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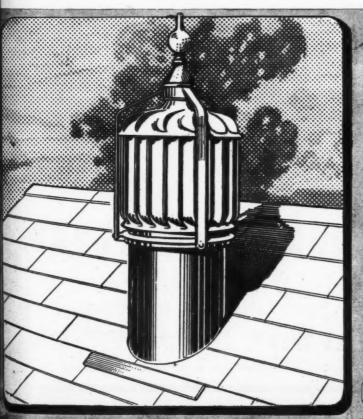


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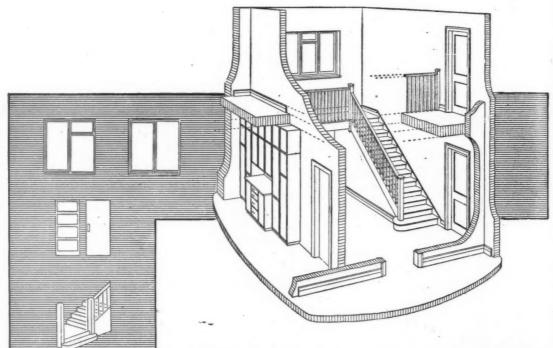
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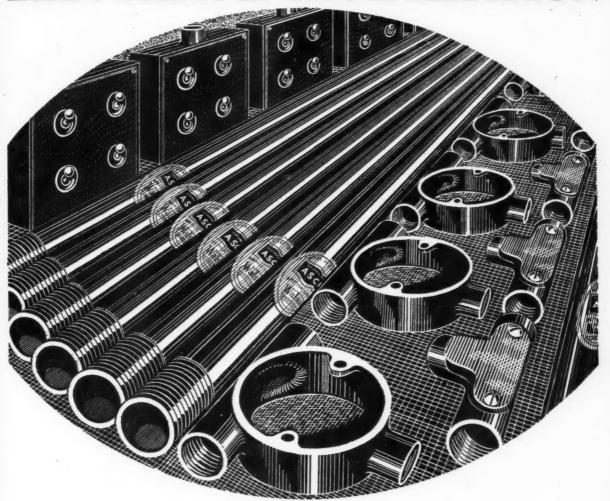
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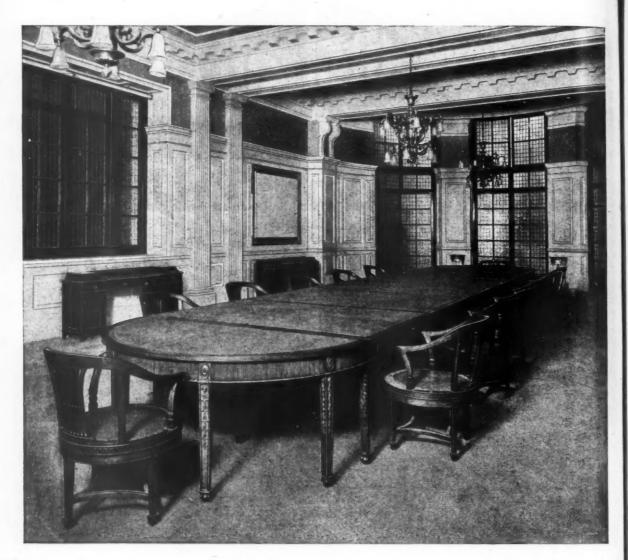
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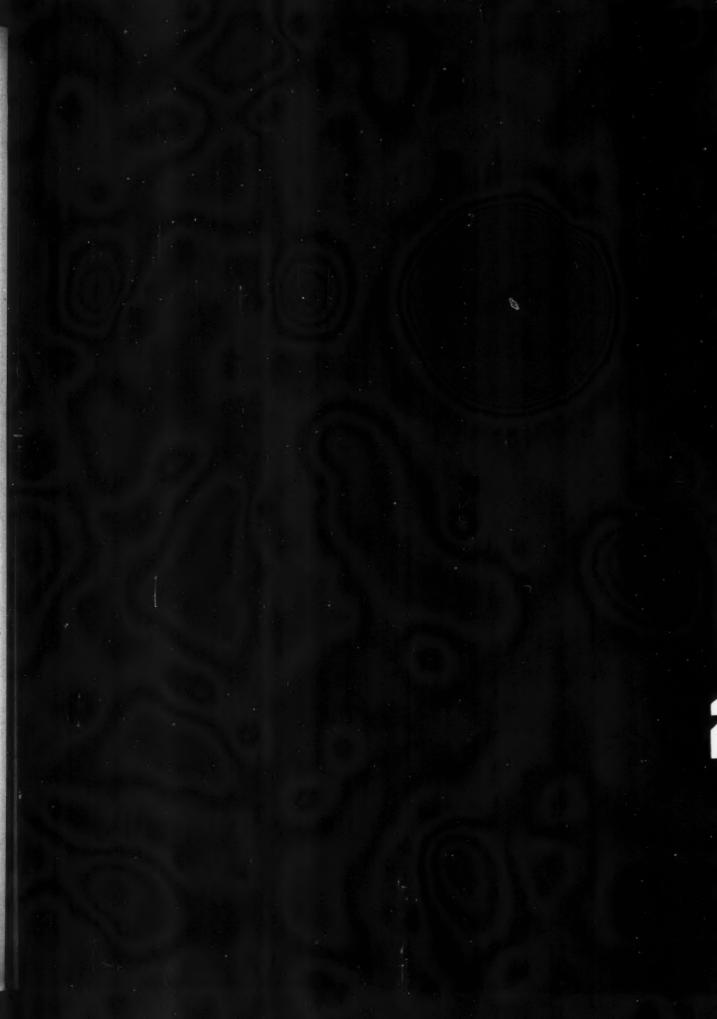


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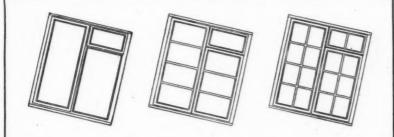
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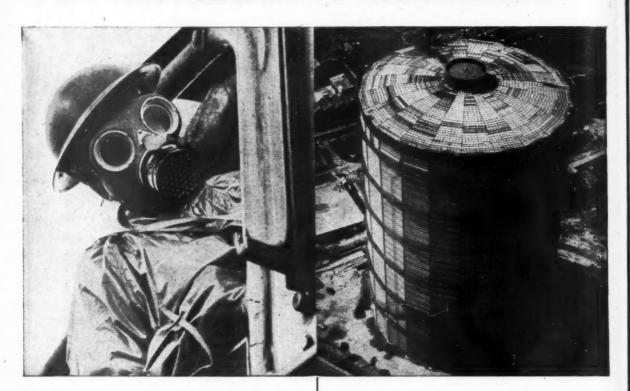
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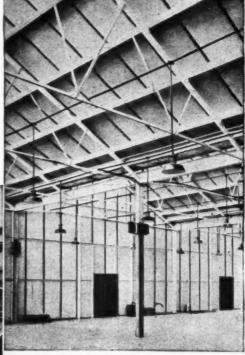
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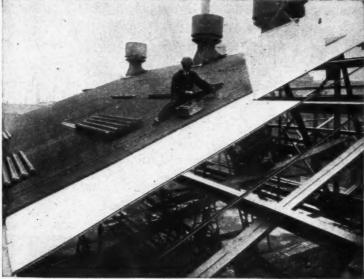
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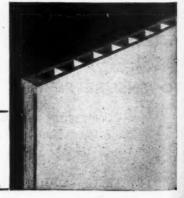
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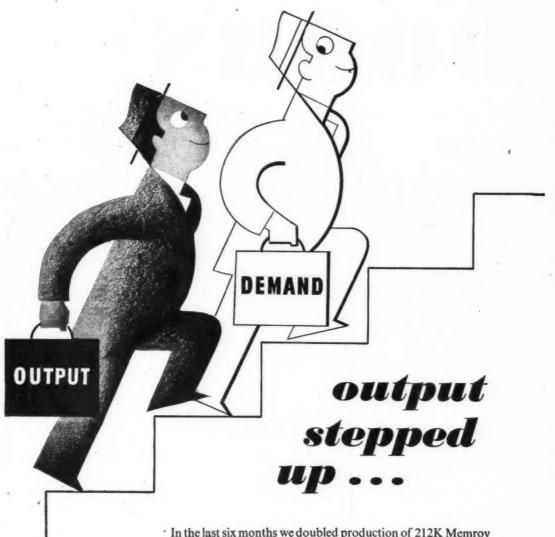
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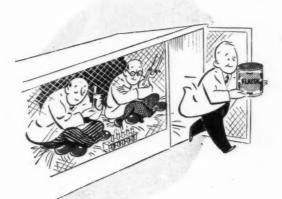
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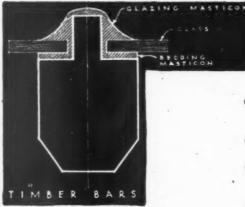
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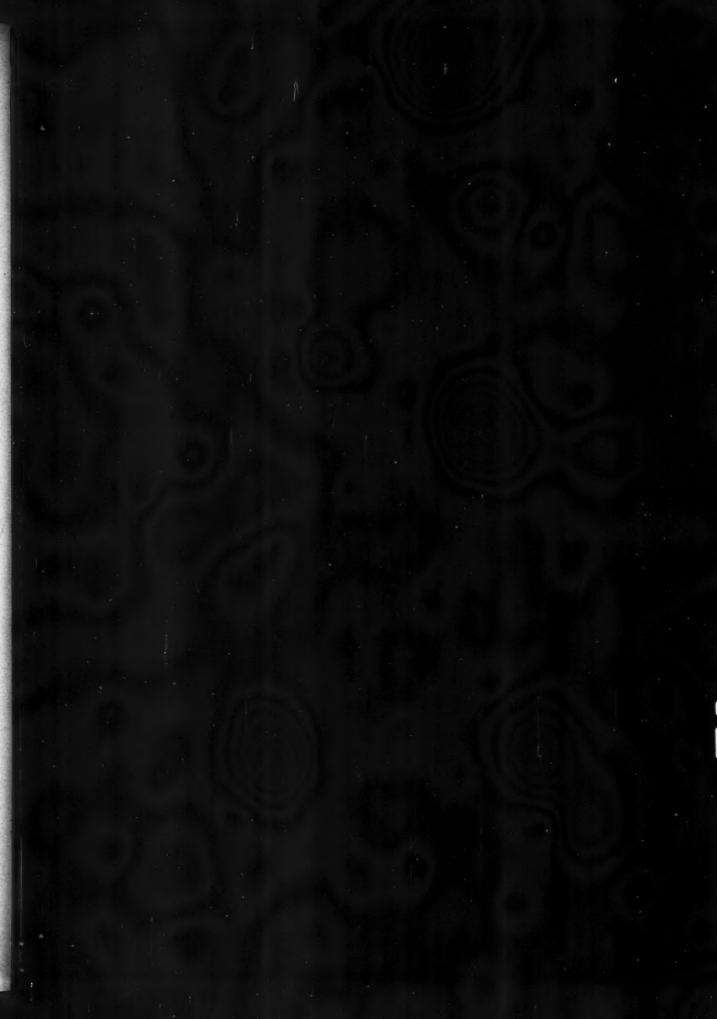


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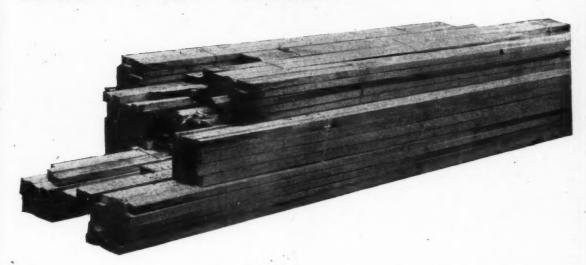
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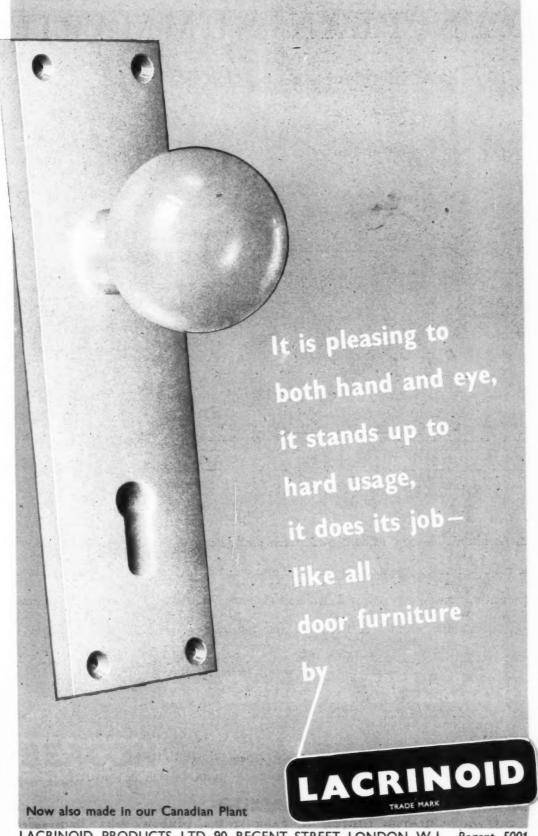
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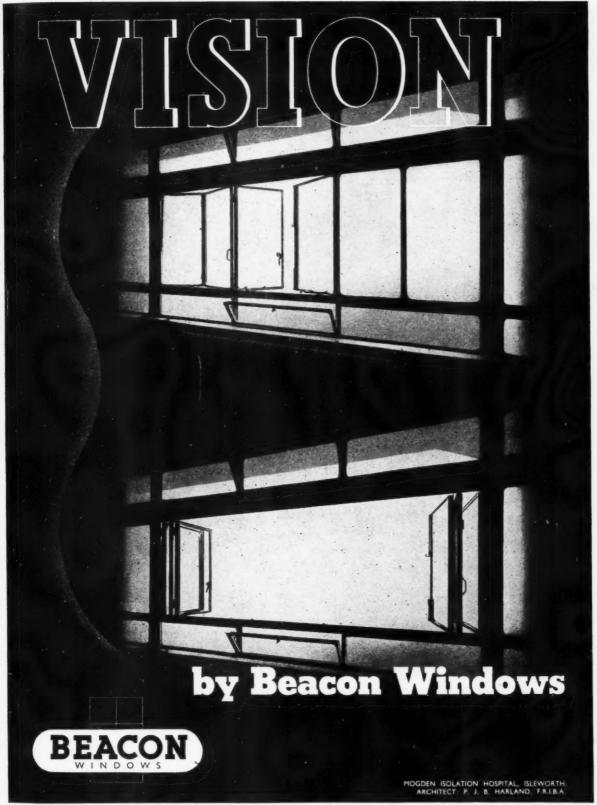
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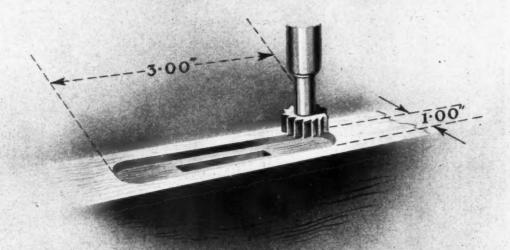
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Children in Stone. An exhibition of sculpture. At 26, Conduit Street, W.1. (Sponsored by RBS.) UNTIL JUNE 20

Town and Country Planning Association Swedish Tour. Visiting Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Uppsala, Sigtuna, Sandviken, Gavle: (Sponsor, TCPA.) JUNE 21-JULY 5

Czechoslovak Architecture. At 66, Portland Place, W.1. An exhibition of historical, pre-war and current Czechoslovak architecture. (Sponsor, RIBA.) UNTIL JUNE 24

London Brewers' Association Planning Exhibition. Planning and distribution of public houses. At the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsor, London Brewers Association.)

UNTIL JULY 5

Town Planning Institute General Meeting:
At Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster. S.W.1.

M.P., Minister of Town and Country Planning. (Sponsor, TPI.) 6 p.m. June 19

Margaret Leona, National Union of Townswomen's Guilds. Flashlights of Hull—Amateur Drama and Town Planning. At the Housing Centre. 13, Suffolk Street. S.W.1. (Sponsors, HC.) Buffet lunch 12.45 p.m. Talk 1.15 p.m. June 24

Whole-Day Summer Symposium on Sound Absorption and Reverberation. The meetings are to be opened by Professor P. V. Bruel, of Copenhagen, who is speaking on Panel Absorbents, and J. Moir, of this country, who will discuss some other new aspects of reverberation. At the RIBA, 66, Portland Place, W.1. (Sponsors, Physical Society.) 10 a.m. Buffet lunch and tea.

JUNE 26

H. C. Harris, Technical Adviser to the Lead Industries Development Council. Plumbing and Frost Protection. At the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsor, HC.) Buffet lunch 12.45 p.m. Talk 1.15 p.m.

Christopher Tunnard, Professor of City Planning, Yale University. Town and Country Landscape, USA. At the RIBA. 66. Portland Place, W.1. (Sponsor, ILA.) 5.30 p.m. JULY 1

P. L. Leigh-Breese and Fred Griffiths. A Taxi Driver and Landlord Discuss Tenants Problems. At the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsor, HC.) Buffet lunch 12.45 p.m., 2s. 6d. Talk, 1.15 p.m., 6d. July 8

Eleventh Public Works Roads and Transport Congress. At Olympia, London. JULY 21 to 25

Alexander Block. Sociology of Housing. At the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsor, HC.) Buffet lunch 12.45 p.m., 2s. 6d. Talk 1.15 p.m., 6d. JULY 22

M ANCHESTER. Building Science Exhibition. At the Gas Showrooms. (Sponsor, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.)

UNTIL JUNE 28

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THE HAGUE. Fuel Economy Conference. Particulars from the British National Committee World Power Conference, 201-2, Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS. Ideas on Design in the Home Exhibition. At the Municipal Museum. (Sponsor, Arts Council.) UNTIL JULY 5

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Any feature marked with more than two stars is very big building news indeed.

Fifty-four members of the Town and Country Planning Association are leaving on June 21 for a FOURTEEN DAY PLANNING TOUR of Sweden and Denmark. The party is going to Scandinavia to examine the developments of the last few years in Danish and Swedish town planning and housing. The tour will be under the leadership of Mr. F. J. Osborn, Chairman of the Association's Executive Committee. A two-day stay in Copenhagen will be occupied by lectures and exhibitions and visits to the most interesting new housing and planning developments. At Stockholm, where the party is spending four days, a similar programme has been arranged, and in addition it is hoped there will be visits to the famous open-air theatre and a boat tour of the Archipelago. After two days spent in touring Sandviken, Sigtuna, Gavle and the ancient capital of Gamla Uppsala, the party will return to Gothenburg.

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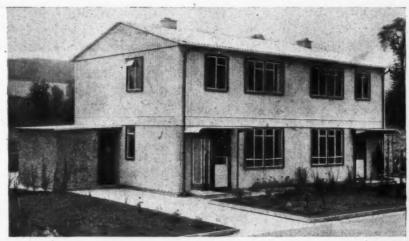
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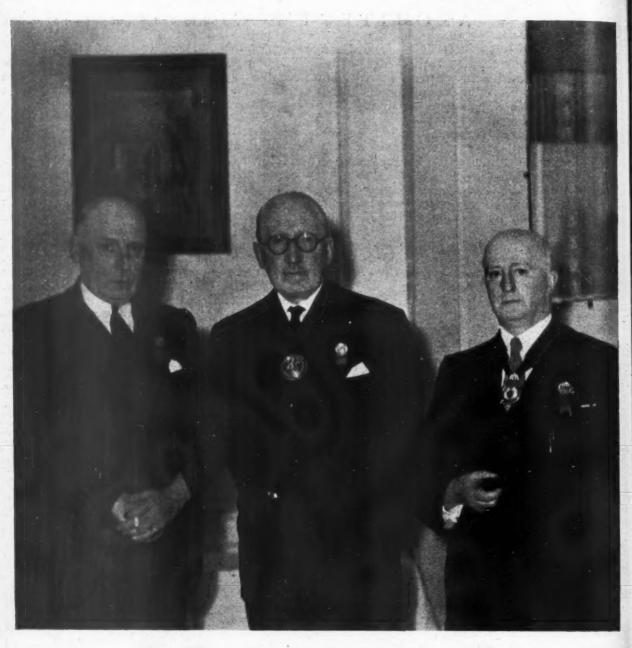
House building costs and PRICES of building materials are to be specially reviewed, it has been announced in reply to Parliamentary questions. In a series of written answers, details were given of three Committees which have been appointed by the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan; the Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr. Joseph Westwood; and the Minister of Works, Mr. Charles Key. Terms of reference and membership are: Minister of Health's Committee: "To con-

sider and keep under review the costs of housebuilding and to make recommendations." Chairman: John Graham Girdwood, C.B.E. (Controller of Canteens, Ministry of Supply, during the war, director of William Beardmore & Co., Ltd.); D. N. Chester (Nuffield College, Oxford); D. H. Daines (Secretary to London Labour Party); C. H. James, R.A., F.R.I.B.A. (London); W. K. M. Slimmings (Chartered Accountant, London). Secretary: E. J. S. Clarke, Ministry of Health. Secretary of State for Scotland's Committee: "To consider and keep under review the costs of housebuilding in Scotland and to make recommendations." Chairman: G. P. Laidlaw, O.B.E. (Petroleum Board, formerly of Shell Mex, Chairman, Scottish Housing Advisory Committee); Robert Adam, O.B.E. (Town Clerk of Perth; served as member of Barr Committee on Scottish Building Costs in 1939); L. W. Hutson, O.B.E.,

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#### At The Dublin Conference

An informal group of the three Presidents taken at the reception at the Royal Hibernian Hotel. From left to right: Mr. R. H. Gibson, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I., President, Royal Society of Ulster Architects; Sir Lancelot Keay, K.B.E., M.Arch. (Lpl.,) President, R.J.B.A.; Mr. Stephen S. Kelly, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I., President, Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. Further photographs and a report of the Conference appear on pages 522 to 526.

In response to a plea by the citizens, the Section on City Planning of Yale University Department of Architecture is preparing a TOWN PLANNING SCHEME FOR WESTPORT, Connecticut. Preliminary sketches have been presented to the Citizens' Planning Association. In addition to extensive visual research maps, the Yale group will present proposals to preserve the rural character of the town and insure against future growth of an

undesirable nature. Proposals are also made for a new shopping centre, a community and civic centre, together with zoning, and industry and recreational facilities. The Section of City Planning at Yale is taking the Westport problem as a term project, with more than 50 undergraduate professional students and five graudate students collaborating on research and in submitting the plan. The work is under the direct supervision of Professor Christopher Tunnard, Chairman of the Section of City Planning. Not only is this a pooling of efforts by the Department of Architecture and its Section on City Planning, but it also includes work by graduate

students in the Law School and in the Department of Sociology. The law students are investigating legal problems involved in the workings of the plan; while the Sociology students are supervising a sociological survey of the town the purpose of which is to answer shopping and transport queries by direct canvassing. This canvassing is being conducted by six architecture students. Both town officials of Westport and the Citizens' Planning Association are co-operating extensively with the students in the research work and in guiding the preparation of the final plan which it is expected will be submitted to the town officials during the next few weeks.

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Mr. J. Innes Elliott has been appointed ARCHITECT TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE. Mr. G. Mackenzie Trench, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., Architect and Surveyor to the Metropolitan Police District, who retired on March 31 last, has been succeeded by Mr. J. Innes Elliott, B.ARCH. (Liverpool), A.R.I.B.A. Mr. Trench, who held the position since October, 1920, has been responsible for a large amount of architectural work comarge amount of architectural work comprising new police stations, section houses, magistrates courts. Mr. Elliott, after completing the five years' course at the Liverpool School of Architecture, joined the Ministry of Works—then HM Office of Works. He served as Architectural Assistant on Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings, and New Works Services; as Assistant Surveyor and District Surveyor, Maintenance Division at Birmingham; Surveyor, Maintenance Division and Temporveyor, Maintenance Division and Tempor-ary Housing Programme at Exeter, and Assistant Regional Director, Works Services



Mr. J. Innes Elliott who has recently been appointed Architect to the Metropolitan Police. See News Item.

#### PROOF OF THE PUDDING

TEMPORARILY—in a road house now retired from the business is housed one of the more recent activities of the Ministry of Works: a field testing station. Here Country Planning which the Ministry has established as a logical extension of will start in September next. Its studies in housing, design, construction and erection, an organisation for the practical testing of mechanical requirements of the practical testing of the practical testing of mechanical requirements of the practical testing station. There will be a provided to the practical testing station. There will be a provided to the practical testing of equipment for the builders' yard or the site, building methods

An establishment of this kind has long been needed, both to assist manufacturers in developing and perfecting their products and to enable the performance of new products and equipment to be observed at first hand under properly organised conditions. For too long builders have had to rely on the unsupported evidence of a manufacturer's brochure, and have been without expert and disinterested advice on the proper management and use of equipment. An independent

station for field trials can supply this need.

To be of value, however, such a station must fulfil two conditions: first, it must be widely enough used by the manufacturers and, second, it must produce its results rapidly and they must be couched in unambiguous terms. Unless the work is comprehensive and covers a large variety of equipment, the builder will still be in doubt as to whether untested products may not be more satisfactory. Government research bodies are apt to work on perfectionist principles and are chary of issuing reports until the last "i" has been dotted and the last "t" crossed. Such a procedure, however praiseworthy from the standpoint of scientific integrity, results in long delays, and the contractor cannot wait a year or even six months before deciding whether or not to order a particular piece of equipment. Nor will manufacturers submit their products if they have to wait months before a report is forthcoming. This is not an argument for shoddy work, but an indication of the practical need which must be met if a field testing station is to serve its purpose. Reports should be issued rapidly and where extended tests are needed, interim reports-if necessary with reservations expressed—should be published.

The average contractor has no great organisation behind him, and does not require highly specialised equipment, but rather adaptable machines that will help him to do the ordinary job more quickly and economically. There is a danger that the scientist and to a less extent the manufacturer, in a search for perfection will so limit the field of application that the resulting perfect piece of equipment will be useless. The work of the station and comments of builders and other visitors

should considerably minimise this danger.

It is presumed that the work of the station is carefully coordinated with that of other bodies such as the BRS, the Forest Products Research Laboratory and the Road Research Laboratory, but field testing should not be confused with fundamental scientific research. One of the primary objectives of this station should be that of organising efficient time

studies, an inherently important question in the development of new ideas and to carry out this and other work a considerable number of scientists, technicians and skilled craftsmen are obviously required. It is to be hoped that adequate labour will be allocated to do the job quickly and efficiently. Adequate staffing at the testing station should, if the work is effective, pay a handsome dividend in labour economy at the contracting end. The ideas behind the Ministry's first official field test unit are undoubtedly sound and it is to be hoped that similar activities may be established in the provinces for the examination of local techniques, materials and products and to enable provincial builders to obtain advice on the use of equipment and to see it in action.



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**DUBLIN JOTTINGS** 

The RIBA Conference is over, and Havana cigars, Irish whisky and Porterhouse steaks are recollections.

One of the most pleasant memories will be for many the meetings with Irish architects. Somehow, though licensing rules there as with us, and materials are difficult to get and there is many a month's delay between design and construction, architects have not lost heart. This eagerness-particularly among those who are seriously struggling with the problems of a contemporary architecture-is reminiscent of the early days of the Mars group and the first contacts with European architects of the late twenties and early thirties.

Of these architects, Michael Scott is perhaps the doyen. He will be remembered as the architect of the Irish Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. An evening with him is a tonic for any distressed English architect. He has an endless flow of stories of Irish life and character and for the benefit of those who did not make the journey I will pass one, showing the impact of planning in rural communities, on to my readers, though I am afraid the accent will have to be imagined.

It appears that an English traveller arrived by train at the railway station of a small town, and approached the stationmaster - ticket collector - porter and inquired whether a taxi was available to transport him to the town which appeared to be at a little distance from the station. He was informed there was no car. He then asked for some alternative means of transport and it was suggested there might be a possibility of getting a waggon eventually. "This is terrible," said the traveller, "how far is the town from here?" "Four miles," replied the stationmaster, "a grand walk on a lovely morning like this." "Terrible," replied the traveller getting a little irate. "why the devil couldn't the station be somewhat nearer the town." " Ah, we like to have the station somewhere near the trains."

The Garden Party in the grounds of Trinity College was noteworthy for the fact that the sun was shining brilliantly and the weather was delightful. My photo shows Mrs. Arup, wife of Ove Arup, who, like other consultants, has work in Ireland to give them a justification for more regular contacts with Dublin's food, laughter and friendliness. Incidentally, the library of Trinity College is a most impressive building. According to the Conference handbook it was completed in 1732 and houses among other volumes the Book of Kells. The architect was Thomas Burgh, who I am sure would never have approved of the hideous brown paint with which the external sashes are coated.

It is cheering to see that the Dublin Corporation is aware of the merits of



At the Garden Party, left to right, Mrs. Ove Arup, Mr.F. Gibberd and Mr. R. Townsend.

the City's Georgian buildings and is endeavouring to preserve them even when the houses themselves have become uninhabitable. Some of the reconstructions have been illustrated in this journal. In view of this interest it is all the more unfortunate that the remodelling has entirely destroyed the character of the houses. Georgian scale is very bold, at times almost brutal, but the whole effect is extraordinarily satisfying, due to the detailing. The colour, the iron railings and occasional balconies, all these are now lost. All that is left is a series of cliff-like fronts in a particularly aggressive red brick, with the original doors and door cases and the window frames. The iron railings have given way to unpleasant little concrete walls, the balconies have gone, the rendered window reveals have gone, and the colours of the paintwork appeared to me ill-chosen. In short, almost everything that made the houses a delight when well maintained and worth preserving when in decay has been lost. I hope that with experience the Corporation's architects will avoid the mistakes of the first groups.

There are more ways of killing a cat than drowning it, and it now appears there are more ways of catching pike than spinning for them. The lake in Phænix Park used to house trout until

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the pike got in, so in order to eliminate the pike the lake was drained and such of the fish as could not be eaten was used as fertilizer. The trout now have a fresh start, and I hope the President of Ireland will have good sport with them.

#### DUBLIN SOUVENIR

The love of a souvenir is endemic in the human heart. Perhaps the RIBA thought as much when it commissioned the excellent, expensive handbook to the Conference. Complete with potted history, architectural photographs and a map of Dublin, printed on glossy art paper from another publisher's decade than this, the select committee of four who prepared the volume knew what was wanted. A handbook worth keeping, handsome enough for the bookshelf. A souvenir.

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The romance of the radio studio has largely departed. No longer do coconuts substitute for galloping horses, or roller skates for an express train, sheet metal no longer provides a stormy background as the villain perpetrates the fell deed. All these sound effects are now, I am assured, recorded from the real thing.

There are some sounds, however, which even the autocrats of Portland



An Execution in a Danish Broadcasting Station. See Astragal's note above.

Place are unable to record for the delight of listeners. Real heads do not. they tell me, roll when the executioner makes his stroke. How this is done can be seen in the illustration which comes from a Danish broadcasting studio. The homely cabbage is perhaps not always inappropriate. One would almost find pleasure in losing one's head to so genial an executioner.

#### THIS WAY TO THE RUINS

The Lost Treasures of London by William Kent (Phœnix-House) is a companion to lovers of bomb damage in their peregrinations through London. Designed, the author says, "to satisfy the curiosity of anyone who wants to know what has happened to some wellknown building," it will do this. It may disappoint anyone who wants much more. Of any bombed monument here are the guide-book facts together with details of damage and 'incidents," culled, I think would be the word, from the most authoritative sources and set down in delightful journalese. There are many interesting and some very fine photographs.

All this information in the form of a series of Walks through the City and Central London. The author hopes you will carry his book as a guide. If a building has been bombed out of existence you are told all about it; in those untouched from plinth to pinnacle you are not expected to show much interest. This would upset me a lot. But you are not intended to look very long at anything. "It is estimated that each (walk) will not occupy more than two hours, at a normal pace." I would accept the author's wager to cover the distance in the time, but no stopping to admire, mind you, just a quick flick of the eye right and left as the monuments wheel past.

To the "Lover of London" avid for miscellaneous instruction, details of these lost treasures may be treasure trove Others may regret that such labour and erudition have not produced something either definitive as chronicle or more discriminating as guide. "This book should be a welcome supplement to my London for Everyman and Encylopædia of London," says the author. If you possess those works you will no doubt agree with him.

ASTRAGAL



#### LETTERS

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R. K. Swindell

#### Salaries

SIR,—One cannot but agree with your correspondent, Mr. John H. Jones, that the salaries offered to architects and other technicians in many cases bear but scant relation to either the period of training undergone or the responsibilities involved.

However, it is not fair to blame the RIBA whose primary duty is to maintain the status of the profession through close supervision of educational standards, granting of prizes and studentships, overseas hospitality, etc. If the RIBA were to prosecute a vigorous policy aimed at raising the salary scales of architectural assistants it could only do so in many cases at the expense of its own senior membership. One should not expect them to consciously adopt a policy of a "house divided." The main drive for decent salaries must

come from the salaried members themselves and in this respect the Association of Build-Technicians, whose membership includes a high percentage of architects, has a record second to none. It is a truism to point out that the success of any such demand will vary directly with the number of individuals concerned. I would earnestly invite Mr. Jones, and the many who feel the same about salaries, to join those already engaged in the struggle and hasten victory

by strengthening our numbers.

Details of the ABT, its salary scales and other information can be obtained from the General Secretary, 5, Ashley Place, London, S.W.1.

R. CARTON TICKELL

Hesswall Hills, Cheshire.

SIR,—The view expressed by Mr. J. H. Jones re salaries are doubtless shared by many other architectural assistants and technicians, not necessarily all of whom are other architectural assistants and employed by local authorities.

To Mr. Jones and all architects, architectural assistants, and technicians who desire better salaries and conditions, etc., I would suggest membership of the Associa-tion of Building Technicians.

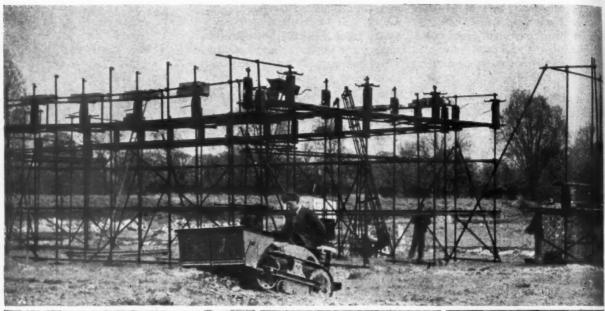
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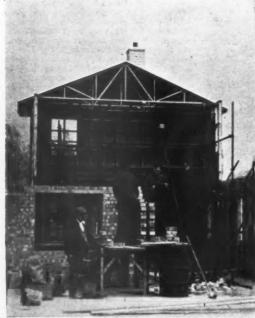
ties, it may be interesting to note that at the present time the ABT are engaged on a special recruitment drive amongst all fechnicians employed in these particular offices.

Successful negotiation for improved salaries and conditions can be effected if all technicians solidly unite. Active membership of the ABT is the solution.

It may be interesting to note that I myself became a member through a "letter to the editor of a technical publication." R. K. SWINDELL

#### ROAD HOUSE INTO TESTING STATION











The Thatched Barn externally, if not internally will have been familiar to many motorists travelling north from London. From a road house, it has been transformed by the Ministry of Works into a Field Testing Unit for building products, techniques and equipment. The station is controlled by the Chief Scientific Adviser, Sir Reginald Stradling, and carries out scientifically controlled practical field tests on new materials and building methods, as well as new types of building equipment. Development work is also carried out. The illustrations show, top a new type of jack for raising the footways on tubular scaffolding. The footways can be raised to the most convenient working height as the work proceeds. In the foreground is a machine for transporting material on the site. Centre left. The erection of a conventional 11 in. cavity wall is time and motion studied. This wall is the standard against which other types of walling are tested. In background part of an Airey house with experimental roof. Left, bottom, various types of putty undergoing tests for reaction to weathering. Centre, a group of test walls of different materials, and a mechanical excavator. Right, various synthetic materials prepared as substitutes for conventional waste pipes are tested: on the left is a plastic waste trap, on the right the normal lead waste, shown disconnected.

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#### PHYSICAL PLANNING SUPPLEMENT



#### RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE

#### THE ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING CONTROL

The scale of destruction to the towns and villages of France during the war years has necessitated new legislation for the control of rebuilding, and the setting up of an organization to deal with the problem quickly. A summary of the methods adopted by the Ministry of Reconstruction is given below, and is of particular interest for comparison with the position in this country. Two examples of reconstruction schemes in france are also briefly described and illustrated; Saint Avold in the Department of the Moselle, and Marckolsheim in Alsace. Above, Bezange-la-Petite, a typical scene of destruction from the areas ravaged by war.

#### scope

In the terms of legislation in force, certain categories of towns must have a building plan; others may have one under certain conditions. A compulsory plan applies to all damaged towns of whatever importance (the plan is here termed a Reconstruction Project); all towns of over 10,000 inhabitants; towns classed as spas or watering places; towns constituting a planning group. For the last three categories, the plan is to be known as a Plan of Organisation.

The following may have a Plan of Organization; towns which are expanding, or possess a picturesque, artistic, or historical character; and towns which make an application for such a plan.

#### reconstruction projects

At present, efforts regarding planning are almost wholly centred in the working out of reconstruction schemes in wardamaged towns. The task is great, and absorbs all available means. The following figures are more explanatory than any comment; 550 towns suffered war damage in 1940; 50 towns suffered war damage between 1940-44; 1,200 towns suffered war damage between 1944-45.

For each war damaged town, a planner (in most cases an architect) will be designated by the Minister for Reconstruction, with the approval of the Mayor. His proposals will be submitted at the stage of a draft scheme to the elected municipal council; to a departmental commission consisting of representatives of public administration and services, of public bodies and of war victims; and to the Prefect for towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants, or to the Minister for Reconstruction for towns of over 10,000 inhabitants. At the stage of a completed project, plans will be submitted to the

population of the town by public inquiry, to the Municipal Council, to the Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture and Industries, to the technical services of the different administrations concerned, and to the Prefect, or to the Minister. The project will then have to be approved and declared to be one of public utility. The plan then becomes capable of being carried into effect. In order to begin reconstruction work without waiting for definite ratification, it will be possible to declare certain partial operations to be of public urgency and utility, so long as no objections have been raised by public organisations and services. Schemes already considered number 1,087, and 323 of these have already been approved.

#### plans of organization

These were undertaken in the most urgent cases, and are much less numerous. They are, for the most part, still in the first stages. The procedure is the same as that governing the Reconstruction Plans, except that the planner is designated by the Mayor and approved by the Minister, and that approval in this case is given by decree of the Council of State. 170 non-damaged towns have at present an Organization Plan in course of examination.

#### town planning groups

Adjoining towns which have common interests may form a planning group at the request of the Municipal Councils, or after consultation with them. An organization project for each group may be framed by an architect-planner appointed by the Reconstruction and Planning Minister. The project must justify the group as an organic entity. Plans of the various towns constituting the group will be made to harmonize with each other. The towns, administrative departments and technical services concerned will be consulted prior to the approval by decree of the Council of State. 90 planning groups have been constituted in this way.

#### organization

The Ministry of Reconstruction has set up an organization to deal with the vast programme of replanning. A Territorial Service or research department, for example, is responsible for planning issues of a national character, and the organization of the planning programme. Chief Architects are appointed specifically to deal with determined areas, and they are responsible for the issue of licences, and the control of costs.

#### Marckolsheim

The existing plan of Marckolsheim (situated in the plain of Alsace) shows the extent of damage caused during the war. This small town has 1,800 inhabitants, who rely on the local agriculture and forests of the Rhine for their work. the early damage sustained in June, 1940, the Germans planned certain reconstruction work, comprising a redistribution of land and the suppression of certain farms. farmers were classified into three groups, according to the size of their undertakings. New farms of large size, of a type inspired by those of Germany, were constructed around the north-west of the town. In the new Plan, by M. Albert Horn, these German farmsteads are incorporated, and the public buildings have been grouped together in the centre, the road pattern in the centre has been altered, and the church moved a little way from its original position. It is not considered that the traffic on the north-south through road is sufficient to justify a by-pass, but the shopping and commercial premises which will front on this road have their own service road separated by a row of trees.

Three main zones of development are proposed. where damaged buildings may be rebuilt; second, a zone of

compensation for those buildings which cannot be rebuilt on their original sites; and third, an area to the south-west of the town for expansion.

All that remains the buildings Marckolsheim can be seen in black on the plan. A small number buildings, shown hatched. is repairable.



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The main features of the proposals for the rebuilding of Marckolsheim are the new centre shown in grey, and the incorporation of the farmsteads in the north east, which were built under German influence. Areas hatched on the plan may have the original buildings rebuilt. Areas cross hatched are compensatory zones. The broken hatching signifies an area for expansion.

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#### Saint-Avold

The Department of the Moselle, in which the town of Saint-Avold lies, was separated from the rest of France during the war, being liberated during the winter of 1944. It was one of the areas of France sustaining the greatest damage in the war. Saint-Avold, like many French towns, was founded on a site remarkable for the beauty and peace of the country-side, with a good water supply and fertile land. The four inmediaval times, and give interest to the landscape. Many tourists visit the town, which is on the RN.3 Paris-Mayence route, 40 kms. from Metz.

The new Plan, by M. Max Prebay, provides a new route for the busy traffic road RN.3 through the town. An existing road is partly used for this purpose, and provides a more direct route than the old road—very much in contrast to the usual by-pass around towns. The railway is about 2 kms. from the town, and it would be very difficult to bring this nearer. The bus station, sited on the new through road, is therefore of primary importance. An important project now in progress, which it is recommended should be developed in conjunction with the new Plan, is the American military cemetery.

All the administrative buildings of Saint-Avold were destroyed, with the exception of the Tribunal. A new civic centre with open space around is sited near to the new through road, and the Salle des Fêtes associated with this group. The sites suggested for other important buildings can be identified from the illustrations.



The proposals for the rebuilding of Saint Avold will include some necessary improvements. For example, the new route for the busy RN.3 road through the town. A new administrative centre will also be formed in the position of figures I and 2 on the plan showing the proposals.

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Mr. R. H. Gibson (Ulster President) talking to Lady Keay at the Informal Reception at the Royal Hibernian Hotel.

The RIBA Conference at Dublin began on Wednesday, June 11, with an informal reception at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, when members were the guests of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland. On Thursday morning the inaugural meeting was opened in the Mansion House by a reception and an address of welcome by the Lord Mayor, an address by Sir Lancelot Keay, K.B.E., President of the RIBA, followed by a paper on Recent Trends in Hospital Design by J. Murray Easton, F.R.I.B.A., and S. F. T. Cusdin, A.R.I.B.A. A garden party in the afternoon was held at Trinity College, and in the evening a banquet at the Gresham Hotel. On Friday, a paper was read by R. S. Wilshere, F.R.I.B.A., at the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland on Modern School Buildings, and there were whole and half day tours, and a conference dance at the Gresham Hotel. The conference concluded on Saturday, June 14, with a visit to Guinness's Brewery. Extracts from two of the speeches and from the papers read are published below.

#### RIBA CONFERENCE DUBLIN

Alderman McCann: In extendcome to the members, Alderman McCann, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, said:

To-day, when the false philosophy of utilitarianism is sweeping the world, we should reflect on beauties left by past generations, and strive to produce beautiful things for posterity. We have, in my opinion, as good architects as there are to be found the world over, and to the younger architects I look to produce even finer things. architects I look to produce even finer things. In Dublin we have a tradition of beauty. There are remnants of Danish and Norman architecture and the finest specimens of Georgian architecture. Every generation should provide its own masters and its own masterpieces. I believe that you from England and we from Ireland have offered the world much and will again do so. The closer we work in harmony the better for closer we work in harmony the better for the two peoples and the better, perhaps, for the world.

Sir Lancelot Keay: President, thanked the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland for inviting the conference for the third time to Dublin. In the building the third time to Dublin. In the building of schools and hospitals there is great scope for skill and much to be done, for we live in an age which decrees that advantages, once the monopoly of a few, must be brought within the reach of all. There is a danger that many architects will become merely agents for the erection of standardised prefabricated dwellings constructed by methods quite alien to traditional and accepted practice. Some of us, having gazed long at the blueprints of standardised buildings and are a little troubled by the setting aside of

tradition, are glad to come to Dublin and stand in the squares built in the golden period of architecture.

Recent Trends In Hospital Design

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J. Murray Easton and S. E. T. Cusdin: The urgency of the need to make up our minds on what make up our minus on what we should aim at arises primarily from the now almost universal recognition of a national duty to provide the best preventive and curative treatment for all who need it, and directly from recent health legislation with its consequent programme of hospital construction. Some of our medical colleagues have hinted that if only architects would reduce the expectation of life of their buildings from 100 to 25 years, a corresponding saving in structural costs could be effected thus enabling bigger and better hospitals to be built sooner and cheaper, and

rebuilt oftener. If there is a flaw in this reasoning it may be up to architects to ask the medical and nursing professions to consider whether their entirely laudable desire for perfection may not have the result of postponing the achievement of all-round adequacy.

To such consideration there is no better approach than an examination of what has been done in other countries and what theories have been put forward by foreign practitioners. So we propose briefly to discuss three continental hospitals which we

discuss three continental hospitals which we have seen, contrast them with others (most of which we have examined only on paper) and finally try to draw some conclusions from these investigations.

The three hospitals referred to are:—The Hospital Beaujon at Clichy, Paris, by Jean Walter; the Louis Pasteur at Colmar, Alsace, by M. Wetter; the New Burgerspital at Basle, Switzerland, by Vischer, Baur and Durig. They have been chosen because all are of recent date and because each, while of are of recent date and because each, while of comparable size, illustrates a different type of plan.

Beaujon consists of a spine on an east-west axis from which projects four long wards on north-south axes. On the south side of the spine block are single-bed wards; on the other side of the connecting corridor are placed the ward ancillary rooms. At Colmar the same long spine exists, but here on the other hand the ward ancillary rooms project in wings facing north, while the wards themselves are ranged in a practically unbroken line on the south side of the corridor. At Basle both wards and ancillaries are contained within the long rectangular spine; thus the south or ward side resembles Colmar, and the north or ancillary side re-sembles Beaujon.

It is obvious that in ward blocks like Beau-jon and Basle, where the ancillary rooms are ranged in a single line on the north side of the corridor, their extent must be strictly regulated by the spread of the wards on the

Keay, Mrs. McCann, Lancelot Alderman McCann, and Lady Keay at the Garden Party, Trinity College.

south side or, to put it in another way, the spread of the wards must be so adjusted as to provide sufficient ancillaries. At Basle the great spread of the wards permits of ample ancillary rooms plus a spacious light ing and ventilating bay in the middle of each ward unit, but at Beaujon with its more concentrated wards the ancillaries take up all the space and the corridor is lit only at the ends and not even so in the lower floors where other buildings abut.



Sir Lancelot Keay (right) greeting Mr. Sidney Loweth on his arrival at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, for the Informal Reception.

In all three hospitals the horizontal circulation on upper floors consists of a long straight corridor quite uninterrupted in the case of Beaujon, divided only by doors from the central hall in the case of Basle, but, at Colmar, cut into sections by partitions on some floors. Entrances and horizontal circulation are very different in each case. Complete centralisation is achieved at Beaujon. Entrances are at different levels, but at the same plan point and all lifts (except service lifts) are concentrated there. At Basle there is also a central entrance and main lift hall, but there are two subsidiary lift halls which serve other entrances. At Colmar there are serve other entrances. At Colmar there are no less than six entrances, each with its own

lift and staircase to serve the horizontally, as well as vertically, divided sections.

Finally, there are in each example radical differences in the relationship between the various departments which comprise a hospital. At Beaujon and Basle the outpatients' department forms a separate group more or less linked to the main ward block. while at Colmar these are provided on the ground floor and basement of the main ward

The main kitchen is outside the ward block at Basle and Colmar; in the basement at Beaujon. Administration is widely separated at Colmar, housed in the main ward block at Beaujon, and in the out-patients' block at THE I Beauj tadpo terestin of cent of in-p of two entranc block 1 ated fr wide. three 1 cases v patient ning. floor le patient ment 1 visitors kitchen

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#### THE HOSPITAL BEAUJON AT CLICHY, PARIS

Beaujon, though it represents only the "tadpole" stage of M. Walter's ideal, is interesting because it exemplifies his theories of centralisation combined with separation of services and circulation. The total number of in-patient beds is 1,100.

To the north of the main hospital block

ties the out-patients' department, consisting of two wings—one on either side of the main entrance. Each consists of a rectangular block parallel to the main block and separated from it by a courtyard about 78 feet Each of these rectangular blocks has

three projecting wings.

The projecting wing housing lifts and stair-cases which connects the in-patient and outcases which connects the in-patient and outpatient blocks is an ingenious piece of planning. Entrance is at two levels—at ground floor level by a double ascending ramp for patients in ambulanes or walking; at basement level by an easy flight of steps for visitors, and by a double descending ramp for wheeled traffic—doctors' cars, and bitchen and stores delivery. tor wheeled trainc—doctors cars, and titchen and stores delivery. At ground floor level patients enter a large hall which leads to the staircase and lift hall. On the right and left are placed the admission and administrative departments, also entrances to the two wings of the O.P. departments and to almoner's quarter's. The battery of to almoner's quarter's. The battery of lifts consists of six bed and two passenger lifts. Concentrated in this way they provide a most satisfactory service far more effective than an equal number of lifts in scattered positions. Each floor, with one or two exceptions, is a complete nursing unit controlled by one head sister, whose office is placed in the centre opposite to the entrance corridor. She is equipped with an external telephone, a private automatic exchange telephone (dialling) and direct push-button telephone to each ward.

Owing to the size of the ward unit it has

been possible to include a very complete range of ancillary rooms. There are four sets of sink, bath and lavatory rooms and four day rooms, but only one kitchen. Each floor has its doctor's room with laboratories adjacent, and also an X-ray Depart-

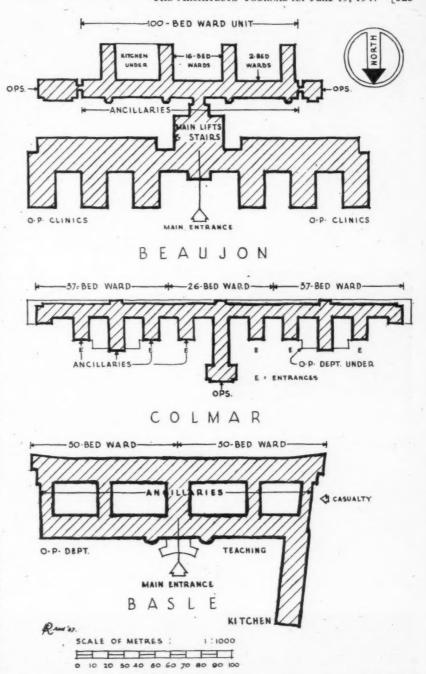
#### THE HOSPITAL LOUIS PASTEUR AT COLMAR, ALSACE

The site is ample (about 37 acres), and the total number of beds provided is 732. Each successive storey is set back from south to north, creating on the south side a series of terraces in front of the wards, and on the north a corresponding series of overhung storeys. This overhang is rendered possible by the projecting wings which act as but-tresses and take the ends of the beams which, tresses and take the ends of the beams which, without other vertical support, carry the cornidors. The distance between the wings is some 35 feet. The wings become slightly shortened as they rise by the advancing cornidors, and the ancillary rooms are consequently reduced, but this gives some degree of flexibility and seems to work well enough. With the exception of their small departments in and out-patients are all located ments in and out-patients are all located in the central building, and all the sections related to personnel are linked together and form a band round the north, north-east and north-west sides of the site. This band is pierced on the centre line of the main hospital block to provide a very dignified en-trance to a fine forecourt.

The arrangement of the ancillaries in separate blocks has much to commend it, and those at Colmar are well-planned and adequate. Two sanitary groups are provided in each ward unit, consisting of lavatory, bath and sink rooms. The main kitchen forms part of the outer group of buildings, but is connected by a sunk corridor to the basement of the hospital proper.

#### THE NEW BURGERSPITAL AT BASLE, SWITZERLAND

Unlike the two hospitals previously described, the new hospital at Basle is an ex-



Plans of the three hospitals referred to in the paper by J. Murray Easton and S. E. T. Cusdin.

tension to the older buildings of an ancient foundation. But it is to so large an extent a separate and complete hospital that it is hospital block, a little over 500 feet in length, faces south over a garden which, though still in process of being laid out, promises to be excellent. To the north, facing the street, is a parallel but comparatively low block connected with the main structure. low block connected with the main structure by wings which at lower ground floor level are carried over the intervening courtyard as The north block with its connecting wings houses the out-patients' departments, administration, operating suites, teaching, etc. Other wings at the west end contain respectively kitchen and domestic staff and infectious diseases.

Visitors arrive at the main entrance from semi-circular drive leading from the pitalstrasse. On the right-hand (north Spitalstrasse.

block) is found the administrative department. A spacious entrance hall enlivened by green and flowering plants extends right through to the main ward block, at which point there is a staircase and lift hall (six lifts) giving on to the garden. The pre-viously-mentioned north-south wings act as The preconnections between the main block and the north block. The latter contains, on the first floor, laboratories, medical and surgical directors' departments and pharmacology, and on the second floor, operating theatres, teaching and more laboratories. The basement corridor acts as general circulation for food, supplies, removal of the dead, etc.

The typical ward arrangement on each side of the central hall is as follows:—The 50 beds which it comprises are divided into three units of 16 beds plus a special two-bed ward. Each of those units has two six-bed and two two-bed wards with pass

doors between them, as well as doors from the corridor. As nursing units they are separate, but all the 50 beds are served by one group of ancillaries.

These rooms are just over 25 feet in depth, These rooms are just over 25 feet in depth, and to ensure good daylight at such a depth, balconies are dispensed with. Natural light—at least in summer—is very good, and on the back wall of the rooms are placed lavatory basins, cupboards, etc. Most of the wall surfaces, including corridors, are covered with Salubra washable wallpaper in light colours, and the effect is most cheerful and somewhat less effect is most cheerful and somewhat less hard than the usual glossy oil paint or distemper

Ancillaries cover an area of about 170 feet by 19 feet exclusive of lighting bays and two north-facing isolation wards. Besides two north-facing isolation wards. Besides the usual kitchen, bath, lavatory and sink room accommodation there is a large treatment room, a sister's office, and a nurses' dining room. Lockers for patients' clothes are recessed into the north wall of the cor-



Left, Mr. Eric L. Bird; centre, Mr. Vincent Kelly, Mrs. J. L. Griffith; extreme right, Mr. J. L. Griffith; at the Informal Reception, Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin.

The kitchen department is spacious and well lit, in level intermediate between ground floor and lower ground floor. It is connected to the circulating corridors in the basement by a fairly steep ramp. The loaded food trolleys are coupled up like the carriages of a train to an electric tractor carriages of a train to an electric tractor which takes them with alarming speed to the ward kitchen lifts. One electrically heated and insulated trolley contains the food for one unit of 50 beds. Smaller trolleys take the food containers to the wards—one trolley to each 16-bed unit. The Teaching Department occupies the centre part of the north block and includes the two curiously projected circular bays which at second-floor level flank the main entrance. These provide the extra depth necessary for two large lecture rooms—medical and surgical. Both have tiered seating with projection, patients' preparation rooms, etc. Between them lies a large students' hall provided with chairs and tables. This is flanked on the north side by a smaller lecture room and two study rooms

Reinforced concrete is used for walls, columns, floors and roofs, but the raw appearance and the cracking and crazing so frequently associated with that medium have been avoided. Most of the surfaces are rendered in various light tones and with a perfection of craftsmanship which we must envy. By these variations in colour and by the use of other materials—stone, marble, terrazzo, etc.—the exterior has been made as gay and attractive as its somewhat monotonous form permits.

#### CONCLUSIONS

It is clear that the broadly rectangular form of main ward block illustrated in the three examples cannot be applied to very large hospitals without risk of producing buildings which are intimidating in their effect. At Basle, it has taken all the re-sources of architectural skill and perfect craftsmanship to avoid it. Colmar finitely too long, and Beaujon is overwhelming. In a city of skyscrapers like New York great height may offset some of these drawbacks, but brings others in its train.

In recent hospital design, with the excep tion of Beaujon, the large open ward, with its 20 or more beds at right angles to the window walls, no longer survives. The bed parallel to the window has won, and the larger wards have either four or six bays separated by glass screens, each containing

four beds. What is not so well established is the additional accommodation required for the nursing, diagnostic, and treatment facili-ties in the ward unit. The Nursing Council of Great Britain has published a full and concise description of what, in its opinion, the unit should consist of both as to the number of beds and the ancillaries. Twentyfive beds is the maximum recommended, and for this there is a list of ancillaries for-

midable in size and number. Aspect, especially in regard to wards, has



Lady Keay (right) shaking hands with Mrs. C. J. Burnett, at the Informal Reception.

always taken a predominant part in the disposition of hospital buildings. Many hospitals have been rendered inconvenient by the insistence on having all wards facing south and all operating theatres facing north, but we cannot believe that in a climate like ours it is reasonable to discard the opportunity, when it exists, of getting sunshine into wards. But other factors such as general convenience, good views, etc., should be given equal consideration with that of south aspect; and an open horizon, be it north, south, east or west, is preferable to one which is seriously obstructed by intervening buildings.
In the examples shown there has been a

full acceptance of the principle of vertical planning of the large hospital blocks, and in general of putting like over like. Thus ward units may be superimposed to any reasonable extent, as may nurses' and staff bedrooms. Two or three or more storeys of operating theatre suites present no diffi-culties, but the out-patients' departments are generally more easily handled on one floor. Similarly, kitchen, boiler house, laundry, etc., are in many ways more satisfactory as separate blocks; but here we come up against the contrary principle—concentra-tion and the principle of the centralisation of vertical circulation for the main hospital and service traffic.

Bound up in this is the vital aspect of the detailed planning and size of the ward unit, the amount of site available for the hospital as a whole, and particularly nowa-days, that of economy. The choice between these solutions must inevitably arise from a judgment based on knowledge of the conditions of the site size, and proposed organisation of the hospital.



The RIBA Conference photograph taken in the grounds of Trinity College, Dublin, immediately before the Garden Party was held.

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#### Modern School Buildings

R. S. Wilshere: that the problem of designing a building for educational purposes involves the welding into one unit, three distinct and often very conflicting requirements education, health and architec-The balancing of these requirements is by no means an easy one.

the beginning of the 19th century the standard type plan for a school building was known as The Lancastrian School. It comprised a large room or hall with a raised platform at one end for the schoolmaster. esks were placed in the centre and space left all round the desks for children to stand in groups whilst under instruction.



Mr. Maynard Lyndon, representing The American Institute of Architects, and Mrs. Lyndon, at the Banquet at the Gresham

A schoolmaster would have control of anything up to 1,000 pupils, his duties really being mostly supervision, the educational theory of those days being largely self instruction by the pupils themselves under menitors.

About 1826 teachers were introduced to assist the Principal, and a new type of plan appears, usually called the Stowe System. This school provided a long gallery at one end of the room, with desks arranged in groups at the sides. The central space was left clear and there were one or more small classrooms with galleries. By 1846-20 years later-the pupil teacher system was introduced and plans changed. Rooms became long and narrow, with desks on one side of the room only, divided by curtains into groups each with its pupil

In 1870 the Elementary Education Act was passed in England, and education for all became a public responsibility, and School Boards were created to control education in their own districts. The London School Board at once held a competition for the ideal school building, and the Ben Jonson school erected in Stepney in 1872 was the result of this competition.

This plan was the famous Central Hall type, and comprised a large central assembly hall, with separate classrooms grouped round this hall and generally opening direct from this hall. Three new principles became established by this school; all class-rooms had left-hand lighting; each teacher had his own classroom; the central hall became available for special purposes and was no longer used for ordinary class instruc-For nearly 32 years this plan held the field unchallenged; practically every successful competition was based on this plan, and as late as 1902 an emminent authority expressed the opinion that as a plan for school purposes it was unlikely it would be improved upon.

In 1902 a new Education Act introduced school medical services, and with it the appointment of school medical officers which caused a complete revolution in school design. This was largely due to the school design. This was largely due to the energy and enthusiasm of two men—Dr. Reid, the School Medical Officer of Staffordshire, and Mr. Widdows, the Education Architect of Derbyshire. The experiments of Haldane and Sir Leonard Hill had just thrown new light on the problem of ventilation and had demonstrated ventilation was primarily a matter of air movement. Dr. Reid saw that ventilation in the central hall was really little better than the back to back house, and with Mr. Hutchings, the Staffordshire Education Architect, evolved a new type of school called the Pavilion type. It consisted of a row of classrooms connected by an open corridor, but with a definite scientific basis, ventilation of the class rooms by windows opening on both sides of the room, each window having a hopper just above the level of the children's heads. The experiment proved completely successful. The rooms were delightfully fresh and free from stuffiness, and it was found the roof ventilator made no difference

Mr. Widdows produced his Wingfield School, which was designed on a definitely scientific basis dealing with aspect, proper natural lighting, cross ventilation,



The Vice-Provost of Trinity College acting in lieu of the Provost, who was temporarily indisposed and unable to attend the Garden Party.

open air conditions, heating. Lighting was by means of 60° continuous glazed north Fully glazed doors opened into open verandahs on each side of the classroom. The purpose was to eliminate sunlight with its excessive lighting contrasts and to rely on the even and steady north light. At the same time the glazed doors enabled the sunlight to be seen outside. Cross ventilation was by means of hoppers and heating was solved by under floor heating.

In the past, schools were more or less static, that is, pupils had fixed places in a definite room, and the architect's problem was largely to provide rooms to accommodate a given number of desks arranged in a set pattern, only to be moved when the floors had to be scrubbed. To-day the classroom tends to become a centre of activity and mobility. Fixed furniture is being replaced by light movable furniture, which can be easily moved to provide different grouping and arrangements, or stacked on one side to leave the floor area clear.



Architects, their wives and friends who attended the conference numbered nearly five hundred.

classroom still remains the hub of the pupils' education, and it is from this centre the pupils' activities radiate, but the increasing use of other rooms and facilities brings the matter of circulation not only by the pupils moving from place to place but also the staff and those in charge.

Those who have seen the newer schools round Paris before the war must have been impressed by the sense of space they suggest, although actually they are relatively compact. This sense of space is largely achieved by the skill of the architect and I would suggest the proper architectural approach is to secure these pleasing conditions of good æsthetic planning and design, as these French architects have done.

#### **BUILDING REGULATIONS-1944**

The Ministry of Education's Draft Building Regulations 1944 and The Regulations Pre-scribing Standards for School Premises 1944, lay down in very full detail the requirements that will have to be met in all the various types of new schools that will be erected.

The greater variety of this accommodation and the varying sizes of classrooms add to the difficulties of planning new school buildings and these difficulties are increased buildings and these difficulties are increased by the adoption of the various functional requirements, which are now being laid down in the Codes of Practice prepared under the authority of the Codes of Practice Committee. The Codes of Functional Requirements of buildings, to which reference will be necessary, cover: daylight, sunlight, ventilation, space and circulation, noise, ventilation, space and clicking and fire, weather precautions, services, water supply, etc., heating and heat insulation, corrosion, dirt and vermin, acoustics, and these codes will have to be followed where continued. In the new regulations school applicable. In the new regulations school meals now become an essential feature of all schools whatever their size. Gymnasium and changing facilities become of more importance



Mr. David P. Hanly, Miss Deborah Abercrombie and Professor Sir Patrick Abercrombie, at the Garden Party, Trinity College.

#### DAYLIGHTING

The factor which affects lighting and seering is not only the amount of illumination but the quality of lighting, whether natural or artificial. The important effects in seeing conditions, both psychological and physiological are glare, diffusion and directions. tion, composition and distribution.

The first practical approach to lighting of classrooms was the introduction of left-ing. The investigations by the band lighting. N.I. of I.P. carried out-in 1931 dealt largely with the influence of lighting conditions on the pupils' work. These investigations showed the rapid diminution of daylight the further the pupil is seated from the window. and that the quantity of light affected the quality of his work. Daylighting in build-ings and particularly schools has as a result received considerable attention and the Post-War Building Studies, The Lighting of Buildings, deals extensively with this problem in relation to schools.



Mr. Herbert Jackson, Mr. F. R S. Yorke, during tea in the Marquee, Trinity College.

It had been generally accepted that the tolerable daylight factor in offices was 0.2% In 1929 Sir Felix Clay had claimed 1% was the minimum necessary in schools which corresponded to a daylight factor of 0.5%, a figure recommended by Mr. Waldram in 1913. The Board of Education in their regulations of 1936 recognised this standard and laid down this figure as a minimum. The N.I. of I.P. as a result of their investigations in 1931 considered that a daylight factor of 25% was desirable and 1% the lowest permissible figure. The Lighting Committee of the Building Research Board, however, advocate 5% as a minimum, and this figure has been recommended as the standard to be aimed at in the Ministry of Education's new Building Regulations with the higher figure of 10% where rooms are used for drawing, sewing, etc., and at the same time recommends maximum values should not exceed minimum values by more than 1 to 2, but still allow a minimum of 2%. In modern schools with a large expanse of glass on one side, the daylight factor will vary from 15% to 2%. Thus a very difficult problem has been set if the new standard is to be reached and the only solution at present appears to be some form of

This very high standard of lighting inten-sifies the conditions that larger windows have already created, the problem of glare, which it is recognised is not only unpleasant but is also harmful. The Lighting Committee would therefore like more control to regulate daylighting, but any system which is dependent on the teacher cannot be really regarded as satisfactory.

Top lighting has many drawbacks, it calls

for more elaborate construction and more or less restricts building to one storey; it creates heating problems, provides a maintenance problem both to keep the glass clean and for repairs. Top lighting in schools is and for repairs. Top lighting in schools is not a new idea and was at one time defi-nitely objected to by the Board of Educa-tion. In view of all the complications that arise both in planning and designing a school to provide top lighting, I feel more evidence on this subject is called for.

#### VENTILATION

The number of air changes in each room has now become a "Statutory Rule and Order" under "The Regulations Prescribing Standards for School Premises" and varies from 6 air changes per hour in Classrooms to 2 air changes per hour in staff-rooms, but we are not told how this is to be achieved. If ventilation was the only problem to be found in planning a school problem to be found in planning a school and designing a classroom there is no doubt the principles developed by Dr. Reid in the Staffordshire Pavilion School with the low hopper on each side of the room and the open corridor provide a real solution.

The N.I. of I.P. recommend that the main school windows should have top sashes—pivot hung; centre sashes—side hung; bottom sashes—hopper hung. And with a window opening into the corridor consider air.

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movement and air change can be satisfac-torily controlled. The difficulty, of course, is the operation of this ventilation falls on the teachers and where he or she does not like fresh air the system cannot achieve its object. The N.I. or I.P. appears to be satisfied that with high opening windows directly opposite the main windows satisfactory air movement will be achieved, but point out that in corner rooms it is not enough to ventilate only from the two adjoining outside walls. Of course in theory control could be obtained mechanical methods, but there is ample experience in the past to fealize the superiority of natural ventilation. Natural ventilation reduces the risks of epidemics and respiratory diseases and acts as a stimulus and reduces mental fatigue. Mechanical ventilation tends to slow working output, tends to cause mental fatigue and restlessness, but perhaps the most valuable contribution of natural ventilation is that it teaches children the need to open windows.

#### ACOUSTICS

I think we should give full credit to Denis Clark Hall for having first focussed attention on the importance of acoustics and sound insulation in relation to school planning

But whilst I personally do not consider this arrangement of classrooms in his interesting design for the News Chronicle School are in fact better arranged as regards sound than the orthodox side by side rooms, he has brought out a point which has perhaps not been fully considered in between noisy the past, the relationship

rooms and quiet areas.

I have found the one point on which all teachers seem to agree and have in common, is the desire for quiet conditions in which to work and freedom from external noise interference.

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There are three different problems to be met: the acoustic treatment of the rooms themselves; sound proof construction; planning of rooms in relation to each other. It is now, of course, generally accepted that the assembly hall should be properly treated to provide suitable acoustic condi-tions. We have all experienced the strain of trying to talk or listen against an excessive background of noise—both internal and external and a lack of good conditions in this matter prevent children from con-centrating and they become restless and fidgety. Corridors call for special considera-tion as they can be excellent conveyors and collectors of sound, and in this respect the open corridor at one time so popular pro-vided an excellent solution. vided an excellent solution.

The degree of quietness to be aimed at is that noise in a classroom should not exceed 35 decibels, in assembly hall 30 decibels, other rooms up to 60 decibels. It is well to remember that trees, shrubs and grass all absorb sound and are useful as sound breaks and can assist as a screen between noisy play area and classroom units.



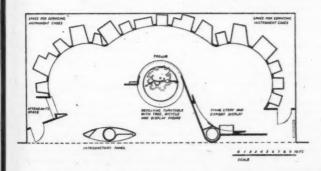
Mr. T. Cecil Howitt Mrs. and John L. Griffith, at the Garden Party, Trinity College.



#### BRITISH SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS

#### **EXHIBITION**

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The object of this Ministry of Supply Exhibition, now being held at Charing Cross Underground Station, is to show to the public what part scientific instruments play in the making and testing of everyday things.

The chosen precision instruments are housed in 17 separate show cases, each shaped, lit and decorated to show up the instrument to its best advantage. The show cases are grouped around a central turn-table supporting a display figure holding a bicycle. The bicycle and the food displayed in its basket are typical articles in the manufacture of which scien-tific precision instruments are

The exhibition was designed by Peter Moro and Robin Day. The poster is by Robin Day.

#### TECHNICAL SECTION

The function of this feature is to supply a digest of, and commentary on, current information of interest to architects as recorded in technical publications and statements of every kind throughout the world. Items are prepared by specialists of the highest authority who are not on the permanent staff of the Journal, and views expressed are disinterested and objective. Items are printed on one side of the paper only to permit of cutting out and pasting up in classified order in readers' files. The Editors welcome information on all developments from any source.

#### INFORMATION 6.7 planning: social and recreational CENTRE

To enable items to be filed all information is classified under the following headings:

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#### 4.10 planning: urban and rural NEW TOWN: EAST KILBRIDE

New Town at East Kilbride. Department of Health for Scotland. (HMSO, 1947. 6d.) Description of proposals to develop new

town at East Kilbride, Scotland, under New Towns Act, 1946. Decentralisation of population and industry. Need for green reservation. Industrial Planned policy of dispersal to new towns. Summary and review of principal objections to Draft Order made at public local inquiry. Secretary of State's conclusions on objections and reasons for making New Town (East Kilbride) Designation Order, 1947. Map illustrating designated area of new town. Informative statement on official new town planning procedure.

#### INFORMATION CENTRE INDEX

An alphabetical index for the first six months 1947, covering items published from January 2 to June 26, inclusive, is being prepared. Readers who wish to have a copy - it is free of charge should notify the Technical Editor, The Architects' Journal not later than June 30.

#### HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Housing Management in Scotland: Report by the Scotlish Housing Advisory Commit-tee. Department of Health for Scotland. (HMSO, 1946. Cmd. 6901. 9d.)

Scope and functions of housing management. Existing management practice. Some major problems. Miscellaneous aspects. Training for housing management.

The objects of housing management are to create contented tenants and to safeguard the interests of the local authority as landlord. In order to achieve these objects housing management has to fulfil a varied number of functions which can be classified as follows: letting; rent collection; maintenance; welfare and social education; and general administration.

The report gives a detailed list of activities which may fall under each of these five headings, indicating the wide scope of the sphere of housing management, and then goes on to examine representative management systems at present in use by local authorities with particular reference to Scotland. The systems discussed comprise the "functional" system which is based on the principle of responsibility shared according to their functions by different departments of the local authority, and the "centralised" or Octavia Hill system in which all duties are concentrated, as far as practic-

A chapter devoted to some major problems of housing management of housing management discusses local authorities' methods of allocating houses, the collection of rents and problems arising from rent arrears, questions of repair and maintenance of property and of gardens and public open spaces, and draws particular attention to the important field of welfare attention to the important field of welfare and social education. Its object with regard to housing management is to assist the members of a family to readjust themselves to living in a new home in a new community and to raise their standard of living habits. This aspect of housing management has generally received insufficient attention hitherto and the Committee recommends that local authorities should review their arrangements accordingly. Difficult tenants who persist in unsocial conduct should be under appeal supervision until they have under special supervision until they have improved. Film displays, lectures and other methods of publicity should be considered as a means of educating people in preserv-ing the amenities of their surroundings generally.

In regard to training for housing management the committee recommends that local authorities should wherever possible grant training facilities to students in order to increase the present scope for practical training in Scotland. Appendix III of the report gives detailed information on various

training facilities as provided by the Society of Women Housing Managers, the Institute of Housing, and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

This report is a most instructive and clearly written document especially in view of the importance which housing management is likely to attain in connection with the large scale dispersal of population to new towns.

#### 12.4 materials: metal LEAD ALLOY PIPE

Lead Alloy Pipe: Notes on Silver-Copper-Lead. (Lead Industries Development Coun-cil, Bulletin No. 114, April, 1947.)

Detailed summary of properties of silvercopper-lead alloy standardised by B.S. 1085: 1946. Improved properties over ordinary lead include 15 per cent. greater tensile strength and greater creep-resistance, allowing reduced weights of pipe to be used. Appendix tabulates results of comparative tests demonstrating improved properties. Illustrated.

#### 13.9 materials: timber

#### STANDARD NOMENCLATURE

Nomenclature of Commercial Nomencial Transport of Supply. B.S. 881 and 589:1946. (British Standards Institution, 1946. 7s. 6d.)

Revision in single publication of B.S. 589: 1935 and B.S. 881:1939. Gives in tabulated form standard name; botanical species; sources of supply; remarks; other names, commercial or botanical, of all hardwoods and softwoods of economic importance in Great Britain. Appendix I lists additional imported timbers for which Standard names have not yet been selected. Appendix II gives full names of authors of botanical names. Full index and cross reference. pp. 101.

It is not surprising that the great variety of timbers available in normal times and the number of names which are often applied to each species should have given rise to confusion. A tabulated list such as this B.S. comprises is particularly welcome and should help to avoid much misunderstanding. A useful document covering a subject justifiably deserving standardisation.

#### 15.6 materials: applied finishes and treatments CEMENT PAINT

Concrete—Facts and Opinions. J. Singleton-Green, M.Sc., M.I.Struct.E. (Journal of the Incorporated Clerks of Works Association, April, 1947, pp. 35-36.)

Appraisal of the qualities of cement paint: typical defects and measures to avoid them. A short but informative article.

Having stated as his opinion that cement paint is a valuable addition to the range of common building materials, the author lists seven principal types of failure which have occurred in practice. These are: Flasing and blistering, dusting, lack of density, efflorescence, pinholes, non-hardening, sulphate trouble.

Peeling and flaking are attributed to errors in technique of application, particularly the preparation of the background and to too rapid drying.

Dusting is also often the result of too rapid drying, but there are other factors such as using an incorrect quantity of water in mixing.

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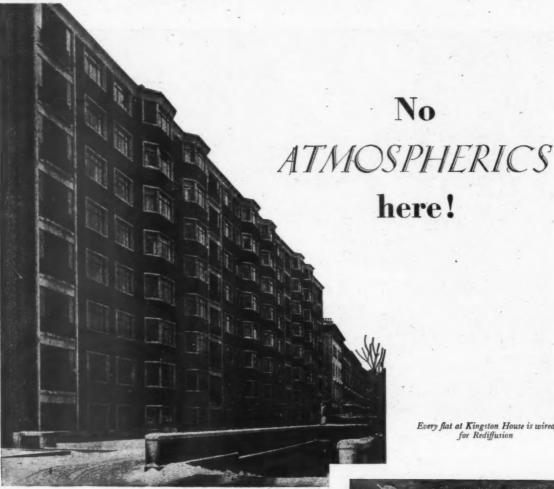


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The author expresses his opinion that cream or white paints only should be used where efflorescence is likely to occur in order to minimise unsightliness. This is, of course, only an expedient, for the efflorescence may in fact damage the paint film: a better approach is to avoid the efflorescence by postponing painting until such time as the backing has dried out. The elimination of dampness is a prerequisite for successful work, especially if the backing is known to restoin sulphoses. contain sulphates.

Pinholes assume some importance if the remotes assume some importance in the coating is acting as a weather protection: the remedy is to work the paint thoroughly into the surface. Pinholes may occur if the paint is applied to damp walls in cold weather, and if painting must be done under the control of the paths of these conditions the author suggests using a single application in paste form.
Sulphate attack causes failure of the paint

It is specially important, therefore to eliminate moisture from any ground which contains an excess of sulphates.

#### 16.13 materials : miscellaneous

#### MANUFACTURE OF FLETTON BRICKS

Flettons; Twelve Stages in Their Production. (The Architect and Building News, May 2, 1947, pp. 98-99.)

Thirteen captioned photographs showing stages in the production of Flettons at London Brick Company's Stewartby Works. Descriptive only.

#### 19.20 construction: details

#### UNITS FOR PITCHED ROOFS

Ladda" All Metal Roof Rafters and March 14, 1947, p. 166, and other Battens. News. journals.)

Mass produced steel roof frames easily erected and tiled.

The roof construction is formed by ladderlike steel units which replace wood rafters and battens. The units are bolted together at the apex and supported on metal T-rails at the apex and supported on metal T-rails placed on the walls. These rails are connected by ties, in a normal house four ties are required. The angle battens are riveted to the rafters and are suitably placed for carrying the tiles. Each ladder is bolted with four bolts to its neighbour.

The standard rafter is 16 ft. in length and will span roofs from 16 ft. to 24 ft. in width, the angle of the pitch varying between 60° and 35°.

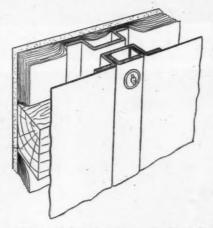
The units are easily handled and erected, one unit weighs about 80 lb. A normal council house requires about one ton of

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Insulating boards may be fixed to the rafters. At the eaves tilting plates are provided for fixing a fascia board.



All metal roof rafters and battens. See 19.20.



Light steel-framed structure developed in USA. See 20.25.

#### 20.25 construction: complete structures PREFABRICATED HOUSES

The Industrialized House. (The Architectural Forum [USA], January, 1947, pp. 89-100.)

New systems of prefabricated bungalows in USA.

The article describes three new systems of single storey houses now being produced in USA, all of metal construction. The Harman house is a light steel-framed structure with stressed steel panels, site assembled from precisely fabricated and labelled parts. The electrical wiring system and the plumbing are also prefabricated. The wall is ventilated by a continuous air space between its outer steel membrane and the blanket type insulation. Window trim, jamb and mullions are of extruded aluminium. terior wall and roof panels are held in tension by interlocking channels in vertical stud. Joints are caulked and entire surface sprayed with oil paint and sand in a single

operation.

Production Line structures are particularly light and can be erected by the buyer him-They consist of a series of regularly spaced rigid frames supporting a modular panel system of windows, doors and solid walls. The roof panels are of plywood, surfaced with gravel and tar after erection. The Butler house resembles the Harman

house on several important counts, but it uses aluminium in the walls instead of steel. The wall is composed of panels, storey high, formed with a special 4 in. flange. The flanges of two adjacent panels lock together, tightly enclosing a wood nailing strip, to form a rigid stud.

#### 22.7 sound insulation and acoustics

#### BROADCASTING STUDIOS

The Acoustical Planning of Broadcasting Studios. J. McLaren. (BBC Quarterly, January, 1947, p. 194.)

Structural and planning measures for sound insulation; general reverberation theory, panel absorbents, proportional distribution of absorption, room proportions. Useful paper architecturally. Illustrated by plans and graphs.

In the construction of radio studios a very In the construction of radio studios a very high standard of acoustic design is now invariably attempted. It is, in fact, usually ahead of theoretical work and often results from successive modifications in situ; and since it relates chiefly to quality of sound it is of much interest architecturally.

The article discusses sound insulation first.

One item is a partition consisting of a thin wood frame, faced with fibre-board and then plaster-board on each side. No sound reduction values are known but it is said reduction values are known but it is said to seem about equal to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. brickwork. The article does not say in what positions this partition is used. Probably not between studios, for the insulation would be too low, and the one illustration of its fixing suggests that indirect transmission is being neglected. Most of the examples being neglected. Most of the examples of insulation by planning are from the well-known arrangements of studios with service and storage rooms between them for insulation.

The second part of the note is better. different reverberation formulæ and their uses are discussed, and some electrical circuit analogies are described. More interesting is the passage on panel absorbents. The mechanism of absorption is mentioned, and attention is drawn to the effect which occurs, often in small rooms—when the panels continue to vibrate at their own frepanels continue to vibrate at their own Irequency after the ordinary reverberation has disappeared. A residual tone is observed which is said to give "colouration" to the room. This is one unsolved difficulty about speech studios. Other methods of resonance absorption, e.g., by lino across the front of cavities formed by boxes—are described and apparently are the subject are described and apparently are the subject of current studies at the BBC.

The effects of a series of changes made in one large studio at Maida Vale are described in detail with successive reverberation curves for illustration. The effects of board-on-batten floors, wood linings, mineral wool panels, asbestos tiles, and the influence of their position in the studio are shown, and from this and other experience the author suggests that the following treatment will give reasonably uniform and suitable reverberation.

Walls: 4/5 resonant panels; 1/5 mineral

wool. Ceiling: 1 lath and plaster; 1 mineral wool.

Floor: boarded.

Desirable room proportions are discussed.
The chief point is the risk of emphatic resonance between all opposite room surfaces. If a cube were used, the resonance between all opposite surfaces would be the emphatic room and the resonance between all opposite surfaces. ance between all opposite surraces would be the same, and presumably very unpleasant. It is noted that Volkman has recommended 3 \( \sqrt{2} : 1 \) or 3 \( \sqrt{4} : 1 \) as the best ratio of height to width and width to length, to spread the resonances. It is not known if the results are necessarily pleasing.

but it is thought they would be reasonable. Finally the author discusses differences between reverberation time and reverberent effect, noting that the former, which has been the basis of acoustic design, is not as important as the latter, which is not yet wholly predictable.

#### 22 Sound insulation and acoustics CONTROL OF NOISE

Noise and the New Planning. Hop Bagenal. (RIBA, March, 1947, p. 260.)

Statistical and social data on noise; airfield noise and aero-engine test sheds; traffic and industrial noise; open urban planning. Good architectural reading; illustrated; graphs.

The paper commences with some statistical data from the social survey on the annoy-ance caused by different types of noise, of which the following item is typical and important. The numbers are expressed as per-centages of those hearing the noise. Percentage Percentage

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By children playing	30	15
By road traffic	20	19
By rail traffic	17	17

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After a short note on the character of annoyance, the author deals with different types of noise. The first was from airfields, and the views of expert committees, etc., are discussed. Heath Row Airport is taken then as an example to illustrate the directional effects from the main runways, the distances involved, and so on. Coupled with airport noise are remarks on aero-engine test sheds. The different types of noise-reducers and de-tuners are described and the author remarks that developments in silencing are promising.

Traffic noise has been extensively studied, and Mr. Bagenal is able to quote useful and interesting data, though one notes with regret that the noise level measurements do not seem to be associated with studies of complaints, which would seem to make interpretation problematical.

blocks of flats.

Industrial noise used largely to be kept in hand by use-zoning but the author issues a warning that new proposals would appear to allow various kinds of noisy industries to come into trading estates and small island industrial areas. He makes the suggestion that noise surveys be made of domestic premises on the periphery of industrial areas and any new industrial noise be limited to some value suitably related to this back-

Railways are mentioned, but playing children constitute his last major noise source, and some new evidence is quoted to show that it is surprisingly important, especially from paved playgrounds enclosed by large

The paper concludes with a discussion of planting as an aid to quiet, and of open planning in urban districts to assist both light and quietness.

One of the outstanding features of the paper is the development of the idea of the "noise climate" —a term so accurately descriptive that it seems very likely to stay.

### 22.9 sound insulation and acoustics ROOM ACOUSTICS: "LIVELINESS"

An Acoustic Constant of Enclosed Spaces Correlatable With Their Apparent Liveness. J. P. Maxfield and W. J. Albersheim. (J. Acous. Soc. America, January, 1947, p. 71.) Quality of liveliness discussed as a ratio of reverberent to direct sound. Mathematical presentation; illustrated; graphs.

The difference between a "live" room and a "dead" one is apparent to most people, and except for special purposes the former is usually desirable. Architects, however, have had no guidance on how this characteristic is to be obtained. It is not an automatic result of designing for an "optimum" reverberation time and surerisinal office." reverberation time, and surprisingly often it seems to be discouraged by some of the common forms of acoustic treatment. The field is an awkward one for research, falling on the border line between psychology and physiology, but it is now being investi gated. The present paper describes recent American work which describes "liveness" as a ratio of reverberant to direct. sound. The discussion which is mainly mathematical and chiefly concerns sound reproduction with the quality of liveness, also discusses intelligibility of sounds and what is called listening for æsthetic pleasure. showing that these are associated with liveness. The paper does not relate the findings to design, and this together with its mathematical bias make it unattractive reading to most architects; but the ideas are very im-

# 23.27 houting and ventilation

# VENTILATION OF FACTORIES

Natural Ventilation, Air Movement and Factory Design. N.H. Show, R. W. Prunster and G. Blackburn. (Dept. of

Labour and National Service, Australia, 1946.)

General discussion of natural ventilation and summer comfort conditions in factories in sub-tropical climate. Results of investigations in four varying types of factory.

Although the main part of this bulletin is taken up by a description of the tests made in four factories in a sub-tropical climate the general discussion on comfort conditions is also useful. The detailed information hardly applies in this country but would be valuable to architects concerned with industrial buildings in warmer climates.

## 23.28 heating and ventilation

### ELECTRIC SPACE HEATING

Installation of Domestic Electric Space Heating Equipment. Draft B.S. Code of Practice 3621:1947. (British Standards Insti-tution. 2s.)

Definition of types of heaters. Limited information on choice of appliance and computation of heat requirements. Classification of appliances with ratings. Location and fixing of heaters.

### 24.26 lighting FLUORESCENT LIGHTING

Fluorescent Technique. H. M. Barlow. (Electrical Times, May 1, 1947, p. 479.)

Existing hot and cold cathode fluorescent lighting compared; future trends; fittings design. Interesting; illustrated.

After some descriptive notes about hot and cold cathode theory, the author makes a comparison between the two types of source in which the outstanding points are these.

(1) Cold cathode ought to be operated at 2,000 volts to reach a running efficiency equal to hot cathode at 230 volts.

(2) The control gear for cold cathode is much simpler than for hot, and can be applied to a 40 or 50 ft. length of tube instead of 5 ft. only. On these grounds the author asserts that cold cathode should be used for factories, assembly halls and other large areas, because of the lower capital

(3) The life of the cold cathode tube is 15,000-20,000 hours against 3,000 for hot

cathode, and starting is instantaneous.

The author is unable to decide which is best and cheapest for office and domestic use, but makes the suggestion for a modified hot cathode tube with cold cathode starting operating on a compromise value of 600 volts.

In respect of fittings he notes a "large of opinion opposed on æsthetic grounds to the form the present type of fluorescent fitting necessarily takes," and again has a suggestion to make, namely that an uncoated tube should be used inside an enclosed fitting, the windows of which are themselves coated with the fluorescent powder. The fitting can then take any desired shape and will have a lower brightness than the present tube.

The article is interesting and useful, but one doubts whether the author's suggestion for fittings will overcome the present objections. Despite the reduced brightness, the large size might still be an objection whatever the shape. What seems to be required is a more sensitive touch instead of the present heavy hand.

## 25.19 water supply and sanitation BOILERS FOR KITCHENS

Electrode Boilers for Kitchens. (Plumber & Journal of Heating, March, 1947, Vol. LXIX, p. 29.)

Brief account of experience with electrode boilers for kitchens serving 9,000 and 2,000 meals per day. Boilers supplied steam for cooking, hot water through calorifiers. With electricity at 0.43d. per unit, operation cost stated as lower than gas at 5.8d. per therm or coal at 50s. per ton. Other advantages found, extreme flexibility in operation, quick starting from cold. Boilers of 350 kW. and 70 kW. rating were used.

### 26.5 services and equipment: miscellaneous X-RAY SCREENING

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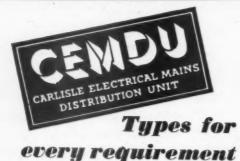
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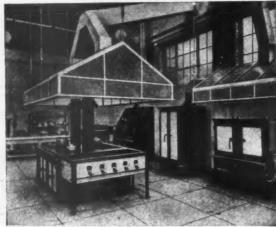


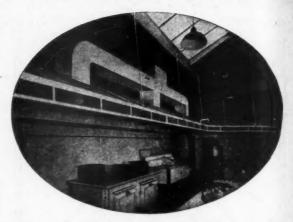
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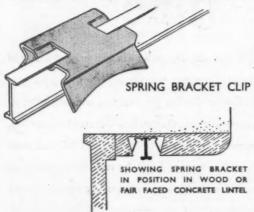
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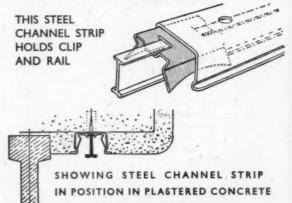
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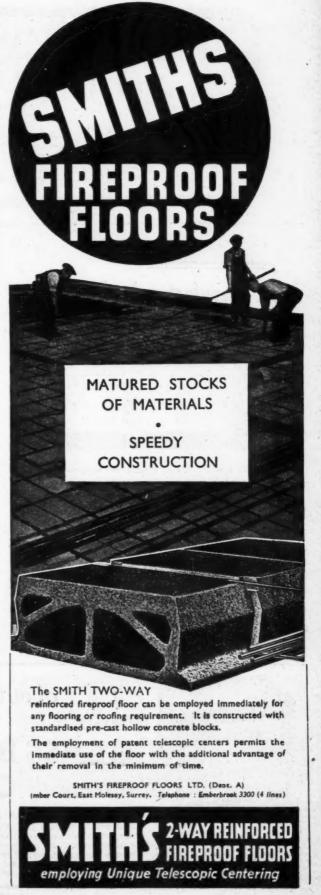


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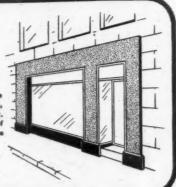
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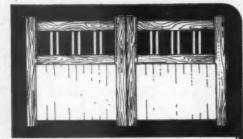
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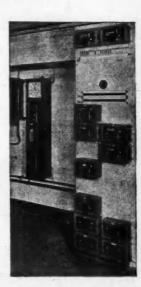


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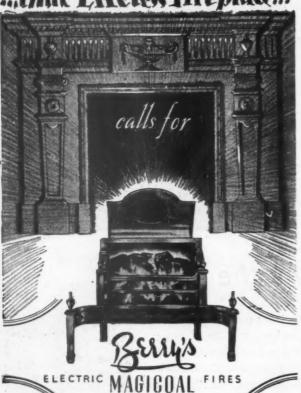


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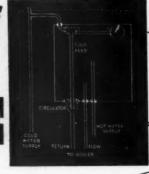
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Salary up to £475 p.a. (inclusive of consolidated
bonus), according to age, qualification and exnerience.

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Applicants should either have qualified or be about to qualify for Associate Membership of the Boyal Institute of British Architects, or Associate Membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Building Sub-division).

The appointments are for the present on a temporary basis, and will be concerned principally with the reinstatement of war damage to a variety of types of properties. In the event of establishment to the permanent staff, temporary service will count for the purposes of super-annuation. Such appointments will be subject to the provisions of Local Government Super-annuation, and applicants will be required to pass a medical examination.

Previous experience with a Municipal body is not essential.

Applications, endorsed "Technical Staff," to be

not essential.

Applications, endorsed "Technical Staff," to be made to George Holliday, F.S.I., City Surveyor, 5561, Moorgate, E.C.2, giving the following particulars:—Service with Armed Porces, age, qualifaction or intentions in connection therewith, previous training, positions and experience, datwhen available to commence duties if selected, together with copies of two testimonials.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN. APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING ARCHITEC

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING ARCHITECT.
Applications are invited from fully qualified architects for the above appointment, at a salary of £850 per annum, rising by annual increments of £50 to £1.000 per annum, together with war bonus (at present £59 lbs. per annum).

The person appointed will be required to take charge of the Housing Architect's Department, and will be mainly concerned with the erection of new houses for the Corporation.
Full particulars of the appointment, together with forms of application, may be obtained from the undersigned, and applications must be received not later than by the first post on Monday, 30th June, 1947.

J. H. SMITH

J. H. SMITH, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, Lincoln. 29th May, 1947.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY OF LONDON PLAN-VACANCIES
FOR PLANNING STAFF.
Applications are invited for positions in the following grades:PLANNING OFFICER, Grade III, up to £700

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, up to £580 a year.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, up to £580 a year.

Technical according to qualifications and experience. Opportunities for competing for permanent appointment and promotion. Successful candidates will be superannable.

The planning work involved includes assistance in the detailed development of Reconstruction Area schemes and the preparation of revised spains plans.

ia the detailed development of Reconstruction Area schemes and the preparation of revised zoning plans.

A knowledge of current town planning legislation is desirable in all cases, and candidates for Grade III positions should possess architectural, surveying or town planning qualifications.

Application forms obtainable from Architect to the Council, County Hall, S.E.1 (enclose stamped addressed envelope), returnable not later. than 10 days from this date.

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ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS REQUIRED BY MINISTRY OF WORKS.

Applications are invited to fill vacancies for prawing Office duties in Risley, Warrington. The posts are in an unestablished capacity, and the inclusive salary is up to £550 per annum, according to qualifications and experience. Applicants should have had a recognized full period training and experience, with a practising Architect or Local Authority, etc.

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Ministry of Works. Abell House, John Islip Street, London, S.W.1.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOROUGH.
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANTS.
Applications are invited for the following

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appointments:—
Architectural Assistant (Temporary), Grade II,
2360-2405, plus cost-of-living bonus, amounting to
£59 16s. per annum.
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
(Temporary), General Division, £65-£300, according to age, plus cost-of-living bonus according to

ling to age, plus cost-of-living bonus according to age.

Preference will be given to Probationers or Students of the Royal Institute of British Architects who intend to qualify for Associate Membership and become Registered Architects. Applications in writing, stating age, qualifications, and experience, and enclosing copies of two recent testimonials, should be sent to Denis Winston, M.A., B.Arch., A.B.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., Civic Centre, Southampton, to arrive not later than 23rd June, 1947.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER.

Applications are invited for the appointment of County Planning Officer, at an annual salary of 21,500, rising by annual increments of £50 to £1,750, plus cost-of-living bonus of £59 183. Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and have had considerable experience in the preparation and administration of planning schemes. Preference will be given to persons who also possess a recognized qualification in architecture, civil engineering, or surveying.

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The appointment will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications in writing, stating age, qualifications and experience, accompanied by copies of

Applications in writing, stating age, quaninea-tions and experience, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, must be lodged with the undersigned in scaled envelopes marked clearly in the top left-hand corner "County Planning Officer," not later than the 30th day of June, 1947.

BERNARD KENYON.

Planning Officer," not later than the 50th day of June, 1947.

BERNARD KENYON,

Clerk of the County Council.

Stat May, 1947.

County Hall, Wafeled.

31st May, 1947.

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THE COUNCIL OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN invites applications for the post of DIRECTOR, which has just fallen vacant. Salary up to 22,500, according to experience and qualifications, with a contributory Superannuation Scheme, Qualifications required are a knowledge of some branches of industry, administrative capacity, experience in posts of wide responsibility, and a general understanding of the problems of industrial design. A form of application may be obtained from the Establishment Officer. The Council of Industrial Design, Tilbury House, Petty France, London, S.W.1.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN.

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING MANAGER.

Applications are invited for the above appointment from persons experienced in the building trade.

The salary will be in accordance with Grade V

trade.

The salary will be in accordance with Grade V of the National A.P.T. Scales of Salaries, i.e., £460-£510, together with war bonus, which at present amounts to £59 16s, per annum.

Particulars of duties, together with forms of application, may be obtained from the undersigned. Applications must be received not later than by the first post on Monday, 30th June, 1947.

J. S. SMITH, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, Lincoln. 29th May, 1947.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
Applications are invited for the appointment on the permanent staff of the County Architect's Department of Assistant Architects, A.P.T., Grades III.IV. of the National Scheme of Conditions of Service, with a salary range of 2390 to £465 per annum, plus bonus, at present amounting to £59 life. per annum. The commencing salary will be fixed according to qualification and experience.

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Applicants must be Registered Architects, preferably members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, with previous experience in the service of a Local Authority. They must be quick and accurate draughtsmen, fully conversant with the preparation of \$\frac{1}{2}\$th scale, half inch, and full size details for Schools or other buildings dealt with by a Local Authority, and have a sound knowledge of design, construction and specifications.

The successful candidates for the appointments will be required to pass a medical examination. Appointments are subject to one month's notice on either side, and are superannuable.

Applications, stating age, full details of previous experience and qualifications, accompanied by copies of two recent testimonials or the names of two referees, must be delivered to E. J. Symcox, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, County Hall, Ipswich, not later than 7th July, 1947.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

CECIL OAKES.

Clerk of the Council.

County Hall, Ipswich.

CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT.

CITY ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT.
Applications are invited for the following appointments on the establishment staff of the City Architectural Department:—
(a) THREE ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS. Salary.
A.P.T. Division, Grade V, £460-£510.
(b) TWO ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS. Ralary.
A.P.T. Division, Grade III, 230-£435.
(c) ONE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.
Salary A.P.T. Division, Grade I, £330-£375.
(d) ONE ASSISTANT QUANTITY SUR-VEYOR. Salary A.P.T. Division, Grade VI, £555-£600.

£535-£600. (c) ONE ASSISTANT QUANTITY SUR-VEYOR. Salary A.P.T. Division, Grade Misc. II, £315-£360. All the above appointments carry, in addition, cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per

a cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum.

The selected applicants will be required to pass a medical examination, and the appointments will be subject to the following:—

1. One calendar month's notice on either side.

2. The provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

3. The National Scheme of Conditions of Service for Local Government Officers.

Applicants for (a) should have had experience in the provision of buildings for Education purposes, and possess a knowledge of the Building segulations and Standards for School Premises of the Education Act, 1944 and/or experience of Housing work for a Local Authority. One of the appointments will be to assist with the work of the proposed New North Staffordshire Technical College. Preference will be given to members of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

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Applicants for (b) should have had experience in the provision of buildings for Education purposes under the Education Act, 1944, or have had experience of Housing work for a Local Authority. Preference to applicants who have reached Intermediate standard of the Royal Institute of British

Applicants for (c) should have received a sound Architectural training and have a good general

Applicants for (c) should have a good general experience.

Applicants for (d) must be Members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Quantities), and must be competent in all branches of Quantity Surveying practice.

Applicants for (e) should have had experience in the duties of a quantity surveyor in connection with Housing Schemes.

Applications, giving date of birth, particulars of education and training, qualifications, experience, present and previous appointments, with copies of two recent testimonials and names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made, should be received by J. R. Piggott, F.R.I.B.A., Chief Architect, City Architectural Department, Kingsway Chambers, Kingsway, Stoke-on-Trent, endorsed with the title and grade of the appointment applied for, not later than Monday, 30th June, 1947.

HARRY TAYLOR, Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Town Hall, Stoke-on-Trent. 10th June, 1947.

ST. ALBANS CITY COUNCIL.
CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT.

CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S

DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointment in the above Department:—
COSTING CLERK (Permanent).—
Salary Miscellaneous Division, Grade I, £255×£15—
£300, plus current cost-of-living bonus, £29 16s. per annum. Applicants must have had extensive experience in costing, stores and accounts and making up of wages, and be conversant with general office routine. Preference will be given to candidates possessing experience of a Municipal Engineer's Office.

The appointment will be subject to one month's notice on either side, to the successful applicant passing a medical examination, to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act. 1937, and to the Scheme of Conditions of Services of the National Joint Council for Local Authoricies, Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services.

ties, Administrative Clerical Services.

Applications in writing, stating age and experience, together with copies of two recent testimonials, should be received by me not later than Monday, 7th July, 1947.

8. H. E. CRANE,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Office, 38, St. Peter's Street, St. Albans.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Required at the Brixton School of Building.
Ferndale Road. S.W.4. in Soptember. 1947. a
HEAD OF THE BUILDING TRADES Department. The Department provides part-time day
and evening courses in the following Building
Trades:—Brickwork; Carpentry and Joinery;
Mastic-asphalt Work; Masonry; Plastering; Plumbing; Wood-cutting Machinists' Work. Applicants
should have a good experience of the industry
and of the organization of technical courses in
Building. Burnham scale salary for Grade II
department, £750—£25—£250, plus £35-£48 London
allowance, and an allowance for training. Application forms (stamped addressed foolscap
envelope necessary) from the Education Officer
(T.1), County Hall, S.E.1, returnable by 12th July,
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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following appointments in the County Architect's Department:

(i) QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade V. Salary 2466. 210-2510 per annum.

(ii) ASSISTANT. QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade III. Salary 230. 215-2435.

The National Conditions of Service (including cogt-of-living bonus) will apply, and the appointments will be subject to the Local Government Officers' Superannuation Act, 1937, the passing of a medical examination, and to one month's notice on either side.

Applications. accompanied by full particulars, and three recent testimonials, must reach the County Architect, County Hall, March, not later than the 11th July, 1947. Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

R. F. G. THURLOW.

Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall, March.

7th June, 1947.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.

Applications are invited for positions of Architectural Assistants, in the Housing and Valuation Department, at consolidated salaries of up to £580 a year. Commencing salaries will be determined according to qualifications and experience, and qualified candidates will be eligible for appointment to the permanent staff of the department on the occurrence of vacancies. Engagement will involve contribution to the Council's Superannuation and Provident Fund. Successful candidates will be required to undertake work in connection with the design and development of housing schemes (cottages and multi-storey flats).

Forms of application may be obtained from the Director of Housing and Valuer, The County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.I. (stamped addressed foolscap envelope required).

Canvassing disqualifies. (1050). 741

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
VACANCIES FOR ARCHITECTURAL STAFF
IN THE ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
Applications are invited for a number of positions in the following grades:—
ARCHITECT (Grade III), £550-£25-£700 a
year (professional qualifications required).
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (Section A), £440£20-£580 a year.

20—£580 a year. TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (Section B). Up to

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (Section II). Up to 167a. 6d. per week.
Commencing rates will be according to qualifications and experience.
Required for work in connection with the design and erection of new schools and other buildings, and structural alterations to existing buildings.
A number of technical assistants also required for the proparation of specifications and estimates for works of cleaning and painting, war damage repairs, and alterations at schools and other buildings.

buildings. Successful candidates are required to contribute to the Council's Superannuation and Provident Fund, and will be eligible for permanent appointment and for advancement to higher positions.

ment and for advancement to higher positions, according to merit.

Other things being equal, ex-Service men and women will receive special consideration.

Application forms may be obtained from the Architect to the Council, County Hall, Westminster Bridge, London, S.E.I., enclosing stamped addressed foolscap envelope.

Canvassing disqualifies. (1405).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the follow ppointments:—

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
Candidates should be qualified members of the R.I.B.A., with good general experience in design and construction of public buildings, including schools.

and construction of public buildings, including schools.

A.P. & T., Grade V, and eligible for promotion to A.P. & T., Grade VI, plus cost-of-living bonus.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.
Candidates should have passed the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.B.A., with general experience in design and construction.

A.P. & T., Grade IV, plus cost-of-living bonus.

(c) JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.
Salary in accordance with experience, A.P. & T.,
Grades I.III, plus cost-of-living bonus.

Appointments will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act. 1937, and candidates, before appointment, will be required to pass a medical examination.

The appointments will be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

Applications, stating (1) name and address, (2) married or single, (3) age, (4) qualifications, (5) present position, salary and date appointed, (5) previous position with dates and salaries, (7) particulars of experience, and accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, should be sent to S. E. Urwin, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, Shire Hall, Gloucester, not later than the 12th July, 1947.

GUY H. DAVIS.
Clerk of the County Council. Shire Hall, Gloncester.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH EDUCATION
COMMITTEE.
SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF ART (PORTSMOUTH CENTRE), GUILDHALL SQUARE,
PORTSMOUTH
Principal: W. J. L. GAYDON, A.B.C.A.
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE.
Applications are invited for a Full-time
LECTURER AND STUDIO MASTER for Fourth
and Fifth Year work, to take up duties in Sepcember, 1947.

and Fifth Year work, to take up duties in September. 1947.

Applicants must be Associates of the R.I.B.A. and preferably hold a Degree or Diploma of Recognized School of Architecture. Previous experience in Teaching is desirable, but no

essential.
Applications to: The Registrar, College of Art,
Applications to: The Registrar, College of Art,
Guildhall Square, Portsmouth.
E. G. BARNARD, M.A.
Uhief Education Officer.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF GREAT YARMOUTH.
BOROUGH ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.
APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.
Applications are invited for the appointment of a permanent Senior Architectural Assistant, at a salary in accordance with Grade V of the National Scale of Conditions of Service, commencing at £460 per annum, rising to a maximum of £510 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s.
Applicants for the appointment should be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and must have had experience in design and construction, particularly in relation to housing, schools and public buildings.
Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with copies of three recent testimonials, should be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Senior Architectural Assistant," and must reach the undersigned not later than Friday, the 4th July 1947.

The applyimment will be terminable by one month's notice on either side, and will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannation Act, 1937, and to the passing of a medical examination.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be deemed a disqualification, and candidates must disclose in writing whether, to their knowledge, they are related to any member or holder of any senior office under the Council. Candidates who fail to do so will be disqualified and, if appointed, will be liable to dismissal without notice.

FARRA CONWAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth. 9th June, 1947.

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(WORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS).

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL

ASSISTANTS.

Applications are invited for a number of (temporary) appointments as Architectural Assistants for general drawing office duties in connection with the preparation of working drawings and details. Preference will be given to candidates who have passed the Intermediate examination of the R.I.B.A., or who have pursued a recognized course of training, combined with some experience in an Architect's office.

Remuneration: Successful candidates will be remunerated within the salary range, £300-£540 (inclusive), and the commencing salary within this range will be fixed according to the ability and experience of successful candidates.

Although the appointments will be temporary, it is expected that they will last for at least two years, and that a limited number of permanent appointments will eventually be made on a competitive basis.

Preference will be given to candidates who served with H.M. Forces during the 1914-18 or the 1939-45 war, providing the Ministry is satisfied that such candidates can, or, within a reasonable time, will be able to discharge the duties of the post efficiently.

Closing date for receipt of applications: Applications must reach the Assistant Secretary (Establishments), Ministry of Finance. Stormont, Belfast, on or before the 5th July, 1947. Applications must reach the Assistant Secretary (Establishments), Ministry of Finance. Stormont, Belfast, on or before the 5th July, 1947. Applicants should state their date of birth and give full particulars of qualifications and experience.

STAFFORDSMIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
Applications are invited from qualified men or
women for vacancies for ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS and ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, at
salaries according to A.P.T.D., Grades VI, V, III,
III and I of the National Scale.
Appointments subject to confirmation on permanent staff on completion of 6 months' satisfactory probation; also recognized for purposes
of Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials, stating age, qualifications and experience, to be addressed to the Architect, County
Education Offices, Stafford. Candidates must state
grade and post for which they apply.
T. H. EVANS,
Clerk of the County Council.
11th June, 1947.

11th June, 1947.

NORTHERN POLYTECHNIC, HOLLOWAY
ROAD, LONDON, N.T.
The Governing Body invite immediate applications for the following appointments; to commence in September, 1947.
STUDIO MASTERS IN ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN.
LECTURERS ON QUANTITY SURVEYING
AND ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS.
LECTURERS ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS.
STUDIO MASTER IN INTERIOR DECORATION.
The remuneration attached to the above

STUDIO MASTER IN INTERIOR DECORATION.

The remuneration attached to the above appointments will be in accordance with the Burnham Scale, the commencing salary being determined according to the training, professional experience, and war service in individual cases. Applicants are expected to have the professional qualification appropriate to the appointment, and some experience in lecturing will be considered an advantage. Members of the full-time staff are permitted to engage in private practice, for which purpose teaching duties are usually adjusted so as to allow a reasonable amount of free time.

Forms of application, together with full particulars, will be forwarded on receipt of a stamped addressed foolscap envelope (state appointment for which application is made).

VISITING STAFF.
STUDIO MASTERS IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN IN DAY AND EVENING SCHOOLS.

EVENING LECTURERS ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING REGULATIONS, AND LAND SURVEYING.

Vacancies will occur for Lecturers in Elementary and Advanced Classes, and for those who desire to gain exerience in teaching while acting as Assistant Lecturers.

Applications should be made in writing, giving brief particulars of training and experience, and stating the appointment for which application is made.

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County Borough of Derry.

Borough Architect's Department.
Applications are invited for the following appointment on the permanent staff, in accordance with the National Scale of Salaries:—ONE JUNIOR ARCHITECT, Grade I. Salary £330-£375 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. (male).
Applicants should have passed the preliminary examinations of the R.I.B.A., and have had experience in general Architectural work.
The appointment will be subject to one month's notice in writing on either side, and to the terms of the National Joint Council's Scheme of Conditions of Service and the provisions of the Local Government Superannastion Act, 1937, and the successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination.
Forms of application may be obtained from Thos, W. East, F.R.I.B.A., Borough Architect, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, and should be returned when completed, together with copies of two recent testimonials, to arrive not later than Monday, 30th June, 1947.
Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

C. ASHTON,

C. ASHTON, Town Clerk

Market Place, Derby. 639
MIDDLESBROUGH EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
Applications are invited for the following appointments on the established staff of the Architect's Section of the Education Offices:—

(a) Two Assistant Architects, Grade IV (£420-

£465).
(b) One Assistant Architect, Grade I to II

(a) Two Assistant Architects, Grade I to II (£330-£405).

A cost-of-living bonus, at present £60 per annum, will be payable in addition to the basic salary in each case, and the appointments will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

The selected candidates will work under the immediate direction of the Architect to the Education Committee. Mr. T. Noel Mitchell, B.Arch. (Liverpool), A.R.I.B.A.

Applicants for appointments (a) must have had experience in the design and construction of modern buildings, including schools, and should have reached the standard of the Final Examination of the R.I.B.A. A University degree or diploma in Architecture, and ability to carry out perspective drawing, will be an advantage.

Applicants for appointment (b) must have had a good general experience, and should have reached the standard of the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.B.A.

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Applications, experience, previous appointments, present appointment and salary, and service in the Forces (if any), together with copies of two recent testimonials, and the names of two persons to whom reference can be made, should be delivered to the Director of Education. Education Offices, Woodlands Road, Middlesbrouch, not later than the first poet on Friday, 4th July, 1947.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

E. C. PARR. Clerk

Town Clerk's Offic3, Middlesbrough. May, 1947.

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BOROUGH OF SCUNTHORPE.
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.
Applications are invited from duly qualified persons for the appointment of Architectural Assistant, at a salary in accordance with Grade III. A.P.T. Division, of the National Scale, plus cost-of-living bonus of 259 lbs. per annum. Preference will be given to associated members of the R.I.B.A. capable of preparing perspective drawings, house drawings, working drawings, specifications, and quantities for L.A. Housing Schemes.

Schemes.

The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, terminable by one month's notice on either side, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Housing accommodation will be made available

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Municipal Offices, 34. High Street, Scunthorpe. 7th June, 1947.

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7th June, 1947.

BOROUGH OF JARROW.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of

ABCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT for Housing

Work. Applicants must have an approved

Architectural qualification and sound experience,

Architectural qualification and sound experience, particularly in housing.

The salary will be in accordance with Grade V, A.P.T. Division, £460-£510, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum.

The Council is prepared, if the successful applicant requires it, to let him have the tenancy of one of the Council's houses.

The successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination by the Council's Medical Officer of Health. Applications in plain eavelopes, endorsed "Architectural Assistant," stating age, present and previous appointments and experience, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference as to ability and character can be made, to be exerved by the undersigned by Saturday, the Eth July, 1947.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will dis-

to ability and received by the undersigned by the undersigned by the light July, 1947.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will disqualify, and applicants must state whether or not they are related to any member of, or the holder of, any senior office under the Council.

CHARLES S. PERKINS,

Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Jarrow. 10th June, 1947.

10th June, 1947.

BOROUGH OF ROWLEY REGIS.
APPOINTMENT OF FIRST ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified
Architects for the above appointment in the office
of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

The appointment is in accordance with the
following provisions, and housing accommodation
will be provided for the successful applicant (if
required) within three months from the date of
taking up the appointment:—

(a) Salary, A.P.T., Grade VII (£575—£25—£650),
plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per
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(b) Conditions of Service of the National Joint (c) Terminable by one month's notice on either side.

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(d) The provision of the Local Government Superannuation Act. 1937.

(e) The passing of a medical examination. Applications, giving details of age, qualifications and experience, together with copies of three recent testimonials, should be addressed to the Borough Engineeer and Surveyor, so as to reach him on or before Monday, the 7th July. 1947.

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Municipal Buildings, Old Hill, Staffs. 553.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN—PARTS OF LINDSEY.
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
Applications are invited for the following appointments on the permanent staff, at salaries in accordance with the National Scales.
(d) SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR. Grade VI/VII, £535 per annum, rising to £650, plus bonns.

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(b) SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade
VI, £535 per annum, rising to £600, plus bonus.
The cost-of-living bonus is at present £59 16s.

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Candidates should be Members of the Chartered

Candidates should be Members of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution.

The appointments will be terminable by one month's notice on either side, and will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Super-annuation Act, 1937. The successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, accompanied by not more than three testimonials, stating age, qualifications, experience, and past and present appointments, should be sent, not later than seven days after the date of this advertisement, to the County Architect, County Offices, Lincoln. Applicants must clearly indicate the post for which their application is made. Archivect, County Offices, Lincoln.

Application is made.

ERIC W. SCORER.

Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices, Lincoln.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WOOLWICH. Applications are invited for the following permanent appointments in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, at salaries in accordance with the Administrative, Professional, and Technical Division of the National Scales of Salaries:—
(a) TWO ENGINEERING ASSISTANTS, Grade

(a) TWO ENGINEERING ASSISTANTS, Grade V. Salary £480, rising to £530 per annum.
(b) ONE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade VI. Salary £555, rising to £630 per annum. Cost-of-living bonus (at present £59 l6s. p.a.) is payable in addition.
Applicants for (a) must have a good all-round

Applicants for (a) must have a good all-round engineering experience, and possess appropriate qualifications; (b) must have passed the final examination of the R.I.B.A. or have an equivalent qualification, and preferably have had experience in Architectural work, especially housing, undertaken by a Local Authority.

The appointments will be subject to the Council's conditions of service in force from time to time, to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side. The selected candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, giving full details of age, qualifications and experience, should be forwarded, together with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, to reach the undersigned by 5th Lavidetes must disclose in writing if they are

July, 1947.

Candidates must disclose in writing if they are related to any member or senior officer of the Council.

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Canvassing members of the Council, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

DAVID JENKINS.

Clerk. Town Hall, Woolwich, S.E.18. June, 1947.

June, 1947.

CITY OF SHEFFIELD.

CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL AND

SURVEYING ASSISTANTS.

Applications for the under-mentioned appointments are invited from persons with the requisite

qualifications:—
(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS,
A.P.T., Grade VI. Salary £535 to £600 per

A.P.T., Grade VI. SMAIJ MONTH ARCHITECTS, A.P.T., Grade V. Salary £460 to £510 per annum.

(c) TWO ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Education Section, A.P.T., Grades III and IV. Salary £390 to £465 per annum.

(d) TWO ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Housing Section, A.P.T., Grade IV. Salary £420 to £465 per annum.

Section, A.P.T., Grade IV. Salary £420 to £450 per annum.

(e) TWO INTERMEDIATE ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Housing Section, A.P.T., Grade I. Salary £330, rising to £375 per annum.

(f) ONE SENIOR SURVEYING ASSISTANT, with knowledge of Road and Sewer Works, A.P.T., Grade V. Salary £460 to £510 per annum.

(g) TWO INTERMEDIATE SURVEYING ASSISTANTS, with knowledge of Road and Sewer Works, A.P.T., Grade III. Salary £350, rising to £435 per annum.

Cost-Of-living bonus, at prosent £59 16s. per annum, is payable in addition to the above salaries.

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All appointments will be subject to one month's notice on either side, and to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

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Canvassing will disquality. Applications, stating age, qualifications, previous and present appointments, and salary, full details of experience, and the earliest possible date when available, together with copies of recent testimonials, should be sent to W. G. Davies, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., City Architect, Town Hall, Sheffield, 1. (Scd.) JOHN HPVS

(Sgd.) JOHN HEYS, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Sheffield, 1. 10th June, 1947.

PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURAL DEPART-

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT.
Applications are invited for appointment of PLANNING ASSISTANTS in the above Department. Preference will be given to candidates holding the Associate Membership of the Town Planning Institute, and having practical experience in the preparation of Planning Schemes. Salary £480—£25—£630, plus £60 war bonus per annum.

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ARCHITECTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS. in the County Housing Architect's Department. Applicants must be qualified Architects under 45 years of age, with previous experience of Local Authority Schemes, particularly Housing. Salary £480—£25—£530, plus £60 war bonus per annum.

The above appointments are superannuable, and successful candidates will require to undergo a medical examination.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and ex-

successful candidates will require medical examination.
Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, accompanied by copies of testimonials, and clearly showing the vacancy applied for, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than 3rd July, 1947. Canvassing disqualifies.

J. M. MITCHELL.
County Clerk.

County Buildings, Cupar-Fife. 6th June, 1947.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.
APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR ASSISTANT.
Applications are invited for the appointment of a Junior Assistant, in the County Planning Department of the County Council. The salary will be according to Grade I of the Administrative, Professional and Technical Division of the National Joint Council's Scale of Salaries, £330 per annum, rising by three annual increments to £375 per annum, plus bonus.
Applicants should be neat and expeditious draughtsmen. Preference will be given to-those having previous experience in a planning office and who have knowledge of surveying and levelling.
The post will be superannuable, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

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Applications, stating age, qualifications and details of experience, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, should be forwarded to the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Oxford, not later than the first post on the 1st July, 1947.

F. G. SCOTT,

Clerk of the Council.

County Hall, Oxford. 9th June, 1947.

SKIPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above appointment, at a salary in accordance with Grade III of the National Scales (£390-£435), plus bonus, at present £59 16s.

Although the appointment is not within the permanent establishment, it is anticipated that its duration will not be less than two years.

Applications, on a form to be obtained from the undersigned, and giving the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference can be made, should be sent, in an envelope endorsed "Architectural Assistant," to the Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Skipton. not later than first post on Monday, 30th June,

K. B. ROBINSON, B.Sc.(Eng.),
A.M.I.Inst.C.E.,
Engineer and Surveyor.

Town Hall, Skipton. 7th June, 1947.

CITY AND COUNTY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.

Applications are invited for the following per-

Applications are invited for the following permanent appointments:—

(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS (Grade V), 2460-£510, by annual increments, two of £15 and one of £20, plus bonus.

(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS (Grade III), 2390-£436, by annual increments of £15, plus bonus.

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the above grades are in the National Scale of Salaries, and the cost-of-living bonus is at present £59 19s. 3d. per annum.

Candidates for the appointments as Assistant Architects should be members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and preferably have had experience in the type of works carried out by Local Authorities, i.e., housing, schools, hospitals, police stations, etc. The Architectural Assistants must at least be student members.

The appointments are in a progressive office with a large programme of modern work; are subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act; to one month's notice on either side, and to the successful candidate passing a medical examination.

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Application forms can be obtained from the undersigned, and should be sent in complete on or before 8th July, 1947.

ANDREW RANKINE, A.R.I.B.A.

City Architect.

uildhall, Kingston-upon-Hull, June, 1947. Guildhall,

WEST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY
ARCHITECT.
Applications are invited for the above appointment, at a salary within the rangs of Grades
A.P.T., VI-VII, of the National Joint Council
salary scale (£552-£550), commencing salary
according to qualifications and experience, plus
cost-of-living bonus (at present £50 per annum).
Travelling allowance in accordance with
County Scale.
Applicants must be Registered Architects, preferably Associate Members of the Royal Institute
of British Architects.
The appointment will be terminable by one
month's notice in writing on either side, and will
be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. The successful
candidate will be required to pass a medical
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Forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned, by whom applications, accompanied by three recent testimonials, should be received not later than Monday, 30th June, 1947.

L. G. H. MUNSEY,

Clerk of the County Council.

Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds

2nd June, 1947.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF FULHAM.
HOUSING AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS
DEPARTMENT.
ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
Applications are invited from Registered Architects, A.R.I.B.A. or equivalent, for appointment on the established staff as Assistant Architects in the above department. Applicants should have had experience in design and construction of blocks of flats.
Salary will be within Grades IV-V of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scales of Salaries, vtz., 2440-2530 per annum, according to experience and qualifications, plus cost-of-living bonus of £59 16s. per annum.

per annum.

Forms of application may be obtained from me and must be returned, together with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, endorsed "Assistant Architect," not later than 30th June,

CYRIL F. THATCHER, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Fulham, S.W.6. June, 1947.

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
Applications are invited for the following appointments on the permanent staff:
(a) Two SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Grade VII (A.P. and T.). Salary £975-£650 per annum, plus cost-ol-living bonus, now £99 16s.
p.a. Experience in Education and General County work is desirable.
(b) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade VI (A.P. and T.). Salary £835-£600 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, now £91 16s. p.a.
(c) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade V (A.P. and T.). Salary £460-£510 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, now £91 16s. p.a.
(d) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade II (A.P. and T.). Salary £360-£510 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, now £91 16s. p.a.
(d) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade III (A.P. and T.). Salary £360-£450 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, now £91 16s. p.a.
Candidates must be qualified members of the R.I.B.A., with specialized knowledge and experience in contemporary architectural and/or structural design.

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(e) CHIEF QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade VII (A.P. and T.) Salary £575-£650 per annum, plus bonus as above.

(f) SENIOR ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade VI (A.P. and T.). Salary £536-£600, plus bonus as above.

Preference will be given to Professional Associates of the Surveyor's Institution (Quantity Surveyors' Division).

(g) CLERK OF WORKS. Salary scale—Miscellaneous Division (Grade II), £315-£360 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, now £59 16e. p.a. Applicants should have sound knowledge of all building trades, with experience in the upkeep and repair of buildings, and supervision of building works.

All the above appointments will be superannable and subject to satisfactory medical examination. Canvassing will be a disqualification. Further particulars of these appointments and forms of application may be obtained from Walter Barrett, MB.E., A.R.I.B.A., County Architect, County Offices. Haverfordwest, and should be completed and returned to him not later than Monday, 7th July, 1947.

Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices. Haverfordwest.

SLOUGH ESTATES, LTD., require a CHIEF SURVEYOR. A house at Slough (with garage) is included in the emoluments.

Applicant will be responsible—assisted by an adequate staff—for the development of the Company's Estates, involving factory design, land and building surveying.

Advanced knowledge of modern factory and industrial design and construction, including steel-frame and R/C construction, is essential. In addition he must have had some experience in supervising the preparation of Builders' Quantities and preparing approximate estimates of cost of building work.

A qualification in Architecture is desirable. He must also have had such experience as will enable him to direct theodolite levelling and making surveys, and to supervise the construction and maintenance of buildings, railways and sidings, roads, sewers and similar services.

Age: 35-45 years.
Duties to commence on 1st August, 1947.

Applicants should send full details of experience, qualifications and salary to Messrs. Welch & Lander, FF.R.I.B.A., 38, Gloucester Place, Portman Square, W.I., on or\_before 8th July, 1947.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required in A.P.T. Division. Grade II. IV and V. combined, £380-£530 p.a.), plus current cost-of-living bonus (now £60 p.a.). Appointments made at commencing salaries in accordance with qualifications and experience. Candidates must state commencing salary required. Established and pensionable subject to medical examination. Applications, giving details, qualifications, age and experience, to County Architect. Middlesex House. 20. Vanxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 (quoting C.16, A.J.) within 7 days of this advertisement.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.
Applications are invited for the following appointments in the County Architect's Department, in accordance with the grades of the A.P. and T. Division of the National Scales of Salaries,

(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS (TWO). Grade 460-£510. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (ONE). Grade

V. £460-£510.

(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (ONE). Grade IV. £420-£455.

(c) JUNIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (ONE). Grade III. £390-£435.

(d) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS (FOUR). Grade III. £360-£405.

Cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum, is payable in addition.

The appointments will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the persons appointed will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applicants for appointments (a), (b) and (c) must be registered Architects, and preference will be given to those applicants who are Associates of the R.I.B.A., and who have had experience in a Local Authority's Architectural Department. Applications must be made on a form obtainable from J. H. Haughan, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, 4, Alfred Street North, Carlisle, and should be returned completed to him, together with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, not later than the 21st July, 1947.

Clerk of the County Council. 675

HOLLAND JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE. Applications are invited for the appointment of a Female CLERK/SHORTHAND TYPIST, at a salary in accordance with the General Division of the National Scale of Salaries, rising to £240 per annum at the age of 30, plus cost-of-living bonus (at present £48 5s.).

Applicants must be fully qualified; experience in a Local Government Office will be an advantage.

The appointment is permanent, and subject (a) The National Scheme of Conditions of (b) The Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

(c) The successful candidate passing a medical examination.

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Applications, stating age, qualifications, and exercises, with copies of two recent testimonials, hould reach the undersigned not later than 30th

RAYMOND W. HASTINGS. Clerk.

11, Market Place, Spalding, Lincs. 7th June, 1947.

BUCKS COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
WYCOMBE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.
Required in September, 1947, a full-time qualified
MASTER to teach Mathematics, Building
Science, and Building Geometry.
Salary, Burnham Scale.
Applications (no forms issued), stating age,
training, qualifications and experience, together
with copies of recent testimonials, should be sent
to the Principal, Wycombe Technical Institute,
Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks.



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The Cleansing Committee of the Corporation are prepared to receive Tenders for the erection of a Proposed Ladies' Convenience in Northumberland Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1. Bills of Quantities and Form of Tender may be obtained on application in writing to the City Architect, 1s. Cloth Market, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1, where Plans and Conditions of Contract may be seen. See Plans and Conditions of Contract may be seen. See Tender will be received except in the official envelope provided, which must not bear any name or mark indicating the sender. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest of any Tender.

JOHN ATKINSON, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1. 7th June, 1947.

# Architectural Appointments Vacant

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A BCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required
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A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required by London Architects, with large general practice; excellent prospects. Write, stating experience and salary required. Box 967.

CAPABLE ASSISTANT required for general practice in Cumberland, Westmorland, and North Lancashire; able to carry contracts through with very little supervision. C. B. Martindale, A.R.I.B.A., Cathedral Chambera Castle Street, Carlisle.

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Write or 'phone (Hol. 3971), stating age, experience, and salary required, to Director of Instruction, International Correspondence Schools, 71,
Kingsway, W.C.2.

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ARCHITECT requires JUNIOR ASSISTANT;
West Central district; state age, experience and salary required. Box 591.

A SSISTANT ARCHITECTS required for varied industrial and Local Authority Housing Work; school training preferred, but not essential; salaries according to qualifications and experience. Apply with full details to Anthony Sted & Owen, A.A.R.I.B.A., Cogan Chambers, Bowladley Lane, Kingston-upon-Hull.

TIRST-CLASS SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required immediately, preferably school trained; must have had some year of office experience, and have a sound knowledge of construction; permanent progressive post for right man. Apply, giving particulars of training, experience, etc., to Derek Bridgwater, B.Arch. F.R.I.B.A., 42, Bruton Place, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Inter. Standard) required for N.E. London Engineers. Box 624.

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REQUIRED, in the Architect's Department of a Multiple Retail Organization, with head office in London: (a) ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMAN, capable of preparing drawings from sketch plan stage to complete details; (b) DRAUGHTSMAN, with fair knowledge of specifications, dilapidations, accounts, war damage, etc.; starting salary in both cases £350 to £460 per annum, according to qualifications and experience. Box 621.

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WANTED.—SENIOR ASSISTANT for London staff, Architect's Department; one accustomed to commercial and industrial buildings preferred; salary about £520, according to experients and ability to carry through jobs from sketly plan stage to completion; give experience in chronological order. Box 635.

DETAIL DRAUGHTSMEN required, structural and, if possible, pressed steel work, experience and some knowledge of general building etc.; A.E.S.D. London rate, minimum and wards, according to ability; Slough district applicants should state age, experience, etc.

A Standard, required immediately in rapidly developing Architectural Department. State training, qualifications, experience, and salary required, to Marcus Leaver & Co., 46, Brook Street, London, W.1.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD., require the services of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, for the development of a large industrial site at Wilton, near Middlesbrough; Applicants should have had experience in the design of offices, laboratories, housing, welfare, and general industrial buildings; successful candidates will be appointed to the established staff. Application forms may be obtained from the renonnel Manager, I.C.I., Ltd., Wilton Works, P.O. Box 54, Middlesbrough, Yorks. 642

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ROUIRED, in large City Architects' office, ONE SENIOR ASSISTANT and TWO INTERMEDIATE ASSISTANTS; experienced in large industrial and commercial buildings; the positions offer good prospects to suitable applicants. Apply Ley, Colbeck & Partners, Palmerston House, 51, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2. Telephone No.: London Wall 2917. 640

SENIOR ASSISTANT'S required, with experience of industrial and commercial buildings; state full particulars; salary by arrangement. Cruickshank & Seward, F.R.I.B.A., 16, Princess Street, Manchester, 1.

RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT or Darkment of large Multiple Firm in South-West Seoland (Kilmarnock); experience in store planning and design an advantage; salary from 250 p.a., according to qualifications. Apply, giving details of experience etc., to Box 652.

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SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required in busy country office. Able to act on own initiative. Excellent opening for a maximita fiair for small domestic design and an interest in farm buildings. A good deal of travelling necessary, preferably in own car. Apply with particulars of age experience, to Smith-Woolley & Co., Architects, Collingham, Newark, Notts.

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TWO competent SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS and SURVEYORS required with all round experience and ability for busy and varied practice. Write or 'phone, Jennings, Homer & Lynch, 3 & 5, Church Street, Brierley Hill. 'Phone: Brierley Hill 7545/6. 668

SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, age on of exceeding 45, required for general architetural practice. Reply, giving experience and mainty required, to Thomas Worthington & Sons, 176, Oxford Road, Manchester 13.

# Architectural Appointments Wanted

EX-SERVICEMAN (24), married, seeks employment in capacity of IMPROVER in Architectural Drawing Office or Display Poster Firm; art school education (certificates for geometrical and freehand drawing and lettering); commendable results obtained on courses taken during Army service; 2 years' experience in above type of work; commencing wage, £4 10s. per week; will submit samples of work when interviewed.

EX-SERVICE Man, waiting result of R.I.B.A

L'ASERVICE Man, waiting result of 16.1.16.2. Inter, seeks progressive employment; home counties preferred; 10 years' experience, all classes of work; age 27; salary by arrangement. Box 342.

RCHITECTURAL/CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, age 35 years, fully experienced freferences 20 years), and specialising industrial buildings, seeks permanent position; salary required about £550 p.s. Box 343.

CHARTERED ARCHITECT, with wide experience in England and overseas, desires re-somable appointment; administrative ability; competent designer and draughtsman; minimum mary, £14 per week. Box 344.

ARCHITECT'S ASSISTANT (age 24), 1st part Inter., and awaiting results of 2nd part, requires position in progressive Architect's office; years varied office experience; working drawings, 1 in. and full size details, surveys, etc.; Greater London area. Box 345.

# Other Appointments Wanted

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PARE-TIME ASSISTANCE offered by fully responsible qualified Architect; surveys, sketch plans, working drawings, etc.; fees by arrangement. Box 647.

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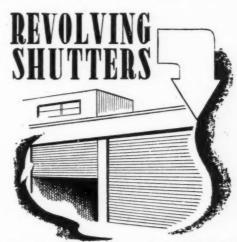
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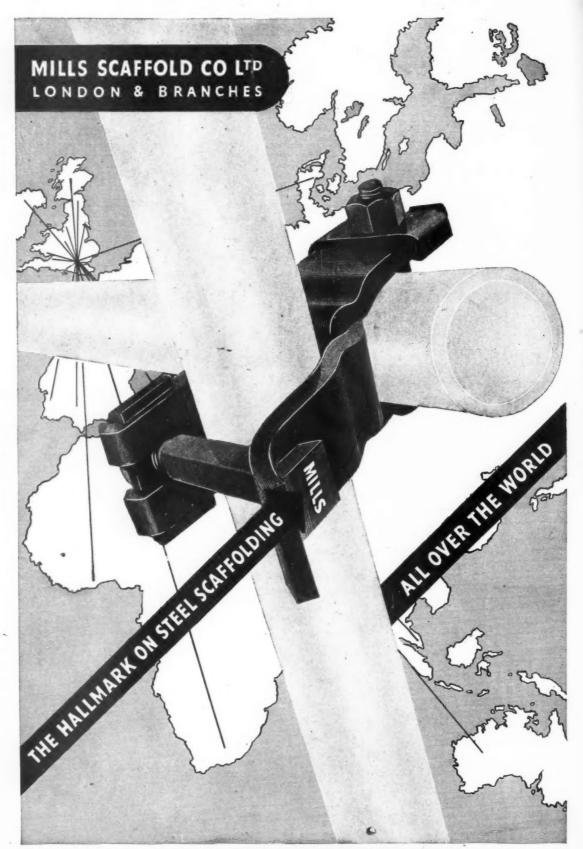
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