continuity and prestressing with the simplicity of a simple beam structure.

## 2. COMBINED OFFICE-GARAGE

Highly efficient plan packs 600 cars, 140,000 sq. ft. of office space onto 100' x 150' Manhattan site

Every square inch of floor space is put to profitable use in this combined 31-story automatic parking garage and 17-story office building for mid-town Manhattan.

L-shaped in plan, the 140,000 sq. ft. of offices are placed around a central parking tower so that tenants will all have outside windows. These high-class offices are expected to cost \$20 per sq. ft. fully partitioned and air conditioned; will rent for \$4.50 per sq. ft.

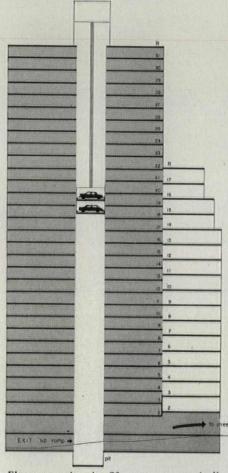
Covering only 65' x 108' of the 100' x 150' site, the tower will park 600 cars, 20 on each level in two-deep banks of five cars each, both front and rear of a five-car wide elevator bank, Such high density parking is achieved by the use of automatic parking dollies and double-deck elevators, two of them two cars wide with a capacity of four cars, and a third only one car wide. Elevators and parking dollies will be under pushbutton control by elevator attendants. To obtain a ear from a rear cubicle, the attendant will move the first onto one deck of his elevator, move up (or down) one level, get the car he wants and replace the first one. Including such juggling, the average time to park or deliver a car will be slightly under 2 min. with 3 min. for the car that is hardest to get, permitting 200 cars to be parked or delivered an hour. Powered by 200 h.p. motors, elevators will travel at 450' per min. Electronic indicator boards in the office will show which cubicles are occupied and which vacant.

Cars will enter the garage from a oneway street (34th), thus simplifying traffic circulation in and out of the garage; cars enter from the right, on leaving the garage will turn left. Entrance to the office portion will be around the corner on the Avenue of the Americas. A patron can call for his car at the avenue entrance, pay his check and descend into the basement where his car will be waiting for him.

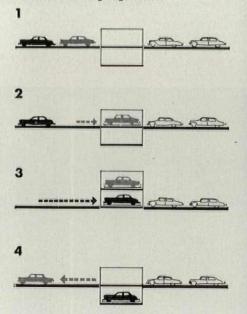
Floor-to-floor heights in the parking tower will be only 8' 6" compared to 10' 6" between office floors. Short stairs will connect garage levels with offices. The tower will be without windows and sturdy walls will make it suitable for a bomb shelter. Few lights will be needed and little ventilation since cars are moved by electric dollies eliminating exhaust problems.

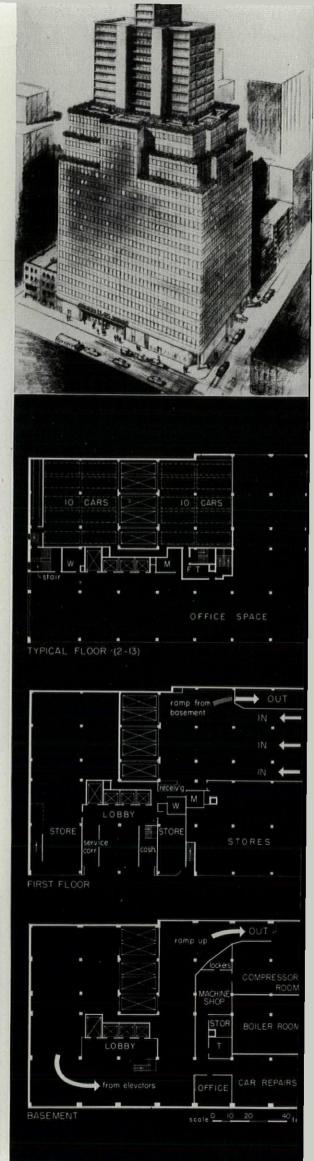
This \$8,000,000 project is planned by realty operator Henry Goelet. Charles N. and Selig Whinston are the architects.

Thirty-one story parking tower inside a seventeen-story office building planned for New York's Avenue of the Americas and 45th Street.



Floor capacity is 20 cars, automatically parked and delivered by dollies operating from 5 banks of two-level elevators. To obtain a car from a rear cubicle, dolly picks up car in front and moves it to one level of elevator, which then moves up (or down) one level and the other car is collected. Shaded area is garage tower.





### 3. WELDED HOSPITAL

Welding instead of riveting saved 14.5% steel and 12.5% in erection

To avoid the nerve-wracking hammer of riveting alongside an existing hospital the Medical Staff of the Veteran's Administration Hospital at Minneapolis put pressure on the VA Construction Service to permit welding the frame of their new hospital building. The addition was welded and the VA was pleasantly astonished to discover that the engineer's claims about the economics of welding were in fact well founded. The nine-story steel-framed hospital took 337 tons of steel (14.5%) less than an equivalent riveted frame and cut erection costs by \$3.32 per ton (12.5%).

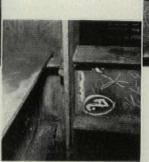
Already designed for riveting, the basic framing plan of the hospital was unchanged. Even greater savings could have been effected had there been time to redesign the building to develop the full continuity possible in welded connections. As it was, partial continuity was achieved by the use of column flange stiffeners and column caps. Because steel was already being fabricated for riveting these were welded on the site. Greater erection economies would have resulted had it been possible to weld these in the steel shop.

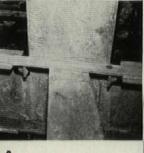
Special erection clips were used to hold members in place for welding. A forged steel prong or clip on the beam seats into a forged "U" piece on the supporting column. Clips and seats are so designed and positioned that when the clip is fully inserted the supported member will be correctly placed for welding. Clips must be carefully positioned and the frame must be accurately lined up during erection, after which the erection clips, being close fitted, hold the frame rigidly in position. As the men gained experience the frame went up fast; a five-man crew, plus a two-man crane crew, was able to average 50 tons a day despite bitterly cold winter weather. Below 32° F. joints were electrically preheated in about 3 min. by means of a carbon arc; welding was suspended in subzero weather.

On this hospital building, it was found that welded joints could be inspected more readily than riveted ones. All surfaces to be welded were fully exposed to view, and both inspectors and operators could examine each layer of weld metal as it was fused into place. Not a single cracked weld was discovered.

Planned by the VA Construction Service, the building was revised for welding by the American Bridge Co. and consulting engineer Van Rensselaer P. Saxe.



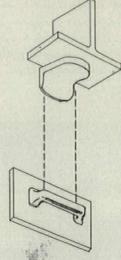




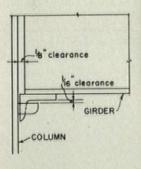
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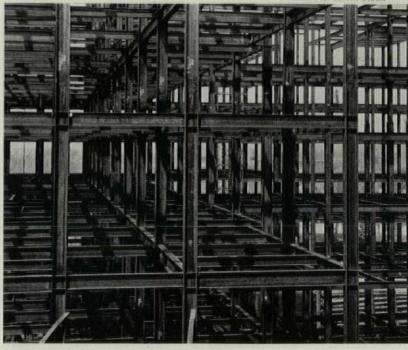
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1. Welding of spandrel beam . . . 2. Beams connected to column flange and column web . . . 3. Tie plates where beam webs are in line with column flange . . . 4. Stiffener plates between column flanges.



Erection clips used to hold members in position ready for welding.

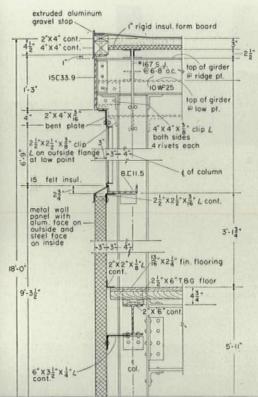


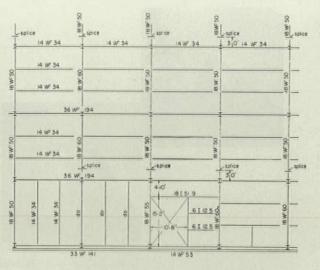


Welded construction proved quiet and efficient in Veteran's Administration Hospital at Minneapolis. Flange stiffener plates at spandrel beam connections were installed in field due to late design drawings. Installation in fabricating shop would have been cheaper.

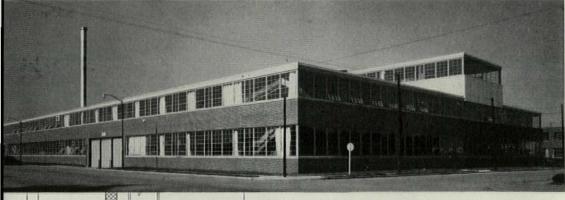
SAVINGS EFFECTED BY WELDED CONSTRUCTION: Costs shown for a riveted job were obtained from field records of a similar job erected in good weather conditions

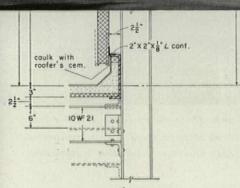
	RIVETED	WELDED		
	BUILDING	BUILDING	SAVINGS	
			Tonnage	%
Base Plates	. 38 tons	. 38 tons	. —	-
Columns	. 759 tons	. 759 tons	. —	-
Column splices	. 23 tons	. 4 tons	. 19 tons	83%
Beams	.1,265 tons	.1,153 tons	.112 tons	9%
Beam connections	. 157 tons		.157 tons	100%
Erection clips		. 10 tons	-10 tons	-
Rivets	. 75 tons	. –	. 75 tons	100%
Welding rod		. 11 tons	-11 tons	_
Stiffener plates		. 5 tons	-5 tons	-
Totals	2,317 tons	1,980 tons	337 tons	14.5%
LABOR COSTS PER TON			SAVED	
Erection	\$4,90	\$4.72	. \$0.18	4%
Plumbing			. \$0.48	17%
Welding				14.5%
Totals	. \$26.24.	\$22.92	\$3.32	12.5%





Continuous girders 40' long and cantilevered 3' beyond alternate columns were mounted on tops of columns in this two-story and penthouse warehouse in North Kansas City. Typical framing of 20' x 20' bays shown at top of page were arrived at after numerous framing studies.





Wall section shows the insulated aluminum-steel wail panel enclosing the penthouse; these panels proved extremely efficient, were light and economical to erect.

Cantilevered roof framing supports storage mezzanines in Philadelphia warehouse. Every other girder is cantilevered 4' beyond columns and a shorter, lighter girder hung between the ends of the cantilevers.



# 4. FRAMING COMPARISON

Analysis of alternate structural systems leads to lower construction costs—continuity saves 20% steel

Built for a cost of only \$4.12 per sq. ft. including equipment, this warehouse demonstrates 1) the savings that can be achieved by careful framing analysis before erection, and 2) the advantages of long continuous girders. It is a two-story and penthouse building for National Bellas Hess Inc. in North Kansas City.

Various 20' x 20' framing schemes for 200 lb. per sq. ft. loading were studied to evalute cost of materials, their availability and their effect on fire insurance rates. The results, corrected to Jan. 1952 prices, are tabulated below.

Nominal 2" wood joists appeared to be the cheapest method of floor framing, but involved big insurance rate penalties and required undesirable ceiling heights. They were consequently rejected in favor of 14" WF 34# beams 6' 8" on centers covered with factory-grade maple strip flooring over a 2½" x 6" subfloor.

Similar analysis led to the selection of the roof framing technique: bar joists with a poured gypsum roof deck on 1" insulating form board. This proved economical, had a low heat transmission value, and gave a ceiling surface which required no paint.

To support the selected floor and roof bays, continuous girders were made in 40' lengths to bear on top of, rather than frame into, the columns. They were cantilevered 3' beyond alternate columns and joined with simple splice-plate connections. As well as saving 20% of the steel tonnage in an equivalent simple span design, this system required few parts and simple connections, consequently speeded construction.

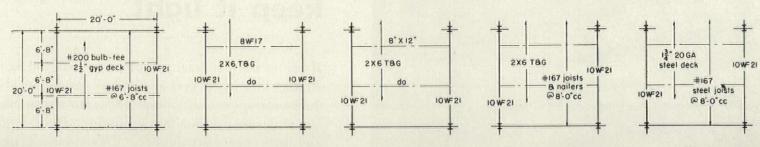
Architects: Kivett & Myers; Angus Mc-Callum, associate. Structural engineers: Pfuhl & Shideler.

### 5. STEEL-SAVING FRAME

Alternate long and short girders cap columns to save 16% steel

Another technique of cantilevered framing used in a 526,000 sq. ft. warehouse for American Stores Co. in Philadelphia saved 100 tons of steel (16%) in its roof and mezzanine construction.

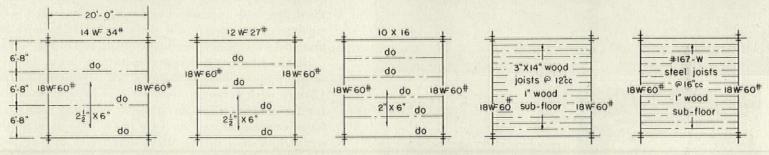
This single-story warehouse has 21' x 21' column bays. Steel was saved by cantilevering every other girder 4' beyond columns and hanging a lighter member between the



#### **ROOF FRAMING**

Figures given include erection costs. Framing costs corrected to January 1952 prices.

	1) BAR JOISTS & GYPSUM DECK Adopted	2) STEEL BEAMS & WOOD SHEATHING	3) WOOD BEAMS & WOOD SHEATHING	4) BAR JOISTS & WOOD SHEATHING	5) BAR JOISTS & STEEL DECK
DEAD LOAD	3.03 tons	2.14 tons	2.39 tons	1.86 tons	1.39 tons
STEEL COST	\$390.50	\$256.00	\$115.50	\$196.50	\$360.00
LUMBER COST	Nil	\$188.00	\$273.50	\$177.50	Nil
SPRINKLER COST	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
TOTAL COST	\$470.50	\$524.00	\$469.00	\$454.00	\$440.00



#### FLOOR FRAMING

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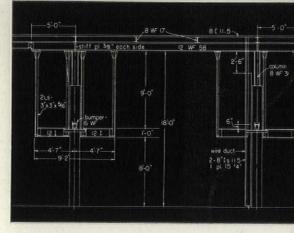
	1) STEEL FRAMING (4 BEAMS) Adopted	2) STEEL FRAMING (5 BEAMS)	3) WOOD FRAMING (10" × 16")	4) WOOD JOISTS (3" x 4")	5) NAILER STEEL JOISTS
DEAD LOAD	4.52 tons	4.61 tons	5.41 tons	4.70 tons	4.27 tons
STEEL COST	\$610.00	\$627.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$765.00
LUMBER COST	\$236.00	\$239.50	\$444.50	\$332.30	\$81.50
SPRINKLER COST	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL COST	\$926.00	\$946.50	\$854.50	\$762.30	\$946.50

ends of the cantilevers. The long 29' cantilevered girders are 12" WF 58# beams; the short 13' suspended members, 10" WF 21# beams. Had conventional column-to-column framing been used, heavier 12" WF 65# members would have been required. Mounted above the girders are 8" WF 17# roof purlins, 7' on centers. Girders are level; roof slope is accomplished by pitching the purlins.

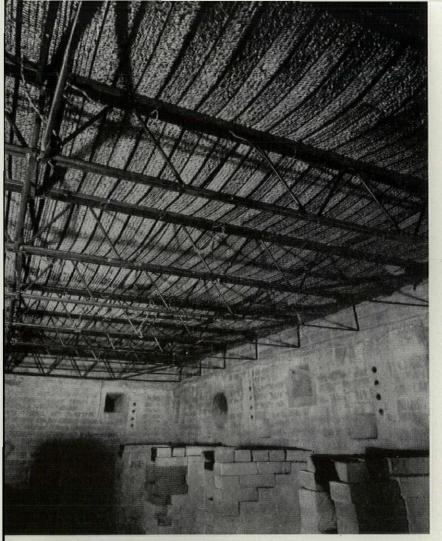
The concrete floor of the warehouse is divided into bays 65' x 65' poured in alternate sections with armored edges to avoid cracks. Foundations were a problem since the warehouse is built on 40' of undependable loose micaceous sand and long-

dumped rubbish fill. From 4' to 20' of new fill was needed to bring the ground to the proposed floor level. This was provided by clean sand thoroughly compacted in 6" layers. After it was in place, the area was preloaded with a 6' layer of sand, which was left in place for two weeks and then removed. The supporting columns were carried on spread footings bearing on the compacted fill. This "soil wizardry" cost \$350,000 less than the pile foundation which would otherwise have been required.

Architects and engineers: Ganteaume & McMullen. The foundation preloading technique was by Dr. Arthur Casagrande, Harvard professor of soil mechanics.



Mezzanines hung from cantilevered roof girders.







Floor beams are fire protected by attaching ¾" channels to the beams for support of gypsum lath. Supporting clips engage furring channel. The opposite end of the wire clip passes through the eyelet of the preceding clip. Then the lath is plastered to thickness required by the desired fire resistive rating. For column-fireproofing technique, see p. 143.)

\* A 12-story office or apartment building of steel frame having 3 hr. columns and 2 hr. floors can be built under the following building codes:

1) Basic Code—Building Officials Conference of America; 2) Uniform Code—Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference; 3) Southern Standard Building Code; 4) National Code—National Board of Fine Underwriters; 5) Chicago; 6) Los Angeles; 7) San Francisco; 8) St. Louis. Limitations apply in other cities as indicated below: 1) New York—apartments, 9 stories; offices, 6 stories; first floor—3 hrs. 2) Cleveland—floors must be 2½ hrs. 3) New Orleans and St. Louis—8-story limit. 4) Boston—2 hr. columns and 1 hr. floors permitted 8 stories; mercantile, 10 stories; apartments, 6.

Recent tests at the Bureau of Standards in Washington qualified the shell fire-proofing for the indicated fire-resistive ratings.

# How to fireproof a light steel frame-and keep it light

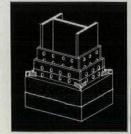
Here, for the first time, are complete facts and figures demonstrating how much steel and money can be saved by shaving the ponderous masonry fireproofing from steel frame designs and replacing it with a thin insulating "shell" of gypsum lath and light aggregate plaster. Commissioned by Lloyd H. Yeager, general manager of the Gypsum Association, and executed by architects Holabird & Root & Burgee of Chicago, this study reveals more than expected, however: it also indicates that, despite today's steel scarcities, the multistory light steel frame still can compete with reinforced concrete, if fire-proofed shrewdly.

In a conventionally fireproofed 12-story steel frame for light occupancy, at least 15% of the steel is devoted to supporting its own masonry fireproofing. So this amount of steel can be lopped off the design, with corresponding savings in cost (and without loss of rigidity) if the structure is designed for light steel members fire protected with the new membrane of lath and plaster\* (pictures left).

Holabird & Root & Burgee demonstrate this in their investigation of five common ways of framing two bays and a hall of a typical 12-story office building, fire-rated at 2 hr. for the floor and 3 hr. for the columns. The investigation included both steel and reinforced concrete designs (see page 143 to 145). Results of the detailed comparison show that the light steel frame shell-fireproofed under a 2" floor slab saves about 20 lb. per sq. ground ft. in weight of

steel and 40% in *cost* over the conventional steel frame fireproofed with concrete and supporting a 4" concrete slab.

The conventional design costs \$51.02 per sq. ft. of ground area 12 stories high. This includes the cost of the footings, steel frame and concrete fireproofing, with bond plaster on the concrete ceiling, beams and columns. If bond plaster is eliminated, the cost is reduced to \$46.55 per sq. ft.



By contrast, the light steel frame with gypsum lath and lightweight aggregate plaster fireproofing costs \$30.84 per sq. ft. 34% less than the unplastered concrete frame.

#### Other advantages:

A light steel frame goes up faster, is roofed-in faster, and uses less field labor (particularly in forming) than most of the other designs.

The steel which this technique does use is less critical material in the current market than the steel in larger rolled sections.

Contractors take minimum risk in this kind of work, because almost all elements in light steel construction are prefabricated, not field manufactured.

The fireproofing ceiling of the light steel frame is flat, unbroken by beams, as sought by many office renters today.

Flexibility of design means mechanical and electrical work can be completed easily and early.

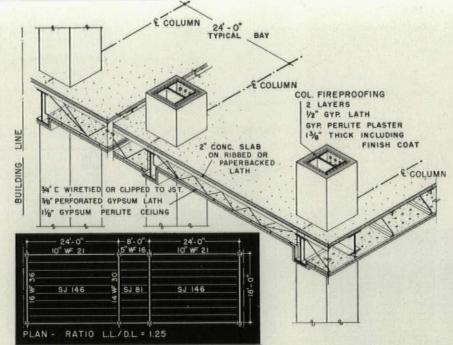
Each of the five designs which follow is based on live load of 50 lb. per sq. ft., 10' story height, and 20 lb. per s. ft. allowance for partitions (see page 144 for more on partitions).

" concrete slab on

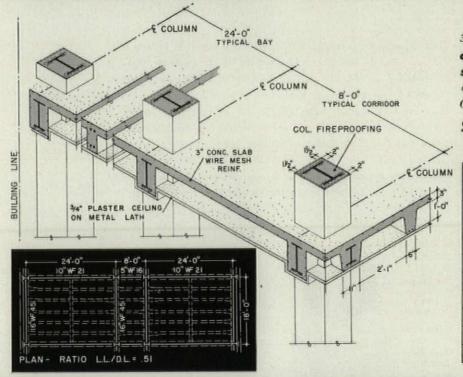
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upported with steel frame,
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nd lightweight
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30.84



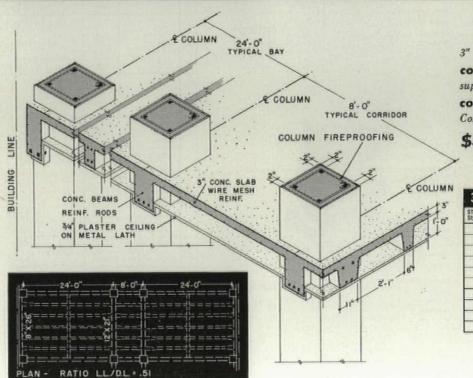
1		COLUMN SCHE	DULE	
STORY (Sty. Ht. 10'-0')	EXTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT.	INTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT OF STEEL
12 & 11	8W 31	620	8WF 31	620
10 & 9	8WF 35	700	8WF 31	620
8 8 7	10WF 49	980	8WF 40	800
6 & 5	12WF 65	1300	10WF 54	1080
483	12WF 79	1580	12WF 65	1300
2 8 1	12WF 92	1840	12WF 79	1580
Bsmnt.	12W 99	990	12WF 85	850
Footing	36-14 d. each way	1460	30-34 d. each way	1100
TOTAL STEEL (	One Col. & Ftg.)	9470#		7950#



3" concrete slab and
concrete joists (removable pans),
steel beams and columns
all fireproofed with concrete.
Cost per sq. ft. of ground area:

#### \$45.64

2	COLUMN SCHEDULE				
STORY (Sty. Ht. 10'-0")	EXTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT. OF STEEL	INTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT.	
12 & 11	8WF 31	620	8WF 31	620	
10 & 9	10WF 49	980	10W 49	980	
8 8 7	12WF 65	1300	12WF 65	1300	
6 & 5	12WF 85	1700	12WF 85	1700	
483	14WF 103	2060	14WF 103	2060	
281	14WF 127	2540	14WF 127	2540	
Bsmnt.	14WF 136	1360	14WF 136	1360	
Footing	33-7/s d. each way	2160	33-76 d. each way	2160	



3" concrete slab and

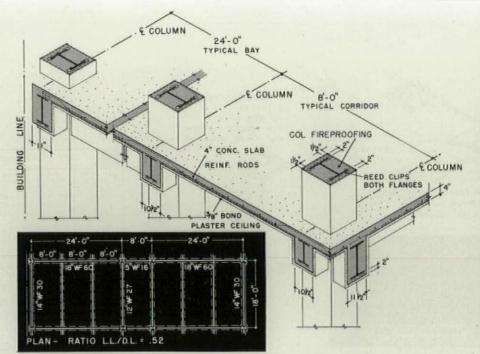
concrete joists (pan construction) supported on a reinforced

#### concrete frame.

Cost per sq. ft. of ground area:

\$37.28

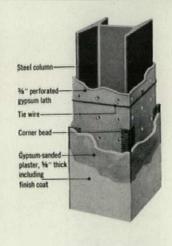
STORY	EXT	ERIOR	TOTAL WT.	EXT	ERIOR	TOTAL WT.
Sty. Ht. 10'-0"		SIZE	OF STEEL		SIZE	OF STEEL
12 & 11	12 x 12	4-34 d.	135#	12 x 12	4-74 d.	135#
10 & 9	14 x 14	4-11/6 sq.	365	14 x 14	4-11/4 sq.	465
8 & 7	16 x 16	8-11/6 sq.	730	17 x 17	8-11/s sq.	730
6 & 5	19 x 19	8-11/4 sq.	890	19 x 19	12-146 sq.	1090
4 & 3	21 x 21	12-11/4 sq.	1330	21 x 21	12-11/4 sq.	1330
2 & 1	24 x 24	16-14% sq.	1450	24 x 24	16-146 sq.	1450
Bsmnt.	24 x 24	16-1¼ sq.	885	24 x 24	16-144 sq.	885
Footing	34-7% d.	each way	2260	34-7% d.	each way	2260
TOTAL STEE	L One Co	ol. & Footing	8045#	14	1000	8345#



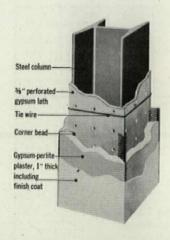
4" concrete slab on
steel floor beams,
supported by
steel frame,
all fireproofed with concrete.
Cost per sq. ft. of ground area:

### \$51.02

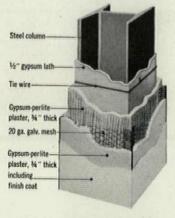
4		COLUMN SCHE	DULE	
STORY (Sty. Ht. 10'-0")	EXTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT. OF STEEL	INTERIOR COL. SIZE	TOTAL WT.
12 & 11	8WF 31	620#	8WF 31	620
10 8 9	10WF 49	980	10WF 49	980
8 & 7	12W 65	1300	12W 65	1300
6 & 5	12WF 85	1700	12WF 79	1580
4 & 3	14WF 111	2220	14WF 103	2060
2 & 1	14WF 136	2720	14WF 119	2380
Bsmnt.	14W 142	1420	14W 136	1360
Footing	34-% d. each way	2260	32-3/s d. each way	2030
TOTAL STEEL	One Col. & Ftg.)	13220#		12310#



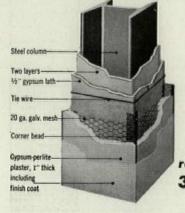
rating: 1½ hrs. Steel columns are wrapped with one or two layers of gypsum lath, held in place by tie wires and plastered to the thickness required for specified fire resistive rating. For higher ratings, the plaster is reinforced with thin gauge wire mesh. Choice between one or two layers of lath depends upon specific job conditions. If lathing is subcontracted, greater economy will be achieved by using the method which will permit the lather to complete his work on the column in one single operation. On the other hand, if the plastering contractor employs the lather there is little inconvenience in having the lather return after the scratch coat of plaster has been applied.



rating: 2 hrs.



rating: 31/2 hrs.

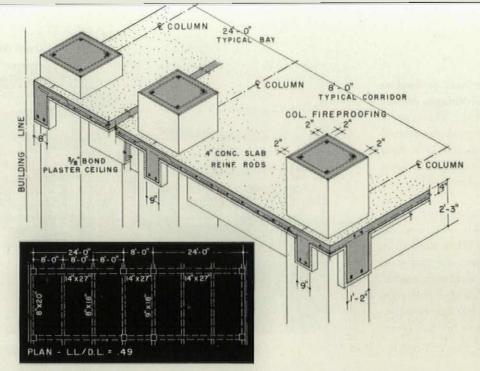


20 ga. galv. mesh
Corner bead
Gypsum-perlite
plaster, 44" thick
Gypsum-perlite
plaster, 94" thick
including
finish coat

Two layers—1/2" gypsum lath\_

rating: 4½ hrs.

	YPE OF CONSTR	oution	LIGHT STEEL	FRAME, "BOX	-FINER	KUUFEU
			QUANTITY/SQ. FT.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PRICE
		Joists	12x3.61=43.3#	\$0.14	\$6.06	
	Struc. Steel	Beams	12x3.63=43.6#	0.132	5.76	
1.		Total	86.9#			\$11.82
rioor L.L. 50#/s.f. Partition Load 20#/s.f.		Slabs	Lath 9.1#			10.68
מינו	Reinf. Steel	Joists				
LVG	Neimi stee.	Beams				
Illion		Total	9.1#	0.13		1.56
		Slabs	12x .17= 2.0 c.f.			
	Conc.	Joists				
200	00	Beams				
1	The same	Total	2.0 c.f.	0.93		1.86
5		Slabs				
1	Forms	Beams				
		Total				
	Lath		12x1.02=12.2 s.f.	0.70		8.54
	Plaster		12x1.02=12.2 s.f.			
	Struct. Sti.		28.5#	0.132		3.76
	Reinf. Stl.					
commis	Concrete					
5	Forms					
	Lath		2.2 s.f.	1.72	1	1.44
	Plaster		2.2 s.f.			
Ftgs.	Reinf. Stl.		5.1#	0.10		0.51
-	Concrete Incl	forms	1.5 c.f.	0.90	1	1.35
1	Tot. Vol. Conc.	Old III	3.5 c.f./1 s.f.			
1	Tot. Wt. Steel		129.6#/s.f.			
1	Tot. Vol. Plaster	Y- ALIA	1.95 c.f./s.f.			



4" concrete slab on
concrete beams,
supported by reinforced
concrete frame.
Cost per sq. ft. of ground area:

\$41.57

5	COLUMN SCHEDULE*								
STORY Sty. Ht. 10'-0"			TOTAL WT. OF STEEL	EXT	TOTAL WT				
12 & 11	12 x 12	4-1/4 d.	135	12 x 12	4-34 d.	135			
10 & 9	14 x 14	4-11/6 sq.	365	14 x 14	4-11/4 sq.	465			
8 8 7	16 x 16	8-11/s sq.	730	17 x 17	8-146 sq.	730			
6 8 5	19 x 19	8-11/4 sq.	890	20 x 20	12-146 sq.	1090			
483	21 x 21	12-11/4 sq.	1330	22 x 22	12-11/4 sq.	1330			
2 & 1	23 x 23	16-146 sq.	1450	24 x 24	16-11/4 sq.	1770			
Bsmnt.	24 x 24	16-11/4 sq.	885	26 x 26	16-11/4 sq.	885			
Footing	33-1/4 d. each way		2160	37-% d.	2570				
TOTAL STEEL One Col. & Footing			7945#			8975#			

Chart below summarizes and adds detailed information to graphic material on typical methods of framing a 12-story office building, fire rated at two hours for the floors and three hours for the columns. Number 1 is the new method, and is the cheapest, almost \$7 less costly than any other method shown per sq. ft. of ground area covered by the two office bays and hall (n.b.—designation is not per sq. ft. of floor area but ground area). Note that the major area of saving is in the form work in comparison with all other designs. These costs include only structural costs, with comparable plaster finishes.

QUANTITY/SQ. FT.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PRICE	QUANTITY/SQ. FT.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PRICE	QUANTITY/SQ. FT.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PRICE	QUANTITY/SQ. FT.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PRICE
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52.2#	\$0.132		\$ 6.89				7	83.4#	\$0.132		\$11.00				
Mesh 9.6#	0.05	\$0.60		Mesh 9.6#	\$0.05	\$0.60		12x1.36 =16.3#	- N 10	84.7		12x1.36 =16.3#	STEEL SE		
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33.4#			2.98	41.7#			\$ 3.81	16.5#	0.10		1.65	40.9#	\$0.10		\$ 4.09
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6.9 c.f.	0.93		6.42	6.8 c.f.	0.93		6.33	6.4 c.f.	0.93		5.95	6.9 c.f.	0.93		6.42
12x .90 = 10.8 s.f.	0.75	8.10		12x .93 =11.2 s.f.	0.75	8.40		12x .84 =10.1 s.f.	0.75	\$7.58		12x .837=10.0 s.f.	0.75	\$7.50	
12x .14 = 1.7 s.f.	0.60	1.02		12x .11 = 1.3 s.f.	0.60	0.78		12x .64 = 7.7 s.f.	0.60	4.62		12x .322= 8.7 s.f.	0.60	5.22	
12.5 s.f.			9.12	12.5 s.f.			9.18	17.8 s.f.	MUES		12.20	18.7 s.f.	E C C		12.72
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12x1.04 = 12.5 s.f.	0.00		7.50	12x1.04 = 12.5 s.f.	0.60		7.50	12x1.48 = 17.8 s.f.	0.42		7.46	12x1.17 = 18.7 s.f.	0.39		7.46
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12x .037= .4#	0.135		0.05	23.6#	0.10		2.36	12x .037= .4#	0.135		0.05	24.2#	0.10	799	2.42
0.8 c.f.	0.93		0.74	1.2 c.f.	0.93		1.12	0.8 c.f.	0.93		1.74	1.2 c.f.	0.93	1000	1.12
2.7 s.f.	0.60		1.62	3.1 s.f.	0.60	1	1.86	2.8 s.f.	0.60	17.11	1.68	3.2 s.f.	0.60	Min.	1.92
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2.8 s.f.	0.47		1.32	3.2 s.f.	0.47	17	1.52	2.9 s.f.	0.47		1.36	3.4 s.f.	0.47		1.60
8.6#	0.10		0.86	9.0#	0.10	R	0.90	8.5#	0.10		0.85	9.4#	0.10		0.94
2.9 c.f.	0.90		2.61	3.0 c.f.	0.90		2.70	2.8 c.f.	0.90	Edge.	2.52	3.2 c.f.	0.90		2.88
10.6 c.f./s.f.		48		11.0 c.f./s.f.	Water and			10.0 c.f./s.f.				11.3 c.f./s.f.			
136.5#/s.f.				74.3#/s.f.				150.9#/s.f.				74.5#/s.f.	THE PARTY		
1.19 c.f./s.f.				1.21 c.f./s.f.				.71 c.f./s.f.				.76 c.f./s.f.			

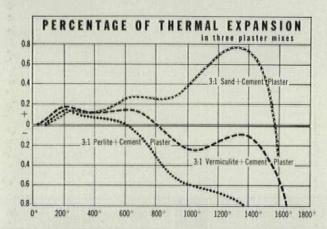
#### **Partitions**

The 2" solid gypsum lath and plaster parition is used as companion construction to attain the best advantages offered by lightweight aggregate-gypsum fireproofing. These partitions consist of ½" thick gypsum lath in long sheets extending from floor to ceiling. The lath is centered in a floor runner assembly which provides a metal base at the floor, and secured at the ceiling in concealed runners. Then this is braced temporarily.

A scratch coat of gypsum plaster and lightweight aggregates is applied to both sides. After this sets, a brown coat is applied to the side opposite the braces. When the brown coat has set the temporary braces are removed and used elsewhere, and the side which was braced is brown coated. When plastered to a total thickness of 2" with lightweight aggregate plastering, the partition is 1½ hr. fire resistive. An increase of ½" plaster thickness increases the fire resistance to 2 hrs.

#### **Aggregates**

Vermiculite and perlite are the best known and most commonly used of the lightweight aggregates. Vermiculite is a mica mineral, which when heated expands about ten times. Perlite, a volcanic rock, reacts similarly.

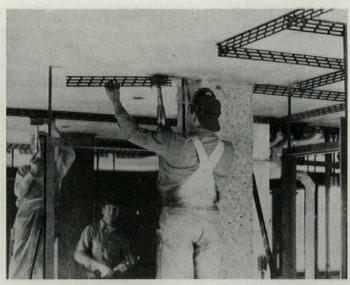


Both vermiculite and perlite generally cost slightly more than their equivalent in sand for plastering, particularly where good sand is available locally, but generally the increase in aggregate cost is less than 10%. And the labor saved in the mixing and application (plus the added cost of thawing sand in cold weather) generally compensates for the additional cost of the lightweight aggregates.

Lightweight aggregates are no more fire resistive than sand but their use in combination with gypsum plaster provides much greater fire resistance than sanded plaster. This is due principally to the low coefficient of expansion of lightweight aggregates under extreme temperature as compared to sand's high coefficient under similar conditions.

Selection of lightweight aggregates should be done carefully. They should have a minimum density of 7½ lb. per cu. ft. and no excess fines in particle sizing. Lower densities should be avoided because compressive strength generally deteriorates with density.

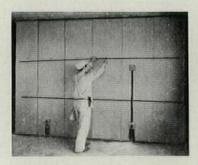
In proportioning of lightweight aggregates to plaster 1 cu. ft. replaces 100 lb. of sand in the normal plaster mix. So the scratch coat of plaster should consist of 2 cu. ft. of lightweight aggregate per 100 lb. bag of plaster, and the brown coat should consist of 3 cu. ft. to 100 lb. of plaster. These lightweight aggregates are generally packaged with 4 cu. ft. per container. Sand weighs 95 to 100 lb. per cu. ft. Perlite and vermiculite weigh only 7½ to 10 lb. per cu. ft.



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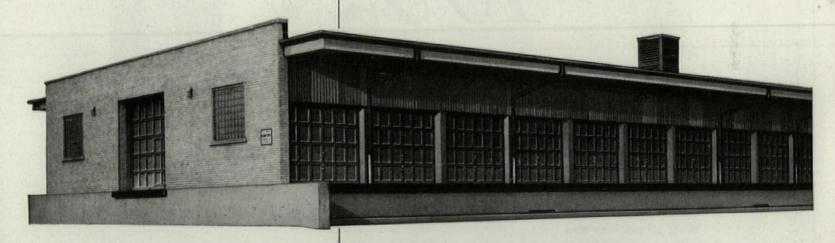
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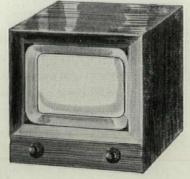
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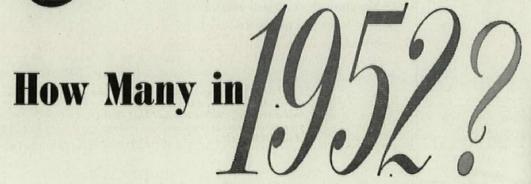


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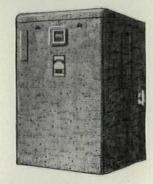
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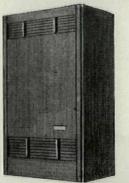
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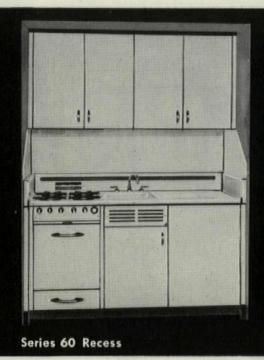




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### BUILDING NEAR AIRPORTS—recent crashes in built-up areas suggest builders study CAA rules

The most important reason for relating buildings and aeronautical safety comes suddenly and infrequently—when a plane crashes in a densely populated residential or commercial neighborhood. But several other less catastrophic reasons are pointed out by the Civil Aeronautics Administration:

- Increasing development of airports private, commercial, military.
- Aeronautical advancements, such as jet aircraft, requiring longer take-off runs, longer flatter approaches.
- Mental hazards imposed on the pilot by buildings of appreciable height and proximity to flight paths.
- ▶ Obvious disadvantages of living or conducting business near the noise caused by aircraft operations.
- ▶ Possible reluctance of lending agencies to supply mortgage money for certain projects close to airports.
- The fact that an airport may reduce the value of adjacent areas.

To avoid such problems, the wise architect or builder will familiarize himself with aeronautical regulations before he makes his plans. (Not all builders can afford to cover an initial mistake, as did one who bought an extra 87-acre tract which was in the middle of an already begun development and which would otherwise have been used by a private flying club.) These are all set forth in the CAA's Technical Standard Order N-18, herewith boiled down to its essential elements:

Approach surface to an airport is the inclined plane directly above the approach area. Its dimensions are measured horizontally (lengthwise) and vary by class of airport (determined by runway length) from feeder and trunk line runways of 3,500'-5,000' to intercontinental express runways of 8,400' and longer.

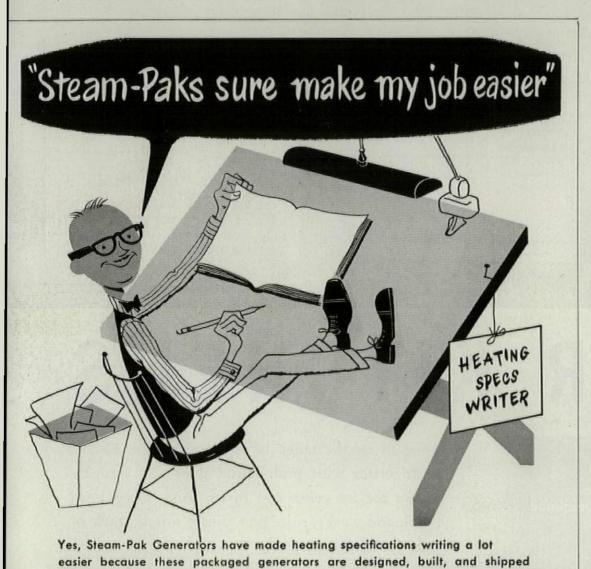
Approach zone for a noninstrument runway is 500' wide at the runway end and flares to 2,500' at a distance of about two miles; for an instrument runway, 1,000' flaring to 4,000'.

Slope of the approach zone for instrument runways is 50:1, extending outward from the end of the runway for approximately 2 mi.; and 40:1 from this point for a distance of about 7 mi. For all other runways not intended for instrument operation, the slope to be protected varies with class of airport.

Building heights in instrument approach zones, in addition to the above requirements, are considered obstructions if they extend more than 100' above the elevation of the runway within 3 mi. of the runway end. They may increase about 25' for each additional mile outward, but in any case not exceed 250' within 10 mi. of the runway end.

Two other factors are taken into account by the CAA: 1) Sites beyond these areas may constitute a hazard due to natural features of the terrain, such as hills or mountains, and location with reference to civil airways. 2) The possible hazard of a proposed structure may be reduced by suitable aeronautical obstruction painting and lighting. Standard markings are not applicable to all structures within certain height limitations. For example, a medium height building may be so located as to require markings generally intended for a higher structure; conversely, a higher building may require no marking at all if existing marked structures shield it.

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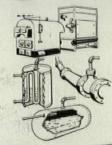
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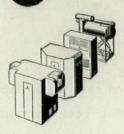
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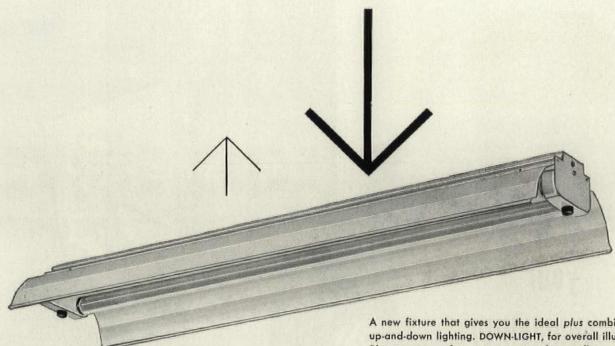
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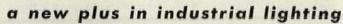
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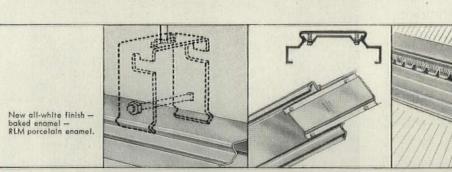


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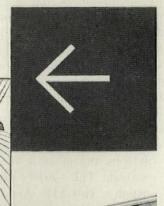




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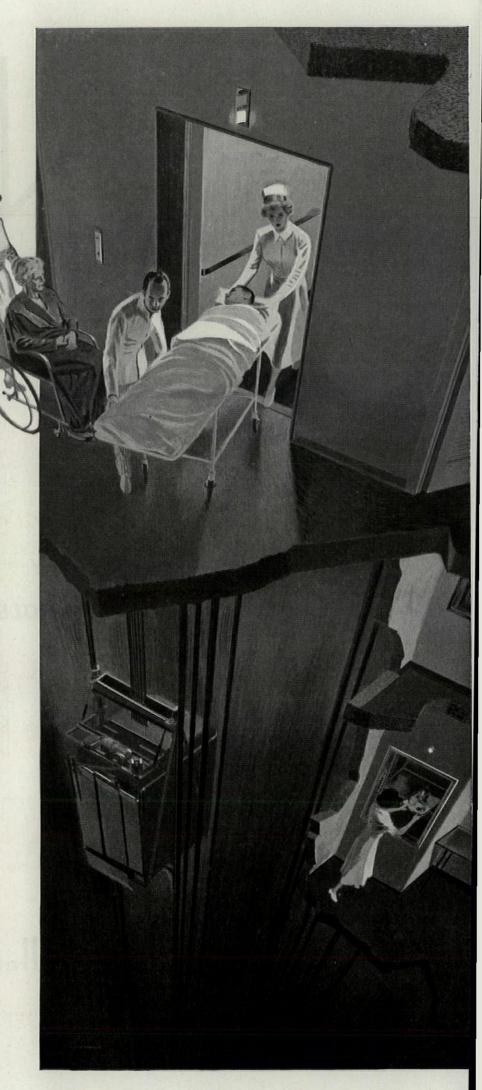
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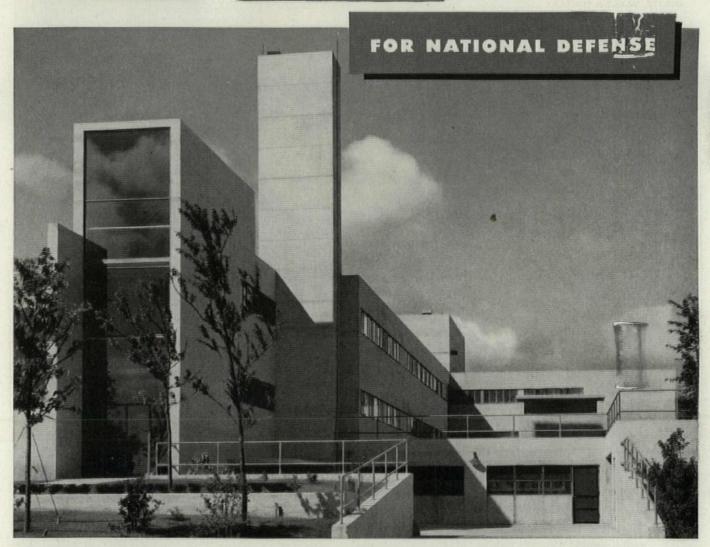
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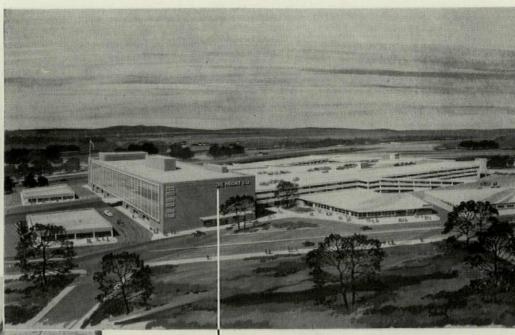
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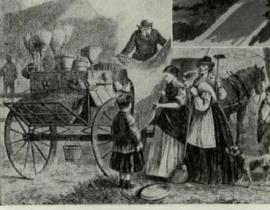
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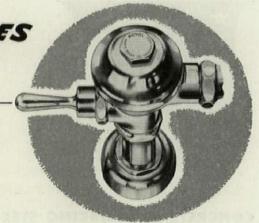
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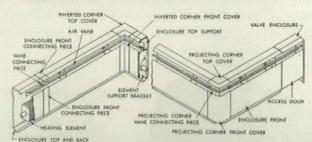
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#### HOSPITAL OF IDEAS

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#### THE RADIATION STORY

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Here are the most important structural and planning decisions dictated by the Anderson Hospital's radiotherapy research and checked with the Oak Ridge Medical Division (which was consulted regularly) and Argonne Cancer Hospital designers:

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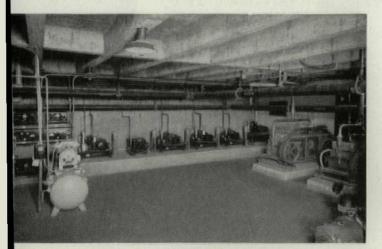
OWNER: Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital

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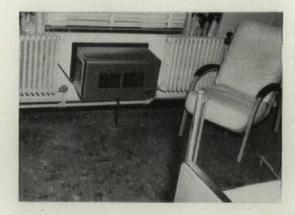
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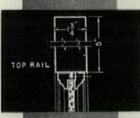








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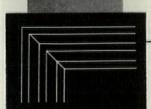
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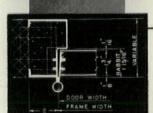
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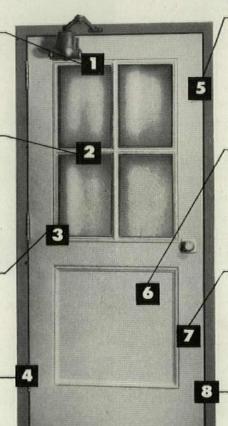
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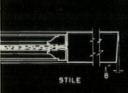
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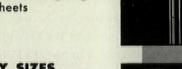
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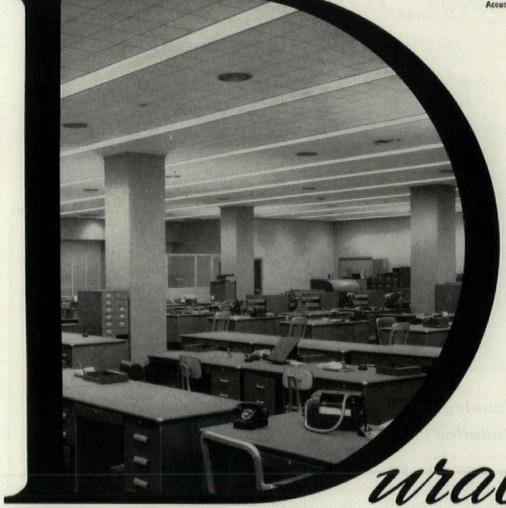
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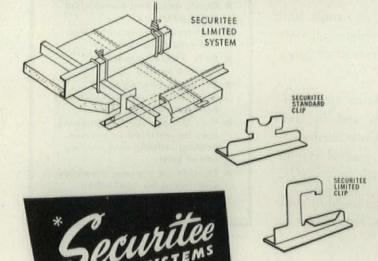


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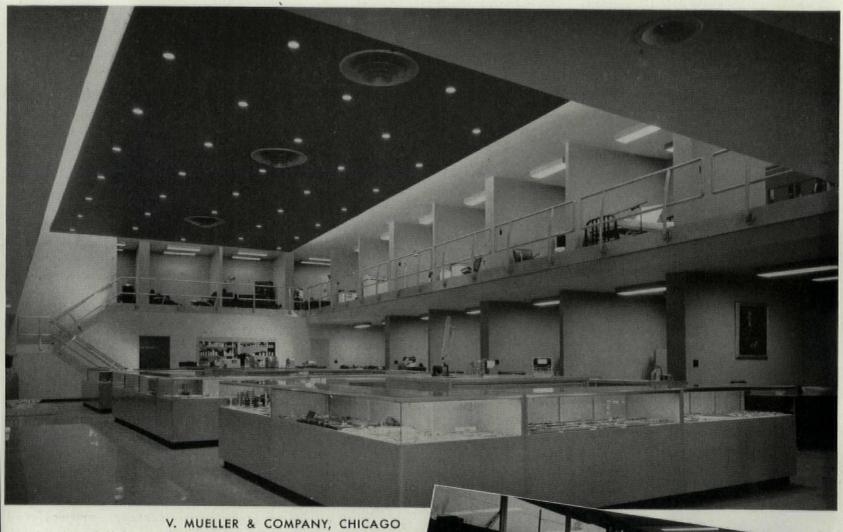
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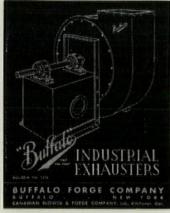
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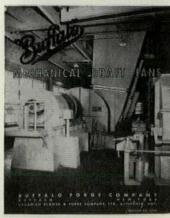
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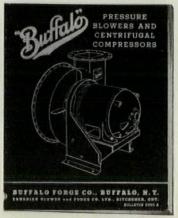
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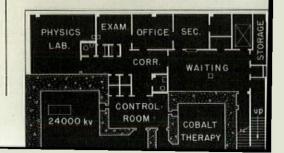
- 2. Isotope stack-located at the east end of the research wing. This vertical stack of isotope storage rooms had to be carefully insulated from the rest of the building with thick lead-lined concrete walls.
- 3. Vaults for Cobalt 60 and Betatron units - located underground beyond the north end of the hospital. Since the Cobalt 60 unit emits rays of 1.3 million volts it was surrounded with 4' of extra-dense concrete; since the Betatron emits rays of 24 million volts, it was surrounded with 61/9' of extra-dense concrete!

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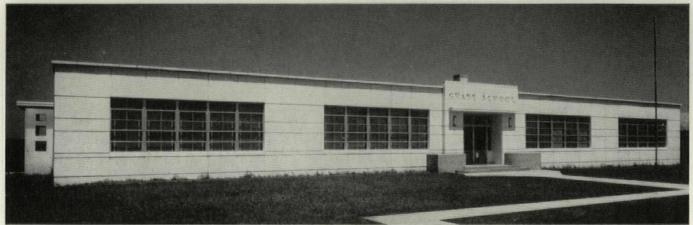
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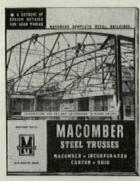
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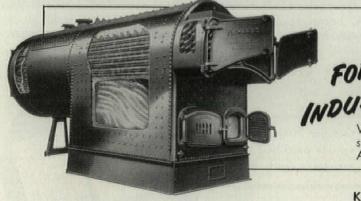


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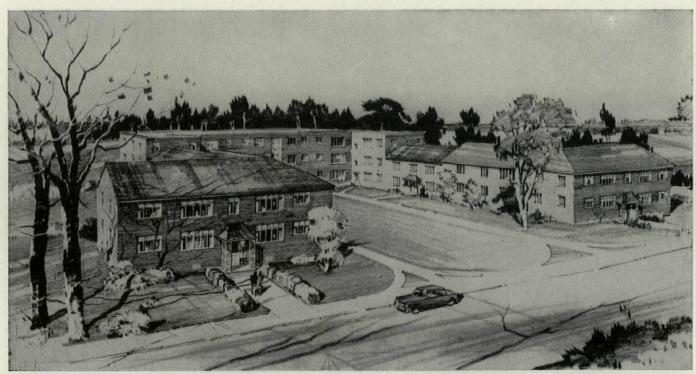
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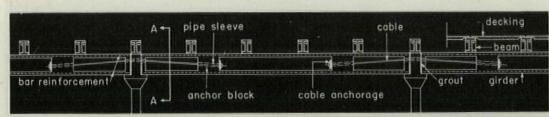
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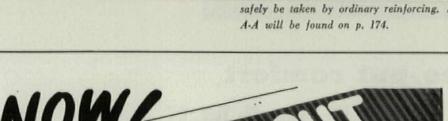


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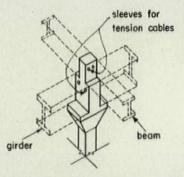
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#### continuity and prestressing with simplicity of a simple beam structure

Prestressed concrete to date has generally been considered apart from conventional reinforcing and rigid-framing techniques. To combine the advantages of each, engineer Fritz Kramrisch of Albert Kahn Associates (see p. 85 and 132) has integrated conventional mild steel reinforcing with high-tensile prestressed cables in a continuous floor framing system. This exploitation of continuity in a system of two-way prestressing is expected to produce great economies in spans of 50' or more. It has already been successfully applied by Pierre Lebelle in building new factories in France.

As illustrated, main girders span between columns while shallower beams span between girders to support the floor deck. Both girders and beams are designed on the same principle of continuous prestressing. In effect, when extended into adjoining bays, they form a continuous structure, with single members tied together and pre-



stressed over supports by tension cables. In simple-span prestressed members tension cables run from one end to the other; in Kramrisch's system the cables run through bent pipe sleeves over the supports to develop continuity through the structure, while the center portion of each member contains only mild steel reinforcement.

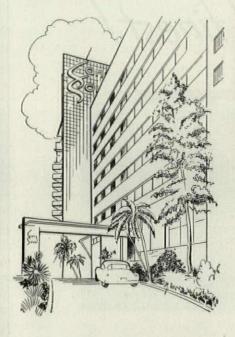
Members are precast on the ground with mild steel reinforcing in the bottom flange for support during erection and to resist part of the positive moment in the final continuous structure. Small reinforcing bars are also placed in the top flange to resist cantilever action during erection.

Cables and the prestressed concrete extending on both sides of the supports are in the zone of negative moments. At the points of contraflexure the girders and beams are filled out to solid rectangular cross sections to provide anchor blocks for the cables. The blocks are pierced by pipe sleeves through which the cables are placed after erection.

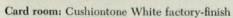
Similar sleeves are cast into the columns for passage of cables from one horizontal

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Lobby, looking west: Cushiontone, painted Coral

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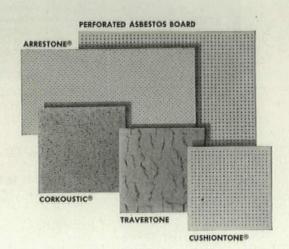


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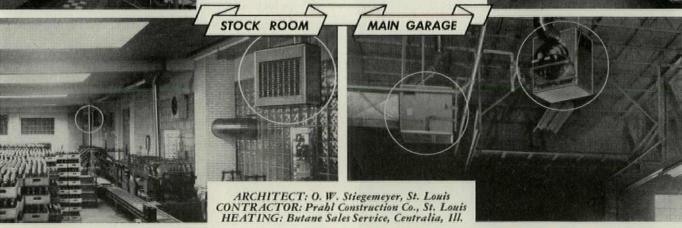


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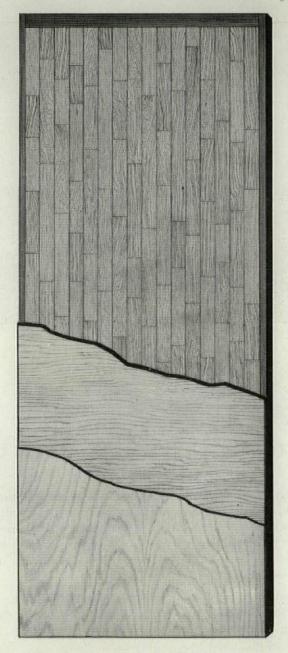




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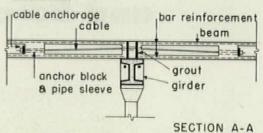
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#### CONTINUITY AND PRESTRESSING

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member to the next. Sleeves at the columns are placed higher than the cable anchorages, so as to subject the center portion of the girder to a positive, upward moment which reduces the requirements for positive reinforcing at these points. The reinforcing needed for handling is sufficient for the reduced positive moment of the continuous girder and thus eliminates the need for expensive prestressing cables in the center portion of the girder.

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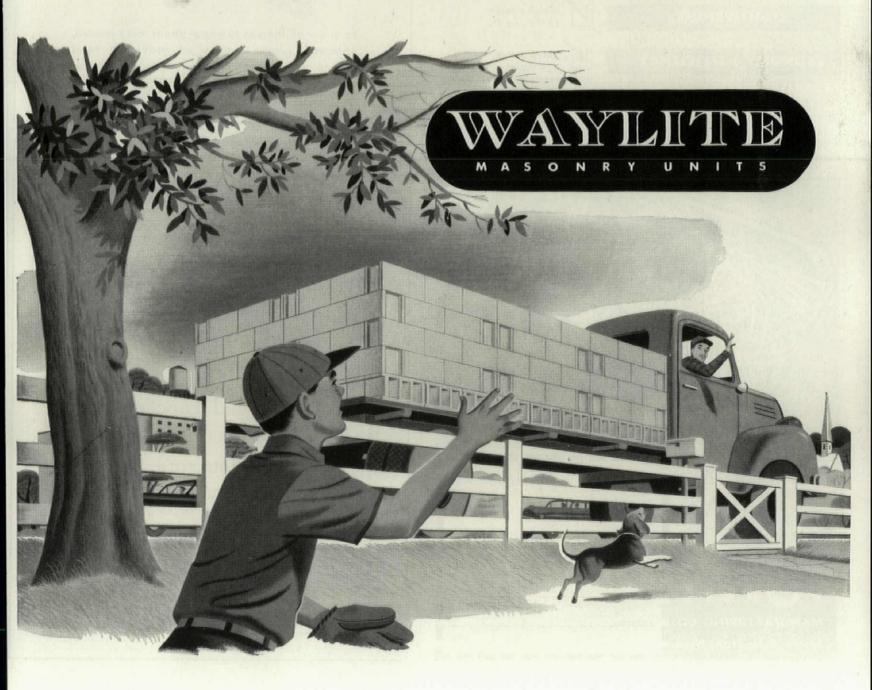
- ▶ Beams and girders are basically of the same design with full continuity obtained in both directions. Beams may either be placed on top of the girders or may frame into them for shallower construction.
- ▶ Economies of prestressed concrete (small concrete section, little steel requirement, ease of precasting many similar units) are combined with the efficiencies of continuous design (reduced moments, rigidity and small deflection) in an easily erected structure.
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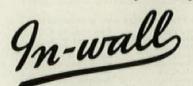


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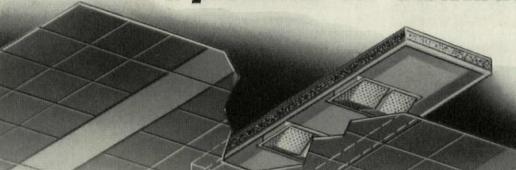
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If there was one book on American architecture that needed writing, this was it: the story of the Chicago School, the story of the development of the skyscraper. It is a fascinating story, and Carl Condit has made it fascinating reading.

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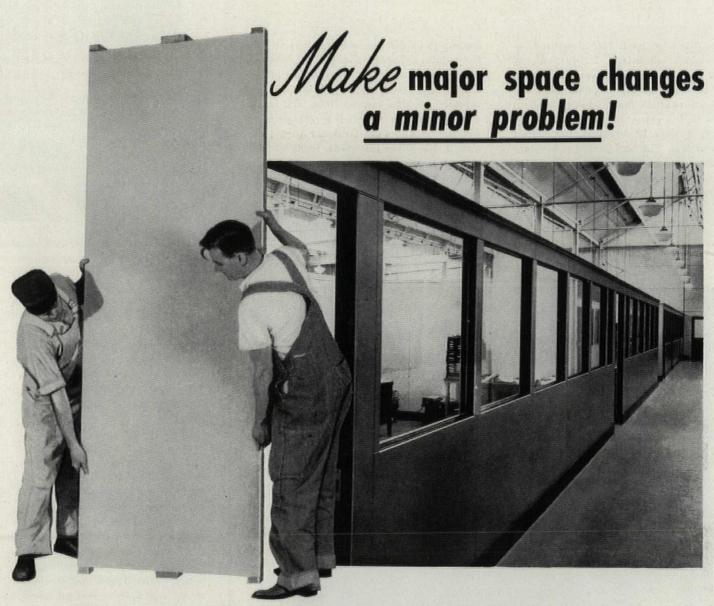
It was a small band of modest men. They called their work "Commercial Architecture." and in the early record of this work, Industrial Chicago, it is described as the "great airy buildings of the present . . . truly American architecture in conception and utility . . . a commanding style without being venerable." A French visitor, Paul Bourget, wrote of it with enthusiasm: "The simple force of need is such a principle of beauty, and these buildings so conspicuously manifest that need, that in contemplating them you experience a singular emotion. The sketch appears here of a new kind of art, an art of democracy, made by the crowd and for the crowd, an art of science in which the certainty of natural laws gives to audacities . . . the tranquility of geometrical figures. . . ."

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and some that were good. Occasionally, Condit's infectious enthusiasm for his subject seems to dull his critical powers in this respect. But that is not very serious—for if his intention was to kindle that kind of enthusiasm in others, he has certainly succeeded.

History, it must be admitted, has helped him a good deal. The background to his story is, of course, fascinating in the extreme: the growth of the huge, rude city in the prairies; the destruction by fire; the undaunted faith leading to explosive reconstruction; and then the painful collapse—however temporary—of the new style after the Chicago Fair of 1893, and its final resurrection by Wright and, most recently, by Mies van der Rohe. But in addition, his human material is extraordinary: The stories of men like Dankmar Adler (whom Condit, like other historians, tends to underestimate), of men like Jenney, Holabird, Roche, Louis Sullivan and John Root—to name only a few—are exciting material in



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Holabird & Roche's Champlain Building (1903) is typical of the reasonable
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themselves. Condit's paragraphs on that extraordinary and brilliant man, Jenney, and on Root (who, if he had lived, might well have ranked close to Sullivan) are wonderful reading. They prove, among other things, that the men of the Chicago School were architects of tremendous sensitivity and perception, and that they were as articulate about the things they believed in as the most vocal of the 20th Century avant-garde that followed them.

It used to be fashionable in the 1920's in Europe to praise the American engineer and to damn the American architect. This is understandable, for only a few historians like Montgomery Schuyler kept alive the memory of the Chicago School. With Condit's book in print, there is no longer any excuse for selling the Chicago architects short. In a century whose architecture was either eclectic or entangled in confused protests, these architects spoke with a clear language and saw with a pure vision that was not to be matched until many decades had passed.—P.B.

#### HEATING DESIGN AND PRACTICE by Robert Henderson Emerick. McGraw-Hill Book Co., publishers, 330 W. 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y. 453 pages. Illus. 63% x 93%". \$8.00

This is a textbook which will also be of use out of school. For not only does it present basic theory of heating design, with examples of calculations, and wide coverage of the various heating methods, but it gives a good deal of information on practice. As the author points out, the results of practice must often temper theory—and may even improve it, if the designer interprets these results properly. In each section of his new book, Emerick introduces observations from his considerable experience as a mechanical engineer.

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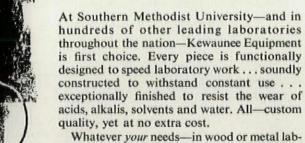


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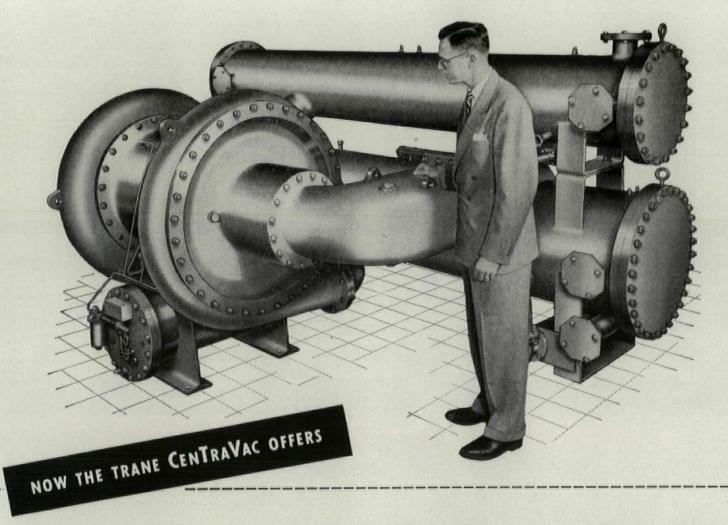
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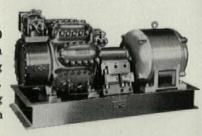
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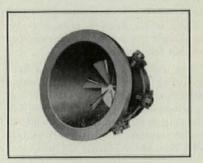
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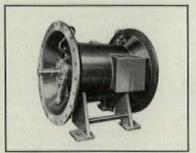
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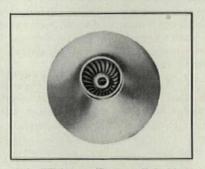




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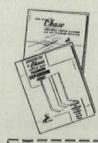
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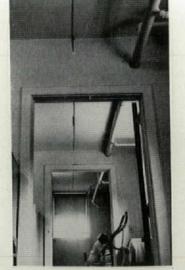
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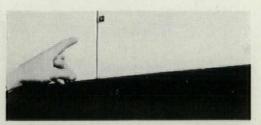


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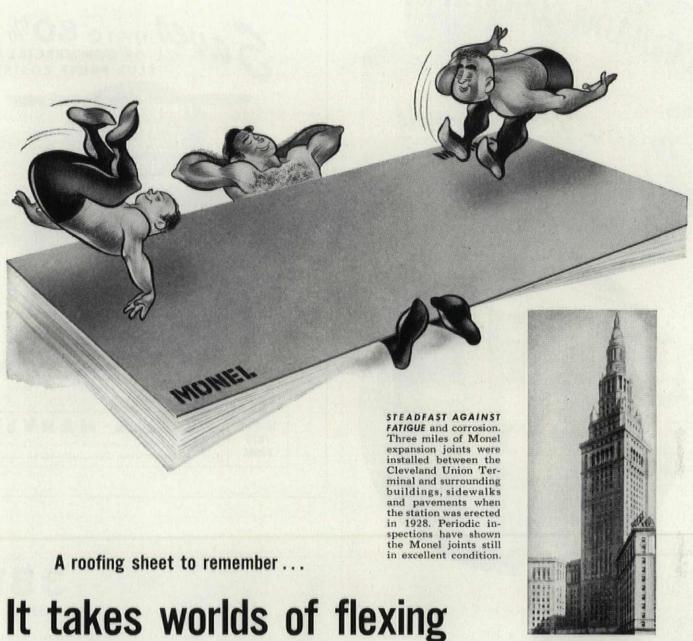
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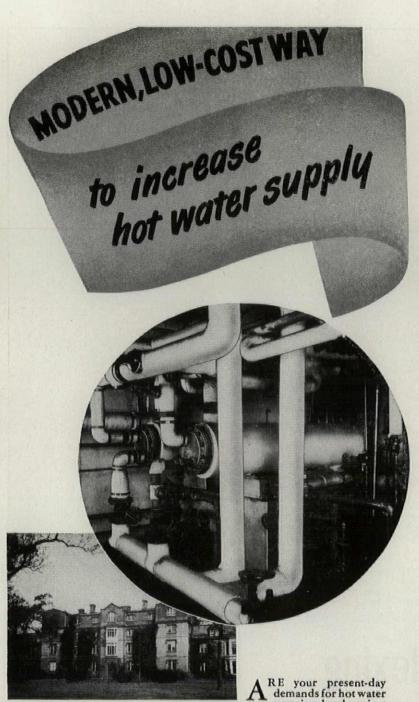
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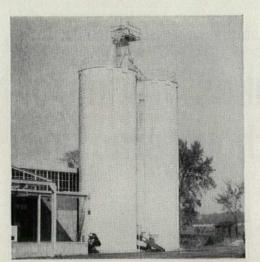


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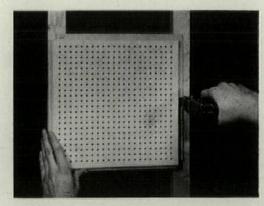
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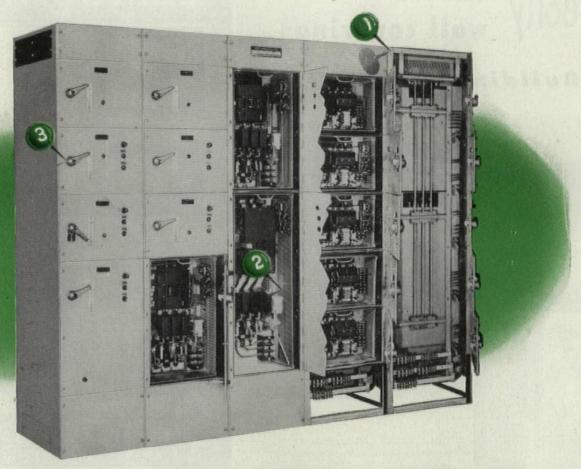
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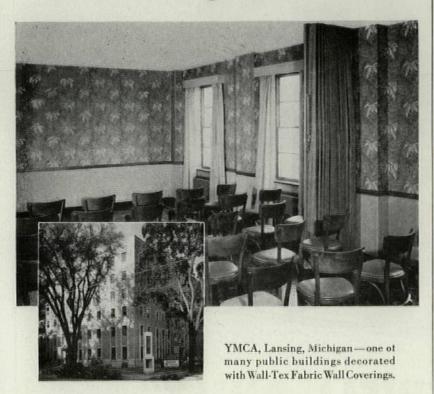
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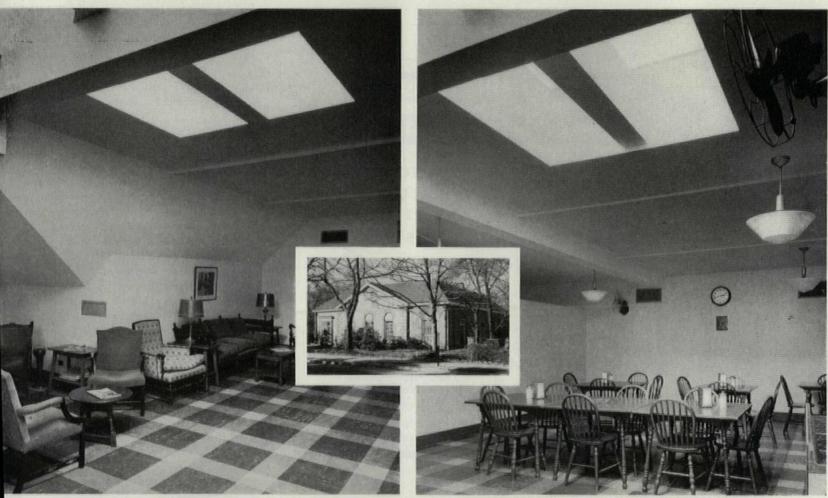
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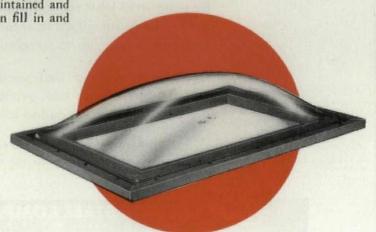
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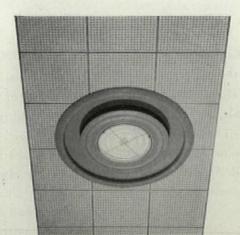
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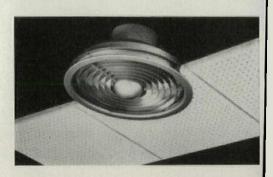
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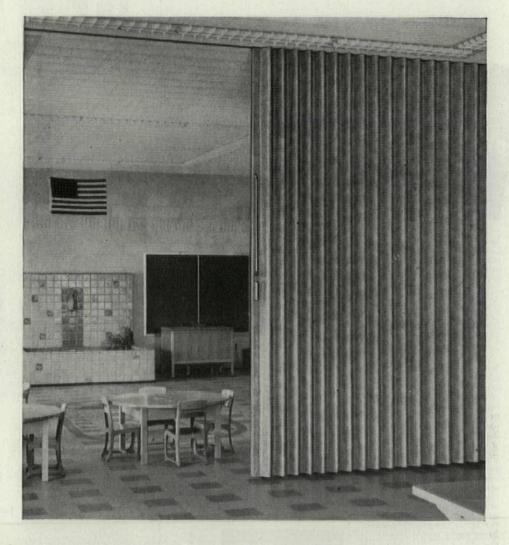
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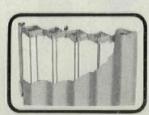
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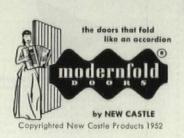


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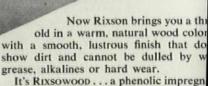
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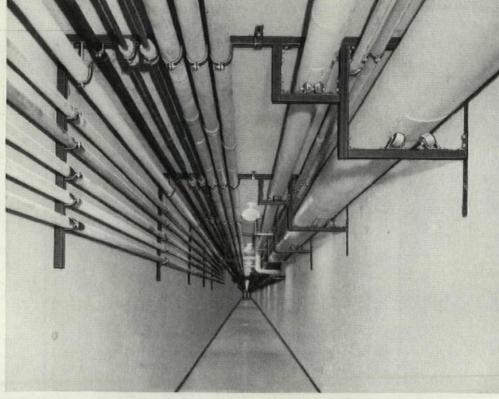
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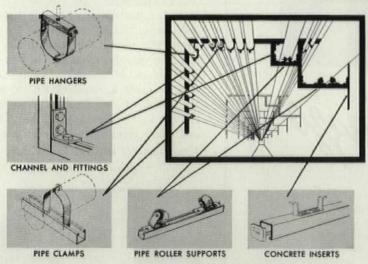
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Manufacturer: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, Pa.

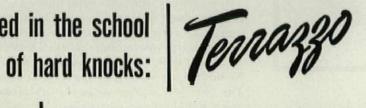
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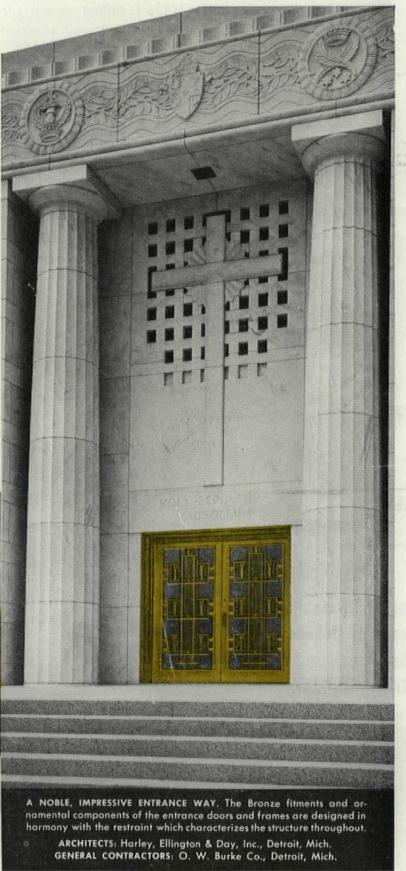
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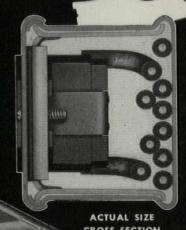
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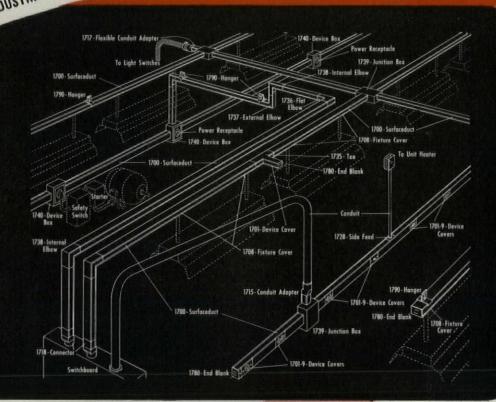
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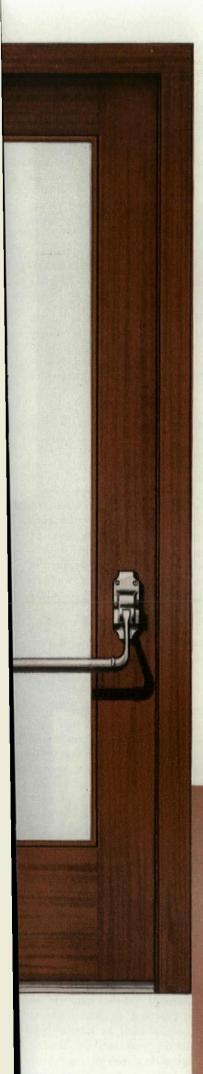
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WATER HEATERS. GF Products for Industry, Catalogue 60. General Fittings Co., Dept. 44, 118 Georgia Ave., Providence 5, R. I. 12 pp. 81/2 x 11".

This catalogue has been prepared for consulting engineers, architects and plumbing contractors who select equipment for washrooms, cafeterias, dispensaries and industrial processing. It gives detailed information on instantaneous water heaters and other industrial fluid heating units, illustrates typical

installations, and contains useful sizing data and steam consumption tables.

WATERPROOFING. Monoseal Liquid Water Repellant. The Monroe Co., Inc., 10703 Quebec Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio. 2 pp. 81/2 x 11".

How Monoseal, a silicone base waterproofing, penetrates into masonry surfaces and coats the pore walls is described in this recent bulletin. Methods for applying the invisible coating and some test results are illustrated. EXCAVATOR. 25 Ton Life Capacity 3/4 Yard Dipper. Koehring Co., Milwaukee 16, Wis. 8 pp. 81/2 x 11".

Describing the latest advancements made on the Koehring Model 304 excavator and its attachments, the two-color booklet contains many drawings of machine parts and photos depicting various applications of the heavy duty excavator.

PROTECTIVE COATINGS. Laykold Fibrecoat. American Bitumuls & Asphalt Co., 200 Bush St., San Francisco 4, Calif. 4 pp. 8½ x 11".

This three-color brochure gives detailed application data on a weatherproof mica-flaked asphalt coating. Included are specifications, approximate costs and information on equipment for applying the product on bituminous roofs, masonry and metal surfaces.

FLASHING. Copper Sheet Metal Work. The American Brass Co., Waterbury 20, Conn. 20 pp. 81/2 x 11".

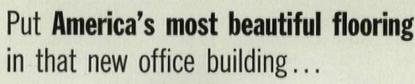
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HEATING. Cleaver-Brooks Hev-E Burner. Cleaver-Brooks Co., Hev-E Oil Burner Div., 326 E. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee 12, Wis. 4 pp. 8½ x

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CORRUGATED ROOFING AND SIDING. Asbestone Asbestos-Cement Building Products. Asbestone Corp., 5300 Tchoupitoulas St., New Orleans 15, La. 24 pp. 81/2 x 11".

This brochure covers general uses of corrugated asbestos-cement products in industrial and commercial construction. It includes photos of practical, decorative adaptations of the material such as interior wall paneling, partitions, and outdoor fencing. The firm's engineering service and other building material lines are also described. (Continued on page 212)





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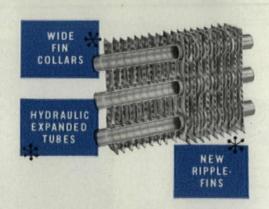


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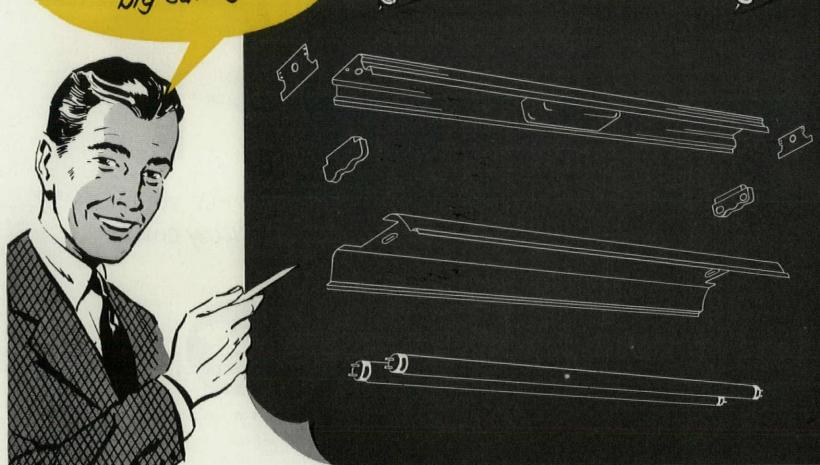
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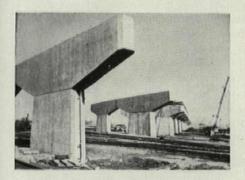


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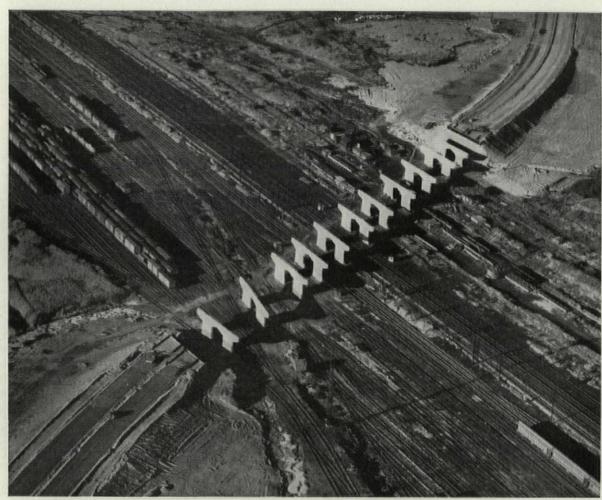
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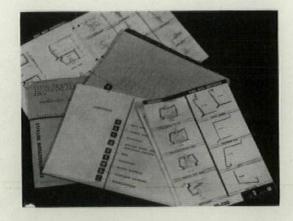
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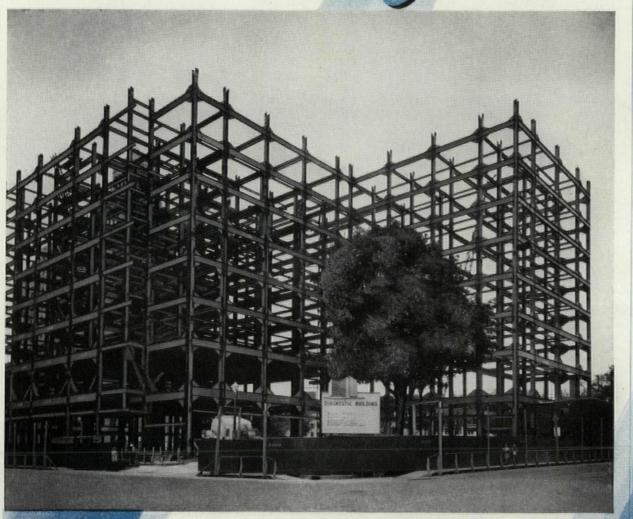
CONCRETE. ACI Standards—1951. American Concrete Institute, 18263 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit 19, Mich. 222 pp. 6 x 9". \$3.

In this small volume are compiled the results of intensive research conducted by committees of the American Concrete Institute, A collection of all current ACI standards-except the Detailing Manual which is available separately-the new book should become an invaluable reference material for the architect, engineer, and concrete technician. It contains the recently revised Building Code, Specifications for Concrete Pavements and Bases, and a new standard on pneumatically placed mortar. Other sections give authoritative information on applying Portland cement paint, winter concreting methods, requirements for precast floor units, silos, concrete mixes, specifications for cast stone, metal supports for reinforcement, and concrete placement.

AIR CONDITIONING. Cooling Coils, Bulletin DF-365. The Train Co., La Crosse, Wis. 72 pp. 81/2 x 11".

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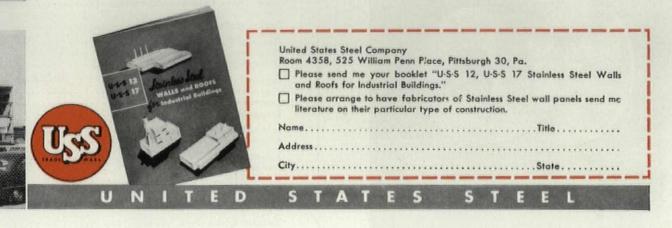
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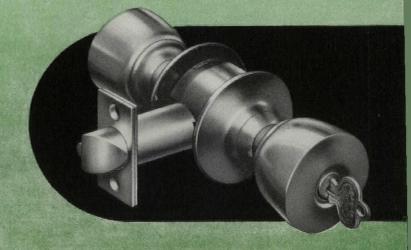
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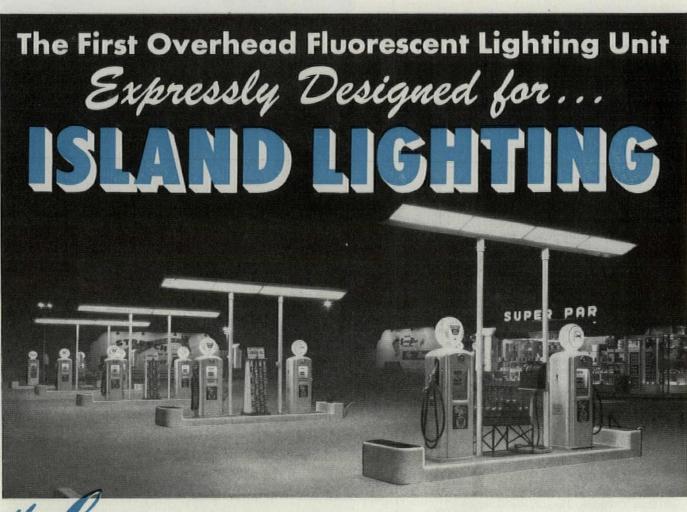


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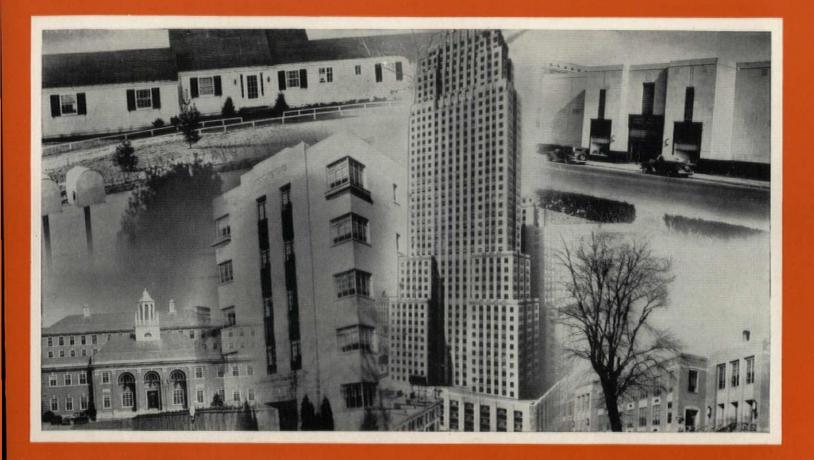
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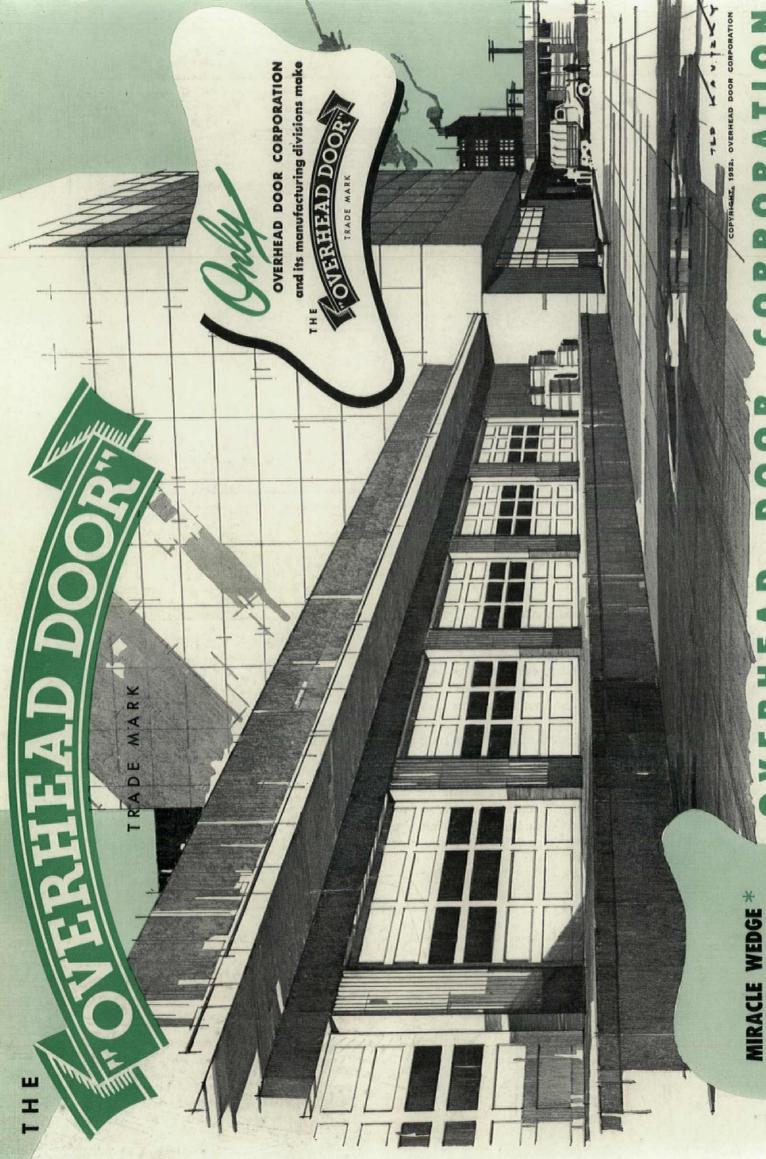
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