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Forum School Issue Raps Digest Article;
Finds Segregation Hurts Deep South School Bonds

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Despite prospects for the biggest school construction year since the war, only a 4,000 dent in the nation’s cumulated shortage of 159,000 classrooms can be expected next year, Architectural Forum magazine states.

Of the 69,000 classrooms scheduled to be built in 1957-58, 45,000 alone will be required to meet this year’s enrollment increases, while 20,000 more will replace schoolrooms now either obsolete or destroyed by fire.

The building magazine’s entire November issue is devoted to a roundup of problems and progress in U. S. school design and construction.

Digest Article Rapped

In a lead article, Forum’s editors take sharp issue with the charges of widespread extravagance in school construction recently aired by the Reader’s Digest (“Do School Pupils Need Costly Palaces?” Reader’s Digest for September).

The Digest’s case for extravagance in school building “proves to be a very thin one” says Forum. “Here is what its nine specific examples of wasteful or extravagant schools amount to:

- Three are not in accord with the facts.
- One has some truth, but it is exaggerated and then used to fix responsibility where it does not belong.
- Two are unidentifiable; of these, one would appear to be an example of thrift; the other a freak.
- One is true as far as it goes, but the omissions could make the difference between seemingly indefensible folly and reasonable judgment.

According to Forum, “the Digest article reads fast and plausibly. So plausibly, that it is being widely used as gospel truth by worried taxpayers, trustful school-board members, self-interested manufacturers and opponents of school bond issues . . . . But the Digest’s remedy for the classroom shortage is so disconnected from reality, and its discussion of economies is so undiscriminating, that the article can only set back attempts to overcome the school shortage and to aid communities in getting their money worth for every school dollar spent.”

Segregation Hurts Deep South School Bonds

Segregation, Forum finds, is raising financing costs of Deep South school districts significantly above national levels. “As questions of legality and possible default have been raised about these bonds, many buyers have shied away from them. As a result they often bear interest of 1/2 of 1 per cent or higher than similar bonds from integrated districts outside the South.” In six or seven figure amounts this can make quite a difference.
Noting that the South which was more than one-third Negro in 1900, was less than one-fourth Negro in 1950, and if the trend continues will be only one-fifth colored at the time of the next census, Forum's editors conclude that "the day is unquestionably coming when the maintenance of a dual school system in the South will become increasingly significant item of expense."

Sociable Teen-agers

With the enrollment tidal wave just reaching high schools (an increase of 4 million students by 1965 will require 154,000 additional high school classrooms), Forum notes a revolution in school design to meet teen-age problems, on the principle that "a school which works with the adolescent's grain, instead of at cross-purposes to it, will do a more successful job of educating him."

Teen-agers are sociable to the point of being herd-creatures, says Forum, and architects are incorporating "congregating and milling areas" in their new designs. Because they are "everlastingly curious," workshops and science labs are being glass-walled to attract student interest.

High Interest Rates Worry Schoolmen

Tight money has not yet hurt school building, says Forum, but high interest rates are a matter of critical concern to schoolmen. This year's $2.8 billion construction program will be 25 per cent of all state and local capital budgets.

Traditionally, school costs are paid for by property taxes, but Forum sees a change coming. "Evidently people are willing to pay more for schools through income, sales and other such taxes at state and federal levels than they are through local property taxes which have risen 72 per cent in the past eight years." In the same period federal income taxes went up 108 per cent, and state income taxes more than 130 per cent. Today state aid of all sorts accounts for nearly 50 per cent of all public school revenues compared to only 39 per cent ten years ago.

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Mr. Hudson will not give up architecture completely, but will continue to do small architectural projects and take the time to indulge in his many hobbies. Mr. Hudson and his wife Luella plan to spend their summers in their new home in the Etna part of Hanover and their winters in Florida.

Mr. Hudson is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, 1913. After four years with Stone, Carpenter and Sheldon, architects, in Providence, Rhode Island, he went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I.

His architectural education was continued during the occupation in what was called "The Art Training Center," an organization set up by the A.E.F. For its staff the organization drew prominent architects, painters, sculptors, teachers and lecturers from the United States and from the Ecole des Beaux Arts, the Sorbonne and other universities in Paris.

On returning to this country in 1919, Mr. Hudson worked four years in Boston in the firms of Hutchins and French, Parsons and Taylor, and Mowll and Rand.

Mr. Hudson came to Hanover in 1922 to work for the firm of Larson and Wells. In 1926, the firm of Wells and Hudson was formed. It practiced until the death of Mr. Wells in 1932. The firm was continued as Wells, Hudson and Granger until 1942 when the firm of Hudson and Ingram was formed.

Mr. Gray is a graduate of the School of Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Formerly a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, most of his work was on multi-million dollar hospitals. Since 1954, he has lived in New Hampshire where he has worked on a variety of projects in the offices of Alfred T. Granger, Associates, Hanover, and Tracy and Hildreth, Nashua.
Mr. Ingram is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and also attended the School of Architecture at Harvard University. Except for the time spent at Dartmouth and Harvard, since graduating from High School, Mr. Ingram has worked with Mr. Judson under the several firm names until the formation of their partnership, Judson and Ingram in 1942.

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Over 150 members and guests of the Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire and Vermont, attended the annual meeting of the Association, held at the Carpenter Hotel, Manchester, Thursday Evening, December 12.

President Paul Harvey reviewed the progress of the AGC in this area during the last seven years, and reported that total membership had grown to 107 Active and Associate Members, compared with 23 in 1950.

Charlson Mehl, Administrative Secretary of the AGC of America, congratulated the contractors for their excellent record in accident prevention in 1957, and reported that the chapter would receive a first place award at the national AGC Convention in Dallas, Texas in February, 1958.

The principal speaker was John A. Volpe, former Federal Highway Administrator, and Public Works Commissioner of Massachusetts. Mr. Volpe delivered a very interesting address on the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956.

Officers elected for 1958 were, Halsey Weaver, President; Donald C. Noyes, Vice-President; J. Paul Griffin, Secretary; Herbert Stebbins, Treasurer; Robert Davison and Dale Nelson, Directors for two years. O. W. Miller and Parker H. Rice will continue as directors for one year.

President Harvey thanked the members for their generous support of the fund raising drive for the new AGC Office Building in Concord.

In his acceptance speech, newly elected president Halsey Weaver pointed out that one of the primary activities of the chapter in 1958 would be to raise funds for the National AGC Office Building in Washington, presently under construction.

Distinguished guests included, Mayor Benoit who presented Mr. Volpe with a key to the City of Manchester; J. Harold Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, New Hampshire Public Works and Highway Department; John Betley, President of the New Hampshire Chapter, AIA; E. Beach Bly, Assistant to the Commissioner Vermont Department of Highways; Brig. General Walter E. Arnold, Commander Pease Air Force Base; and General McSwiney, Adjutant General of New Hampshire.
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