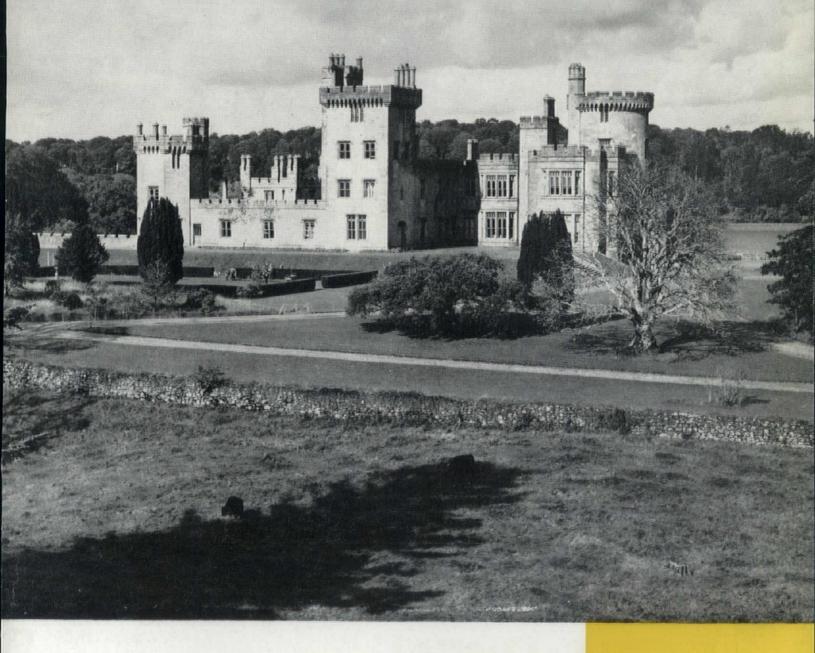
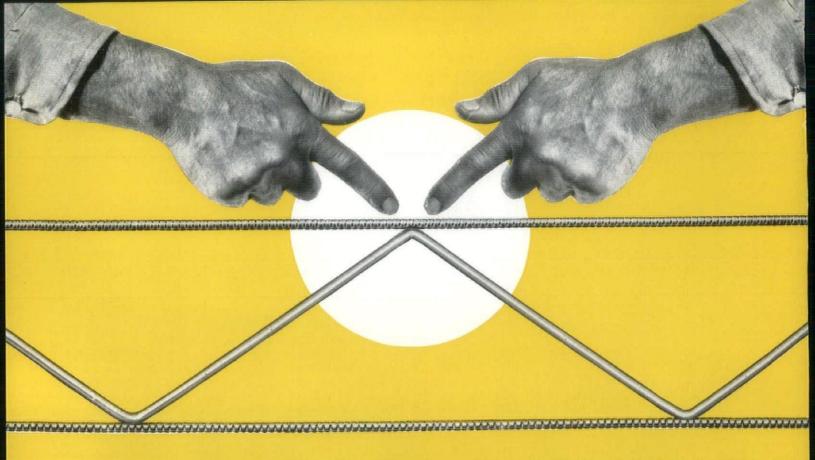
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The owner is Bernard L. Mc-Donough, Parkersburg, West Virginia.



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Architects Milosevich & Trautwein

FROM
IRISH CASTLE
TO
CASTLE RESORT

Take an old castle by the sea; add a volume of tradition; an abundance of enthusiasm, planning and labor; enhance with a variety of modern facilities; and enjoy the luxury of the "New Castle" Resort in County Clare, Ireland.

In the fall of 1962, Bernard L. Mc-Donough, an industrialist from Parkersburg, West Virginia, contacted the architectural firm of Milosevich and Trautwein in Columbus, Ohio, seeking counsel in a proposed project.

The structure—the family home of

the O'Brien Clan (who were instrumental in freeing the Irish from the Normands) built in 1700 in the southwest of Ireland, eight miles from Shannon Airport.

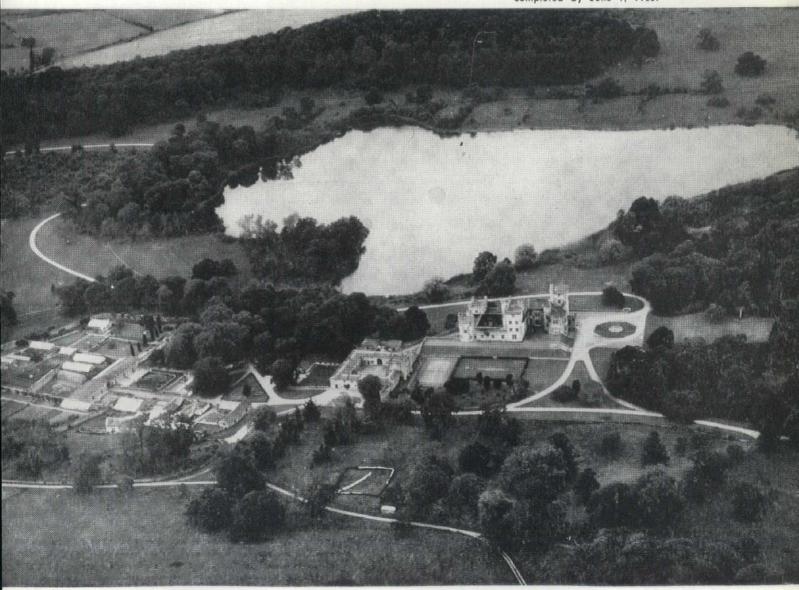
The plan — to convert the "home" into a comfortable resort. A trip to the site, a great deal of study and consultation proved that the plan was feasible.

McDonough purchased 450 acres of a 1200 acre estate from Lord Inchiquin (his British title), who is today head of the O'Brien clan. Work was begun immediately.

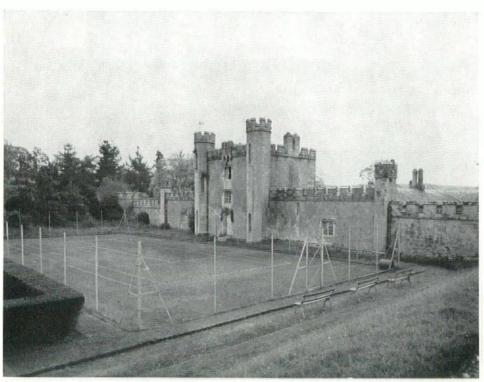
Three trips to the site enabled the

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General view of the Dromoland Castle, County Clare, Ireland, which is being converted into a resort. The \$1,000,000.00 project will be completed by June 1, 1963.

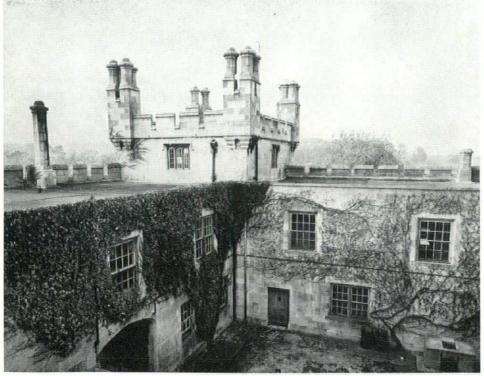


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The "Old Castle", now used as garages and stables, will be entirely gutted. New entrances will be found and areas will be re-planned for better use. The center of the building features a two-story living area known as the great hall. This area remains in the new design with the remainder of the building housing 25 bedrooms.

The courtyard, now finished in asphalt, will be landscaped for the enjoyment of the guests. An inter-connecting alley-way between the old and new castles will also be landscaped and covered walkways will be provided.



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architects to gather sufficient photos, plans and notes to prepare drawings and specifications from their Columbus office.

The original structure, the "Old Castle" built in 1700 will, by necessity, be completely gutted and re-planned for better use. The "New Castle", constructed in 1800, will not require such drastic re-planning. In both castles, however, the reconstruction program will be influenced to a degree, by the walls which in some places are 2-3 feet thick.

No building code, as we know it in the United States, exists in Ireland. The only governing agency involved is the Bord Failte Eireann, which reviews design and plans for those projects falling within its jurisdiction. The function of this department is to allot cash grants to those individuals or firms providing guest concessions or holiday accommodations within the Irish Free Government. These grants are based on an amount of 275 pounds (approximately \$762.00) per room for such projects. In addition, the Bord Failte Eireann sponsors a five-year interest free loan program which is available to these same firms or individuals.

Among the existing facilities on the site are a complete water supply for the estate (stored at the top of a hill), a very adequate septic tank system, a high pressure fire system surrounding the entire castle, and a hot water central heating system, which will require little or no alteration.

The castle requires very little work

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structurally. A new roof (slate, supported on wood trussed rafters) will be installed; windows replaced and covered walkways provided.

Materials are not as readily available in Ireland as they are in the United States. Steel and brick are at a premium, and must be shipped in from other countries. The most accessible materials are concrete, lumber and stone. Concrete block is used extensively. However, the light-weight blocks used in American construction are foreign to the Irish. Their coreless 8" x 16" blocks require two men to lift them into place.

Both the Old and New castles require complete re-plumbing and rewiring. Bathroom fixtures will be shipped from the United States. An interesting fact is that most electrical circuits and lighting fixtures are 220 volt. Consequently, the re-wiring of the castles will conform to this pattern.

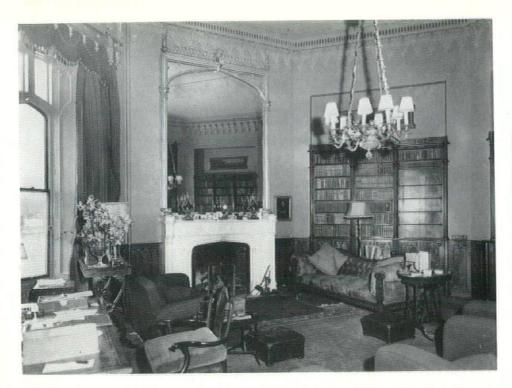
The grounds surrounding the castle lend themselves beautifully to the planned recreational facilities. An 18 hole golf course, designed by Brooks E. Wiggington, landscape architect of Wheeling, West Virginia, will run completely around the lake. Plans also include areas for tennis courts, horseback riding, hiking, stream and lake fishing.

The resort, when completed will require a staff of 40-50 persons, all of whom will be housed adjacent to the castle. Irish tradition dictates that they be provided complete and separate facilities.



The existing dining room and library (pictured) will become the formal dining room for the resort.





In the architect's plan, the study (pictured) will become the formal cocktail lounge, adjacent to the dining room. A tavern on the ground level, with cobblestone floors, will retain the rustic flavor of the castle. A connecting terrace overlooks the lake and opens onto the courtyard.



The main lounge of the castle will remain as such in the new plan. Although the castle will be completely re-furnished, the traditional atmosphere will prevail throughout.

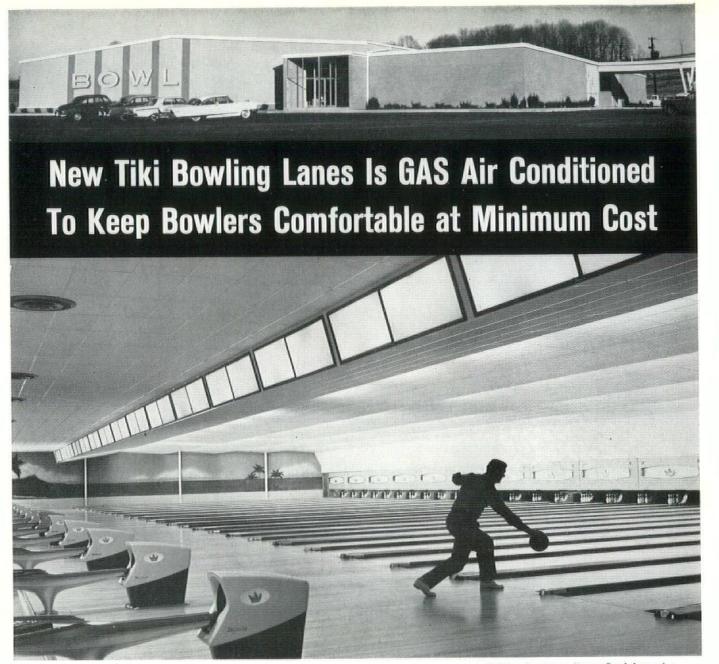
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The focal point of the main entrance to the "New Castle" is a gallery honoring prominent members of the O'Brien Clan, and will serve as an impressive lobby for the resort.





Part of the lounge area in the architects plan encompasses the existing hallway (pictured) which leads to the stairway to the second floor.



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# OBERLIN'S LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

The Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects recently presented its annual award for an outstanding instance of preservation or restoration of historic buildings to the Oberlin Historical Society.

The building honored was Oberlin's oldest structure—the 19th Century Little Red Schoolhouse on East Vine Street. Its restoration was the result of a one-man crusade by the late Clifford A. Barden.

Mr. Barden rescued the structure last year after the city had marked it for demolition. Enlisting the support of the Village Improvement Society and the aid of a number of Oberlin residents, who gave generously of both time and money, he persevered in the project of saving this historic building. Today it stands looking much as it did originally, from the rustic shakes on the roof to the potbellied stove inside.

The little schoolhouse was built in 1836, after the directors of the school district approved the raising of \$200 for a building "20 x 24 ft., one story high, 9 ft. posts, underpinned with stone, well lighted entry."

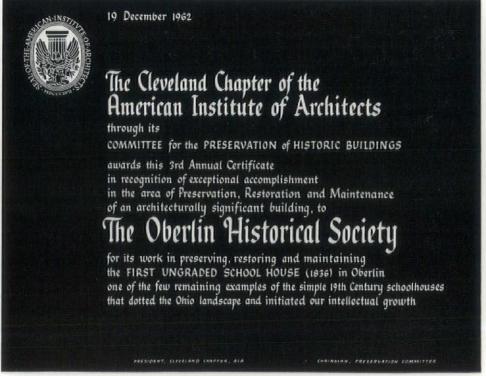
The new schoolhouse was first used in the fall of 1837, and was the only one in operation until 1851. From the outset, the schoolhouse was inadequate to house the 236 children of school age. The overflow were housed in college buildings, private homes, and village shops.

Finally, in 1851 a new two-story



The "Little Red School House", Oberlin's oldest building, dating from 1836, was restored by the Oberlin Historical Society, and is now a prized museum.

Robert C. Gaede, Chairman of the Preservation Committee of the Cleveland Chapter AIA presented this award for preservation of a historical building to the Oberlin Historical Society at the Annual Award Luncheon sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter in December.



A pot-bellied stove, rocking chair, and numerous other articles were donated by

Oberlin residents to retain the old schoolhouse classroom atmosphere.



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brick schoolhouse was erected, and the Little Red Schoolhouse was converted into a private dwelling.

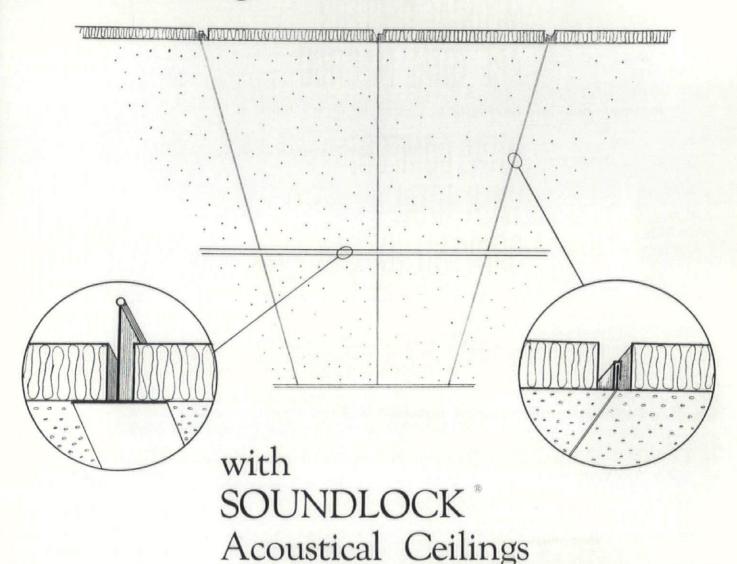
It was late last spring, when the City of Oberlin bought and planned to raze the building, that Mr. Barden stepped in with his proposal,

Restoration and refurbishing became a community project. Former teachers and students, as well as other local residents and merchants, donated books, furnishings, and other articles to capture the early classroom atmosphere.

Professor emeritus Clarence Ward and Professor Paul Arnold of the department of fine arts, Oberlin College, were consulted on restoration plans.

In commenting on the restoration project, Professor Ward said, ". . . it is a typical example of the 'little red schoolhouse' of literature and memory. Moreover, it is exactly the type of building which one would expect of the severe 'Puritanism' of early Oberlin. It has the simplicity on which the entire community and college prided itself. It is a product of the Ohio frontier . . . the oldest building in Oberlin in anything like its original form . . . the only existing representative of the first decade of the 'Colony's' existence. In a city like Oberlin, where education has always been a commanding factor, the preservation of a schoolhouse, no matter how humble, seems to me to be a most admirable project . . ."

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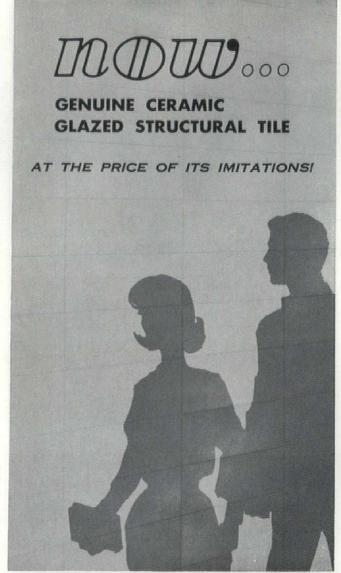
Formica Corporation has entered the wall paneling business with a new product and an eight-market test campaign. The Cincinnati manufacturer of laminated plastics thus is making a major move toward product diversification and extended use of its laminate on vertical surfaces.

The new product has been designated Formica V.I.P. paneling, or Vertical Interior Paneling. A complete prefabricated wall surfacing system, the V.I.P. product package includes laminate-faced panels, each 16 inches wide, plus finished molding strips and a unique spline system which acts as a securing and hidden-nailing device. For decorative flexibility, spline systems offered can effect either a V-groove or half-inch accent strip motif for walls. Ease of installation, minimum upkeep and long life in high-traffic areas are prime qualities of the product, according to Formica.

Market areas chosen for the test are New York, Philadelphia, Miami, Tampa, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Newark and Boston. In preparation for full-scale product introduction later in 1963, the entire spectrum of marketing activities will be tested in these locales, including wholesale distribution, stocking, packaging, delivery, promotion and jobsite installation.

According to Charles L. Walters, Formica's New Products Marketing Manager, 75 per cent of total V.I.P. sales are expected to be in commercial construction. The remainder, he predicts, will be in light construction and custom residential projects. Thus prime test installations will be offices, stores, hotels and motels, airports, professional buildings and similar structures.

"Testing of V.I.P. marks a major step forward in our progress," Walters said. "Laminated plastic has been used on wall surfaces for years, but high cost and the difficulties of on-site application, particularly irregularities of the subwall itself, have limited this usage. New Formica V.I.P. paneling, which is affixed to standard furring strips, eliminates these difficulties, futhermore offers the user a complete product package, not merely the laminated plastic."





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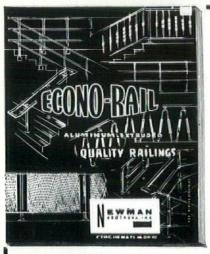
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# Architect Predicts Upsurge in Urban Dwelling

One of the world's leading architects is betting that suburban Americans in the next few decades will be flocking back to the cities — thanks to more efficient use of air... just plain air.

The upsurge in urban living will be made possible by more extensive use of "air rights" — the privilege of putting up an apartment house over a site already in use — says Dr. Walter Gropius, Chairman Emeritus of Harvard University's Department of Architecture.

Builders will be able to take advantage of air rights over all kinds of sites — like a 32-story apartment in New York built over an approach to the George Washington Bridge — by using high-strength steels, Dr. Gropius said. Developed in recent years, the new steels give the same strength with 10 per cent less weight. Building codes in various cities have already been revised to permit their use, with a saving in cost.

Looking into the future, the 79-year-old Gropius said: "The trend will be back to living in high-rise city apartments and away from sprawling suburbs where you need a car to get any place. More and more people will want to live close to centers of culture and commerce."

Gropius predicted that "the much stronger steels and pre-stressed reinforced concrete units" will be the favored materials of the future. They will permit construction of high-rise combination apartments and commercial buildings in downtown areas, he said.

"Steel enables a building to be put up quickly," he said, "and is the only practical material to use for buildings higher than 25 stories, especially in areas subject to earthquakes."

Gropius also foresaw use of "reversed air rights" in which vast underground garages will be dug out from the earth beneath crowded downtown sections of modern cities.

"This would eliminate the very ugly seas of parking in American cities," he said.

Gropius, who lives in a converted old dwelling near Harvard Square, believes 20th Century man really prefers to live close to his fellow man.

"People feel best when there is life whirling around them," he said. "When you press them together, like in the old towns of southern Europe — where you get more lively relations from man to man — people are happier."

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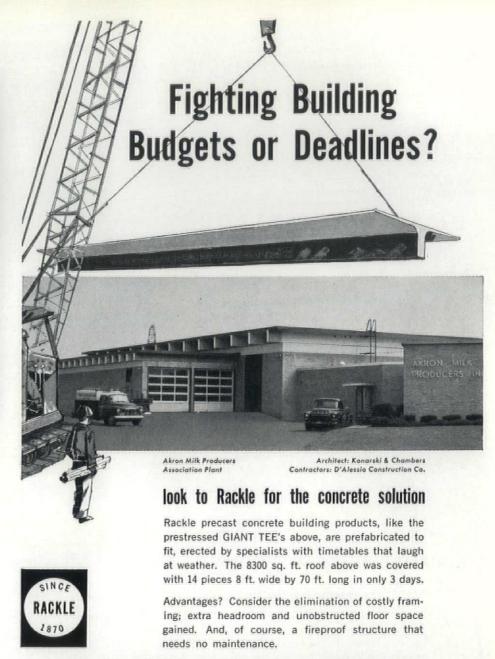


An unusual new fountain, shaped like an exotic tree of stainless steel, now adorns the Garden of the Provinces in Ottawa, Canada.

Designed by architect Norman Slater for the Canadian capital's National Capital Commission, the 25-foot-high fountain consists of a central trunk from which 100 curved branches project, each bearing a curved, rectangular leaf. Jets of water spray from most of these branches and splash downward from leaf to leaf below.

Before designing the fountain, architect Slater studied the proposed location and its surroundings. Finding that the buildings in the background had what he considered a "heavy" appearance, he determined to create a "light" design for the fountain.

Stainless steel turned out to be an ideal material for this purpose; its permanence and hard, dense suface permit it to retain a bright finish indefinitely and to withstand the attacks of time, water and weather, while its high strength permits the design of slender and delicate members that can withstand great stress. Since the fountain makes an attractive jungle gym for children when the water is shut off, each branch was designed to withstand at least 500 pounds loading de-



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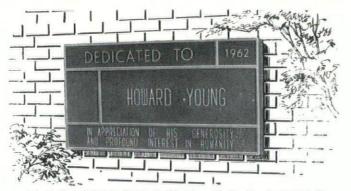
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spite their narrow diameter of one and two-thirds inches and their sectional thickness of less than two-tenths of an inch.

Type 304 stainless steel, a chromiumnickel alloy, was used throughout the fountain in both tubular and sheet form. All surfaces were manually polished and buffed to a high finish.

During construction of the fountain, a number of special operating procedures had to be worked out by architect Slater, by Felix Kraus, the structural engineer, and by Canadair Limited, the fabricator. For example, in order to create the tapering form of the trunk specified by the architect, it was necessary to cut a tapered wedge from one side of the stainless tube, then close the space on a brake press and weld it shut.

For the leaves, a form was made to the exact curvature required, plasticene balls were stuck to it to achieve the desired hammered pattern, and dies made from this model. The stainless steel sheet was then stretch formed into a smooth dish of the proper curvature and the pattern was stamped on by a 1,000-ton press.



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The most recently completed dome is a 160-foot diameter building (see accompanying photo), The Stephan Student Activities Center on the University of Notre Dame campus at Notre Dame.

Among outstanding structures utilizing the Kaiser Aluminum dome have been the 200-foot diameter building erected as the central feature of the American exhibit at the 1959 Moscow Fair and a 144-foot diameter outdoor "sunshade" for the Miami, Florida, Seaquarium.

The domes utilize unique tetrahedral structural units formed from sheet aluminum, or other material, which comprise both the protective covering and the framework of the structure. Although the structural units are particularly adapted to use in geodesic domes, they may also be

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## DANSIZEN JOINS CANTON FIRM

Lawrence, Dykes, Goodenberger & Associates, Canton Architects, announced recently that Kenneth H. Dansizen, Jr. will be an associate in the architectural firm.

Mr. Dansizen, age 32, resides at 5637 Circle Hill Drive, North Canton with



his wife, Gloria and daughter Linda. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the North Canton Jaycees and the Eastern Ohio Chapter of the American Institute

of Architects.

He was a graduate of McKinley High School in 1949 and took various courses at Fenn College and Kent State University while he was working as a draftsman. Last March he passed the State of Ohio examination after which he received his architect's license.

His architectural experience was gained at the firm of Lawrence and Dykes until 1958 then he worked for other architects in the Canton area and San Francisco, California. He returned to Lawrence, Dykes, Goodenberger and Associates in 1961.

With Mr. Dansizen's promotion the firm now includes six licensed architects. The others in the architectural firm, which was founded in 1947, are R. E. Lawrence, E. W. Dykes, R. A. Goodenberger, K. J. Breting and J. W. Martin.

# OSU PROFESSOR RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Prof. Perry E. Borchers of the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at Ohio State University has been awarded a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship for the 1963-64 academic year.

Under the fellowship, Professor Borchers will carry on study and research in architectural photogrammetry at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. His work will involve primarily the photogrammetric recording and measurement of structural movements.



# DODGE REPORTS INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

November contracts for future construction totaled \$187,162,000 in Ohio, up 10 per cent compared to November 1961, F. W. Dodge Corporation reported.

The following breakdown of November contracts for future construction in the state was reported by Dodge regional vice president Carl S. Bennett:

Non-residential at \$56,925,000, up 4 per cent; residential at \$74,132,000, up 5 per cent; and engineering construction at \$56,105,000, up 24 per cent.

The cumulative total of construction contracts for the first eleven months of 1962 amounted to \$1,871,359,000, a 2 per cent decrease compared to the corresponding year earlier level, according to the Dodge report.

A breakdown of the eleven month total showed:

Non-residential at \$589,102,000, down 13 per cent; residential at \$919,406,000, up 14 per cent; and engineering construction at \$362,851,000, down 15 per cent.

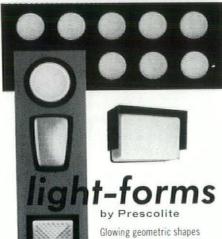


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# AMERICAN CYANAMID CO. OPENS COLUMBUS OFFICE

A sales office for the Building Products Division of American Cyanamid Company has been opened in Columbus at 1229 West Third Avenue it was announced today by Keith W. Harrison, marketing manager.

Mr. John E. Royal will head the office and is responsible for sales of SKY-DOME brand skylights in new homes and residential modernization.

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# Necrologies

Charles H. Wiese, Cincinnati architect, was found dead in his room at 2652 Bellevue Avenue. He apparently died while getting dressed for work.

Mr. Wiese was associated with the firm of Cellarius & Hillmer.

In his early career, he worked as a draftsman with Charles F. Cellarius, architect. After studying architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he worked, for 25 years, with the firm of Tietig & Lee. While with them he worked on the Christ Hospital project, Red Cross office building and the residence and chapel of Charles Williams. He went with Cellarius & Hilmer five years ago, and was associated largely with projects at Miami University, Oxford.

Clyde R. Seebach, 69, Forest architect, died recently in Kent, Ohio.

Mr. Seebach had been associated with Robert P. Alge of Findlay for the last ten years designing churches and schools in the area and in Cleveland. He recently completed the design for the addition to Wyandot Memorial Hospital in Upper Sandusky and also was the architect for Hardin Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Seebach was a member of the American Institute of Architects, Toledo Chapter; the Forest Masonic Lodge, the Findlay Chamber of Commerce and the Forest Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, and a daughter, Lorena Idale, a student at Marietta College.

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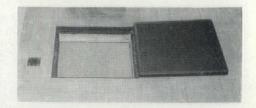
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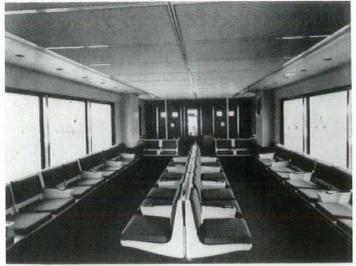
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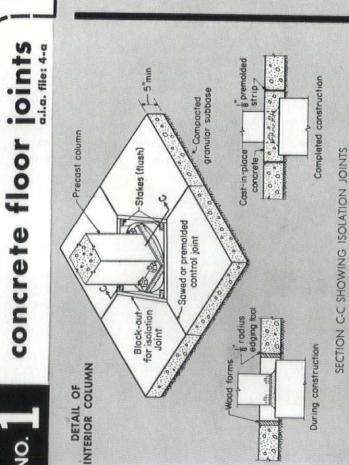
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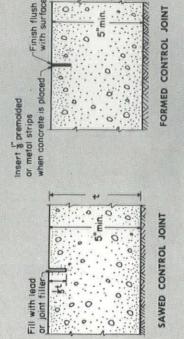
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