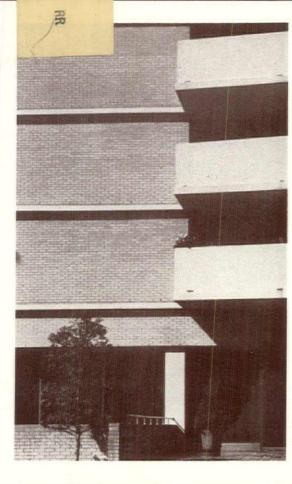
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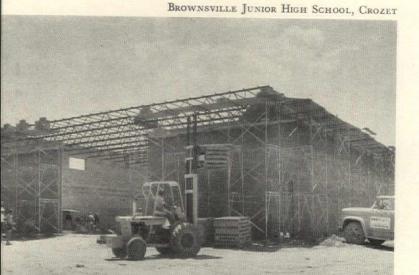


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The Harmony of Time in Architecture

THE SUMMER IS THE SEASON WHICH, most of all, calls up particularly THE SUMMER IS THE SEASON WHICH, Williams Williams associations. The senses are saturated with the pervasive elements of langor, fragrance and warmth or heat in the atmosphere that seems to arise from the earth, whether in town or country. In the rare moments of quiet in the city, the feeling of the day evokes the continuity of timeless time that gives one's individual past an unbroken flow into the present moment.

There is a quality of nostalgia in the evocation of a lost age, with the memories of families sitting in the soft night-light on porches facing streets where little islands of gaslit street-lamps glowed in the shadows from the overhanging trees. An automobile or a horse-and-buggy passed so infrequently, and at such decorous speeds, that children played in the streets with the carefreeness of country children in fields. I remember fierce games of duck-on-davy played under the corner street-light endlessly without interruption.

When the summer days recall the repose of those families sitting on porches "in the cool of the evening," I often ponder over what the individuals thought about. I imagine that they actually "thought" very little in the sense of a sustained act of purposeful reflection. They sat, some gently rocking, in an inner containment of being, which required neither a conscious point of attention (as in reading or conversation) nor of outwardly provided diversion. Deeply rooted in their environments, they observed with passing interest the comings and goings of neighbors, the appearance of a stranger, or even a dog or cat unseen before. Judging from remembered remarks, they sometimes drifted into idle meditation on aspects of their own past and sometimes on visions of loved ones gone from them.

As we all know, this quality of repose belongs to another age. The changes in the past half-century have produced the much-discussed "alienation" of man from his environment, in which "tensions" and "unresolved inner conflicts" and other forms of maladjustment have made personality disturbances as commonplace as was the repose of self-containment in that lost era when man was at home in his environment. In those days the average Virginian could probably not have defined the word "psychiatrist," or would have said with Sam Goldwyn, "Any person who goes to a psychiatrist should have his head examined." Dr. Freud was unknown outside of a small segment of the medical profession, and not always known favorably there. The acceptance and understanding of the inter-relation between personality disturbance and physiological functions was so alien to most doctors, trained on tenets founded in the older era, that into the recent present relatively young urban doctors stoutly maintained the division between "mind and body"-thus, denying the effects of the changing environment

By now, of course, almost all colleges and many high schools have "psychological guidance clinics" as regular parts of the institution, and public and semipublic clinics are operated for the "disturbed" young (Continued on page 71)

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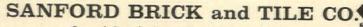
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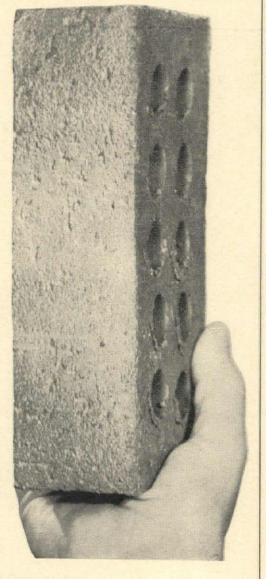
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and Partners, he became a partner in the Richmond firm this year. Born in Richmond September 14, 1925, Cilimberg graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1950 with a B.S. in Building Construction. A veteran of World War II, he traveled in France, Germany and Austria as a member of the Armed Forces.

HENRY C. JOHNSON, JR., AIA

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Johnson has been a draftsman with Johnson, Craven & Gibson in Charlottesville since his graduation from the University of Virginia with a B.S. in Architecture in 1962. He is a native of Hampton, where he was born April 25, 1928.



JOHN W. RYAN, JR., AIA

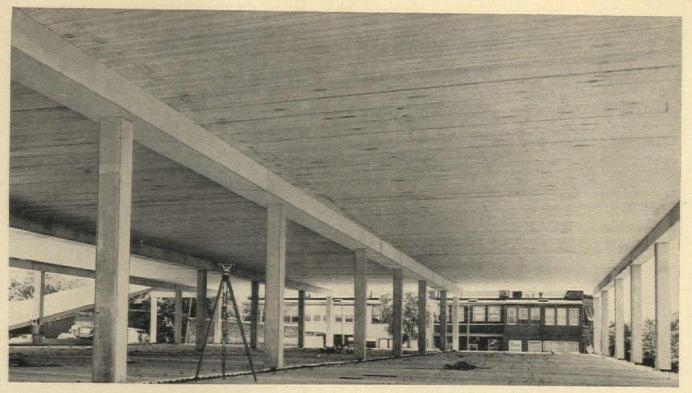
Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 9, 1930, he was educated in Virginia at V.P.I. and the Richmond Professional Institute. In 1955, Ryan received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from R.P.I. and has been an associate with Edward F. Sinnott & Son, Architects in Richmond for the past three years.

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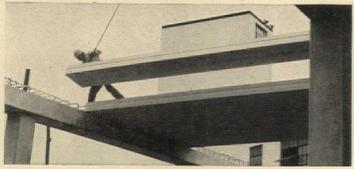


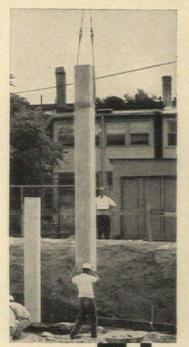
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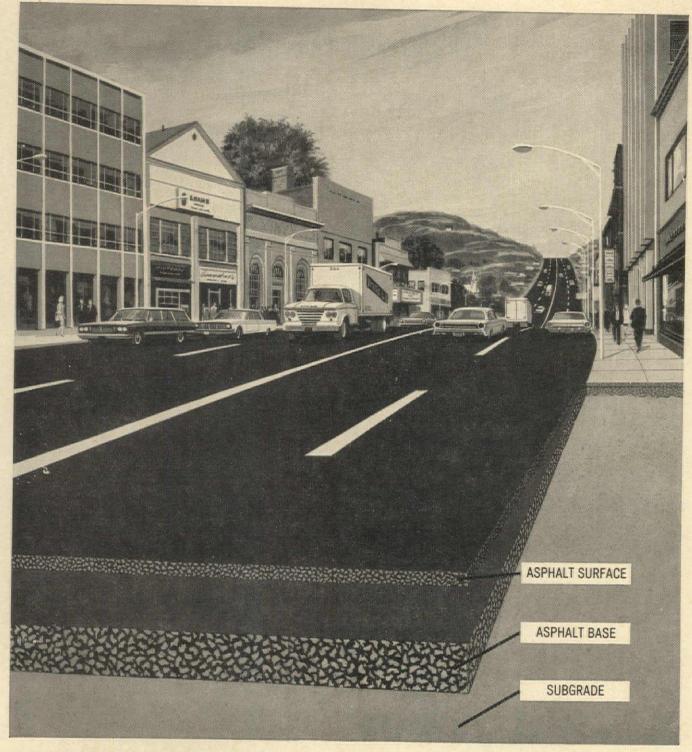
Currently a resident of Virginia Beach, Wall was born in Norfolk on July 19, 1930. He has studied correspondence courses through the University of Wisconsin, and has been associated with the firm of William E. McClurg, Architect at the Beach since last January.



STEWART R. WHITEHURST, JR., AIA

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in 1955, Whitehurst entered the Architectural School and earned his Bachelor of Architecture Degree four years later. While a student, he won honors in the Southern Brick & Tile Competition, second place in the Solite Awards, and shared a group prize for first place in the Alexandria Urban Plan in his final year. This past April, he opened his own firm in Charlottesville.

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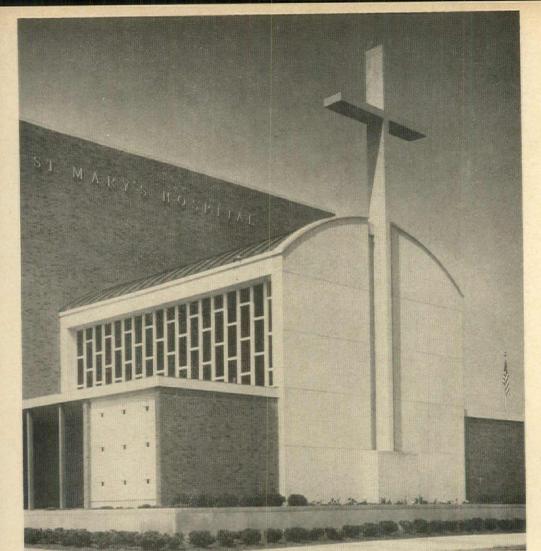
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HE NEWLY COMPLETED 161-bed St. Mary's Hospital is located on Monument Avenue between Bremo and Libbie Avenues in Richmond. Designed by the firm of Ballou and Justice, Architects & Engineers of Richmond, this massive structure contains a ground floor, sub-basement, basement and six additional floors. There is a provision for future expansion by extending the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth floors to the westward to accommodate additional beds, and the North Wing can be extended two floors. All of the additional beds can be provided without expanding the central services, which have been designed to care for a 300 to 400-bed hospital. The Sisters' quarters are on the seventh floor.

The completion of this first Catholic hospital in Richmond is a long-realized dream come true of the Bon Secours Sisters of Baltimore, Maryland and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Ballou and Justice were selected as architects-engineers in the Fall of 1960; and at that time their firm underwent extensive studies which included trips to Catholic hospitals in various parts of the United States to observe the manifold needs that would be necessary in a hospital, which would in addition to the normal facilities of a general hospital, contain a Chapel, as well as a Sisters'

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Chapel, and living quarters for the Sisters.

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Bids for the construction were received on February 26, 1963 and the successful general contractor was Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore, Maryland. In April, 1963 ground was broken for the hospital, and on January 9, 1966 the Dedication Ceremony was held, and the hospital opened its doors to the people of Richmond and its surrounds shortly thereafter.

The exterior materials which are composed of brick, Mo-Sai, Duranodic finished aluminum windows and Solar Screens provide a harmonious background for the beautifully landscaped grounds. The entire property consists of over 15 acres and includes additional property to the west of Bremo Avenue, which will provide for future structures and additional parking. The present property has public parking and staff parking sufficient for immediate hospital needs. A natural stand of trees has been left between the hospital and Monument Avenue which provides a buffer and also a pleasant setting for the large fountain centered on the Chapel.

St. Mary's has been described by enthusiastic Richmonders as a hospital for "people—not robots." It is built for individual needs with added conveniences not always present in similar structures. Each floor contains lounges for patients and small waiting rooms are strategically placed to allow privacy for persons visiting patients at the hospital. Gay pleasant colors predominate

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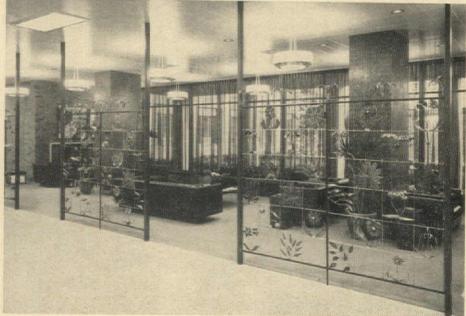
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Above, lobby; below, front entrance.



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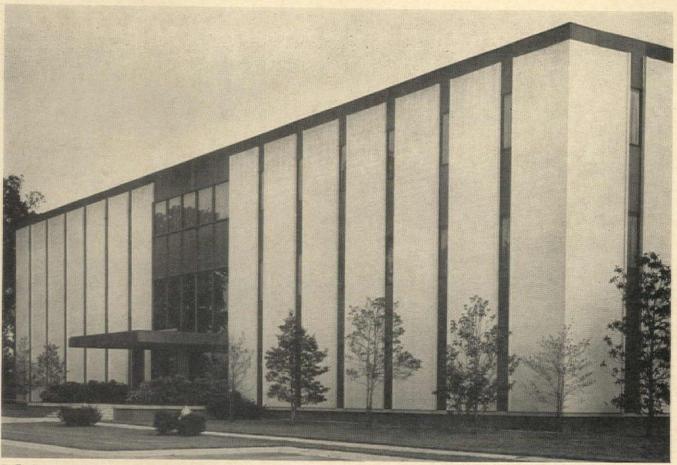
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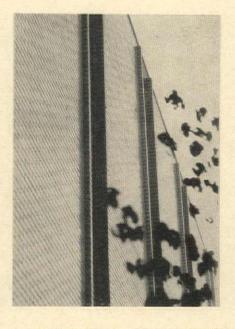
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of plumbing and electrical fixtures, ample office space, a retail sales counter, large warehouse and loading dock and several acres of pavement for parking and outside storage. Frame is structural steel; roof, built up; and walls, masonry and metal. Terrazzo is used for floors in the office areas and concrete for remainder of the building.

Approximate cost for the building only was \$255,000.00.

Subcontractors and suppliers, from the Richmond area unless otherwise noted, are as follows: F. G. Pruitt, Inc., machine earthwork, topsoiling and seeding; Bowker and Roden, Inc., furnished reinforcing steel and wire mesh; Southern Materials Co., Inc., furnished ready-mix concrete; Froehling and Robertson, Inc. concrete test cylinders; Southern Brick Contractors, Inc., furnished and installed masonry; Concrete KIELLSTROM & LEE, INC. General Contractor

Structures, Inc., furnished precast concrete slabs; Chesapeake Concrete Corp., erected precast concrete slabs; Cruickshanks Iron Works Co., furnished structural steel and miscellaneous metals; Republic Steel Corp., furnished steel joists, metal roof deck and metal slab form; Hunter L. Mann, erected structural steel, steel joists, metal roof deck and metal slab form; Roanoke Engineering Sales Co., Inc. (representing Reliable Fireproof Products Corp.), furnished metal doors and frames; J. S. Archer Co. (representing New Castle Products, Inc.-Modernfold), furnished folding doors; Overhead Door Corp. of Richmond, furnished and installed overhead doors; James G. Thayer (representing Mills Metal Compartment Co.), furnished metal toilet partitions.

Also, E. S. Chappell and Son, Inc., furnished and installed caulking and

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NEW —

ALBEMARLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

DAVIS AND McCLINTOCK Architects

SOWERS, RODES AND WHITESCARVER Mechanical & Electrical Consultants

THESE NEW SCHOOLS, designed by Davis and McClintock, are now under THESE NEW SCHOOLS, designed by Davis and McChittock, are now under construction in Albemarle County with completion expected by late summer.

The Brownsville Elementary and Junior High Schools face each other across a common parking and bus servicing area. The elementary school contains 36,150 square feet while the junior high school is over twice as large at 78,265 square feet. Both buildings are one story.

Exterior walls are of brick with interior walls of masonry block. Both buildings have built-up roofs over metal deck, aluminum windows and concrete floors. Whitlock Construction Company, of Mineral, was general contractor.

Subcontractors & Suppliers

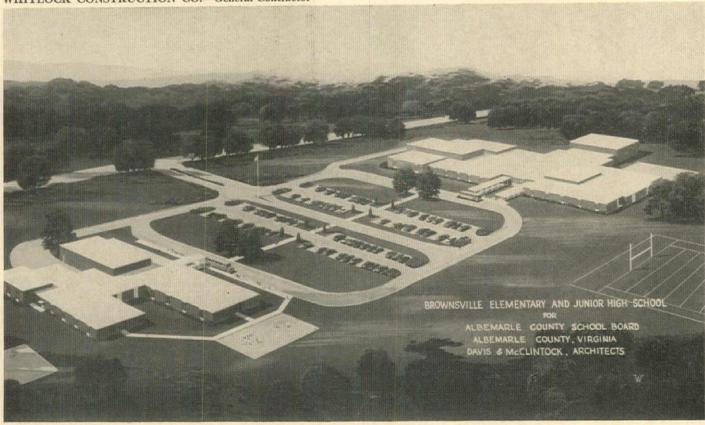
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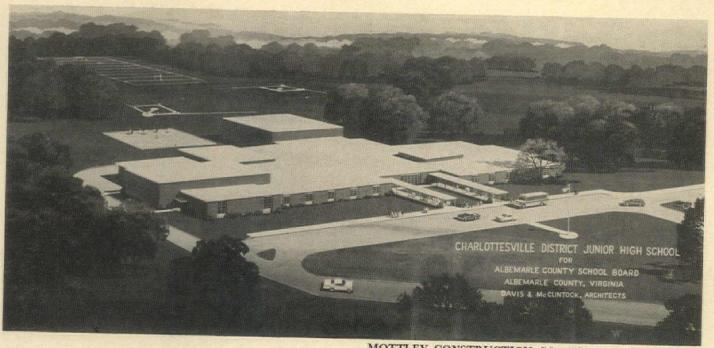
Whitlock Construction Co., Inc., Mineral, general contractor, foundations, carpentry; Charlottesville firms were, Haley, Shisholm & Morris, excavating; H. T. Ferron Co., concrete; W. A. Lynch Roofing Co., roofing (on Junior High); Manson & Utley, Inc., acoustical; Oliva & Lazzuri, Inc., ceramic tile & terrazzo; Charlottesville Lumber Co., millwork. And, from Richmond, Wheeling Corrugating Co., steel roof deck; Economy Cast Stone Co., stone work; J. S. Archer Co., steel doors & bucks and folding partitions; Tom Jones Hardware Co., Inc., hardware.

Others include, Concrete Products, Inc., Brunswick Ga., roof of Co., stone work; J. S. Archer Co., steel doors & bucks and folding partitions; Tom Jones Hardware Co., Inc., hardware.

Others include, Concrete Products, Inc., Brunswick Ga., roof deck; Leonard Smith Sheet Metal & Roofing, Inc., Salem, roofing (on Elementary school). Bat Masonry Co., Inc., masonry and Montague-Betts Co., Inc., steel, both from Lynchburg; Pritchard Paint & Glass Co., Durham, N. C., windows, window walls & glazing; J. H. Steen & Sons, Inc., Portsmouth, Painting; Shields, Inc., Roanoke, plaster; E. B. Heatwole Tile Co., Harrisonburg, resilient tile; R. L. Dresser, Inc., Raleigh, N. C., wood flooring; Clear-Bullock Electrical Co., Inc., Martinsville, electrical work; and J. H. Cothran Co., Inc., Altavista, plumbing, air conditioning (York Heat Pump), heating & ventilating (Nesbitt).

WHITLOCK CONSTRUCTION CO .- General Contractor





MOTTLEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.—General Contractor

THE CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT Junior High and Elementary Schools are of the same size but do not have the facing feature as at Brownsville. In size and construction, the buildings are identical with Brownsville.

Mottley Construction Co., Inc. was general contractor for the two Charlottesville District buildings.

Subcontractors & Suppliers

Subcontractors & Suppliers

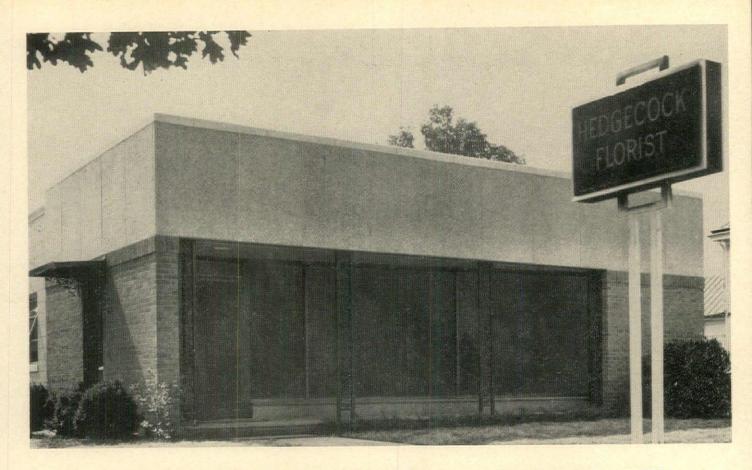
From Farmville were: Mottley Construction Co., Inc., general contractor, foundations, carpentry, plaster, millwork: A. K. Mottley, excavating. From Lynchburg: Bat Masonry Co., Inc., masonry: Montague-Betts Co., Inc., steel & steel roof deck. Richmond firms were: J. B. Eurell Co., roof deck; Economy Cast Stone Co., stone work: J. S. Archer Co., steel doors & Roofing Co., roofing; Manson & Utley, Inc., acoustical; Oliva & Lazzuri, Inc., ceramic tile & terrazzo; and Midway Electric Others were, Pritchard Paint & Glass Co., Durham, N. C., windows & window walls, glazing; J. H. Steen & Sons, Inc., Portsmouth, painting; R. L. Dresser, Inc., Raleigh, N. C., woodflooring; Clear-Bullock Electrical Co., Inc., Martinsville, electrical work (General Electric) on Elementary School; and J. H. Cothran Co., Inc., Altavista, plumbing, air conditioning, heating and

MOTTLEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.—General Contractor



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HEDGECOCK FLORAL COMPANY

Collinsville

I. COATES CARTER, AIA Architect

I. V. RICHARDSON, INC.—General Contractor

- The building for the Hedgecock Floral Company consists of 3,600 square feet of first floor space with a basement storage area of 1,600 square feet.
- The first floor provides for an entrance vestibule and display area including a refrigerator. A second section provides for a private office and bookkeeping office, along with a workroom equipped with two walk-in refrigerators which may be maintained at variable temperatures.
- The basement provides for storage space for equipment and is accessible from the loading area and first floor.
- The company owns and operates a nursery to produce most of its cut flowers and greenery. It is located some five miles from the floral shop at Collinsville, Virginia.
- The new building provides for a glass front for display purposes, is partially air conditioned, and accessible for clients from a driveway at the side entrance. Adequate parking is provided at the back of the building for visitors. The floor covering is vinyl tile and the acoustical ceilings contain recessed lights.

Subcontractors and Suppliers

From Martinsville were: J. V. Richardson, general contractor, foundations, concrete, masonry, carpentry; Williams Ready Mix Concrete, excavating & demolition; Martinsville Iron & Steel Co., steel, steel roof deck, handrails; John H. Stultz Roofing, Inc., roofing; Martinsville Glass Co., glazing; Richard L. Shough, painting, waterproofing; Building Supply Co., Inc., paneling, millwork; Lee Brothers Electrical Co., electrical work; Bryant's Plumbing & Heating, plumbing (American-Standard fixtures), air conditioning, heating and ventilating.

Others were: Economy Cast Stone Co., Richmond, stone work; Roanoke Engineering Sales Co., Inc., Roanoke, windows, steel doors & bucks; J. W. Squire Co., Inc., Danville, insulation, acoustical, resilient tile; Hite Tile Co., Collinsville, ceramic tile,

slate; and Graves-Humphreys, Inc., Roanoke, hardware.

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- 2. Plaza One Office Building. Architect: William L. Mayne & Associates—Alexandria. Structural Engineers: Hanson & Craig— Norfolk.
- 3. Hague Park Apartments. Architect: Stanley Brundage—Norfolk. Structural Engineers: Joe D. Glenn, Jr.—Norfolk.
- 4. The Rotunda. Architects: Yates & Boggs
 —Portsmouth. Structural Engineers: Joe D.
 Glenn, Jr.—Norfolk.
- Lafayette Towers. Architects: S. J. Kessler & Sons—New York City. Structural Engineer: Robert Rossenwasser—New York City.
- 6. The Royal Mace Apartments. Architect: Max Ratner Cleveland. Engineer: Robert S. Williams—Cleveland.
- 7. Algonquin House. Architects-Engineers: McGaughy, Marshall & McMillan—Norfolk.













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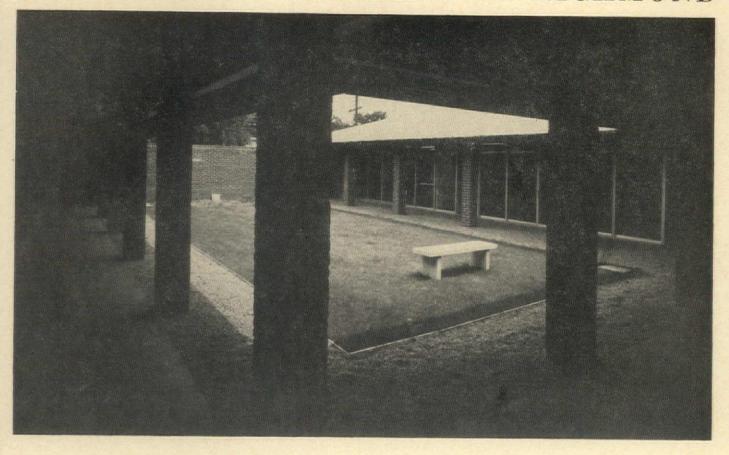
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DYVO OFFICE BUILDING IN RICHMOND



HOLCOMBE, VAUGHAN and EVANS

Architects

■ This new office building which was completed in March is designed around a private courtyard which is used as an entrance vestibule to the offices. The exterior brick walls of the U-shaped building are windowless, but a continuous wall of sliding glass doors is installed between the office space and the courtyard.

The courtyard is screened from the street by a pierced brick wall which

provides a limited view into the court. A covered walk extends around the courtyard connecting the offices with the street entrance.

Interior features include walls of marble and paneling and floors finished with tile and carpeting.

The W. H. Stovall Company, Voss Advertising Company and J. Calvin Holcombe, Architect, occupy offices in the building. E. S. HAGUE General Contractor

Subcontractors & Suppliers (All Richmond area firms)

E. S. Hague, general contractor; C. A. Baldwin, concrete; Perkins & Jones, masonry; Liphart Steel Co., steel; Frank C. Berger, roofing; W. H. Stovall & Co., Inc., window walls; Richmond Glass Co., glazing; William S. Rice, painting; W. K. Hawkins Engineering Co., insulation; General Tile & Marble Co., ceramic tile; Fendley Floor & Ceiling Co., resilient tile; Miller Mfg. Co., millwork; W. L. Wachter, lighting fixtures & electrical work; Fitzgerald Plumbing & Heating Co., plumbing fixtures & plumbing; and, Dominion Heating & Air Conditioning Co., air conditioning & heating.



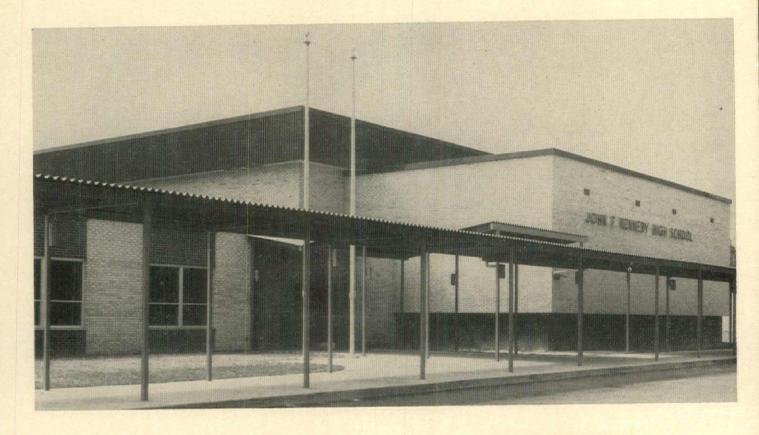
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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

Nansemond County



FRANK A. SPADY, JR., AIA Architect OLIVER AND SMITH, AIA Associate Architects

FRAIOLI-BLUM-YESSELMAN Structural Consultants

> LANGLEY AND McDONALD Civil Consultants

WEBSTER M. CHANDLER, JR. Electrical Consultant

MATHEW J. THOMPSON, III Mechanical Consultant

SILAS S. KEA & SONS General Contractors

JOHN F. KENNEDY High School is one of three new Nansemond County High Schools completed in time for last fall's opening term.

The \$1,293,826.14 project is located on a 39 acre site and the 101,450 square foot, electrically heated building has capacity for 1,200 students. Asphalt paved driveways and parking area, sewage treatment plant, landscaping of

the entire site, student lockers, lockers in gymnasium, dressing rooms, library shelving, classroom book shelves and teachers' closets, kitchen cabinets in the four-teacher home economics department, shelving in storage rooms, and large inside incinerator were included in the project.

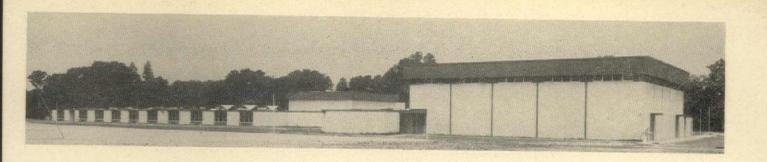
Additional features include glarereducing and heat-absorbing plate glass in all windows, central air conditioning of the entire administrative suite, a sound-proof folding partition in the gymnasium to allow two gym classes simultaneously and a master lighting control panel for stage and auditorium lights.

The building is designed around three enclosed courts with the administrative suite located in front center

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adjacent to the 620-seat auditorium. Shops are located on the right front of the building, 500-seat lunch room on the left front, 800-seat gymnasium on the left rear and library in the center of the building. Connecting corridors are arranged so that a complete circuit of all areas in the building may be made from the administrative suite without retracing. The administrative suite includes, general office, mail room, clinic with examining room and two recovery rooms, principal's office, assistant principal's office, vault, and guidance suite which includes, a waiting room and three interview rooms.

Other spaces include 28 general class rooms, language lab, three-room commercial department, television studio, industrial arts department, agriculture department, two student activity rooms, chemistry-physics lab, biology lab, four science labs, student store,

Subcontractors & Suppliers

Silas S. Kea & Sons, Ivor, general contractor, excavating, foundations, concrete & carpentry. Others include, from Norfolk, American Steel Equipment Co., Inc., toilet partitions; Barnum-Bruns Iron Works, Inc., structural steel; Republic Steel Corp., steel roof deck & joists, windows; Roof Engineering Corp., insulating roof deck, roofing; Walker & Laberge Co., Inc., glazing & architectural metal; E. Caligari & Son. Inc., painting plastic wall flight Door. Son, Inc., painting, plastic wall finish; Door Engineering Corp., rolling doors & grills; Elliot and Co., Inc., millwork; Hall-Hodges Co., Inc., steel doors & bucks and reinforcing steel; Volta Electric Co., Inc., lighting fixtures & electrical work; and, Seaboard Paint and Supply Co., Inc., work; and, Seaboard Paint and Supply Co., Inc., hardware. And, from Richmond, Interior Steel Equipment Co., steel lockers; Flowers School Equipment Co., Inc., homemaking equipment; W. Morton Northen & Co., Inc., insulation, acoustical, resilient tile; Harris Heating & Plumbing Co., plumbing fixtures, plumbing, air conditioning heating and variable time, and Access conditioning, heating and ventilating; and, Acme Equipment Co., Inc., kitchen equipment. Others were, M. D. Knox, Emporia, masonry;

Oliver Septic Tank Co., Inc., Churchland, sewage treatment plant; Terminix Co., Inc., Chesapeake, soil poisoning; Aldo Construction Corp., peake, concrete walks & curbs; J. T. Eley, Jr., Portsmouth, plaster; Ceramic Tile & Marble Co., Hampton, ceramic tile & terrazzo; Portsmouth Paving Corp., Portsmouth, paving.

teacher's work rooms, kitchen, other housekeeping and utility spaces, and music suite. The music suite includes a 45-student band room, three practice rooms, an office and an instrument storage room.

An 8,732 square foot addition is presently under construction and will cost \$128,995.00. The addition includes a masonry-carpentry shop, five-carspace auto mechanics shop, class room, offices, tool rooms, shower and locker rooms, and utility rooms. The auto shop will have a front end alignment pit and facilities for instruction in all phases of auto repair work.

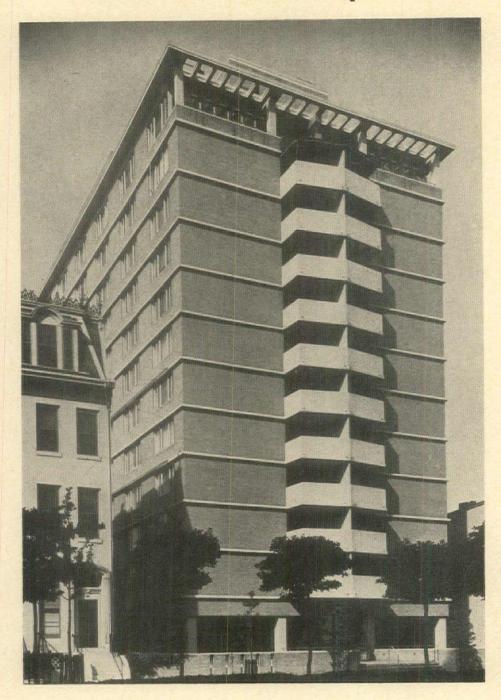
The School Board feels that this vocational education facility will be an incentive to students who do not anticipate education above the high school level and thereby tend to reduce "drop-outs".



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Franklin Towers Apartments—Richmond



OPENED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, this 12-story apartment building was the third high rise apartment building designed by Marcellus Wright and Partners in the new high rise apartment districts of Richmond. It was built by the Daniels Constuction Company of Virginia.

Franklin Towers contains 128 onebedroom and efficiency apartments with all modern conveniences. Parking is provided both within the structure and on adjacent property.

One of the most interesting features of the building is the roof-top swimming pool and terrace. Tenants in the front of the building enjoy balcony patios overlooking Richmond's historic Franklin Street.

The main floor contains a large office rental unit with lobby facilities and a mail desk, switchboard, etc., for the tenants.

The building structure is reinforced concrete flat slab. Walls are of a pastel shade red brick. The concrete is exposed and painted at each floor level.

Principal sub-contractors and material suppliers from Richmond unless otherwise noted, were: Daniel ConMARCELLUS WRIGHT & PARTNERS

Architects-Engineers

WILLIAM W. MOSELEY & FREDERIC H. COX Partners-in-Charge

WILEY & WILSON Mechanical & Electrical Consultants

THOMAS A. HANSON & ASSOCIATES Structural Consultants

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Lobby Decorators

DANIEL CONSTRUCTION CO. OF VA. General Contractor

struction Co. of Va. the general contractor, who also did the excavating, piling, foundations, carpentry and paneling, others were, Nick Ulisse, concrete; Southern Brick Contractors, Inc., masonry; Bethlehem Steel Corp., steel; N. W. Martin and Bros., Inc., roofing, Economy Cast Stone Co., stonework; Wm. Bayley Co., Springfield, Ohio, windows and Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., glazing.

Also N. Chasen and Son, Inc., painting; Western Waterproofing Co., Inc., waterproofing; Manson and Utley, Inc., weatherstripping; W. Morton Northen and Co., Inc., wood flooring; Richmond Lumber and Building Supply Co., millwork; Roanoke Engineering Sales Co., Inc., steel doors and bucks, handrails; Northside Electric Co., lighting fixtures, William H. White, Jr., Inc., plumbing fixtures, plumbing, air conditioning, heating, ventilating and Peter Bratti Associates, Inc., New York, tile and terrazzo.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. supplied the elevator and appliances.

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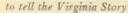
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BROOKS AND WOMACK Architects

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST stress that the primary reason for Christians to gather is to worship God. It was therefore incumbent upon the building committee of the congregation of the West End Church of Christ to have designed, as the first unit of its building program, a Sanctuary for worship and at the same time provide a minimum of classroom space to satisfy their Church School needs.

The architect was therefore requested to design a Sanctuary with "temporary" classrooms in the rear that could be removed at a later date without making structural changes in the building. The result was a design that set aside the front half of the building for a Sanctuary that seats 170 and the rear half for seven classrooms with ceiling suspended from the laminated arch-wood deck ceiling.



When the Church School has grown to the place that additional space will be needed, the second phase will be constructed. This will house the Church School and at the same time the temporary rooms will be removed from the first unit to allow for the expansion of the Sanctuary to seat 300 worshipers. The building is constructed so that this can be accomplished without making changes to the structural or heating systems and with a minimum of change to the electric wiring.

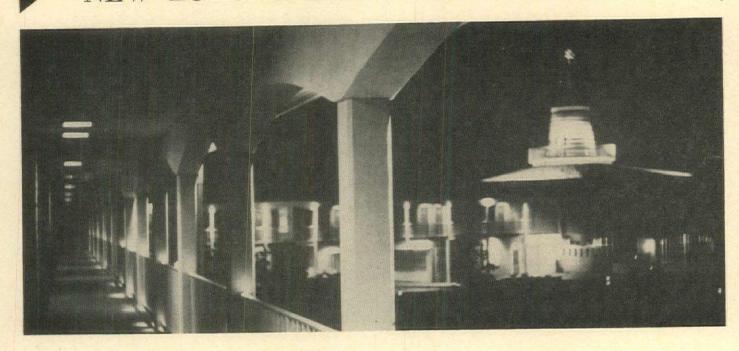
Subcontractors & Suppliers

(All Richmond firms unless otherwise noted)

O. E. Ziebe, general contractor; William L. Coor, masonry; R. Willison Roofing Co., roof deck, roofing; Roof Engineering Corp., Norfolk, structural wood, 42' clear span laminated wood arches; Binswanger Glass Co., Inc., glazing; Manson & Utley, Inc., acoustical; H. Beckstoffer's Sons, millwork; A. E. Allen, Inc., lighting fixtures; J. L. Parker Electric Co., electrical work; J. W. Thurston Plumbing & Heating Co., plumbing; Herman J. Duke & Son, air conditioning, heating, ventilating; Pleasants Hardware, hardware and Wiedemann Industries, Muscatine, Iowa, fiberglass Baptistry.



NEW LUXURY MOTEL DEVELOPMENT



America House Motor Inn & Restaurant (RICHMOND HOTELS, INC.)

MARCELLUS WRIGHT & PARTNERS
Architects & Engineers

WILLIAM W. MOSELEY Partner-in-Charge

BASIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY General Contractors

ROBERT S. SPRATLEY & ASSOC.

Mechanical & Electrical Consultants

WILLIAM J. BLANTON & ASSOC. Structural Consultants

AUSTIN BROCKENBROUGH & ASSOC. Civil & Site Consultants

THALHIMER INDUSTRIAL SALES CORP.—Interior Designers

THE NEW America House Motor Inn at Wise Point, near Cape Charles, incorporates the results of a three-year study by Richmond Hotels, Incorporated and their architects, Marcellus Wright and Partners. To arrive at the needs and desires of the ever-expanding motoring public, the corporation researched in depth studies of travellers' wants and reports of the American Automobile Association. The features

of America House are the products of this research.

The transfer of America House from the concept and drawing board stages to the finished resort is unique in modern innkeeping annals. Not since the developments of the early 1930's has ground been broken on an entirely new resort area. During the lapsed time since these resort booms, many vacation spots have seen great expansion, but almost none have sprung up anew. Virginia's Eastern Shore has long been eyed by developers as a possibility, but its inaccessibility had precluded anything beyond the thinking stage. The advent of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel changed this picture, and America House is the first complete resort facility on the Shore.

Among the features at America House are: recreational facilities for

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guests of all ages and interests; complete playground, putting green, swimming pool, 10-acre sandy beach; observation tower atop the restaurant, complete with telescope; picnic grounds, Chincoteague ponies and fishing facili-

The Early American motif Restaurant is also designed to meet the needs of the various motorists. Other conveniences include a service station, laundry, free ice, room service and family rates, with no charge for children.

America House features three basic guest units: a unit with one double bed: a larger, versatile unit with two double beds; and a king-size executive or family unit with one double bed and a studio

The restaurant at America House was conceived and developed by Marcellus Wright and Partners, long-time architects for the hotel firm. The room is so arranged as to accommodate guests wanting a fine dinner, as well as those with time only for a snack. A special feature will be a Seafood Bar reminiscent of gourmet days gone by and serving the fruits of Chesapeake Bay.

The beach at America House will be the hub of activity. Its gentle gradient makes it a perfect family beach where the children can wade or swim safely and parents can relax in the knowledge. The wide, sandy stretch makes it the rival of any other beach in the Chesapeake Bay area. The Inn's setting at the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula, the recreational facilities and the spacious family accommodations combine to give the Eastern Shore its finest resort facility.

While initially America House will have 82 units, the property layout and the restaurant size are designed for expansion to at least 200 motel units.



Subcontractors and Suppliers

From Norfolk: John H. Hampshire, Inc., roof deck; Roof Engineering Corp., roofing; Laurence Trant & Co., toilet partitions; Hall-Hodges Co., Inc., aluminum window, Granco deck, reinforced steel & mesh; Febre & Co. of Norfolk, Va., plaster; Shaw Paint & Wall Paper Co., Inc., painting; Door Engineering Corp., steel doors & bucks; Southern Electronics Corp., electrical work.

From Richmond: Bristol Steel & Iron Works, Inc., steel, steel roof deck; Concrete Pipe & Products Co., Inc., stone work; Miller Manufacturing Co., Inc., windows; E. S. Chappell & Son, Inc., weatherstripping; W. Morton Northen & Co., Inc., acoustical, resilient tile; Miller Manufacturing Co., Inc., millwork; Richmond Steel Co., Inc., handrails: Guy Smith Hardware, Inc., finish hardware; John G. Kolbe, Inc., kitchen equipment.

Newport News firms were Basic Construction Co., gracuum environtees foundations.

Newport News firms were: Basic Construction Co., general contractor, foundations, carpentry; Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., glazing; Pompei Tile Co., Inc., ceramic tile; Warwick Plumbing & Heating Corp., plumbing, air conditioning, heating, ventilating. And, from Va. Beach, Grier S. Johnson, Inc., excavating; Billy McDowell, swimming pool. From Cape Charles: Southern Materials Co., Inc., ready mix concrete; Bayshore Concrete Products Corp., pre-cast & prestressed concrete.

Others were: Hammond Masonry Corp., Sandston, masonry; Colonial-Hites Co., Columbia, S. C., signs and Tankard Nurseries, Exmore, landscape.



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First & Merchants, Willow Lawn Branch, in Richmond

CARNEAL & JOHNSTON Architects-Engineers

HANKINS, ANDERSON & MONCRIEF Mechanical Consultants MILTON GLASER ASSOCIATES
Interior Decorators

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THE NEW WILLOW LAWN BRANCH of the First and Merchants Bank is a significant addition to the dozen or more new buildings completed recently in that area.

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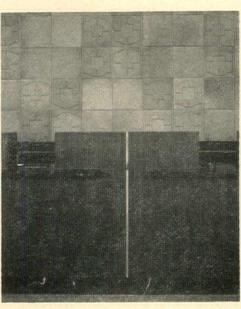
the cost, is a large double 12 x 12 foot culvert to enclose Jordan's Branch which flows through the rear portion of the property.

According to the bank's management, from a functional standpoint the Willow Lawn Branch is quite satisfactory.

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Photo at left shows the bank's lobby, with carpeted flooring a unique feature. At right, a close-up of the beige and pink, 18inch square tiles behind the tellers' line patterned with the FM mark of personal service.



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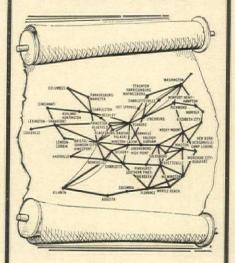
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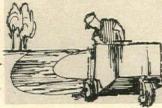
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• This seven-story office building addition, combined with the two basements, is the fifth in a series of building stages for the National Education Association located in Washington, D. C. With the addition of 49,000 square feet, the headquarters for the National Education Association can further expand their services and facilities both nationally and world-wide, N.E.A. being a member of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Professions.

The initial construction for the N.E.A. Headquarters dating back to 1953 received an award from the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It has been developed into a pleasant and coherent office complex and has replaced a group of five assorted buildings into which N.E.A. had expanded.

The refined combination of the exterior materials lends itself well in providing a splash of color to the National Capital scene. This initial motif of materials and color scheme has been carried over to create harmony and fully relate the different building stages. The basic structural system consists of reinforced concrete. The concrete columns and a portion of the facade are clad with white marble. The blue-green porcelainized spandrel panels broken up by the aluminum surrounds of the windows provide a pleasant harmony with the white marble. Vertical pivoted windows allow ease of maintenance and window cleaning. Light grey, glazed brick will be utilized at the driveway passage leading to the service areas and at the cooling tower screen wall.

With this new addition a separate entrance has been added leading into

a dual-purpose foyer. From the foyer an open terrazzo stair rises to the second floor, which will be occupied by the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Professions, separating it from the rest of the building and permitting the freedom of individual control. This handsome foyer of terrazzo floors, marble clad walls and painted plastered ceiling, provides the entrance to the exhibit room. Vinvl wall covering and colorful carpeting develop the mood for the exhibit room which is used for current displays and contains space for showing movies. The dining room is located adjacent to the foyer. With the introduction of a retractable, folding partition between the exhibit and dining rooms, greater flexibility is achieved by being able to control the over-all size of the space as the

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Ridgewood Baptist Church

■ Pictured above is the architects' rendering of the newly completed sanctuary building along with the first educational building. The first unit (at left) was built in 1961. The second unit (the lower part of the sanctuary) was built in 1964. The sanctuary with a connecting passage was completed in 1966.

The church has experienced rapid growth since it was constituted in 1959.

It met for two years in a house, then the small congregation obtained a three and a half acre tract of land and erected an educational building with an interim sanctuary to seat 200 people. The first unit contained 12,000 square feet. In 1964, additional educational space had to be built. This space was planned as a lower floor with the expectation of adding a new sanctuary above. By 1966 the new sanctuary was

Two New By Jarvis & Architects

completed with a seating capacity of 500. It is air conditioned and houses new church offices and pastor's study. The complex, thus far, contains 24,000 square feet.

The site slopes mostly to one side so the buildings have been located by Jarvis and Stoutamire to save the highest point on the land for a larger and final sanctuary. The present sanctuary would then become a chapel plus additional educational space.

The principal exterior materials for the buildings are brick and redwood. A laminated wood arch and timber deck structural system is expressed in the sanctuary and the pastor's study. The arches and wood paneling are finished to match the church furniture. Gold patterned glass was used in the sanctuary and study. The floor finish is mainly resilient tile with carpeting on the center aisle, pulpit platform, choir space and pastor's study. A large cross was mounted above the bapistry and was made of rough sawn wood that had a weathered effect. The church spire was constructed of gold finished fiberglass.

First services in the new sanctuary were held on Easter morning with over-flow attendance.

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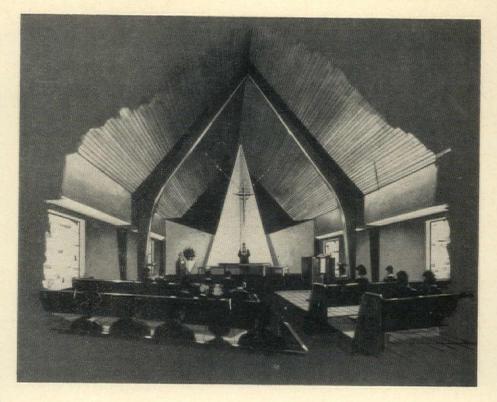
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The architects were presented with the task of planning a sanctuary that would reflect the basic elements of Christian worship, especially as it is viewed in the Reformed tradition of which Presbyterians are a part. The new sanctuary was designed, not simply to house the congregation, but through the design to say architecturally what Presbyterians, living in the twentieth century, believe.

The chancel, pictured in the interior rendering by Jarvis and Stoutamire, was arranged to place equal emphasis on the Word and Sacraments. At the center of the worship area is the Lord's Table flanked by the Elders' Bench. During the Sacrament of Communion the Elders would be seated around the Table to participate in the Last Supper and would go from there to serve the people of the congregation. The pulpit was placed to one side of the Table in order to carry out the concept of the parity of Word and Sacrament. The Bible will be placed on the pulpit at all times and will be seen from all points of the sanctuary. The Baptismal Font will be on the opposite side of the Table from the pulpit and will be of good size and fixed to suggest its importance in a sacrament of the church.

In keeping with the Reformed tradition the choir and organ were placed in a rear gallery over the narthex of the sanctuary. This allows the choir

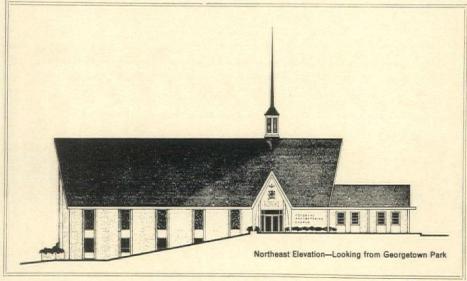


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to participate with the congregation in the worship services. The new sanctuary will have seating for 320 in the nave and 50 in the choir. The new building will house the office of the minister, office secretary and a library-lounge. The lounge will also be used for the various meetings of the church such as the Session and Board of Deacons. An additional 4,700 square feet of educational space will be provided.

Together with a present building this will make a total of 15 classrooms. The new rooms are at least 400 square feet each and can serve as a weekday kindergarten and/or day nursery.

Preliminary plans were completed this spring. At present the church is in the process of raising funds. Working drawings should be completed this fall, with construction expected to begin the first of the year.



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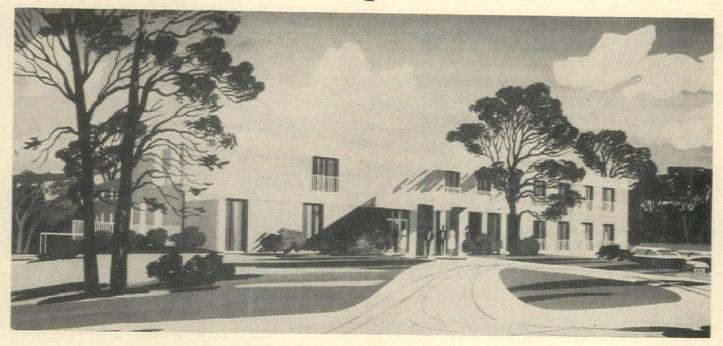
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▲ Construction has been started on alterations and an addition to the Circle Terrace Hospital, Alexandria. The new addition is the third and final phase of a building program begun in 1945. The bed capacity of the hospital will be increased by 55 per cent and all other facilities will be expanded.

The architectural treatment and plan of the addition evolved from an attempt to satisfy many restrictions. Present zoning regulations prevented the continuation of the building program as originally conceived because of more stringent setback requirements and floor area limitations. To make space for the addition, the original facility, a frame house, was demolished. The building plan was given an L-shape which permits one corner of the lot to be left for lawn. All on-site parking is screened with plantings between both hospital and adjacent streets. The site will be entirely land-scaped to enhance the residential area which surrounds the hospital's city-block sized lot. Building height and bulk were minimized to be compatible with the neighborhood which consists totally of single family residences. The new wing will be two stories plus basement and will house kitchen cafeteria, central supply, lobby, administrative offices, intensive care unit, and nursing units as well as service and equipment areas.

Extensive alterations are being made to the existing building so as to enlarge the various hospital departments. The surgical, x-ray, general laboratory, and service departments will all be expanded within the renovated building. All existing patient rooms will be renovated to include all the new systems being provided in the new construction. These systems include nurses call, television, oxygen, vacuum, air conditioning, and electrical lighting. The entire existing building will be redecorated by the hospital to provide congruity between existing and new construction.

Since the hospital is being expanded to its ultimate size, the building has been designed with some features not incorporated in first unit construction. Reinforced concrete plate slab structure was selected for its fireproof characteristics and the ability to provide the greatest clear ceiling height in the least floor-to-floor height. Exterior walls are masonry with rigid insulation laminated to the inside face to reduce future operating costs. All new windows will be double glazed, pivoted aluminum with integral venetian blind and thermal barrier. The windows serve to reduce exterior noises as well as reduce operating costs. The four-pipe air conditioning system is designed to give the greatest flexibility of control to the individual patient rooms throughout the building, allowing heating or cooling during periods of outside temperature flux. The selection of exterior materials was limited to face brick with limestone trim so as to harmonize with the existing building.

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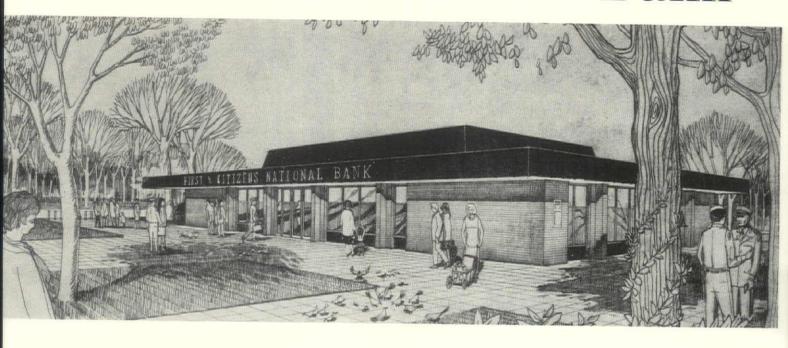
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▲ The many regular and transient customers of the Fort Belvoir Branch of the First and Citizens National Bank will soon be provided faster and more efficient service in attractive, comfortable surroundings as construction begins this month on the new 4,000 square foot branch office designed by the Alexandria firm of Saunders & Pearson, Architects. Until recently, official policy has obliged the bank to operate its branch office in facilities provided by the Army Post. These quarters have often been less than adequate and have never projected an image befitting one of Northern Virginia's most important financial institutions. The new building will reflect in its powerful massing and straight-forward lines a sense of purpose and convey the pride that First and Citizens takes in its long history of service to the Post at Fort Belvoir. This service dates from before World War I when the bank used to send a member of its staff on the monthly payday sojourn from Alexandria to what was then Camp Humphries to collect the soldiers' deposits and cash the civilian payroll checks.

In its new setting the bank will be a part of a complex of buildings which together will form a new "downtown" center for the post. Among the bank's first new neighbors in this complex will be a cafeteria, a post exchange, an automatic laundry and other concessionaires' shops grouped along a central mall. Parking for the bank and these other facilities will be conveniently located about the perimeter of the center and will be screened to a degree from the adjacent streets by tree lawns and planting. A studied effort on the part

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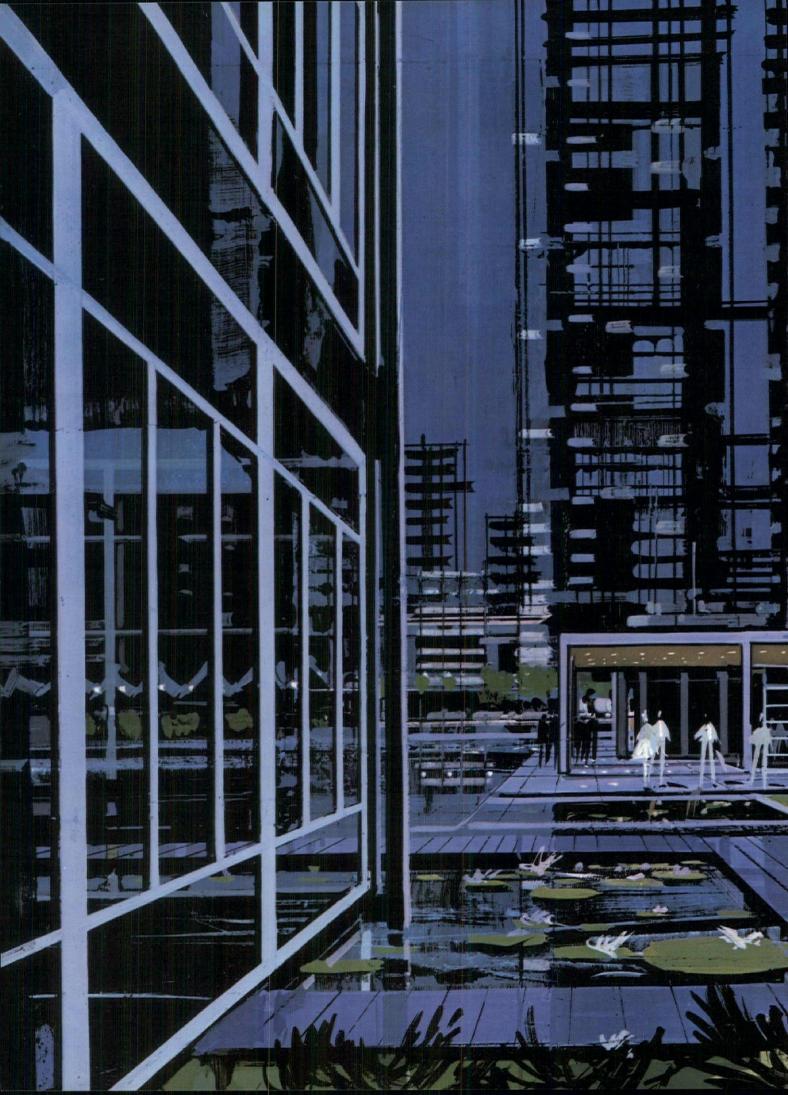
William T. Bateman, Alexandria, was the general contractor with the following subcontractors and suppliers: From Arlington, Rose Brothers Co., roofing; Bilton Insulation & Supply, Inc., insulation; Benson Plumbing, plumbing; Calvert-Jones Co., Inc., air conditioning, heating & ventilating. Also, Strescon Industries, Silver Spring, Md., pre-stressed concrete; American Mosaic Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., stone work; Associated Glass, Fairfax, glazing; John H. Hampshire, Inc., Hyattsville, Md., acoustical; American Furniture & Fixture Co., Inc., Richmond, millwork; Allied Electric, Merryfield, electrical work and Newton Asphalt Co., Inc., Alexandria, paving.

of the planners and the architects has made it possible to retain nearly all of the many stately oaks which currently stand on the site.

The building will address the mall and present a generous overhang to offer shade and shelter. The rear, or opposite, side of the building will be devoted to automotive customer service and is connected directly by driveway to the parking areas and streets. In addition to the conventional drive-up window, the branch will boast one of the first television banking installations in the area. With an eye to the future popularity of this convenience, provision has been made for the installation of a second television unit when the need arises.

In plan the building consists of a central dominant space, the banking floor. Around the banking floor, subordinate areas are arranged on each of the four sides. One enters the bank on the center of the west side through a glass draft-lobby which is flanked on either side by customer waiting areas. Directly opposite the entrance is the

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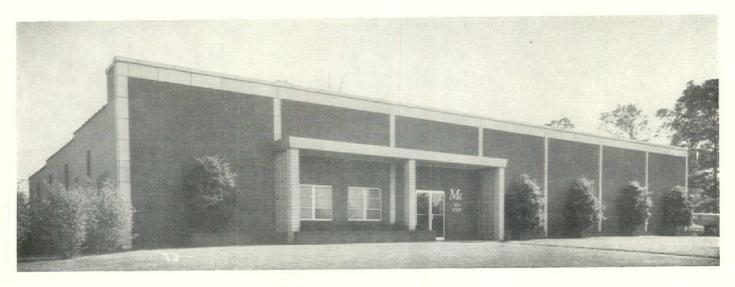
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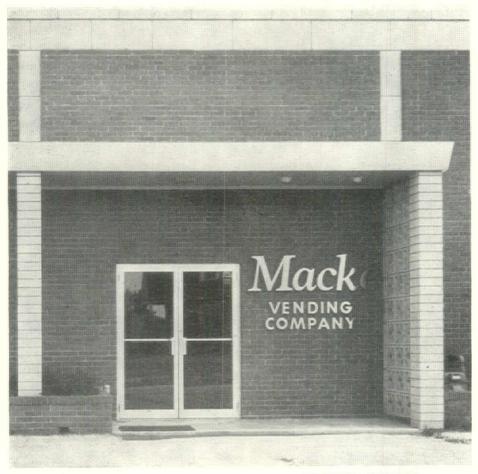
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Using the shell of an old supermarket the architects have created a handsome new image through the use of a new brick and pattern block face, aluminum windows and concrete trim.

Designed by Brooks and Womack, Architects and built by the Berry Corporation, the new building houses the firm's local administrative offices, warehouse and repair and maintenance facilities.

Principal sub-contractors and material suppliers, all Richmond firms, were The Berry Corporation, general contractor; Hammond Masonry Corporation, masonry; Chesapeake Corporation, prestressed concrete and roof deck for the warehouse portion. Also, Concrete Building Products, (Cell-O-Stone) concrete trim and coping; Claude B. Allen Plumbing and Heating, Inc., air conditioning, heating, ventilating; and Pleasants Hardware, hardware.

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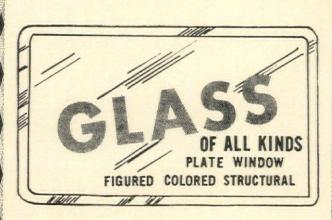
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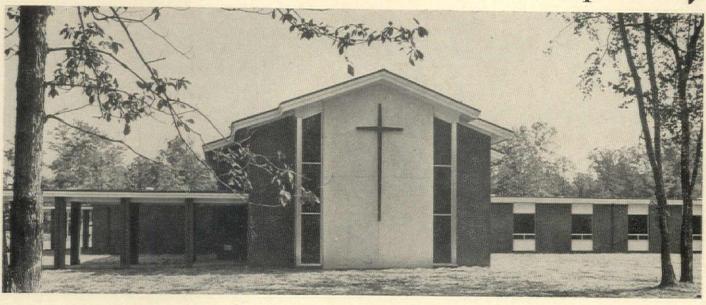
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REAT BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH in Chesapeake held Its first meeting in September of 1963, was chartered in October and formed a building committee in January of the next year to proceed with the building of the first unit according to preliminary sketches prepared by their architect, Melvin M. Spence and Associates.

The church sponsored by the Oak Grove Methodist Church, had as its first pastor the Rev. Walter R. Earl.

Ground was broken for the new building on December 6, 1964. Measuring overall 120 x 175 feet, the sanctuary of the new church extends at right angles from the church school and is connected by a short corridor to the main corridor of the church school. A kitchen is located across this short corridor. The church office and pastor's study are adjacent. Other spaces include a large assembly area which can be subdivided into three classrooms and contains the library. Storage, mechanical equipment spaces and toilets are located along the main corridor along with classrooms for adults, a nursery and five other classrooms.

The building is principally of brick with the wall of the sanctuary of exposed brick. The exterior of the sanctuary is finished with cast stone panels. Steel rigid frames were used to frame the sanctuary roof which is covered with white roofing. A brick colonnade connects the vestibule with the loading area at the street.

Mr. Earl, the Pastor of the growing church, says that they have been "very proud of what architect Spence designed for their use."

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Others were, Timber Structures, Inc., Portland, Ore., structural wood; J. H. Steen & Sons, Inc., Portsmouth, painting; Fred L. Russell, Va. Beach, lighting fixtures & electrical work; and Osborne Plumbing & Heating Co.; Portsmouth, plumbing fixtures, plumbing, air conditioning, heating, ventilating.

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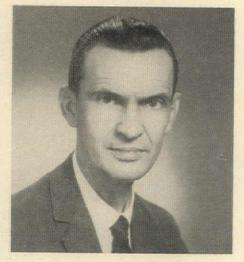
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E. DEWEY ANDERSON

A specifications writer and draftsman with Wells & Meagher in Roanoke, Anderson is a native of Radford, where he was born December 19, 1921. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Roanoke, and studied two years through the International Correspondence School.

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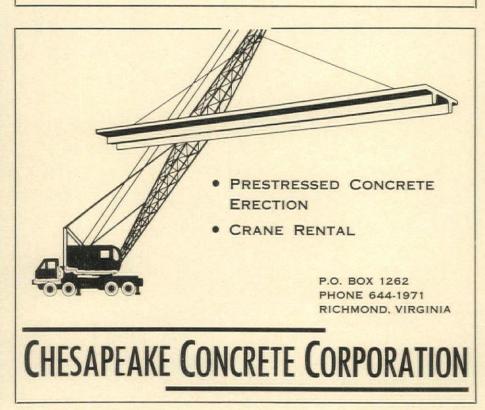
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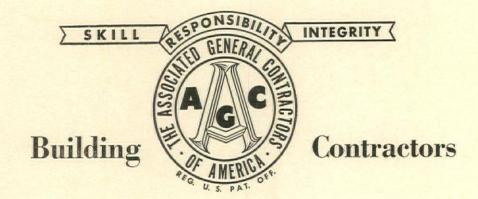
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BANQUET SCENE AT DENVER MEETING

Louis W. Ballou, FAIA, partner in the Richmond architectural firm of Ballou & Justice, was one of 60 United States architects invested as a Fellow of The American Institute of Architects during the group's 98th Annual Convention in Denver, June 26-July 1.

Mr. Ballou, the only Virginian invested this year, was especially cited for his public service. He became the tenth current member of the Virginia Chapter, A.I.A. to be named a Fellow, one of the highest honors bestowed by the national organization.

The Richmonder was one of a ten-

member delegation representing the state chapter at Denver. Heading the delegation was Howard R. Keister, Jr., AIA, of Roanoke, the president of the 365-member Virginia Chapter. Also attending was Louis A. Oliver, AIA, of Norfolk, the immediate past president.

Other members of the delegation were: Herschel A. Elarth, AIA, of Blacksburg; Milton L. Grigg, FAIA, Charlottesville; Charles C. Justice, AIA, of Richmond; A. Edwin Kendrew, FAIA, Williamsburg; Herbert L. Smith, III, AIA, of Norfolk; John E. Wilson, AIA, of Richmond; and Clarence W. Meakin, AIA, of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Ballou, shown after his investiture as a Fellow of the AIA, at the Denver Meeting.



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Newly installed officers were: Seated, left to right; Sam W. Hairston, President, William Galt, Vice President.

Standing, left to right; Manny Lipsitz, Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Mitchell, Director Past-President (J. B. Sapp, Director-atlarge, not in photograph).



OFFICERS of the Virginia Concrete Masonry Association for the fiscal year 1966-67 were formally installed at the July meeting held in Richmond: president (re-elected), Sam W. Hairston, Lightweight Block Co., Roanoke; vice president, William Galt, Valley Concrete Products Co., Harrisonburg; secretary-treasurer, Manny Lipsitz, Concrete Building Units, Inc., Richmond; director-at-large, J. B. Sapp, Martins-ville Concrete Products Co., Martins-ville; and past-president director, Earl Mitchell, Danville Concrete Products Co., Danville.

New committee chairmen were announced: Earthum Forelines, advertis-

ing and promotion; Basil Hogue, programs; Charles Burgess, membership; and John Kelly, technical problems.

A new emblem was approved for use of the membership. It is an outline map of the state of Virginia with the letters "VCMA" embossed on a concrete block.

The featured speaker was Gordon W. Shepherd, Tax Field Representative of the Virginia Department of Taxation, who discussed in detail the new two per cent sales tax which becomes effective on September 1.

The next meeting will be held in September.

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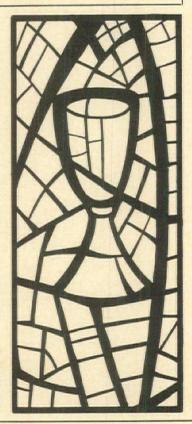
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Terrett, a civil engineering graduate of George Washington University, is a registered professional engineer in the State of Virginia. Before coming to the Association, he was assistant supervisor of highway design with Michael Baker, Inc., consulting engineers in College Park, Maryland.

He is a past president of the Norfolk Branch, American Society of Civil Engineers, and was second vice president of the Tidewater Chapter, Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. He is also a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Engineers Club of Hampton Roads, and the Theta Tau engineering fraternity.

His wife is the former Betty Hebb of Washington, D. C., and they have three children: Stuart, IV, Nancy Lynn and Suzanne Marie. The Terretts plan to reside in the Bon Air section of Richmond.

WINNERS OF SOLITE DESIGN AWARD CONTEST

■ A. Cabell Ford, director of sales, Solite Corporation, Richmond, Va., has announced the winners of the 13th annual Solite Design Award Contest.

Prizes totalling \$750 were awarded to three architectural students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. Winners of the 1966 convention, shown at right, are Neal James Barber, (left) Ghent, New York, first prize; Charles Allard Harrington, (right) Westchester, Illinois, second prize; and Peter Hampson Jennings, (center) Wilmington, Delaware, third prize.

Contest design changes annually for students entering Solite's competition. The 1966 project was to design a Student Union Building for the VPI contest.

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RICHMOND, famous for the tunnels under its hills also had a "Tunnel of Romance". It still can be seen, but the romance that once permeated it is buried in the dim yesteryears.

I recall its history being unfolded to me by a Richmonder when I was preparing an article for *Virginia Record* on the dramatic story of the city's other three tunnels, two of them world famous, and the disasters which accompanied their construction. I had made a brief reference to this "Tunnel of Romance" in that article, but it had a distinctly romantic angle which warranted further development.

First, time must be rolled back for more than a century to learn why this "hole in the ground" was bored and the locale where it was constructed.

In 1830 the city started building a Pump House on the site of the subsequent Electric Power House. The pumping station was to supply water for the old Marshall Reservoir located northwest of Hollywood Cemetery. This reservoir long since demolished was, incidentally, the scene of the murder of Lillian Madison by Cluverious, whose trial and execution is one of the causa celebre in the nation's criminal annals.

When the Pump House was completed in 1832, pipes were first laid under the James River and Kanawha canal as it flowed by the hills of Hollywood and thence under the cemetery until the reservoir was reached. But the pipes soon rotted, so in 1854 an iron bridge was built over the canal to support them. Soon again the piers up-

holding this bridge settled in the swift water of the canal.

The final solution of the problem came in 1857 when work was begun on a tunnel in order that the water supply pipes could be safely laid under the canal.

When the first Pump House was demolished and the present one built near Byrd Park, it appeared that the tunnel had seen its day. This was not the case, however, for when the city's Electric Plant was put in operation, coal to fire its steam boilers was transported through the tunnel in small cable cars and later in motor cars. Then about 1926 turbines were installed in the plant so the four steam boilers, as did the tunnel, became obsolete. The tunnel, by the way, is 18 feet wide and 110 feet long and in addition to being under the canal as it then existed was also under two sets of tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. (Note: The canal at this point was filled-in some time ago; in fact the situation above the tunnel's location is now entirely changed-

Adjacent to the first Pump House was a popular dance pavilion, as an old resident of the neighborhood informed me, and steps led from the south entrance of the tunnel to a platform by which the dance pavilion could be reached.

Why the steps and platform at this point one might ask? Well here is where romance enters this story. The tunnel not only served the reservoir supply pipes, but provided a shortcut by which

the gaily dressed belles and their escorts could reach the pavilion via Hollywood and "trip the light fantastic". And it provided, we can well imagine, ample opportunity for a "kiss in the dark"; a tender squeeze of the hand of one's lady love, and murmurs of "sweet nothings" in her dainty ear.

How can one see today what remains of this "Tunnel of Romance"—its gaping south portal, grimey, coal-dust spattered and a few feet from the City's Electric plant? It may be reached if one will drive along the old Tredegar Iron Works Road, sometimes known as the Battery Road. But gone are the two or three streets with their two-story brick houses once occupied by those who worked on Belle Isle or on the sand barges nearby.

Gone also is the famous old State Armory.

How vividly I recall today my mother's account of the fashionable dances staged in that Armory, and how a cousin, Captain Edward S. Gay, was one of the commanders of the Public Guard garrisoned there.

Now as the "Tunnel of Romance" undoubtable figured in the Armory's history, let us turn to some notes on it found in the files of the Valentine Museum. These files and other items reveal that one hundred and sixty years ago Virginia faced, as today, encroachment of the Federal Government on sovereignity of States Rights. So, under Chapter 62, Laws of Virginia passed on January 22, 1801, the Public Guard was organized.

Historian Mordecai in his "Rich-

mond in By-Gone Days" tell us why i.e.,

"Soon after the adoption of the celebrated Resolutions of 1789-99" he writes, "the apprehended encroachment of the Federal Government on the 'States Rights and Strict Construction' induced Virginia to prepare for the worst."

The Armory, established by a previous Act passed on January 23, 1798, was constructed in a hollow square. It had an arched gateway, surmounted by a tower and dome and flanked by buildings in which were shops for the repair and manufacture of arms. In the rear were the lodgings of the officers and garrison, according to one description.

Still another historian writes that "The Armory stands between the river and the canal about a quarter of a mile above the basin and presents very well toward the river. It has a handsome front, two-wing cupola in the center: barracks connect the two wings and these circle around so as to include the parade ground with its cannon in long rows and piles of cannonballs and, also, the workshops. About one acre of ground is included in this area, and everything is kept with soldier-like neatness and propriety".

Members of the Public Guard not only constituted the city's police force but went into action en masse in the event of major breaches of the peace, to fight fires and other disturbances. Its personnel guarded the Capitol Grounds, the Armory itself and the penitentiary. One tap or two of the Alarm Bell in the old Bell Tower which still stands at the foot of Franklin and Ninth Streets was sufficient to bring the Guard "on the double." From the Bell Tower, too. were rung alarms during the War Between the States to rally troops for local defense and to repulse raids upon

Here are some additional sidelights on the famous Public Guard found in The Richmond Standard of Oct. 12. 1878 (owned and edited by my father). For example: Captains were paid forty dollars a month; lieutenants, thirty; ensigns, twenty; sergeants, eight; corporals, seven and privates, six dollars.

Among the commandants were Captain Blair Bolling and, as mentioned before, Captain Edward S. Gay. Mann S. Valentine was a lieutenant in the outfit. The Guard's functions were superceded by Federal troops during the military rule of the Yankee Governor Wells and the last payment to members of the Guard was made by the State in January, 1869.

But what stands out in the Standard's story is this highly significant and romantic paragraph which leads us back to the romance of the tunnel under the canal. To wit:

"The Armory for fifty years was a favorite resort of the beaux and belles of that day, who thronged thither on fine afternoons to witness the evolutions of the Guard, who were exercised on a grass plot to the left of the present Armory.'

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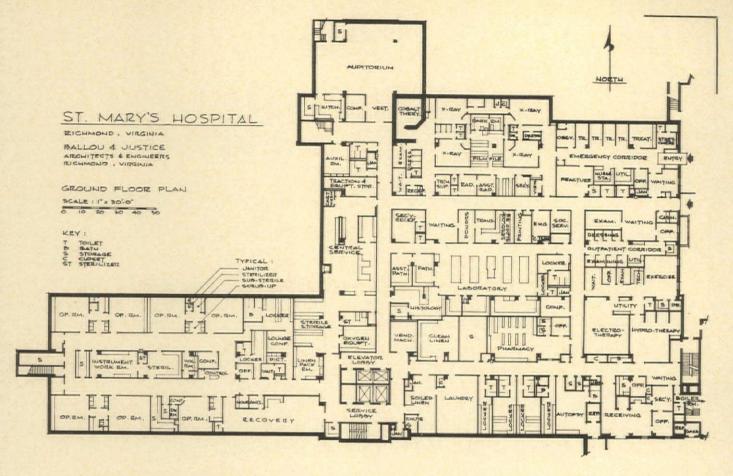
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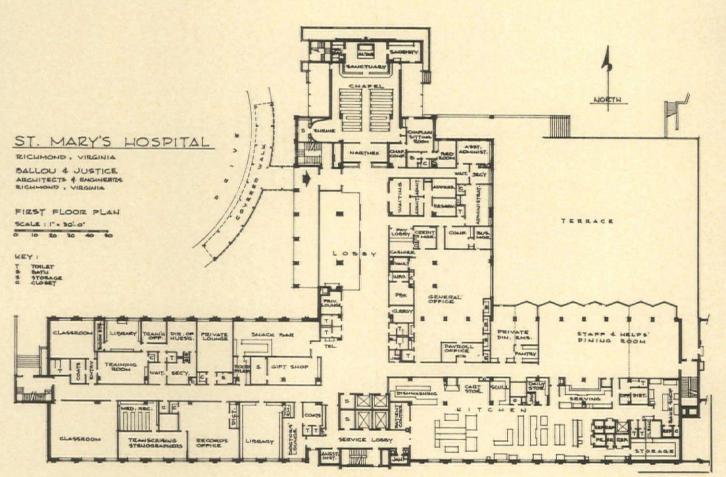
with the dining rooms.

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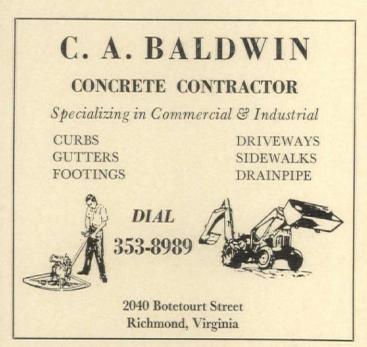
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A survey made by Mason & Company showed that there are one half as many people employed in this area as there are in the downtown area. There are some 25 office buildings within a radius of three blocks of the Branch. The shopping center itself, which used to have its peak hours from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. has now changed to 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. This proves the effect of all the office buildings here and the purchasing power of the people in them. Also the change in peak hours of the

shopping center from night to day has increased the possibilities of the bank's prospects.

This is one of the few banks in Richmond where the lobby is covered with carpet as opposed to hard surface material. This type carpet is easier to maintain than hard surface.

On the back wall and directly behind the tellers line there are 18-inch, square tiles in beige and pink pastels in a pattern showing the FM mark of personal service. The mark is worked into the tiles in alternating concave and convex arrangements. It is done in such a way that it is not gaudy but very soft and often the viewer does not even see it until the second or third time he is in the bank.

The fact that the front half of the building is all glass and the back half is all masonry, has caused some minor heating and cooling problems, but it is felt that the "open effect" has offset this. The Branch has a commanding view of the shopping center and areas on both sides. By the same token, everyone can see into the bank which has many advantages. It, in effect, cuts down the

psychological barriers between the customers and the banker and makes people feel more free to come in and discuss their financial problems.

Another advantage of the large lobby is the ability to take displays from the bank's customers and friends. At the present time on display is a very interesting gun collection sent by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

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demand presents itself. To further expand the services on hand, the present kitchen and freezer are being remodeled and altered to provide more space for food preparation.

The proposed typical office spaces are made completely flexible by the use of movable partitions which allow space definition as current needs and trends demand. The spaces shall be finished with painted, plastered walls, acoustical tile ceilings and vinyl asbestos tile flooring. The present boiler room located in the initial stage will be remodeled and fitted out with three new boilers and equipment needed to provide a central heating plant for the complete N.E.A. building complex. This addition along with previous stages will be fully air conditioned with a high velocity air system combining both peripheral and interior supply. Ducts recessed within the floor slabs will provide the distribution channels for the electrical and phone lines.

The design of Stage Five had the complication of being built directly against an existing adjoining apartment building. With the lowest basement occurring at a lower elevation to this adjoining building, the introduction of underpinning was required for structural soundness. Completion of the Stage Five addition is scheduled for Spring, 1967.

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Fort Belvoir Branch Bank

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tellers' counter with accommodations for nine tellers. A wall to their backs conceals the employees' lounge, storage and rest rooms, drive-in facilities, coupon booths and the mechanical room. To the right of the entrance is located, at the end of the tellers' counter, the vault, the officer's platform, and a conference room. To the left, as one enters, a large expanse of glass affords a view of a pleasantly landscaped walled garden.

The dominant feature of the exterior will be the terne plate roof which rises high over the central banking floor. A rhythm is established here in the cadence of the two-inch battens which is echoed on the fascia of the low roof over the subordinate areas. Internally illuminated lucite letters integrally designed in the fascia discreetly identify the building. The dark, rich brown color of the roof will harmonize with the light red brick of the walls and columns. Bronze colored aluminum and glass have been selected for the doors and windows. The only other exterior material is black marble which occurs in the panels beneath the windows and sharply defines the transition between the vertical plane of the window-wall and the horizontal plane of the pavement in the mall.

These materials are carried into the interior and are supplemented by oil finished walnut which appears in the tellers' counter, the check desks, and in the mobile furniture. Relief from the monotone is provided by the colorful carpet which covers the entire floor and various color accents which occur in upholstery fabrics. Although the carpet is carried into the employees' lounge, the dignity of the public space yields to a more informal treatment of this area, and the lively color of the painted concrete block walls contributes to the relaxed atmosphere.

Structurally, the building is essentially wall bearing with the major exception of the high roofed portion which rests on concrete beams spanning between masonry columns. These columns are cross-shaped in plan and are repeated as frames for the large glass areas. The floor is a concrete slab on grade and the roof system is eight-inch thick prestressed concrete plank. The deeply suspended ceiling affords a plenum chamber for the forced air heating and cool-

ing system. A ventilating ceiling tile is used in the subordinate areas and air is supplied through a lighting valance in the banking room. Return air is routed to the window stools thence via underfloor ducts to the furnace. The building is connected to the post's steam distribution system and gas is used for the cooling cycle fuel.

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before they reach the age of college or even grammar school. These clinics are tacit recognition of the need of help for individuals dislocated by the change of environments, made with such rapidity and with such lack of any central order that the society has not assimilated them. The proliferation of psychiatrists, psychoanalysts and clinical psychologists who serve those who can -or try to-afford the private treatment is recognition of the widespread need among all economic strata. A further indication of environmental dislocation is revealed among those young men and women, with the potentials of bringing new blood into the social veins. who reject conformity to a society they find valueless to them as individuals and conform to the sub-society of beatniks which is valueless to every one.

In Virginia, where attachment to the environment was endemic in a placerooted people, the crossing of two ages is particularly and poignantly evident. A few days ago, I experienced a personal illustration of this crossing of ages. With all windows open to admit the warm air, whose associations comforted with a sense of continuity, I had on the record-player a sweetly reposeful piece of 18th century music-Telemann's Concerto For 4 Violins. Cars rushed by with racing motors, as if on a speedway; tires screamed on making curves; trucks thundered and clanked; hastily shifted gears ground protestingly; motorcycles roared and blasted sporadically like a defective machine gun; a passing transistor radio blared forth with some nasal whine; a bicyclelike contraption with a motor attached sputtered in a series of deafening pops; then a helicopter settled overhead like a boiler-factory in the sky. By then, I discovered that I heard only unrelated snatches of the music, merely enough to add other sound to the din, and that the tension had caused me to break out in a sweat all over.

The solution to the immediate tension was simple. I closed the windows, turned on the air-conditioner, and started the record over. However, the state of being was definitely not the same as when the 18th century music first floated on the summer air as part of the timeless associations, as a sensory validation of continuity. Hermetically sealed off from my physical environment, I heard the music as an isolated expression of another age, of a lost time without connection to the present. This might be called "a controlled experience" of an individual with a clear awareness of the past from which he



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But, then I thought of students I know who do respond to experiences of timeless expressions—in literature, art, music, in qualities of the mind and values of the spirit—and I recalled their bewildered, apprehensive faces as they asked anxious questions about finding a place for themselves in which to be at home in an environment which they frankly found frightening to the individual. They want a continuity with time, but they know no way to establish it, let alone sustain it.

When they are cut off generally from a sense of continuity—as I was specifically in an isolated experience—they do not have the memory of the past to fall back upon, and, lacking that, they suffer a vague and threatening sense of diminishment of themselves in the totality of their experiences without knowing what to do about it. It is not, for them, so simple as closing the window to shut out the present and turning on the air conditioner to have an encounter with an expression of the past. They must partake daily and hourly of the present, and the air-conditioned office/or theatre/or restaurant/or beer joint insulates them from any encounter with the past.

With a frustrating sense of inade-quacy, the only answer I've been able to give these questing students was they must face the reality of coming into maturity at the crossing of two ages—the old, dying for a century, in its last throes, and the new, spurting disjointedly and disparately into dominance without pre-arranged plan and without unified direction. While some of the students can face with excitement the reality of living out their span in a transitional period, the problem for most is the absence of any definition about the objectives to which the new age is progressing.

Since "progress" means progression toward an objective, the young are confused by public words (often platitudes) which identify mechanical improvements, technological advancement, expanding industry and even increasing population with "progress"—without defining what the multiplication of quantity is "progressing" toward in its relation to the spirit of man. All too often principles of the dying age are affirmed simultaneously with commitments to actions that reflect the new age.

Along with this, many representatives of the new age in all fields clearly wish to break completely with continu-

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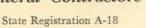
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ity and, instead of building upon the past, to obliterate it. On the other side, in decreasing numbers, there are representatives of a status quo fighting a hopeless rear guard action in defense of the age retreating into the mists which enclose other lost civilizations. Between these sharply defined extremes, the majority—not only of the citizenry but of personages in authority in all fields—seem to be making hand-to-mouth compromises of expedient adaptations to the immediate.

Nowhere is this more clearly illustrated than in architecture, particularly urban architecture. It is, of course, well known that architects are caught in the historic bind between the inventive play of their own trained skills and the will of the client. If all clients exercised complete authority, the result would be architectural idiocy-similar to the demented funhouse of television under complete control of the monied sponsors. However, in architecture, all clients are not without taste, and all architects. if given freedom to follow their personal fancies, would not produce works of genius.

As occasionally, in the not too distant past, when producers of television shows were given free rein, along with some good professional shows there were an awful lot of "arty" pretentious vaporings. Since these pretentious excursions into vapid "artiness" lost viewers in droves, the sponsors could use them as justification for the claim that producers unrestricted by sponsorauthority did not please the public. Sponsor knows best. So, some unrestrained architects have defiled the landscape with monstrosities of inappropriateness to the surroundings, and sometimes tried to browbeat the public into accepting individual idiosyncrasies as "new." But, like the good professional shows that sometimes used to appear on television, architectseither unrestricted by clients or working in co-operation with enlightened clients-have produced in Virginia some very fine buildings.

As of now, in general the urban building reflects the uncertainties of a transitional period where two ages cross, with the past not yet yielding and the new without clarified direction. In New York City, the new in architecture has moved more rapidly and ruthlessly in obliterating the buildings of other eras, but this "solution" has stirred up unexpected areas of protest; some of my most contemporaryminded friends have surprised me by expressing their sadness and regret at the passing of landmarks that provided

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The state's capital has preserved, in varying degree, vestiges of all the architectural ages through which it has passed. St. John's Church and a few remaining residential buildings represent the latter part of the Colonial period; a few houses represent the Federal period, and many more houses and St. Paul's Church represent the ante-bellum period with the "Greek Revival" of the 1840's, as in Linden Row and the Lee house. The postbellum period of the latter part of the nineteenth century, featuring General Grant Gothic, is rapidly disappearing, with no loss in some of the hideous mansions erected in that era of nationally vulgar taste. Predominant throughout the city, in homes and public buildings, is the unselfconscious architecture that prevailed from about the turn of the century to World War I.

The homes of this period, as on Monument Avenue and the Fan District, will never be studied as examples of an architecturally great era, but they were and are comfortable, with finely proportioned rooms, and on the whole they avoided any excesses or the type of eccentricities which make them appear obsolete. The houses definitely belong to the passing age but, where they comprise entire neighborhoods, they give an impression of enduring solidarity and many of the sensitive, mentally aspiring young college graduates seek residences in the Fan District, where a quiet restoration is taking place. For the houses of this period maintain a thin, and thinning, link of continuity from the Colonial period of St. John's Church to the present—in the general social sense of the present. By architectural standards, they are of course not "contemporary."

Taking the second World War period as the line of demarcation into the "contemporary," Richmond was slow, particularly in public buildings, to embrace the "new." Recently in public buildings, and in the high-rise downtown apartments, there has been a sudden spurt toward the "contemporary," during which I can think of only a few buildings whose demolition occasioned a loss of houses which reassuringly served to represent the best

in the continuity. On the positive side, many of the new downtown buildings have most definitely spruced up the city and given it a modern look in the best sense of the word. As we know Eastern cities today, the skyline of Richmond is impressive by any except the most extreme standard. As a "long shot" in a film, it would present a site of which most any Virginian could be proud.

But if the camera moves in closer, and pans through the downtown sections and uptown business sections with medium and close shots, the architectural picture becomes incoherent and the sights would produce in any devoted Virginian a reaction ranging from shame to despair. It is a blotched and snaggle-toothed face of the section of an urban community, the epitome of the dislocation where all continuity is missing and the new—transient and makeshift—looks like tomorrow's ghost town.

Where the continuity is lost, this is irretrievable, gone forever; but it is the manifestly transient, similar to the shacks thrown up in mining towns and not properly related to architecture at all, which most vividly depict the dislocation where the two ages cross. For entire neighborhoods, containing sentimental landmarks as well as buildings that well represented their periods, were obliterated to make way for architectural nonentities and the ultimate urban wasteland of the open parkinglot. This planless expedient conversion of the heart of an old city into an architectural junkyard was done in the name of progress. Can the sentient young man and woman graduating from college regard this characterless ugliness without asking the question: progress to what?

The present probabilities in the world situation suggest that the capital of Virginia will have a second chance at establishing some architectural coherence in its blighted downtown areas, including some merciful attention to Broad Street. The problem of the architect, it seems to me, is to recognize that he is building in a transitional period in which much that is strikingly "contemporary" today will all too soon become "yesterday." At the current rate of advance in technology, including especially new material, if the architect too closely follows the utilitarian aspects he will be working in something perilously close to unplanned obsolescence. In fact, if technological advances continue during the next few decades at the present rate, it would

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Since the future is unpredictable and the present transitory, as given us to see today the society in general would be benefitted by an architectural Richmond which sustained some sense of the continuity of life. The current arguments over "Colonial" versus "Con-temporary" are pointless because of the presumption that what is practical and/or fashionable for today will become one with the Pyramids in permanence. If some individuals prefer for emotional reasons modified versions of Georgian or Colonial houses, it produces no architectural violence in the city. The proximity of Linden Row and the Berkshire high-rise apartment causes no clash: they co-exist in the harmony of time.

Where the physical city represents the dislocations of the current transience, where the parts are unrelated to any design, the sense of continuity provides almost the only physical harmony. As the parts of the general society are unrelated to any whole that is concerned with the meaning of life to men and women, the architect must recognize that he is building in a society that has no defined objective. Everyone is panting from running to keep from falling behind—though behind what is not very clear except in terms of quantity and impermanent styles. With both the realism and the humility to accept that he is building in a transitional period, in which the superior of today is unlikely to have any significant relevance to tomorrow. the architect, it would seem, would best contribute to his own time and place by building the appropriatethat which preserves some harmony in his surroundings.

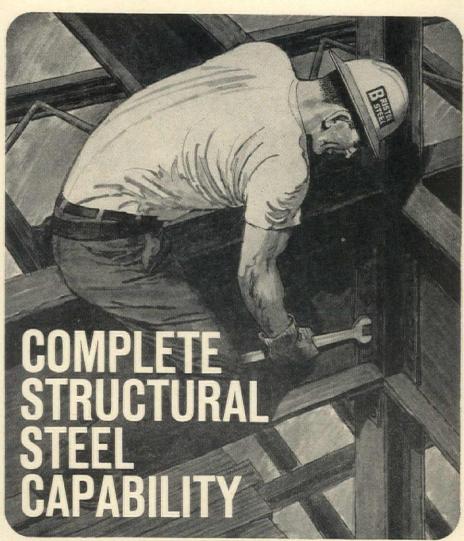
In Richmond, through the preference of individual city-dwellers, the Fan District (as an illustration) provides a comforting link in the continuity which was maintained neither by architects nor city planners: it was purely a matter of chance, as was Beacon Hill in Boston. The better part of the commercial center of Richmond, as illustrated by the skyline, was brought into being by architects and clients. It is the architecturally blighted areas between the residential Fan and the relative solidarity of the commercialmanufacturing district that cannot depend on chance and have, as of now, no clients to support good building, modern and appropriate.

I've no idea what the architects can

do about it and little faith in what committees can do about anything. As in the better new buildings and in the useful preservation of some of the old, I imagine it is a matter of enterprising individuals and public-spirited citizens working in practical cooperation with architects, committed to the appropriate exploitation of available materials and sound styles, who recognize that they are building for an age and not the ages. It is in the

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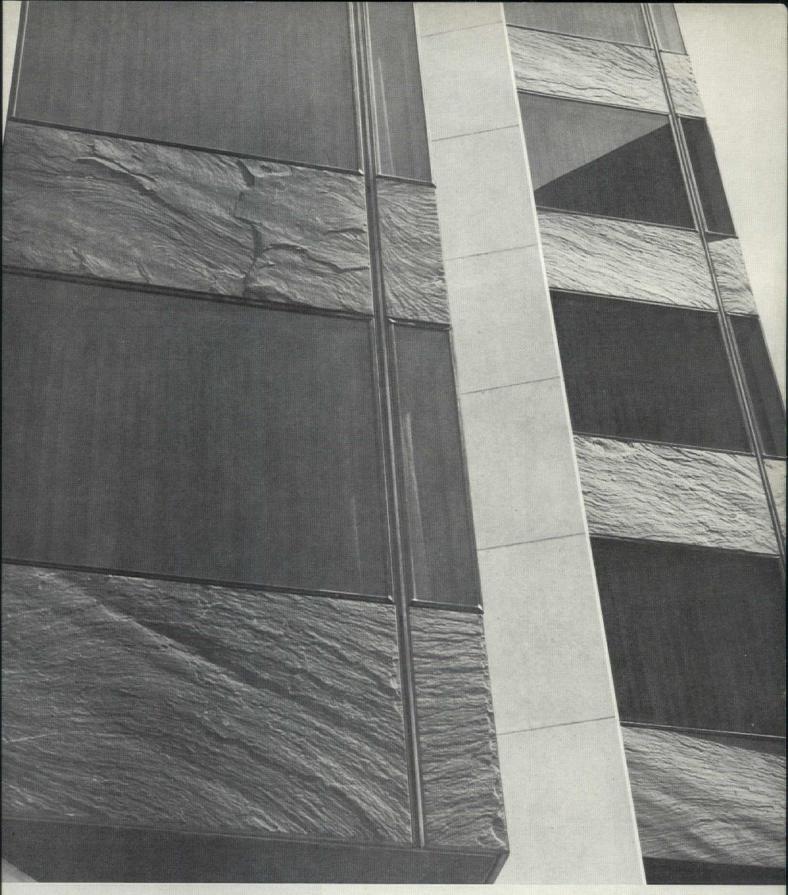
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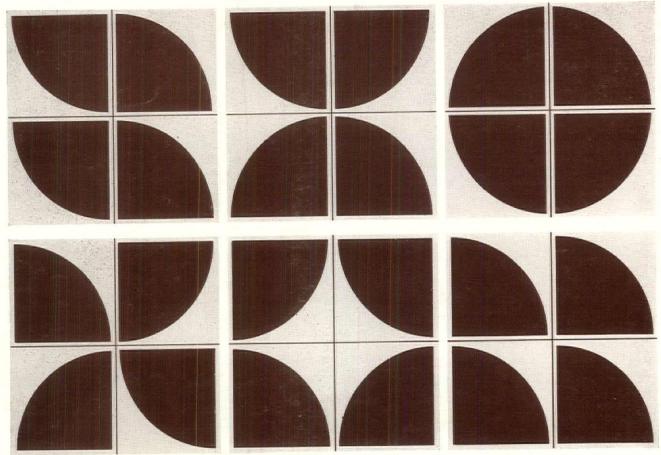
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