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COVER PICTURE

Main Entrance of Notre Dame de Lourdes Hospital, Manchester, N. H.

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NEW YORK—Next year will be the best business year in history, although inflation will account for much of the rise in dollar indicators of business activity.

That is the collective opinion of 221 of the nation's leading economists polled by F. W. Dodge Corporation in its annual survey of opinions on the economic outlook.

According to an analysis of the survey by Dodge vice president and economist George Cline Smith, the economists are "unusually unanimous" in their belief that 1957 business will be excellent and that no downturn is in sight, even though most of them do not expect sharp increases in the major economic indicators.

Dr. Smith noted that in past surveys, the panel of economists has had a good record of foreseeing turning points in these indicators. Economists included in the survey panel because of their close contact with business conditions represent a wide range of businesses, trade associations, government agencies and universities.

The average forecast of the economists, Dr. Smith said, indicated that Gross National Product would reach an annual rate of $420 billion by the end of next year, a comparison with $408 billion rate for the third quarter of 1956. The economists expected personal incomes, prices and wage rates to rise moderately next year, with industrial production, business investment and construction activity remaining at about this year's levels.

Dr. Smith said that study of the forecasts, together with comments made by the economists on their questionnaires, led to these three conclusions:

1. Business activity will set new records in 1957 in dollar terms, but this will be primarily the result of further shrinkage in the purchasing power of the dollar rather than a real increase in output.

2. The consumer and wholesale price index will continue to rise moderately, but definitely.

3. The rise in prices will be primarily the result of wage increases.

Judging from the comments, Dr. Smith said, few of the economists were inclined to feel that the outcome of the election would have any great effect on the immediate outlook for business.
The Basin Harbor Club at Vergennes, Vermont was the scene of the second Annual Fall Seminar of the New England Regional Council on Columbus Day weekend, October 12-14.

Fifty-seven architects, wives and guests enjoyed perfect weather, fine food and hospitable accommodations for the two-day affair, in addition to three exceptionally interesting seminar sessions. The Host Chapter, Vermont, also arranged to have the fall foliage at its loveliest.

Regional Director Austin Mather, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, extended the official welcomes and made everyone feel at ease. Following a leisurely cocktail party and dinner on Friday evening, Frank G. Lopez, Senior Editor of the Architectural Record, moderated the first seminar on "New Construction and Design Techniques." Featured speaker was young Prof. Marvin Goody, A.I.A., of M.I.T., who presented the story of Monsanto Chemical's plastic House of Tomorrow, soon to be built after more than two years of design studies made possible by their grant-in-aid to the Department of Architecture at the M.I.T.

There was a business meeting of the Regional Council on Saturday morning, with discussions of next year's A.I.A. Centennial Celebration led by Austin Mather, and of Chapter Affairs led by New Hampshire's Gene Magenau, member of the national committee. This was followed by the second seminar on Office Practice, while the practicing architects' viewpoint was ably presented by Andrew Titcomb, A.I.A., of the Vermont Chapter.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to recreation and visiting. Many of the wives enjoyed an extensive motor cruiser trip on beautiful Lake Champlain. There were golf and putting tournaments and two rugged individuals were seen playing tennis.

The main banquet on Saturday evening was preceded by another of Basin Harbor's fabulous cocktail parties. Bill Freeman, president of the Host Chapter, presided. Joining him at the head table were the other chapter presidents, the Regional Director, and special guest Lt. Governor Bailey of Vermont, who charmed the audience with her personality and wit—like the one about the citizen she went to console when his farm was declared to be on the New Hampshire side, after the border dispute between the two states; but he didn't mind, he had just been telling his wife he couldn't stand another one of those Vermont winters!

Gov. Bailey also presented on behalf of the Vermont Chapter, gavels made of Vermont Maple to each chapter president. Keith Heine, president of the Connecticut chapter, responded for the group and displayed the prize his team had won in the golf tournament—a 10 gallon jug of Green Mountain Air!

The distinguished moderator for the third panel on Architectural Education was Professor Joseph Hudnut, A.I.A., now teaching at M.I.T. following retirement from the Harvard faculty. The problems of training future architects were thoroughly probed by him and the three panel speakers: Dick Langendorf, M.I.T. student leader of the recently formed A.I.A. student organization; (Continued on Page 10)
So many people have asked about air cooling versus water cooling for air conditioning and refrigeration that I believe an explanation would be of interest to the Architects and Engineers of New Hampshire.

All the water we get comes originally from the rain. When it starts to condense in the clouds it is pure distilled water, but on the way down to earth it picks up a lot of dust, carbon and the like so that it is pretty well laden with impurities by the time it reaches the ground.

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BOSTON—Contract awards for future construction in New Hampshire in September were 53 percent above September 1955, it was announced by James A. Harding, district manager of F. W. Dodge Corporation. The total was $9,758,000. This was the biggest dollar volume of awards for any September ever recorded.

Dodge Reports cumulative totals for the first nine months of 1956 showed awards of $69,393,000 to be 11 percent above the like 1955 period. This was the second biggest nine month dollar volume Mr. Harding said.

Individual September construction categories, compared with September 1955 showed: total building classifications at $4,979,000, up 19 percent; and in addition, heavy engineering at $4,779,000, up substantially.

Major construction categories for the first nine months, compared individually with the like period showed: combined total building classifications at $49,061,000, up four percent; and in addition heavy engineering at $20,332,000, up 30 percent.

NEW ENGLAND CONTRACTS
20 PER CENT HIGHER

BOSTON—Contracts awarded for future construction in New England in September reached $167,267,000 or 20 percent higher than September 1955, James A. Harding, New England district manager for F. W. Dodge Corporation, reported today. This was the biggest dollar volume of award for any September ever recorded.

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Seminar — (Continued from Page 5)

Walter Taylor of the Octagon Staff; and Sam Eisenberg, A.I.A., president of the Massachusetts chapter.

Throughout the seminar varied exhibits of student work from the Rhode Island School of Design were on view.

Attending from New Hampshire were: Mr. and Mrs. John Holbrook, Keene; Charley Gray, of Hanover and Nashua; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hunter, Hanover; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Magenau of Concord. They all agreed with Walter Taylor’s rating gimmick that put this seminar near the top of the many such affairs he attends, for interest and value in accomplishing the aims of the Seminar:

1. To review and compare requirements for the education and training of the Architect in School and after Graduation.
2. Operation Retread — to Examine, for the benefit of the Practising Architect, the problems of office practice.
3. To discuss the latest thinking in design and construction.

New England Contracts — (Continued from Page 8)

According to Dodge Reports, individual September awards by major construction categories showed: total building classifications at $113,469,000, up 21 percent over September 1955; and in addition, heavy engineering at $53,798,000, up 19 percent over the like month 1955.

The cumulative total award figure for the first nine months was $1,425,920,000 or 18 percent above the like 1955 total. This was also a record first nine months dollar volume Mr. Harding stated.

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The style of the church is of contemporary English Gothic Architecture with a touch of the Tudor period.

The building is of masonry walls with face brick on the exterior with cinder concrete block back-up. The main entrance is of limestone as well as window trims and tower trim. The foundations are of reinforced concrete as well as the floors. The roof is supported on laminated wood arches of the Gothic style. The roof decking is of two inch thick planks covered with Firechecks shingles. The interior roof of nave is covered with plaster board and painted. The exterior walls as well as interior walls are plastered on plaster board with color plaster. The ceilings of sacristies are of acoustic tile with flush lighting fixtures.

The floors of nave are covered with Koroseal Tile under pews and rubber tile in the aisles and Koroseal tile in sacristies, balcony and North Lobby of church. The baptistry and Narthex have floors of Quarry Tile. The Baptistry has wrought iron gates at doors. The sanctuary floor is covered with parquet wood floor tiles as well as the predellas of the main and side altars. Window frames are all of aluminum with stain glass on the inside and plate glass on the exterior of rose window and double strength glass on other windows. Some rear windows have cathedral glass of amber color.

In the nave other than the pendant lighting fixtures, the side walls have cove lighting. This cove lighting is also introduced in the sanctuary together with spot lighting. All heating radiation is of the convector type. Pews, altars, altar rails, confessionals, sanctuary dado on walls are all of oak wood beautifully detailed in contemporary gothic style.

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Front View of Nave, St. Peter's Church

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Looking North at South Wing
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New Notre Dame Hospital

The new hospital, located on Notre Dame avenue stretching the length of the street between Wayne and Putnam streets, is a three-story building attached to the old structure at its rear.

The hospital has a capacity of 175 beds and 24 bassinets for new babies. This is an increase of some 45 beds from the old building. However, the maternity department will remain in the old building, which will give additional space for medical and surgical cases in the new building.

A parking lot is situated on the Putnam street side of the structure capable of holding up to 50 cars. The doctors' and ambulance entrance is off the same street into the rear of the hospital where the doctors' parking lot is also found with spaces for 20 to 25 cars.

The first floor of the hospital is the lobby and waiting room, the administration offices, the pharmacy, the doctors' lounge, the records room and the pediatrics department.

The second level is for the female patients, both for general medical illness and for surgery. Also found on this floor are the nurseries.

The third floor is for the men patients, both for medical and surgical cases in the section, and contains the seven operating rooms in the other half.

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St. Joseph’s College which was dedicated Tuesday, October 16 by Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, DD, bishop of Portland, is on the shores of Sebago Lake in Standish, Maine.

This building is of aluminum window-wall type construction with panels so called “sandwich” made of balsa wood, lamidal on inside and enameled steel on the exterior. It is a Class A construction of steel frame, steel stud walls, rocklath and color plaster interior partitions. Steel door frames and doors on interior, reinforced concrete floor slabs on ground, plaster ceilings. All plaster blown on in lieu of application by hand. Finish floors are Koroseal tile and asphalt tile. Building is almost nil in maintenance due to its type of materials.

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