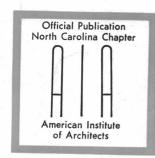
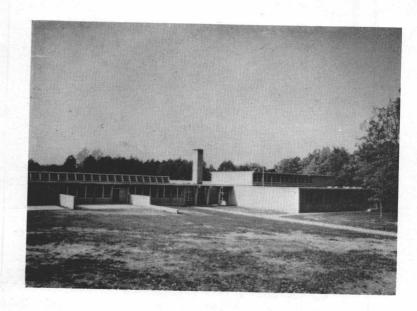
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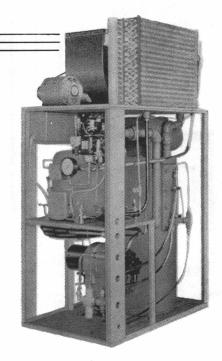
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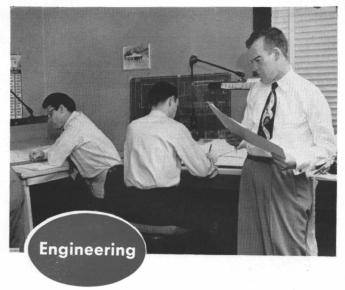
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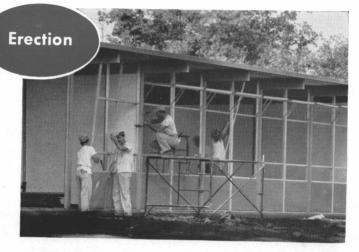
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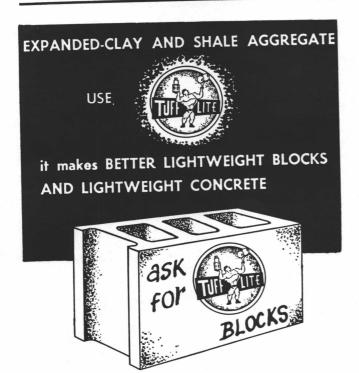
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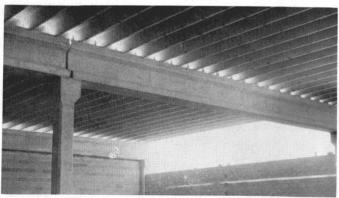
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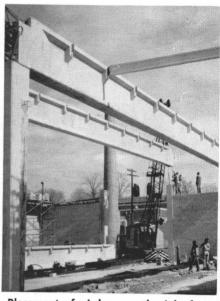
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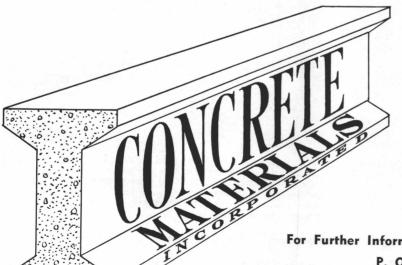


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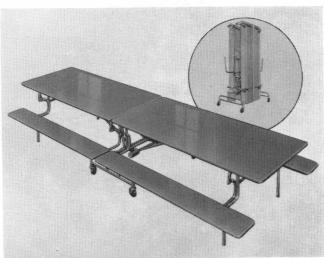
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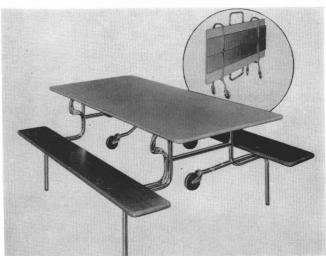
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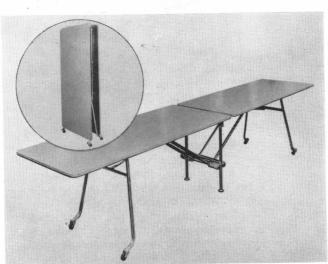
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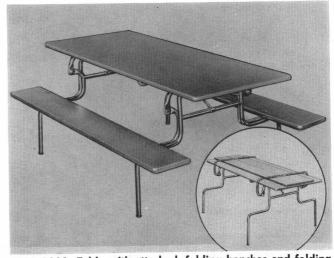
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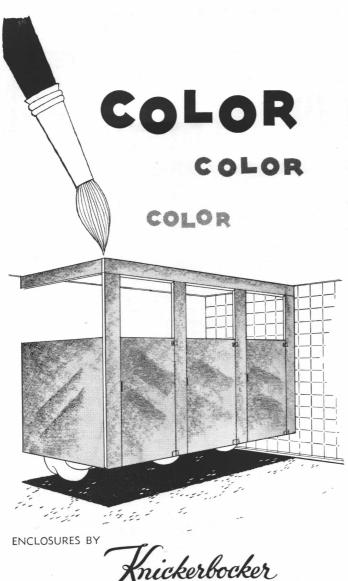
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years who have made unselfish contributions to our professional

progress.

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Once more we can be thankful for those who looked beyond their immediate personal and private needs and dedicated a portion of their talent and time to the future which became our present. The sharing of experience for the ultimate gain of those we serve and the profession was not always a guiding principle. Now, however,

WILLIAMS "Feathering your own nest"—and that only, is strictly "for the birds." An achievement must be shared for the greatest satisfaction, and recognition of this will add the essential flavor to a successful professional practice.

The opportunity of participating in the progress of a valuable service to mankind is bestowed on those responsible for the Chapter. We recognize that any accomplishment from our efforts is in great measure based on the work of those who in the past of the American Institute of Architects have faced the difficulties of their time and surmounted them.

The year 1957, one hundred years after, will not be a plateau or a peak, but another step in the continuing progress of our Chapter and the Institute. Some re-organization may occur, some changes will be made but in the years ahead they will be considered as routine developments occasioned by normal and healthy growth. This is never more apparent than when considered in historical perspective.

Your share in determining the ultimate gain may be, for the present, the opportunity of a vote for the right decision. This is dramatized by our current political year. And in our way of life there is nothing more powerful than the united voice of many votes.

Let this be your invitation to speak out and actively participate in all our undertakings.

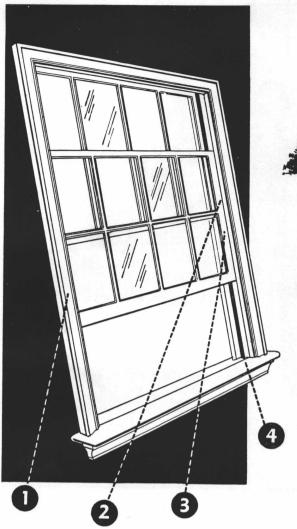
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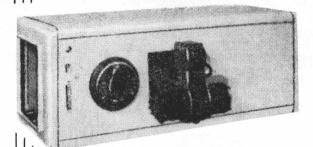
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Multiple problems were faced by Croft & Hammond, AIA, of Asheboro in developing the design for the Lindley Park School of the Asheboro Graded School District.

The Board of Trustees of the school district desired the location of the building on the periphery of the property to permit maximum playground area, while locating the auditorium and cafeteria for community use independent of the classrooms. Uniform lighting for the entire classroom area was also desired.

#### Classroom



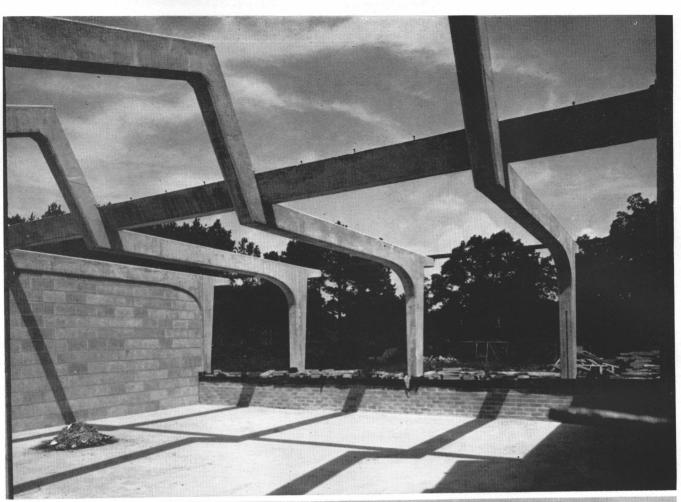
Economy in initial cost, fireproof building, and minimum maintenance were also requirements. An attractive appearance, with free partitions, and deep classrooms, was also desired. Covered bus loading was specified.

To meet these requirements, the building was located on the northeast corner of the eight-acre site, with a covered bus loading platform adjacent to a side street and the main lobby opening on a principal street.

Two classroom wings allowed the location of the auditorium and cafeteria for community use and keep the administrative unit centrally located for maximum control of the entire plant. To provide uniform lighting in the deep classrooms, a clerestory window bank sloped in a 30 degree angle was located in the center of the rooms.

Exposed structural members maintained an attractive appearance, while complying with economy needs. Precast concrete frame allowed the long span of deep classrooms, provided frames for the clerestory windows, reduced maintenance costs for the future, and still met fireproof requirements.

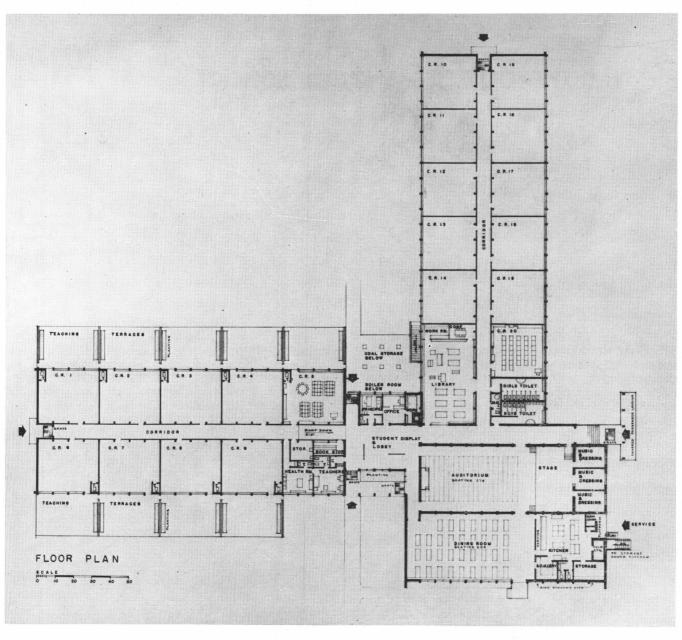
Roman brick and masonry block walls were used along with a four-inch concrete slab on grade. Fiber glass and gypsum decks were used, while the foundation walls and structural system are of concrete.

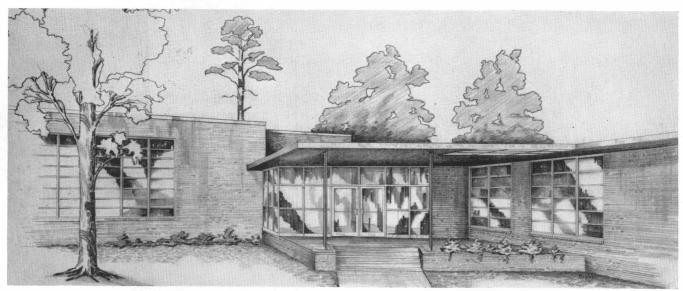




THE OCTOBER 1956 SOUTHERN ARCHITECT

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#### COTSWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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#### Charles H. Reed, AIA

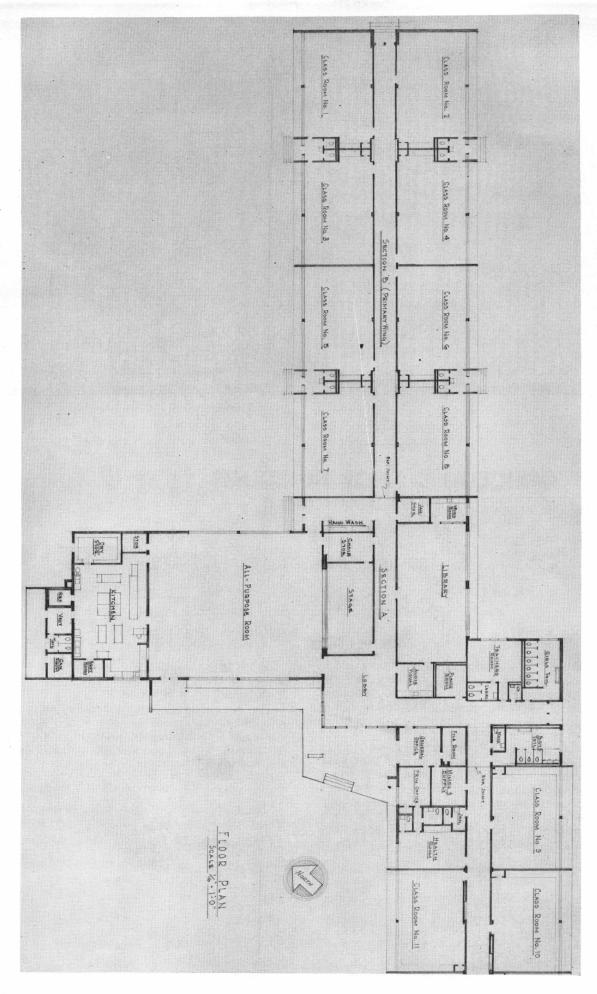
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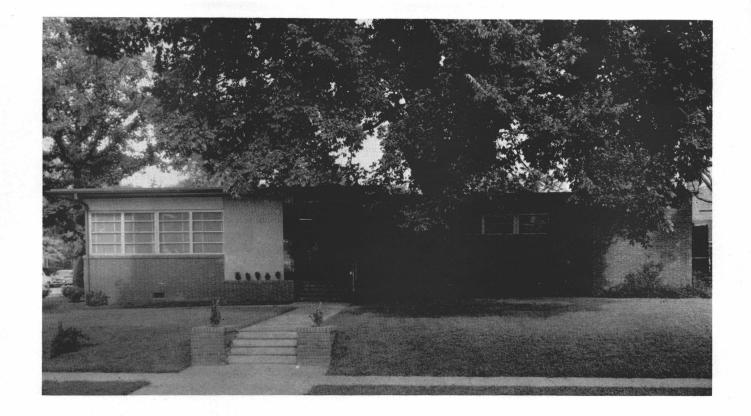
The new 11 classroom Cotswold Elementary School of the Mecklenburg County School System opened in September, 1956, for the first time and the growing area is requiring an eight classroom addition, which is being designed by Charles H. Reed, AIA, of the firm of Biberstein, Bowles, AIA, Meacham, AIA and Reed, AIA, of Charlotte.

The new school contains an all-purpose room with a stage, kitchen and storage rooms for the kitchen area, library, teachers room, general office, principal's office, health room, and service and maintenance areas.

The entrance to the building is effected through a lobby with terrazzo floors, with aluminum frame and glass and plexiglass panels. Exterior walls are brick, with exposed solite block interior walls. Floors are asphalt tile except in the corridors and lobby, where terrazzo is used. Ceilings are perlite and acoustical plaster. Windows are double-hung steel. The roof is tar and gravel on steel deck on bar joists. The structural frame is steel.

The building contains 25,600 square feet of floor space.





#### OFFICE AND SHOP BUILDING

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.

#### Charles C. Davis, AIA

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N. C.

The primary problem faced by the architect in designing an office and shop building for the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., was the development of a design which would conform to the residental area of its location as much as possible.

Charles C. Davis, Jr., AIA, of Roanoke Rapids, the architect, was faced with the fact that most of the residences in the area were substantially Cape Cod cottages in one form or another. Residential property owners at first objected to the location of a public building in the residential area, but its final design overcame these difficulties and the building was erected with general approval of

all concerned despite the fact that the flat roof departed from the conventional residential architecture of the neighborhood.

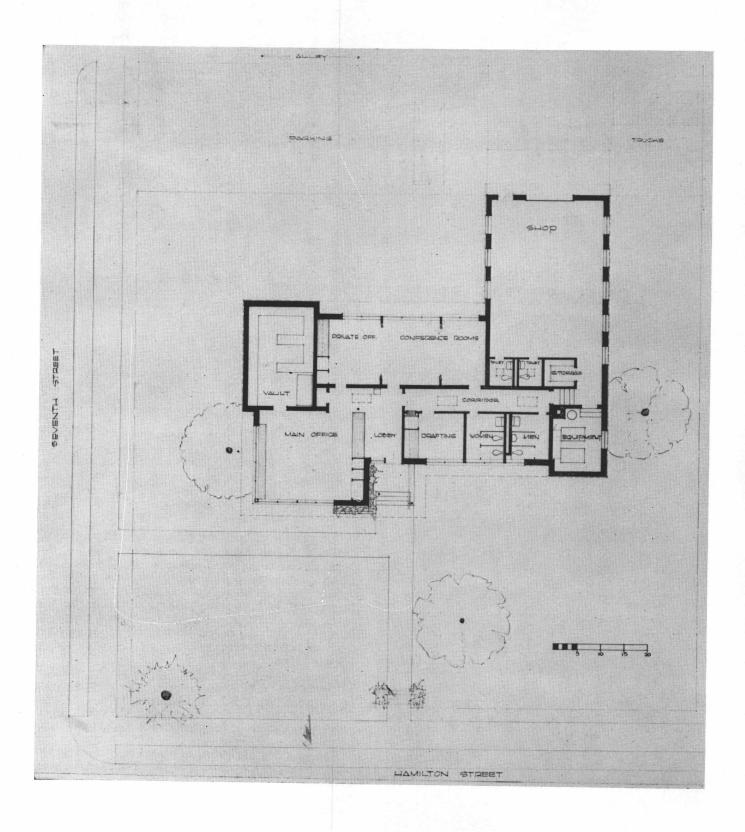
As an experiment against leaking masonry walls, a layer of heavy building paper was placed between the eight-inch block interior well and the four-inch brick exterior wall, pierced as necessary to fit over the metal ties between block and brick. To date, no leaking has been evident, even over areas where the overhanging roof is cut back flush with brick.

The building was designed larger than necessary at present to meet the future growth of the city.

The load-bearing exterior walls are sand-finished

Norman dark red brick, with solite concrete block interior walls. Concrete slab on grade was used for the shop and heating rooms. Other floor areas are concrete on steel joists, with air conditioning ducts below the floor in the crawl space. Ceilings are

plastered on metal lath, covered with acoustical tile. Interior cabinets are birch, with formica tops. Ceramic tile baths were used. Office areas are floored with vinyl tile. Marble front facing was used, with aluminum letters and rail.





Exterior

#### COMMERCIAL BUILDING

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**Entrance Lobby** 



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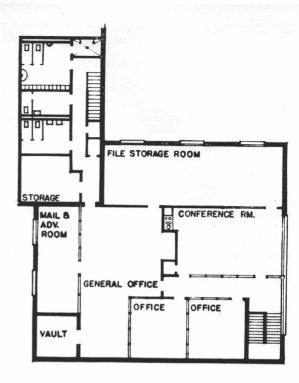
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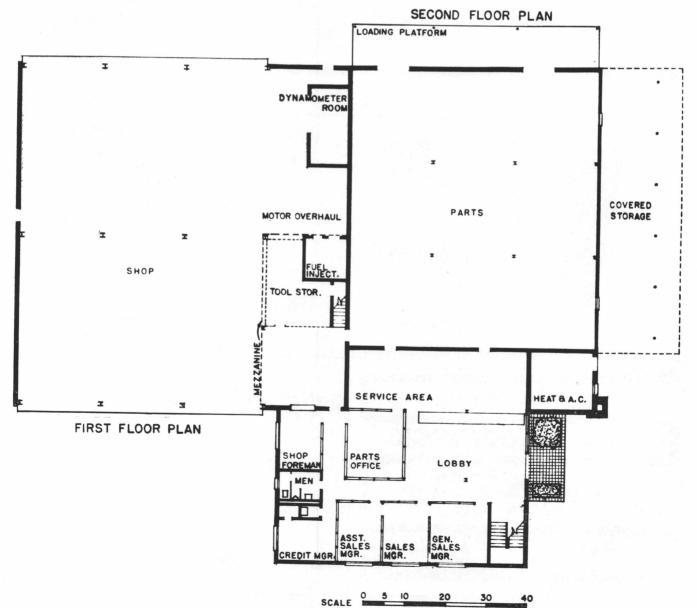
The front section of the building contains two floors, with an entrance lobby and offices for the sales, credit, and parts departments and the shop foreman located on the first floor. The second floor contains general offices, a conference room, file room, and vault.

The rear section of the first floor houses the service area, parts department, repair shop, storage area, and a large loading platform.

A block utility building, housing the paint room, track room, and wash room, is located at the rear of the main building.

The exterior of the main building is constructed of Norman brick and block, with exposed block used in the interior. Interior office partitions are birch plywood and glass. Asphalt tile was used for the floors in the office areas, while the warehouse and shop area has concrete floors. Acoustical tile was used for ceilings in the office area, while the shop and warehouse area is exposed frame. The roof is a steel frame built-up roof on metal deck.





#### 1965 CONSTRUCTION MAY REACH \$78 BILLION

The nation's \$60 billion construction industry may reach \$78 billion a year by 1965, according to a survey recently completed by the Associated General Contractors of America. The report is based upon a continuation of current peace-time conditions.

In a special study of the construction trend for the next 10 years and its probable demands on structural steel and Portland cement supplies, the association estimated that by the end of the decade, increases of nearly one-third over current production of both these materials will be required for construction.

Results of the study were presented to the midyear meeting of the AGC Governing and Advisory boards where executives of leading construction firms from throughout the country met to consider the various problems facing the industry in carrying out a continually expanding construction volume.

The study was made by a special committee on material supply appointed by AGC President Frank J. Rooney, of Miami, Fla., to examine the current materials supply situation, and to estimate production required to meet probable demands. The committee, headed by Charles B. Solomon, Boston, Mass., is charged with extending the association's cooperation to the various producers of materials in attacking the problems of providing adequate supplies to meet construction requirements.

#### Nonresidential Projects To Lead

In the forecast which the association regarded as "conservative" non-residential construction of nearly all types is predicted to be the pace-maker in spurring total activity to new heights, followed by a gradual recovery in housing.

Total construction activity, estimated this year to approach \$44.5 billion in new construction and \$15.5 billion in maintenance and repair, is expected to reach \$77.6 billion in 1956, constituted of \$58.3 billion in new construction and \$19.3 billion in maintenance and repair operations.

The estimates were made in terms of 1955-56 dollars, and were predicated on a continuation of the economy—estimated conservatively to surpass \$500 billion in total production of goods and services by 1965—under peacetime conditions.

Nonresidential building, consisting of industrial, commercial, institutional, school and other types, both private and public, is expected to rise from its present \$12.8 billion annual total by 34 per cent to more than \$17 billion by 1956.

Highway construction, under impetus of the new long-range highway program, is expected to rise sharply by more than 50 per cent to a level of around \$8 billion a year by 1960 where it will remain for several years.

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The construction of sewerage and water projects is expected to almost double in rate to \$2.6 billion a year by 1965 as new and expanded communities attempt to meet an estimated \$25 billion need in the next 10 years.

The only major category for which the AGC listed a decline was military construction, for which it indicated a gradual drop over the next 10 years to only 40 per cent of the current annual volume barring worsening international complications.

The association predicted a continued slight decline in housing construction through next year, followed by a gradual increase "sparked by new road construction which will provide access to new areas."

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The special committee reported a survey among the AGC members and chapters before the steel strike indicated demand for both cement and structural steel equalled or exceeded available supply, and that "the known requirements for the immediate future exceed the supplies that can be made available, and have resulted in delivery schedules extending through 12 to 18 months in the future."



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#### **BOOK REVIEW**

ART IN EUROPEAN

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By: Paul Damas (\$12.50) Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York

#### By Edward Loewenstein, AIA

Mr. Damas is a noted architect and architectural writer originally from France. He came to this country to join the design staff of the United Nations Planning Commission, where he was also a permanent correspondent for the French architectural publication "L' Architecture d'Aujourd'hui." He has also been a design critic at Columbia University and has worked in close collaboration with other noted architects, engineers, artists, and sculptors.

The first portion of the book discusses in very general terms, current trends in art and modern architecture, and the historical background for their separation. The last half of the book will probably be of greater value to the reader as it involves artistic theory and practices in various

types of modern European buildings, and also ships, gardens, exhibitions, and memorials. Trends in the free European countries are discussed together with various mediums such as the usage of stained glass, stone work, color, murals, painting and sculpting. A sad but timely portion concerns the pictures of the interiors of the ill-fated Italian Liner, "Andrea Doria," presently resting on the ocean bottom, 45 miles off Nantucket.

Old time, but rusty, French students will enjoy the word-for-word French-English translations presented on the same page. Although the English translator has been accused of a free translation which lost the intent of the original French, I feel that the faults of the English language itself are more to blame. A perfectionist might find many conflicts in some of the discussions, but these are certainly understandable and possibly valuable. They show that art can never be relegated to definite lines and must have freedom in every aspect.

There is a wealth of colored, and black-and-white photographs

of various motifs pertaining to the aesthetics, ornamentation and decoration of European buildings.

This book is certainly for the semi-professional, the dilettante, or the professional in the field of art, architecture, sculpting, and design. It would be a waste of time for the rank amateur to try to absorb the photographs and written work, which is on too high a plane to be used as a mere reference book or as a test. In your reviewer's opinion it should be only the catalyst which would bring forth fresh ideas at the drafting board or the bar. There can certainly be no value in copying much of that which is shown.

The theme of the book is this: from the earliest times and almost down to the present, architecture and its allied arts were closely associated. Buildings were constructed over long periods of time when architects were also intellectuals, artists, engineers, sculptors, painters and teachers. Modern times have forced great specialization, a need for speed, and in most cases, a complete divorce of the aesthetics in favor

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Confidentially (and this is only for my most intimate friends—! all others please omit) your reviewer has been suffering for

many years from the effects of the most vague and generally high-plane statements issued by the internationally famous architectural theorists none of whom are willing to put any of these ideas into actual practice. The time has come after 25 long years of theory, to relate these vague generalities, to actual materials, finances, markets, available techniques, and possibly the client. There is a great deal of value in this book if the reader has the ability and the time to stick with it to the end, allowing the various discussions to really "soak in."

The busy practitioner in this area today might find it easier to swallow a brick than to wade through and digest all the interrelated facets of architecture and allied arts herein discussed (and I'm not asking for a re-issue of Speltz's "Book of Ornamentation: Circa 1898") and so on to the next architectural cliche and back to the ranch house!

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#### Named Director

Frank F. Cook, President of Doco, Inc., Charlotte, concrete floor contractors, has been notifield of his election as a Director of the National Small Business Foundation of Oakland, Cal. Mr. Cook has been a Vice-President of the Foundation since May, 1956.

#### Charlotte Council

The essential skill, courage and vision of local architects will lead to continuing contributions of great social and economic value to the community, Thomas L. Robinson, Publisher of the Charlotte News, told the Charlotte Council of Architects at a recent meeting.

Architects, Mr. Robinson said, have demonstrated a wide range of ability ranging from artistry to engineering.

"From my viewpoint," Robinson added, "I can tell you that you are seen as men who in many ways are contributing liberally to the realization of the ambitions of individuals and enterprises for progress.'

#### Inspection Urged

Reinstatement of a program of electrical inspection in Wake County has been urged by the Raleigh Council of Architects in a resolution adopted at a recent meeting and filed with the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

Wake County recently suspended electrical inspections in nonurban areas of the county.

The resolution reads as follows: "The Raleigh Council of Architects regrets the suspension of electrical inspections in the nonurban areas of Wake County, and is seriously concerned about the safety of electrical installations which are being made.

"In order to provide for greater

safety for buildings and occupants, to insure compliance with applicable electrical codes, to encourage adequate wiring capacity, and to assure owners of the lowest insurance rates, the Raleigh Council of Architects respectfully urges the Wake County Board of Commissioners to reinstate a program of electrical inspection."

#### Visits Home Office

O. A. Seborg, Manager of the Charlotte sales branch of the Crane Company, recently returned after spending a week in the company's home office in Chicago. Mr. Seborg has been associated with the Crane Company since 1921.

#### Receives Award

Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, President of the J. A. Jones Construction Company and a member of the Board of Trustees of Duke University, was recently named winner of the first College of Engineering Alumni Association Award. A member of the Class of 1912, Mr. Jones was President of the College of Engineering Alumni Association in 1946. The award is made annually to the alumnus "whose personal life, professional achievements, community service, and service to Duke University exemplifies the objectives of the College of Engineering of Duke University.

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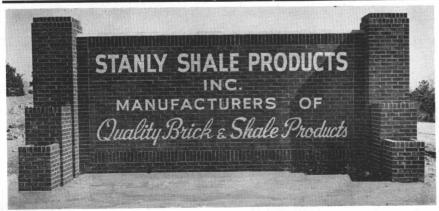
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Mr. Brackett is a graduate of Clemson College with the Class of 1942 and served with the United States Army in Europe

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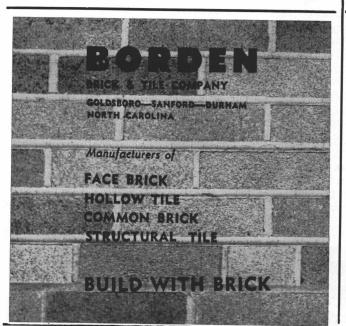
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Mr. Brackett lives with his wife, Miriam, and son, McDowell, Brackett, Jr., at 200 North Laurel Avenue in Charlotte. He is a member of the Charlotte Council of Architects and the North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

#### **Exhibit Schedule**

The 1956 Honor Awards Exhibit of the North Carolina Chapter, American Institute of Architects recently completed exhibition at the School of Design of North Carolina State College in Raleigh and is currently being shown at the Allied Arts Institute in Durham during November.

In December, the exhibit will be on display at the Gallery of Fine Arts in Winston-Salem.

#### Delaware Speaker

Robert Patten of Charlotte, Managing Director of the Carolinas Branch of the Associated General Contractors of America, was one of the principal speakers at a recent state-wide meeting of the Delaware Branch of AGC. Mr. Patten told contractor members present that contractors must improve their economic thinking or face disaster. General contractors have the skill and technical knowhow to meet the challenge of the atomic age, but their economic thinking is in a tail spin, Mr. Patten said.

#### Addresses Engineers

Robert J. Rhinehart, President of the National Society of Professional Engineers, was the guest speaker before the Charlotte Engineers Club October 22. Mr. Rhinehart is division superintendent of the Arkansas Power & Light Company in Pine Bluff, Ark.

#### **Opens State Office**

Marion J. Foster has been appointed Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Hospital Association and has opened state offices of the group in Raleigh. Mr. Foster has been an attorney for the American Hospital Association. A \$30,000 grant was recently made by the Duke Endowment to assist in establishing the state office.

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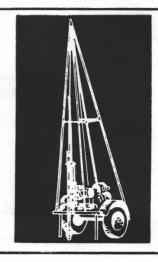
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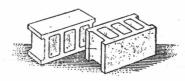


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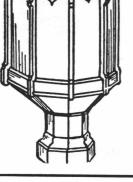
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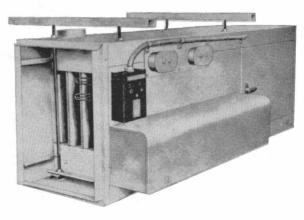
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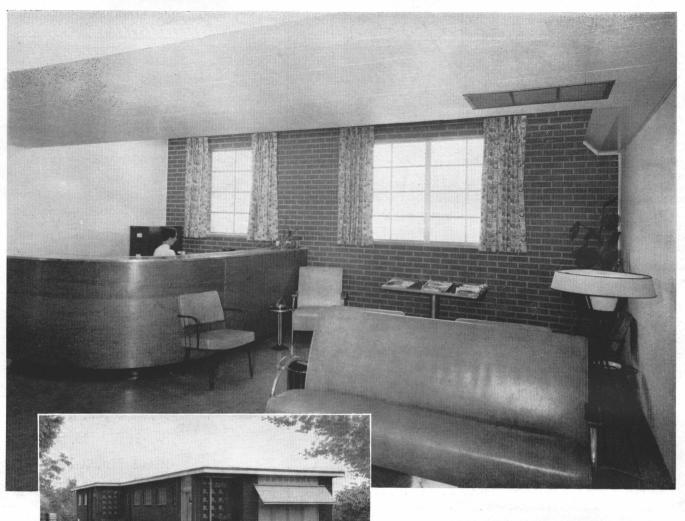


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