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IOB	Institute of Builders. 48, Bedford Square, W.C.1.	Museum 7197
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MOT	Ministry of Transport. Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, W.1.	Abbey 7711
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MOW	Ministry of Works. Lambeth Bridge House, S.E.1.	Reliance 7611
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NAS	National Association of Shopfitters. 9, Victoria Street, S.W.1.	Abbey 5277/8
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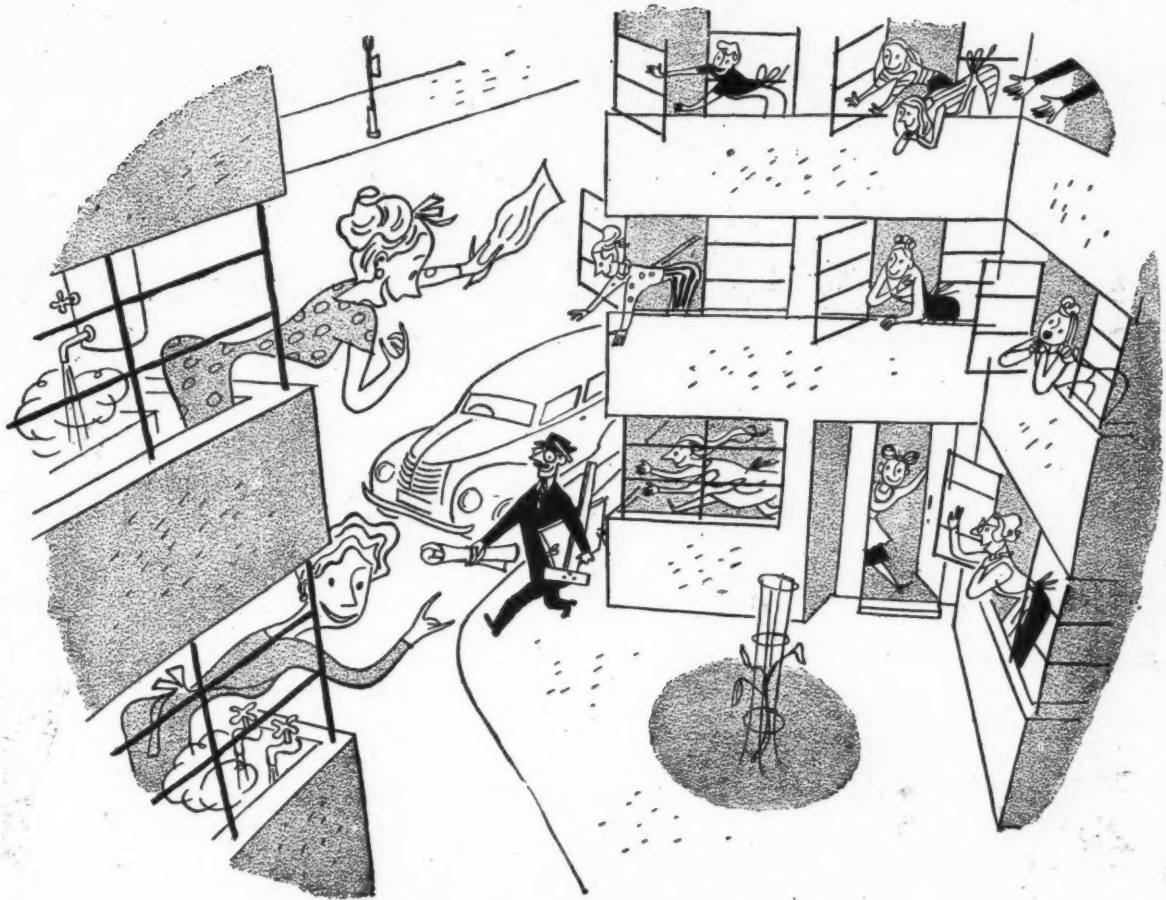
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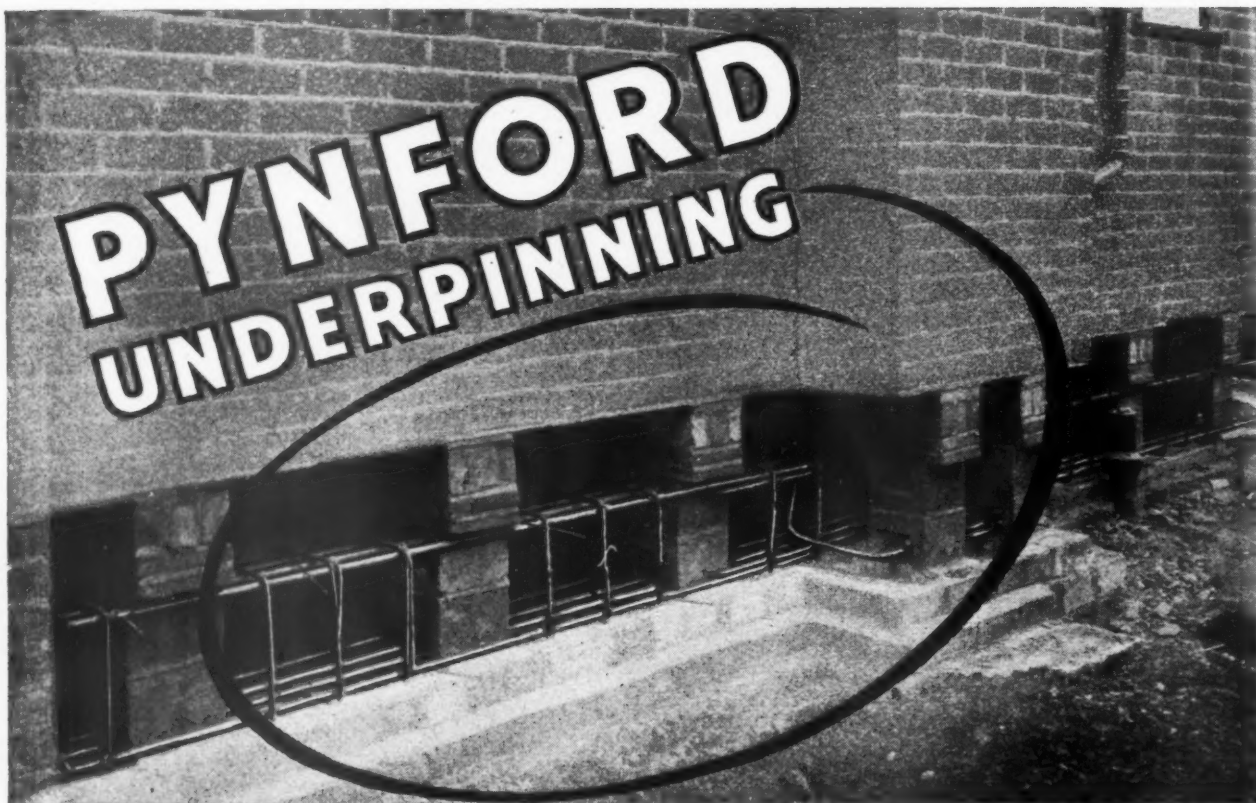
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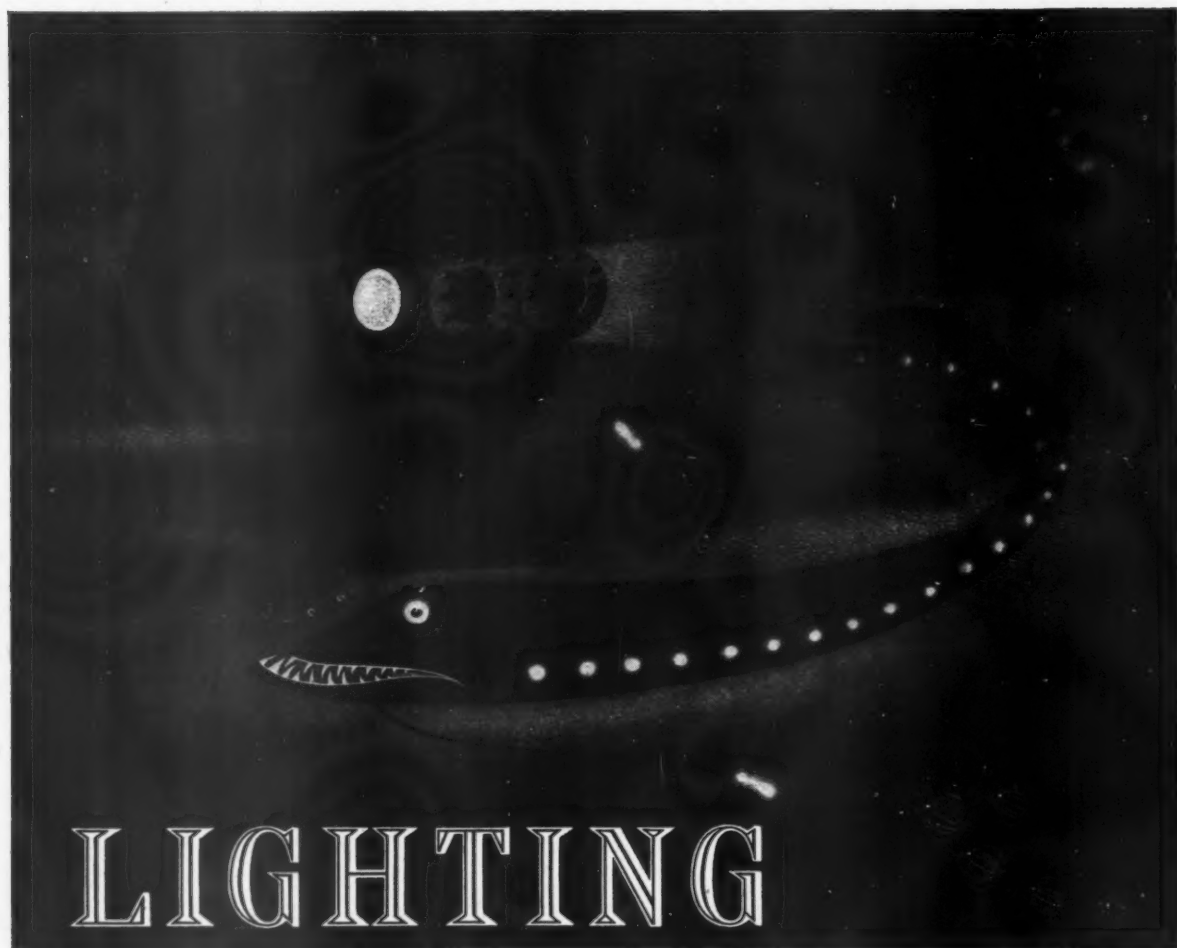
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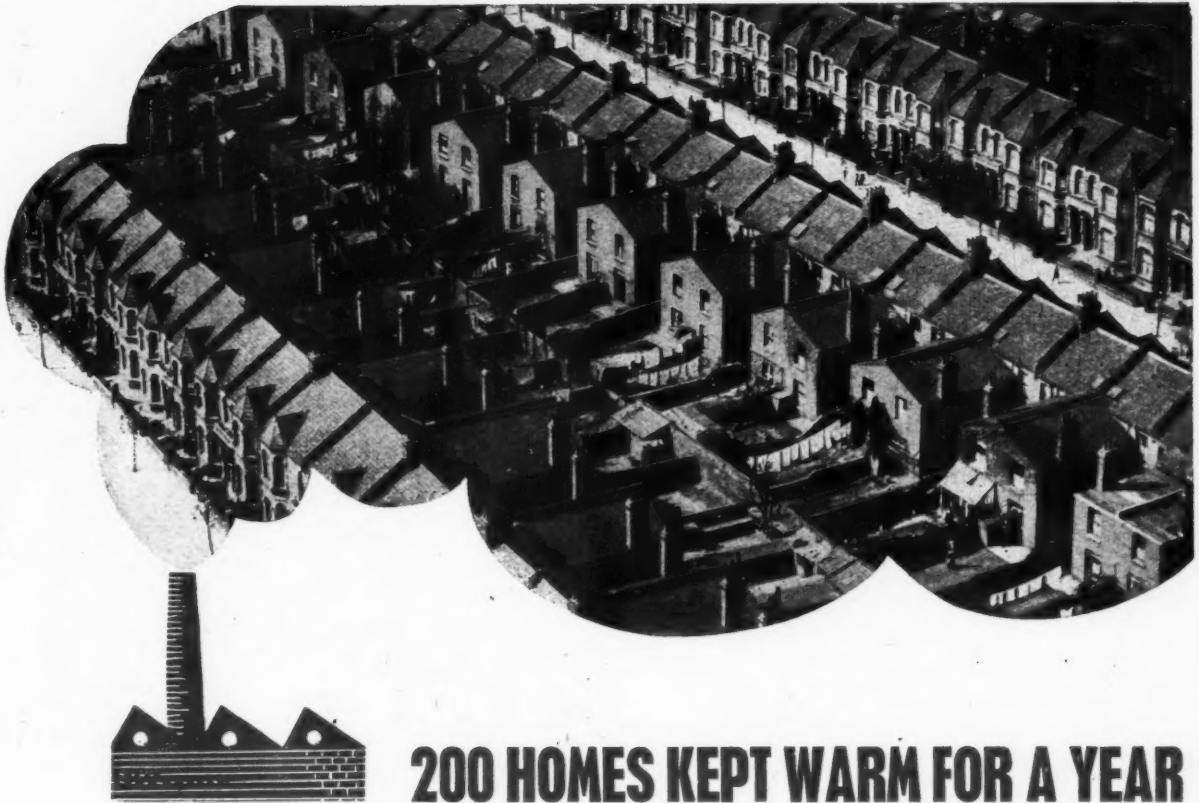
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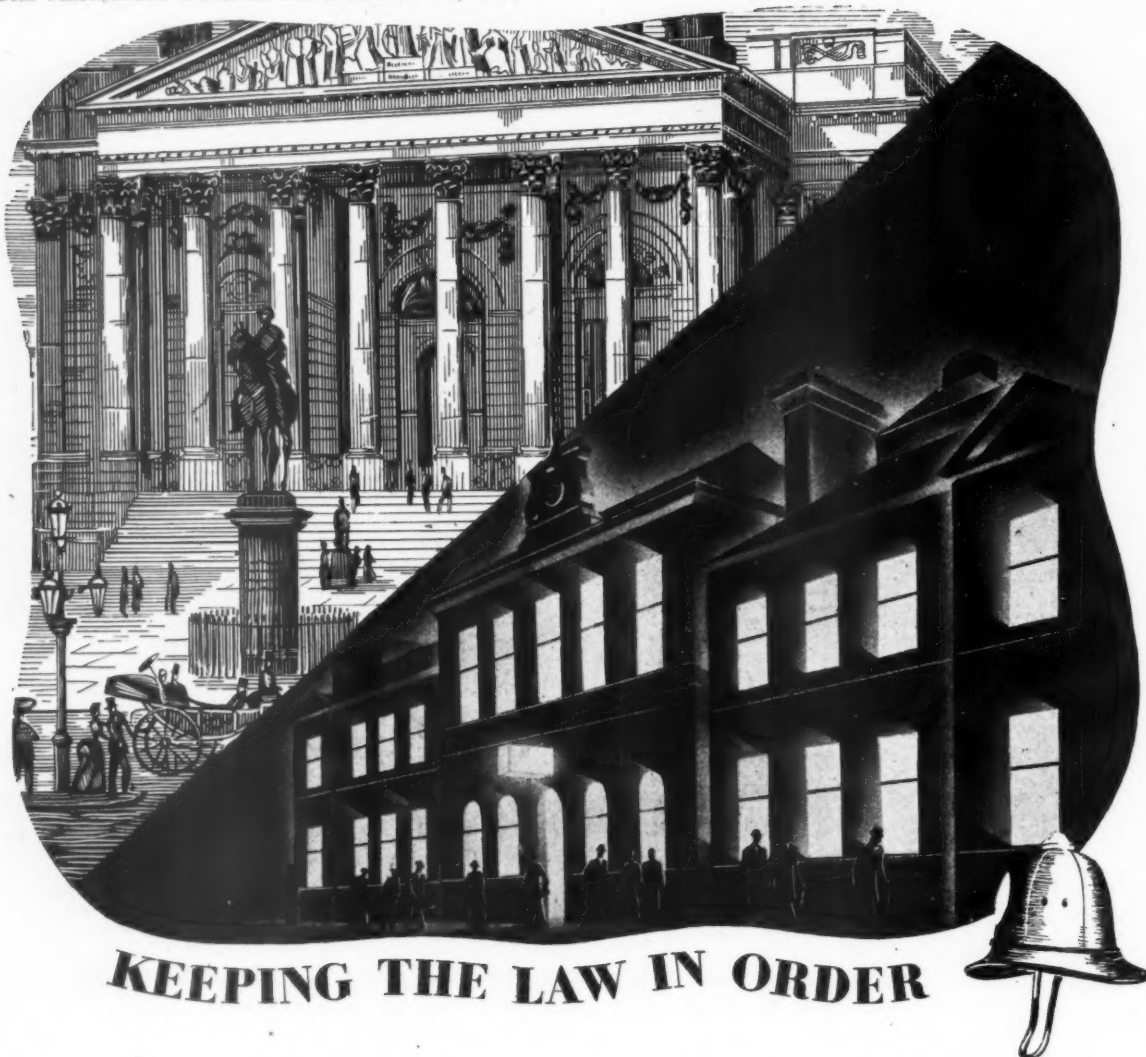
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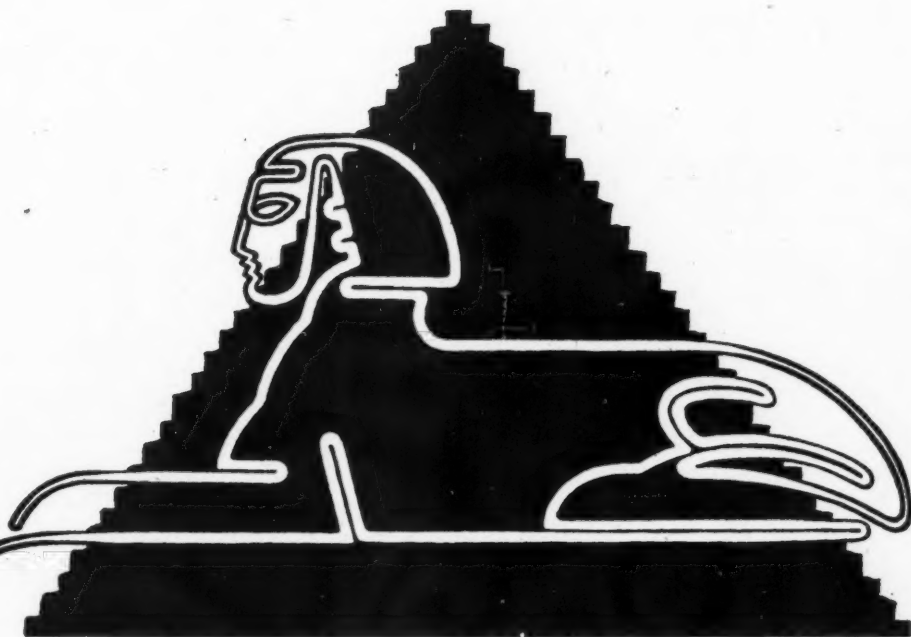
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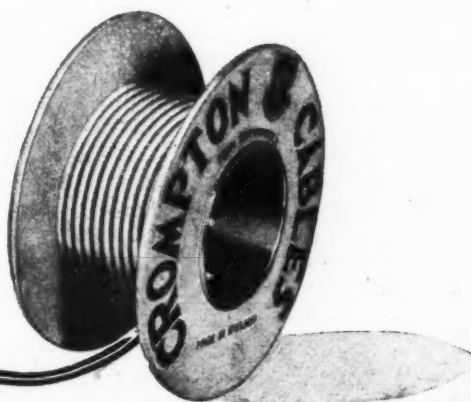
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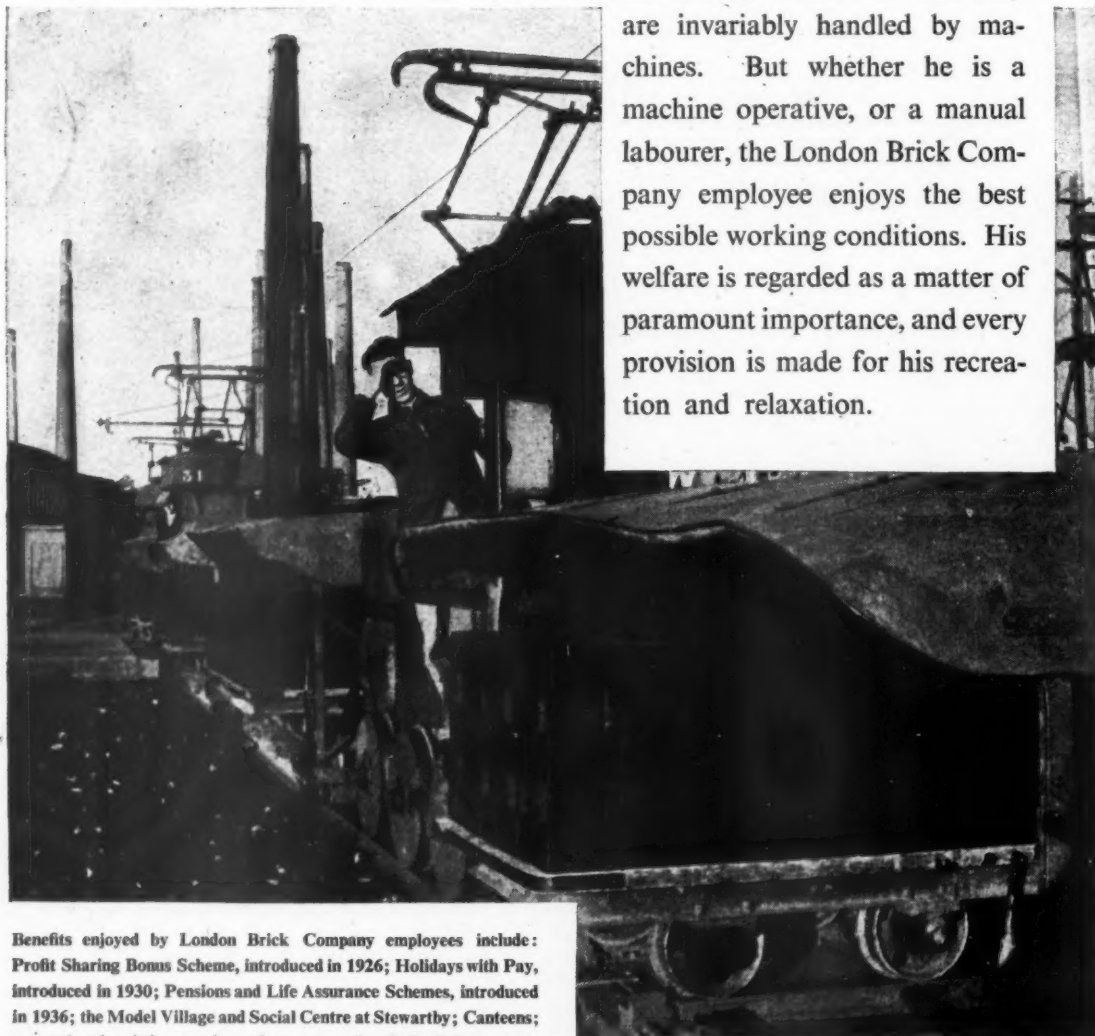


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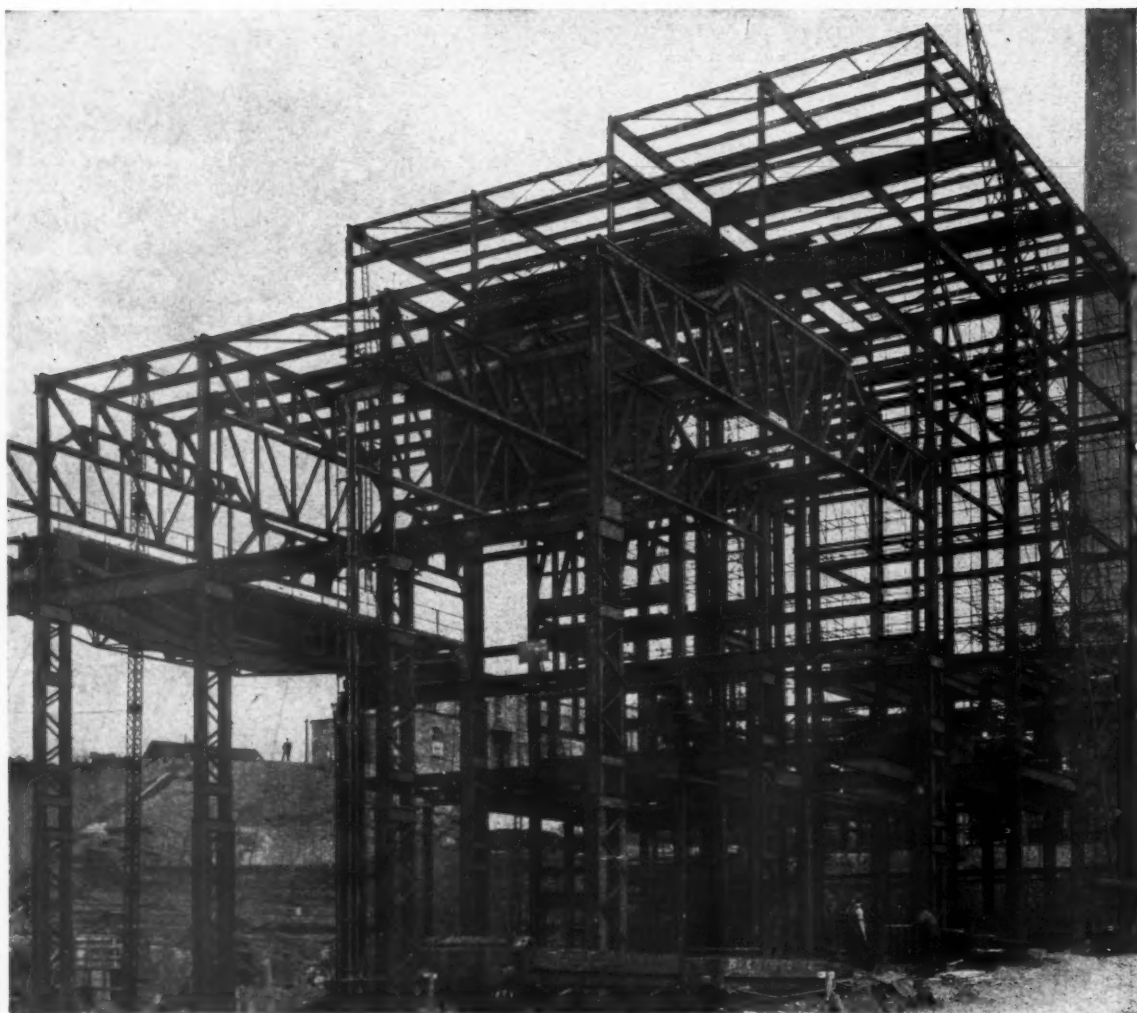


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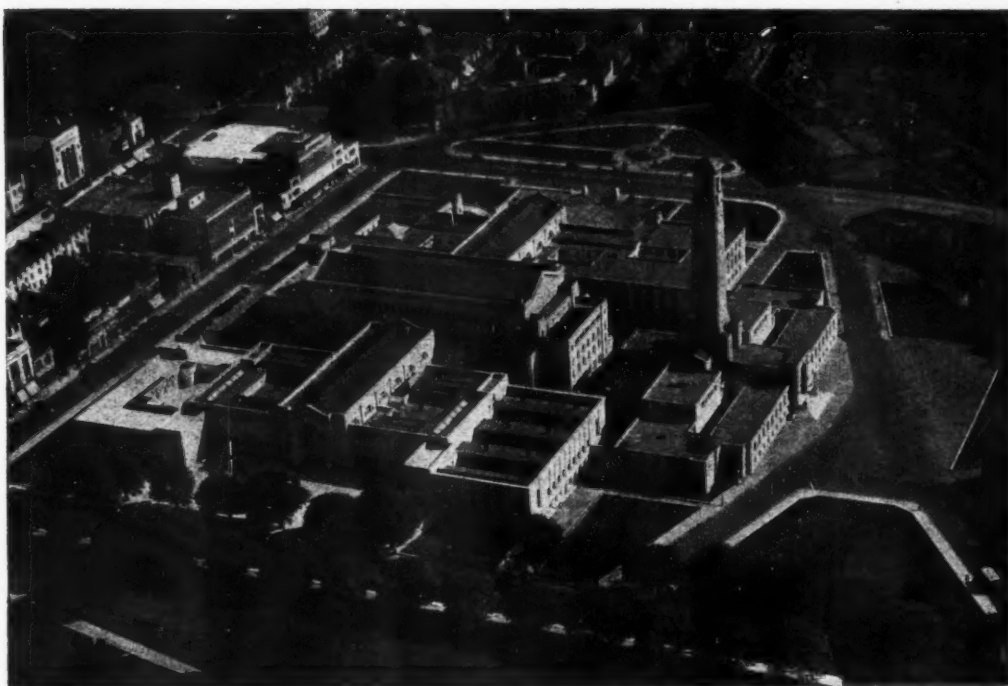
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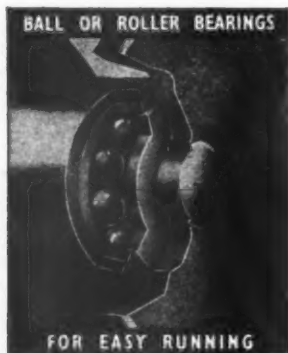
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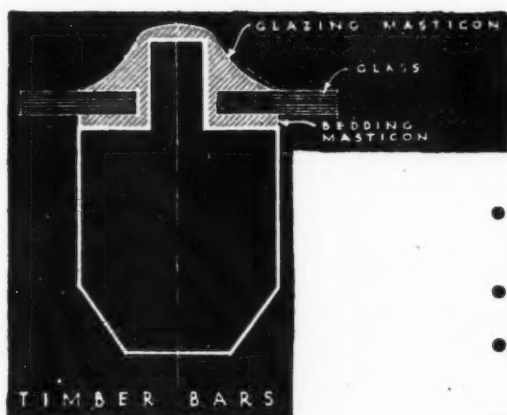
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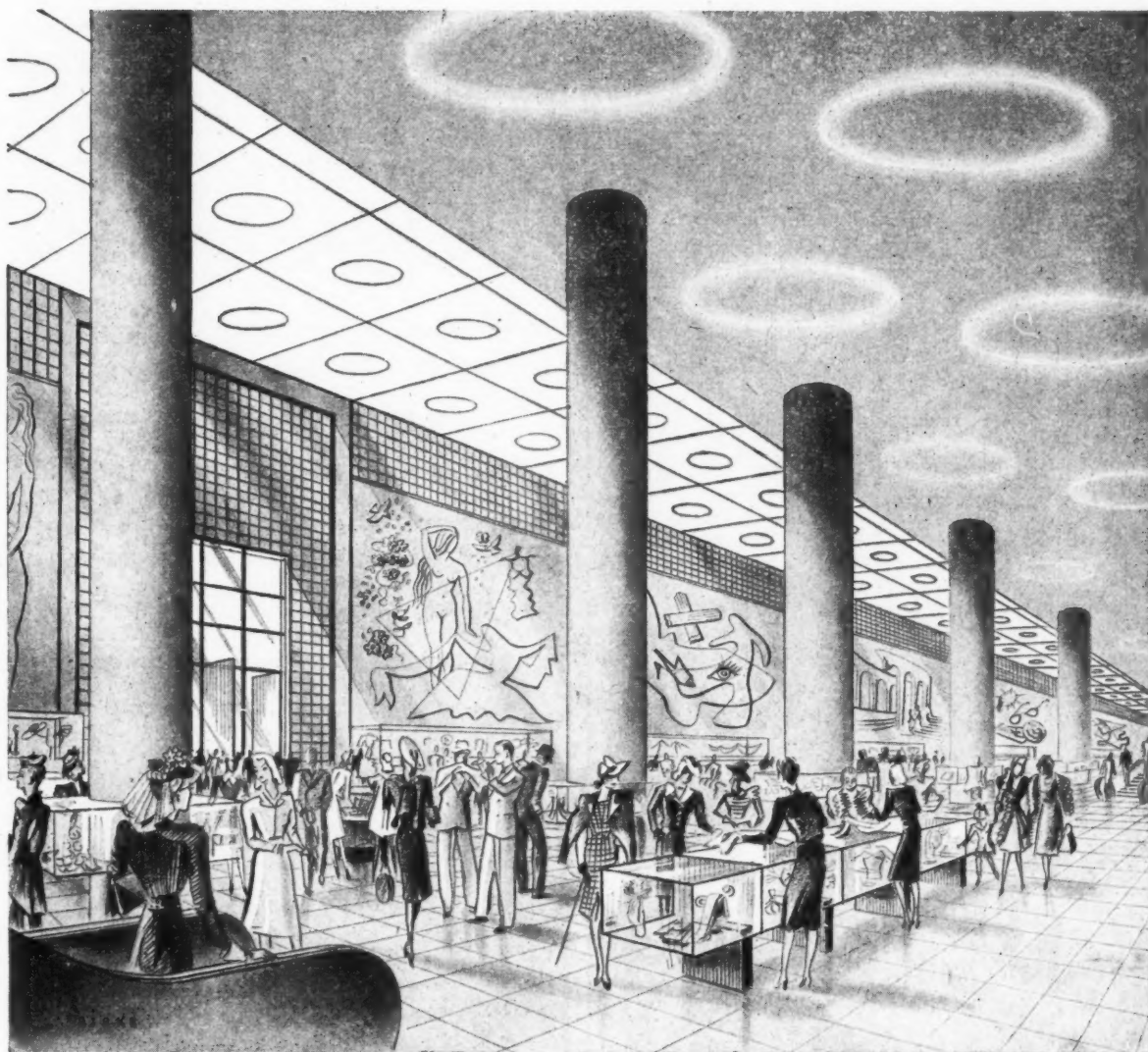
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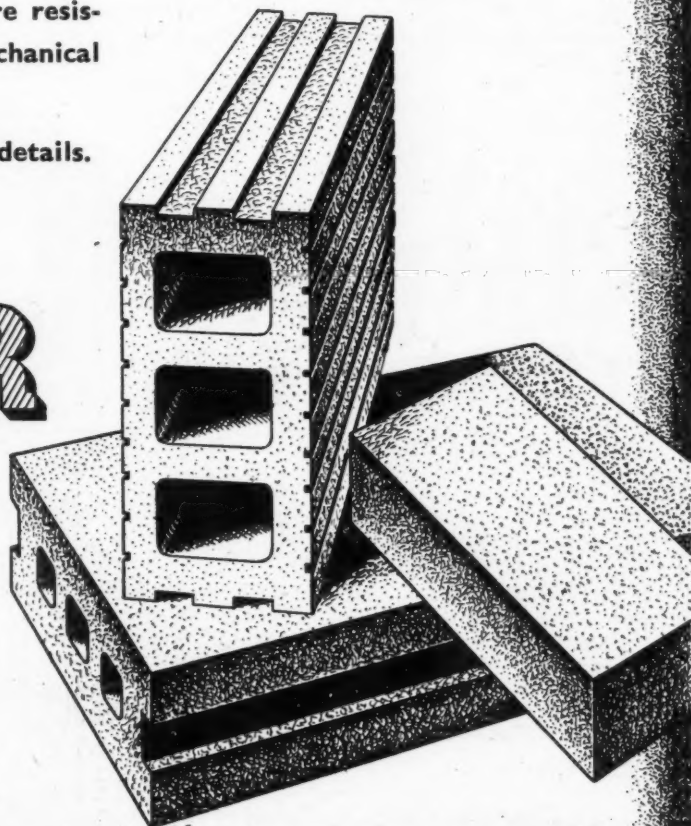
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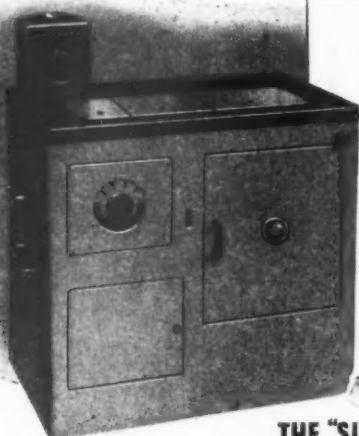


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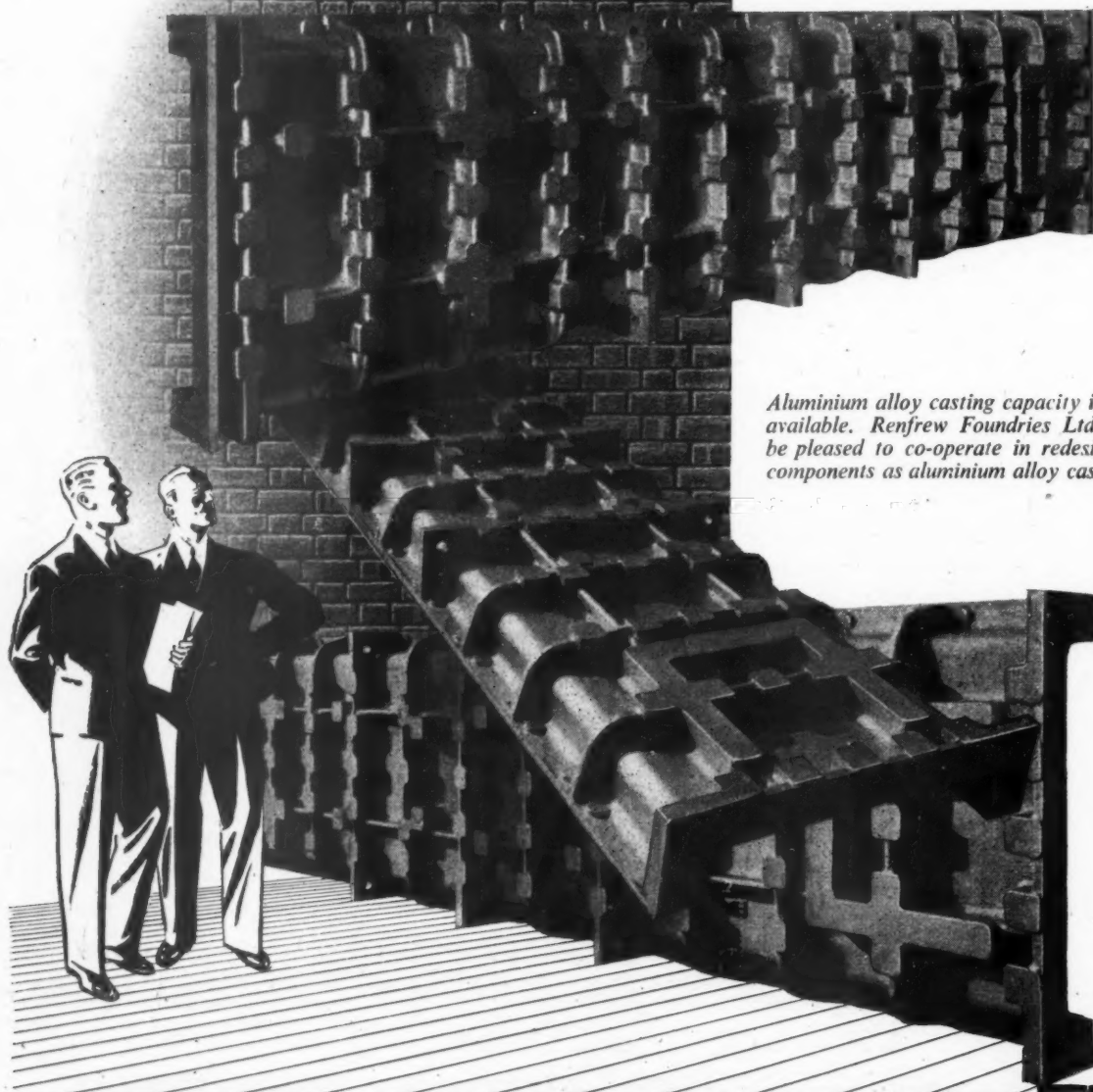
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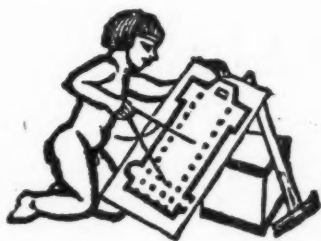


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DIARY FOR DECEMBER JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Titles of exhibitions, lectures and papers are printed in italics. In the case of papers and lectures the authors' names come first. Sponsors are represented by the initials as given in the glossary of abbreviations on the front cover.

BRUSSELS. *National Exhibition of Labour in the Pottery Industries.* The three main sections are: Artistic and domestic ware; ceramics in history; ceramics in building. The exhibition will include lectures and film shows, and there will also be demonstration workshops. At 58, Rue Belliard. (Sponsors, Belgian Ministry of Labour and the Federation of Ceramic Industries in Belgium.) UNTIL DEC. 21

CHIPPING NORTON. *Exhibition: Ideas on Design in the Home.* Guide lecturer: G. Borchard. At the School House. (Sponsor, ACGB.) UNTIL JAN. 13

COVENTRY. E. H. Ford. *Progress of Redevelopment and Development in Coventry.* At St. Mary's Hall, Bayley Lane. (Sponsor, RSI.) 10 a.m. DEC. 12

HARLOW. *Harlow New Town Exhibition.* To give opportunity to the public to see the proposals and to make observations on the Master Plan before submitting it to the Minister of Town and Country Planning. The exhibition closes with a public meeting and an address by Frederick Gibberd, architect of the Master Plan, *The Master Plan Explained*, 7 p.m., December 13. At the Drill Hall, Old Road. (Sponsor, Harlow Development Corporation.) 2.30 p.m.-9 p.m., DEC. 11-12. 2.30 p.m.-5 p.m. DEC. 13. DEC. 11-13

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES. *Manufacture of Window Glass and Its Uses.* Film-illustrated lecture. At the Guildhall. (Sponsor, SE Soc. of Arch.) 7 p.m. DEC. 17

LONDON. *Exhibition of Art, Chiefly from the Dominions of India and Pakistan.* At the Royal Academy Galleries, Piccadilly. An exhibition of sculpture, painting, textiles, jewellery, furniture. 10-7. Sundays 2-7. Admission 1s. 6d. UNTIL FEB. 29

Robert Wilson. *Colour in Industry.* At the Royal Society of Arts, 6-8, John Adam Street, W.C.2. (Sponsor, DIA.) 2.30 p.m. DEC. 11

Housing Film Show. Including a new colour film by Matthew Nathan on some types of non-traditional houses and *Street Prospect*, a new film made by the Bournville Village Trust. At the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsor, HC.) 2s., including refreshments, 6 p.m. DEC. 12

Third Meeting of the Building Industries' Luncheon Club. At the Park Lane Hotel, Mrs. Pleydell-Bouverie, who has returned from a study of the house-building industry

in the United States, will speak on *US and Us*. 12.30 p.m. DEC. 12

Dr. J. H. F. Brotherton. *Housing and Health.* 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. DEC. 16

F. R. Stevenson. *Planning Developments Abroad—Denmark.* At the Planning Centre, 28, King Street, W.C.2. (Sponsor, T CPA.) 6.15 p.m. DEC. 17

Professor J. S. Allen. *The Education of the Planner.* At Livingstone Hall, Broadway, S.W.1. (Sponsor, TPI.) 5.30 p.m. DEC. 18

Richard Sheppard. *The Making of Architecture.* Christmas holiday lectures for boys and girls. Illustrated by lantern slides. In the Henry Jarvis Memorial Hall, RIBA, 66, Portland Place, W.1. Tickets free on application to the Secretary, RIBA. Envelopes should be marked "Christmas Lectures." 3 p.m. JAN. 5, 7 AND 9

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MANCHESTER. *IHVE Manchester and District Branch Annual Dinner.* At the Carlton Restaurant, Brown Street. 7 p.m. DEC. 12

TORONTO. *First Canadian International Trade Fair.* In the Coliseum. (Sponsor, Canadian Government Exhibition Commission.) MAY 31-JUNE 12, 1948

COMPETITIONS

Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales Architectural Competitions, 1948. Competition 192 for a county college. Competition 193 for a neighbourhood unit layout. Assessors: C. F. Bates and T. Alwyn Lloyd. Premiums: £50 in each case. Conditions and entry forms from Rev. W. J. Samuel, General Secretary, 38, Dunraven Place, Bridgend. Entries to be submitted between June 5 and 14, 1948. JUNE 5-14

Competition for War Memorial at Liverpool. The Imperial War Graves Commission invites designs in competition for a memorial to be erected on the promenade at Liverpool to the Missing Naval Auxiliary Personnel of the Second World War. Open to architects who are ex-serving members of His Majesty's Forces. Assessor: Edward Maufe. Premiums: £100, £60 and £30. Last day for receiving designs, January 16, 1948.

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★★ means important news, for reasons which may or may not be obvious.

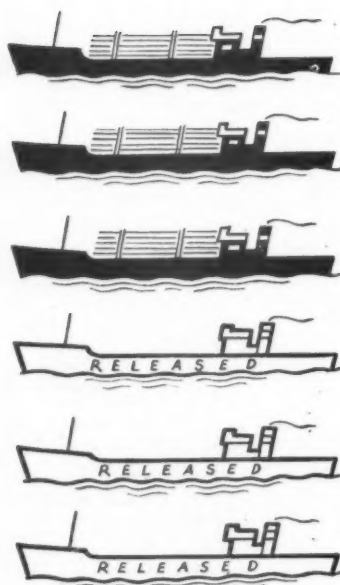
Any feature marked with more than two stars is very big building news indeed.

Mr. Richard Sheppard is to give the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LECTURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS at the RIBA this year.

Illustrated by lantern slides, the title of the series is *The Making of Architecture*. The talks will try to explain how architecture is created; how man begins by using the materials he has to hand, and by gradually developing a mastery over them, adapts them with increasing exactitude and ingenuity to building. These materials are modified to suit different kinds of buildings—houses, castles, churches and schools. This process of adaptation is universal and continuous; it is to be seen in all countries and at all eras from primitive times to the present day, in Europe and in Asia. Sometimes the conditions are harmonious, and great architecture is created, and at others the result is unsatisfactory and often ugly. The conditions necessary to produce great architecture will be clearly shown, and in particular the difficulties and the opportunities which confront the architect today. Mr. Sheppard will illustrate his points by describing the life and work of three architects—one living in the twelfth century, the second in the reign of Queen Victoria, and the third at the present day. For details of dates and tickets see Diary.

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From AN ARCHITECT'S Commonplace Book

NEW PRINCIPLES. (*From The English Seaside, by H. G. Stokes (Sylvan Press).*) Although in 1806 the inhabitants of Brighton had been greatly perturbed by a proposal to build a "jutting or jetty" in front of the town, in 1821 a company was successfully launched for the construction of a full-sized pier. To us, who have seen whole harbours built and towed across the Channel, a single pier seems of small moment, but to the subjects of the Fourth George it was a monument of great significance. As the first open-sea pier built of piles instead of solid masonry, it was rightly held a daring experiment, and those were the days when daring experiments were still few enough to allow people time to digest and marvel at the skill and ingenuity employed. Those were the days, too, when successful daring experiments were hailed as triumphs; and the mood of the time was definitely in favour of triumphs, especially engineering triumphs. Already Captain Brown, the designer of the pier, had become celebrated for his introduction of chain cables into the Navy, and though he had built a small chain pier on the Forth at Leith, the Brighton Chain Pier—like all good works of the time—was to embody "new principles."

It is with deep regret that we record the DEATH OF MR. BERNARD W. PERKS, general manager and executive director of The Builder.

Mr. Perks was lunching at the Building Exhibition on December 3 when he collapsed and died without regaining consciousness. Bernard William Perks was born in 1882. He had for many years taken a leading part in the work of the Newspaper and Periodical Proprietors' Association. He was an office-holder in the London School-board Lodge of Freemasons and was a member of the Devonshire Club. He married in 1912 Edith Willings, and is survived by her and by two sons and two daughters. The funeral will be held on Tuesday next at the Parish Church, Great Horshesley, Essex. A memorial service will be held at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Thursday, December 18, at 11.15 a.m.

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The White Paper detailing the CUTS IN NATIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE has been issued.

The figure first proposed by Sir Stafford Cripps on October 23 for the reduction of capital expenditure next year was £200m., but since then it has been found that, without any greater allocation of materials than had been planned, the capital investment on housing will be £20m. more than had been expected. The cuts fall under the following headings: **Factory Building.**—For at least six months no new industrial buildings or extensions will be started other than those of importance to exports. All factory building now in progress which has not reached the steel erection stage will be reviewed with the object of postponing at least half. Preferential development will be accorded to the development areas. **Housing.**—Provision is being made for the number of houses under construction at the end of June, 1948, to be 210,000. If the amount of timber to be imported in 1948 is no more than sufficient for the completion of 140,000 houses during 1949, the reduction in the number of houses under construction will continue until the figure of 140,000 houses under construction has been attained by the middle of 1949. **New Towns.**—New towns designed to serve immediate industrial needs or mining areas, such as Aycliffe, Easington, and East Kilbride, are to go ahead within the limits of the building programme. Work on new towns such as Stevenage, Crawley, and

Hemel Hempstead, is to be limited during 1948 to starting the provision of water, sewerage, and roads. **Agriculture.**—To meet the programme for increasing agricultural output by £100m., inquiries will be made into local needs for farm buildings. **Education.**—The statutory obligations of the local education authorities in respect of the places needed for raising the school-leaving age to 15, schools to meet new housing developments, and the maintenance of existing primary and secondary schools, are to be fulfilled. Major projects for nursery schools and classes, except where needed to assist mothers to enter industry, and for community centres, adult education centres, and youth clubs will be deferred. **Health Services.**—Some large-scale water projects can no longer be safely postponed and the work of increasing rural water supplies will go forward. There is to be a limited additional amount of work on hospitals, mental institutions, etc. **Home Department.**—There will be no new building for the police except for urgent or important work. New construction for approved schools, the fire services, prisons, Borstal institutions, and courts will not be undertaken, but existing buildings will be requisitioned where necessary. **Transport.**—The programme of

major road works will be reduced by more than 80 per cent. Schemes which will proceed include the Deptford Creek bridge, the diversion of roads at I.C.I. works, Tees-side, and improvement between Baldersby and Londonderry, North Yorkshire. The Severn bridge, the Dartford tunnel, the Great West Road and Cromwell Road extensions, the Widnes-Runcorn bridge, and the main Jarrow tunnel are among the works which will be postponed. Road maintenance will be reduced to an extent which will release 20,000 men. Work on the railways which is well advanced will not be postponed; other work will be partly deferred and some may be postponed altogether. Among schemes which will proceed are the Manchester-Sheffield electrification, the Woodhead tunnel, and the Shenfield electrification, L.N.E.R. The Notting Hill Gate reconstruction and the rebuilding of Euston station will be deferred. **Ministry of Works.**—Work on employment exchanges will cease, and the proposed buildings for the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, and for Government accommodation on the south bank of the Thames will not be in the 1948 programme. The Whitehall building scheme and the reconstruction of the House of Commons will continue. (See page 524.)



The Harlow Development Corporation is holding an exhibition until December 13 of the proposed master-plan for the new town. Top, model of the civic-centre; bottom, the town centre on the master-plan model. The architect of the plan is Frederick Gibberd.



The President Signs a Loyal Address

Mr. Howard Robertson, the AA Centenary President, signs a loyal address from the Council of the Association to the King, their Patron, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Association. Graham R.

Dawbarn is on the President's left. This week the AJ celebrates the centenary in the leading article, in a portrait gallery of AA personalities and in a picture feature entitled "A Day in the Life of the AA."

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Some details of the **NEW TOWN OF CRAWLEY** have been outlined by Sir Thomas Bennett, Chairman of the Crawley and Three Bridges New Town Development Corporation.

He said that in spite of the Government's decision to reduce capital expenditure, some essential preliminary work, such as the provision of a sewage system, had been approved. In the early stages the provision of factories will be emphasised. Three educational centres are to be provided, each to include schools and community centres. No land will be taken out of cultivation except for immediate development, and farms in all cases will be left as economic units.

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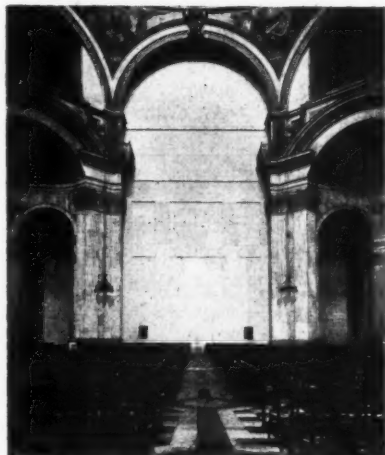
Mr. Herbert Morrison announced in the House of Commons that the Government proposes to **STAGE A NATIONAL DISPLAY** in 1951 to mark the centenary of the Great Exhibition of 1851.

The exhibition will not be all under one roof and not all in London. Included will be a festival of arts and exhibitions of industrial, scientific, and design achievements in Britain.

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No more **PREFABRICATED ALUMINIUM HOUSES** will be made at the Bristol Aeroplane Company's factories at Weston-super-Mare after the present contracts are concluded next March.

Efforts are being made to instal other industries at the factories, where there are about 3,000 workers.



The giant screen which has been built across the damaged north transept of St. Paul's Cathedral to prevent draught and to conserve heat. The screen is constructed of absorbent material fixed to a light steel framework. It may be some time before the work in this transept is completed, and as the screen is likely to remain for several years, it has been designed with special care. See *AJ*, December 4.

THE AA CENTENARY

DURING its hundred years, the AA has changed from an occasional spare-time activity of dissatisfied but earnest arted pupils and assistants to a powerful organisation deeply concerned with many aspects of the architectural profession. We propose to discuss here but one of these aspects, the training of architects, which is the purpose the Association was founded to serve and its chief pride and justification to-day.

The AA School has a unique character among schools of architecture in Great Britain; as Edward Carter, lately Librarian of the RIBA, once said, "the AA . . . has become far more than a technical college, an art school, or a place where men and women are trained to line up in the swollen ranks of the profession. It has become a *University*." It may be thought that there is nothing unique about a university, but alone of the architectural schools the AA has succeeded in fulfilling the several requirements that together justify the title of university. There are, of course, Faculties of Architecture in several of our universities, but they have tended to remain but step-children of the parent foundations; step-children, moreover, suffering the pains and penalties of existence on sufferance made familiar by fairy tales. We have no desire to deny the importance of the School of Architecture at Liverpool, where Sir Charles Reilly inspired many brilliant architects. Liverpool students are found in many of the most responsible public appointments, but it is doubtful whether anyone would look to the Liverpool school to-day for a glimpse into the future of architectural ideas and expression, and this is one of the main functions of a university, the nurture of intellectual ferment. The school at Cambridge, in spite of the best intentions and in spite of the early influence of Mansfield Forbes, has also failed to develop a significant university character in this sense.

The reader may ask, what is there so significant about a university, and what do you mean when you apply this term to the AA, which is an independent school? The origin of the word gives, perhaps, the first clue. As Edward Carter said, in the quotation given above, it is "far more than" a mere art school or technical college, with narrow objectives limited to preparing students for earning a living in a circumscribed job. It is the universality of the cultural background to be found in the true university that is its starting point. Technical training—though necessary (and by no means neglected at the AA)—is only a tool; it is what has been described as "the ten-fingered grasp of reality"—the pre-occupation with real values—that finally distinguishes a university from a technical college. Such a grasp of reality is only possible in an atmosphere where all aspects of cultural development are recognised as contributing to the needs of the whole man and thus of the whole architect. This atmosphere it is the peculiar distinction of the AA to have achieved. Arising from this emphasis on the whole man is the

recognition of the need for the student to develop as an individual and for this he must be given an opportunity to assume responsibility for his own work. The student must find his own way. As a corollary, students are expected to take an active part in the life of the school. This expectation has been fulfilled at times in ways embarrassing to the authorities; the students have been quick to respond to their opportunities, and much of the vigour of the Association has derived from the initiative of the students. It is from its young men that society derives most of its capacity for change, and architecture most of its stimulus. And the young men of the AA, together with their masters, do, in fact, to-day represent the unquestionable seat and centre of *avant-gardism* in architecture for the whole country; do provide the intelligentsia of which architecture is so badly in need; do carry out their responsibilities as a moral, intellectual and æsthetic pressure group within the profession. It is right that we should all recognise at this time these momentous contributions to whole architecture. We should give thanks to the young men of the AA, and we should do honour to the wise and great men who as principals or masters or secretaries have created out of a private venture amongst architects an institution whose influence has to be reckoned in European terms.



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WHO WAS CHING?

Hundreds of AA members and students, who have used, and are still using, Ching's Head for a cup of tea or a quick one, have only a very hazy idea of who Ching is or was. He was the first housemaster to be appointed at the AA school and reigned there from 1920 till 1923. Howard Robertson referred to him in a note in *Harlequinade*, the AA students' magazine, as "that kindly presence which for many years has loomed broadly and pleasantly in studio and coffee room."

When he left the AA, Mr. Ching (who died in 1924) retained the word "Chingzed" as his telegraphic address.

HOWARD ROBERTSON

If it was Robert Atkinson who laid the foundations for the final stage of the AA system of education, it was Howard Robertson who erected the building. Architect and teacher, his sixteen years as Head of the Atelier, Principal and Director, fixed firmly the lines upon which education at the AA and, therefore, architecture throughout the country, has developed. A long line of Principals has amply justified the policy of insisting that a practising architect should control the training of architects; none has vindicated this principle more triumphantly.

Though author of several books, including *The Principles of Architectural Composition*, now a recognised text-book, and designer of many famous buildings, it is as a teacher that Robertson's influence has been greatest. He was appointed to the staff to take the evening school in August, 1914; the date will suggest many reasons why the appointment was never taken up. On returning from the war, he first took charge of the Atelier, becoming Prin-

cipal in 1920 and Director in 1932, resigning in 1935. A long period this for a busy architect to devote so wholeheartedly to an activity outside his practice. Howard Robertson never grudged this time.

F. R. YERBURY

While Presidents, Directors and Principals, and numberless students came and went, F. R. Yerbury stayed on. For innumerable architects in England and, indeed, the whole of Europe, Yerbury was, in fact, the AA. For 37 years he laboured within the Association, and although it is now ten years since he ceased to be General Secretary, the AA is still his baby.

From 1911, when he first became Secretary, until to-day Yerbury has regarded it as his duty to see that the world knows about the work of the AA School and that the AA should know what architects are thinking and doing all over the world. Swedish and Dutch architecture was made known to England by Yerbury's photographs, which alone would have made him famous, his enthusiasm and the AA tours he organized.

At the same time he was responsible for all the administrative decisions that have made possible the carrying out of the policy elaborated by Atkinson and Robertson. The post 1914-18 war reorganisation was in his hands; he established the Materials Bureau, which afterward developed into the Building Centre, of which he is now Director; he started the School of Planning, now the APRR. This may sound as though he is a paragon, but he is far too human for that.

GORDON BROWN

Though he is not the almost mythological figure, part and parcel of remote AA history, that F. R. Yerbury is, and though he is a newcomer compared with Robertson, the dynamic figure of Gordon Brown already takes a high place among AA personalities. After the war the AA School needed a Principal with exceptional energy and administrative drive to help cope with the difficulties of getting education on its feet again, and that is exactly what it got.

A single instance of his energy will suffice. The dynamic character is, by definition, one that combines realism about the present with ideas about the future, and Gordon Brown's latest scheme is something no less ambitious than an international post-graduate school, where young architects from many countries would work together under instructors of world reputations, probably guided by CIAM.

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The idea was born when he took a party of AA students to Switzerland last summer. Plans are now being discussed, I believe, for making a start next year in Zurich in the shape of a post-graduate summer school, with students drawn from only a few countries, with the idea that if all goes well it will lead to a full-time school, fully international, the year after. Though this is not strictly an AA project, it provides another instance of the consistent way progressive ideas emanate from Bedford Square.

THE PANTOMIME

Reinstated this year after the wartime gap, the AA pantomime has at present no name, and is, I am informed, a mixture of allegory, fantasy and pure hellzapoppin. In the tradition, scenery, props, drops, script and most of the music is by the students.

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The AA pantomime is a successor of the "soirée," one of the original activities of the AA. The first pantomime proper was performed in 1920, and was the work of Eric Bird, who wrote the script, Wally Wolland (later to join the BBC), who composed the music, and Bill Small, who produced.

Incidentally, the AA has the distinction of having housed the first theatre to install a four-colour dimming lighting equipment for a stage show. I think this was in 1922, and the work was done by two students, the brothers Gregor Grant, whose passion was electricity.

THE AA AT THE BUILDING EXHIBITION

In addition to being its centenary year, 1947 is also the first year in which the AA has had a stand at the Building Exhibition. The stand was designed by Joan Burnett, an ex-student, and Peter Dickinson, a fifth-year student. The idea was to provide a rest room for members and their friends after padding up and down the aisles of the Exhibition.

FINALLY, HATS OFF TO:—

James Wylson and Robert Kerr for jointly laying the foundations of the AA; to Robert Atkinson for being little seen and heard but much felt; to F. R. Yerbury for introducing the AA to the world and the world to the AA; to Howard Robertson, past Principal, Director and Centenary President, for his advice to students to sharpen their pencils with a long, keen point; to R. E. Enthoven for keeping the Librarianship of the RIBA within the AA; to Frederick Gibberd, wartime Principal, for being good enough to have been an AA student; to Louie (Mrs. Eastman) for providing the best lunch in town for half-a-crown; to Mr. Ching for having left his head behind while his soul goes marching on; to the AA Yellow Book for making the Board of Education sit up and take notice; and to Hope Bagenal for making so much of sound with so little fury.

ASTRAGAL



LETTERS

A. G. Stanwell

War Memorials

SIR,—Mr. Gneditch's letter is helpful insofar as it inspires that most active human faculty—reason, which is most active when appealed to, dormant when ignored.

My contention with war memorials is also on principle, whether the cost is £600 or £60,000. Surely, there are few people in Europe dependent on such symbols, no matter how beautiful, for their memory of past "great wars." By all means have memorials, Liverpool is full of them, but not to teach us the lessons of war, nor to "enshrine in the hearts of survivors" what should be in their hearts anyway.

The best memorials to wars' tragedies have been recorded in war books, plays, and a few histories, apart from veterans' reminiscences, and they keep alive the brave humour and pitiful waste (in view of "This was London" at Olympia), but can these vital memories really be adequately expressed in stone? Is not the average attempt to venerate the dead in this way a confession of the reluctance to learn from experience? Will not posterity repeat the ancient question, "What mean ye by these stones?" The world has yet to disprove the remark of G. B. S.: "We learn from history that we never learn anything from history."

It would appear that this is all too true on the question of "venerating the dead" and learning from those who have survived.

Surely the beautiful fountain referred to (A.J., November 13) commemorates beauty and peace, not the hideous cruelty of war, whether these two opposites have been confused or not.

Also, my reference to idolatry needs perhaps a little more qualifying. Take the mediæval cathedrals. These were conscientiously built for Christians to worship together, but now thanks to the human tendency towards idolatry in almost every thing, the buildings themselves have been venerated and worshipped instead of the genuine qualities and principles that inspired them. Did this attitude not produce the decadence of all styles from Greek onward? Orthodox Christianity has mainly lapsed into ritualism and idolatry. Is not modern wreath laying (generally, without being specific) a tendency to the most venerable looking but none the less idolatrous excuse to shun the demands of one Creator's universal brotherhood of men?

It is surely a solemn responsibility of all conscientious architects to avoid prostituting the mistress of the arts to the mere glorifying of persons, dead or alive. In spite of death still being more popular than life, a more practical help to limbless ex-Service men (to take only one case) would be on the lines of Mr. Dunham's appeal. That would be one step nearer the right mark, I think. Building for life instead of death is another.

Beckenham

A. G. STANWELL (EX-R.N.)



The AA stand at the recent Building Exhibition which was designed by Joan Burnett, an ex-student, and Peter Dickinson, a fifth-year student.

FROM AN AA PORTRAIT GALLERY



Centenary President Howard **ROBERTSON**: the Principal who made the AA school what it is; the most successful exponent of the idea that a teacher must practise while he preaches.



Ex-Director of Education Robert **ATKINSON**, who is still a power in the AA because the educational system he established after 1918 is still the basis on which the school operates.



Post-war Principal Gordon **BROWN** who dropped on the AA by parachute with galvanizing effect. As an organizer he collaborates equally smoothly with staff, students and members.



Oldest inhabitant J. M. **KENNARD**, who joined the AA in 1874, is now 91, sat for the first examination held by the RIBA—and passed it—and has four architect sons.



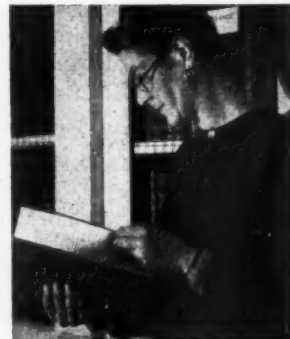
F. R. **YERBURY**, who needs no descriptive prefix, because he is the AA personified, and in many countries British architecture personified as well, since he is talked of by everyone.



Some, in addition, talk of H. J. **ALEXANDER**. And if they don't they know he is there all the same, in the Secretary's chair, because that's why the AA runs so efficiently.



Ex-Librarian Hope **BAGENTAL**, who was a pillar of the AA for many years and a greater authority than anyone in Bedford Square on prints, phons, decibels and sonnets.



Present Librarian Enid **CALDICOTT** is everybody's confidant. Began her enthusiastic participation in all AA activities by playing leading parts in the most famous pantomimes.



Planner E. A. **ROWSE** who planned the AA's interest in planning. As one of the AA's most go-ahead Principals he also replanned the structure of the school by introducing the unit system.



Year-after-year-master E. R. **JARRETT**, on the other hand, has preserved what is soundest in the continuous AA tradition that survives all replanning. He guides the student's first footsteps.



Another staff member of long standing is L. H. **BUCKNELL**, one of the most famous figures in and out of the studio, lecture room, library, members' room and dining room.



Senior vice-President R. E. **ENTHOVEN**, most brilliant student of a vintage year. In addition he now personifies the never-failing alliance between Bedford Square and Portland Place.

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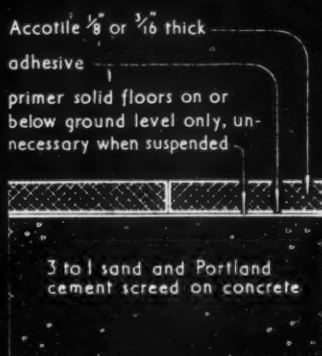
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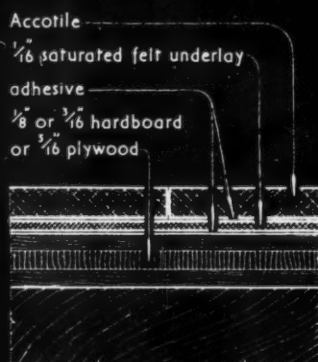
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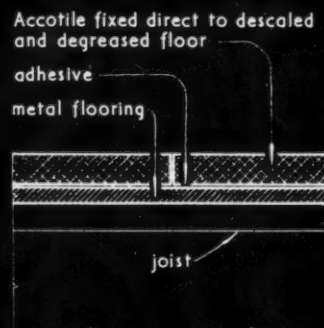


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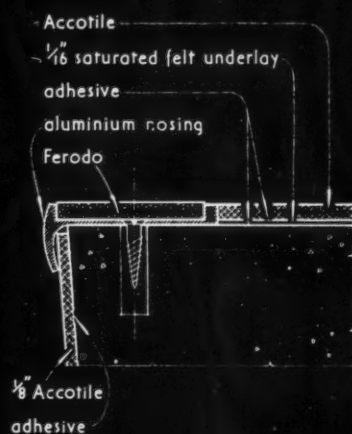
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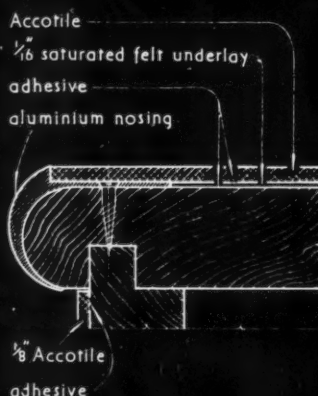


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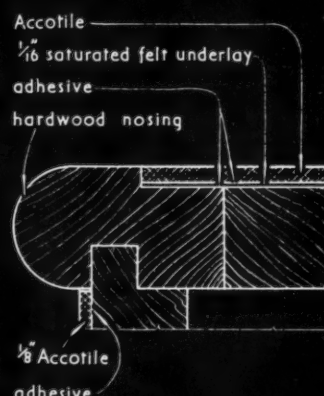


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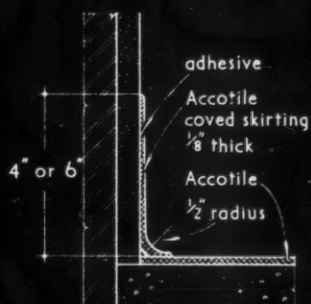
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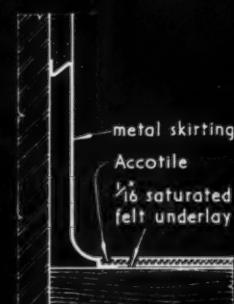


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WOOD (ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS).



METAL.

18.G1 ACCOTILE FLOOR TILES

General

This Sheet deals with Accotile floor tiles and coved skirting and illustrates their application to concrete, wood and metal floors.

Accotile is a thermoplastic composition floor tile made of asbestos fibres, mineral pigments and asphaltic or resinous binders. It is extremely hard wearing, retains its appearance under the most severe traffic conditions and is easily maintained by sweeping, washing or polishing. A grease-proof Accotile is available for floors which are to be exposed to greases or organic solvents.

Sizes

The standard tile sizes available are 18 in. by 24 in., 12 in. by 12 in., 9 in. by 9 in., and 6 in. by 6 in. Special sizes can be cut to order in any size that can be cut without waste from 18 in. by 24 in. tiles. Border strips may be obtained 24 in. long by 1 in. to 5½ in. wide in multiples of ½ in.

The tiles may be obtained in two thicknesses, ½ in. which is recommended for houses, schools, offices and similar buildings; and ⅞ in. which is recommended for entrance halls and public spaces subjected to heavy traffic.

Colours

Accotile is supplied in plain and marble patterns in a wide range of colours.

Applications

Sub-floors should be structurally rigid, free from vibration, even, and as far as possible smooth and clean. Unevenness in a sub-floor would, in time, be reproduced to a certain degree in the surface of the Accotile, and movement due to lack of rigidity would result in the joints between the tiles opening. Accotiles are fixed to sub-floors by means of a proprietary adhesive and the work should be carried out by a firm whose name appears on the Manufacturer's list of approved Accotile specialists.

Concrete sub-floors: New concrete sub-floors should be finished with 3 to 1 sand and Portland cement and should be allowed to dry until the top surface is free from dampness (*i.e.*, 14 to 21 days drying time under normal conditions). Solid concrete sub-floors whether at ground level or below ground level do not require damp-proofing provided that the sub-floor is free from hydrostatic pressure. On suspended concrete sub-floors the Accotile is fixed direct to the screeding with Armstrong's L.160 Emulsion or L.90 Cement. On solid concrete sub-floors, on or below ground level, the screeding is first primed with Armstrong's L.80 Primer and the Accotile fixed with Armstrong's L.90 Cement. For the purpose of setting levels no allowance need be made for the thickness of primer and adhesive.

Wood sub-floors: On wood sub-floors an underlay should be provided of saturated paper felt on hard-board or ply-wood nailed with flat-headed galvanized nails spaced not more than 6 in. apart in both directions and on all edges. This is to counteract any shrinkage of the floor-boards which might take

place after the tiles have been laid and which would otherwise result in undue strain on the adhesive and on the tiles. When ply-wood or hardboard is unobtainable, it is reasonably safe to fix Accotile with a saturated paper felt underlay on old well-seasoned floor-boards, provided the boards are made sound, secure, smooth and even, and provided all cracks wider than ⅛ in. are filled with a plastic filler or carefully fitted pieces of wood. Under no circumstances, however, should Accotile be fixed on new wood floors without an underlay of hard-board or ply-wood. The paper felt underlay is fixed to the sub-floor with Armstrong's Linoleum Cement and the Accotile is fixed to the underlay with Armstrong's L.160 Emulsion. An allowance of ⅛ in. should be made for the thickness of the paper felt underlay.

Non-absorbent sub-floors (e.g., metal, tile, terrazzo and marble): Tile, terrazzo and marble sub-floors should be thoroughly cleaned preferably by means of a scrubbing machine using soapy water and clean sharp sand. Any joints or cracks should be filled with a plastic filler. Metal sub-floors should be cleaned of all rust, scale, oil or grease. The Accotile is fixed direct with Armstrong's L.90 Cement.

Magnesite sub-floors: New magnesite sub-floors are slow drying; old ones are often structurally weak. A special recommendation is therefore necessary on each magnesite sub-floor and the specialist or the manufacturer should be consulted.

Stair treatment: Three methods of applying Accotile to stair treads and risers are illustrated on the face of this Sheet. A continuous nosing with the top edge set to finish flush with the surface of the Accotile must be fixed prior to the Accotile.

Skirtings

Four types of skirting treatment are illustrated on the face of this Sheet. In the case of the Accotile coved skirting the plaster or rendering on walls should be carried down to the sub-floor and made even and free from dirt or foreign matter. The skirting is fixed direct to the plaster or rendering with Armstrong's Coved Skirting Cement. Internal and external angles are formed on the site.

Maintenance

Accotile floors should not be washed or polished for about two weeks after installation, as the adhesives are comparatively slow setting. After two weeks Accotile may be maintained by washing with warm water and soap or a washing powder provided by the manufacturer or it may be polished with a Wax Emulsion. Paste waxes containing spirit solvents must not be used. Accotile when polished will have the same degree of slipperiness as other polished surfaces.

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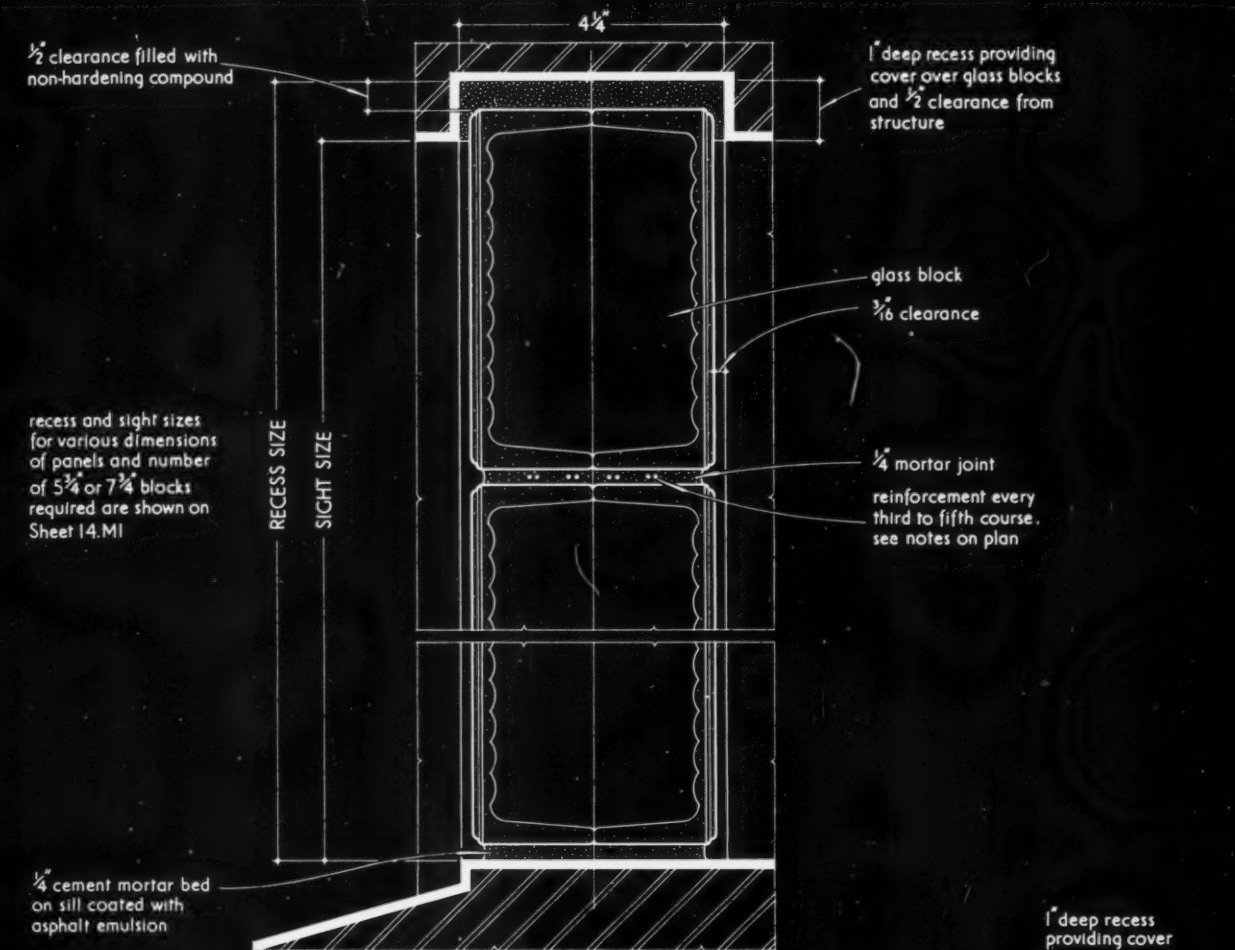
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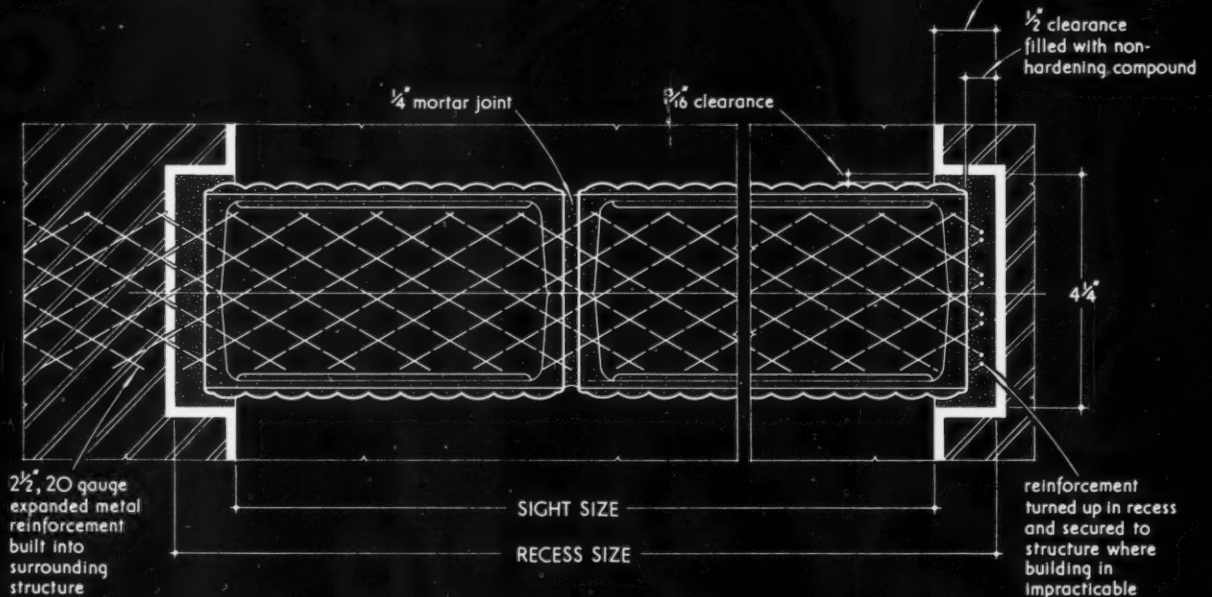
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PLAN OF GLASS BLOCK PANEL IN EXTERNAL WALL SHOWING RECESS AT JAMBS.

14.N1 ·INSULIGHT· HOLLOW GLASS BLOCKS

General

This Sheet describes the general construction of external panels using hollow glass blocks. Sheet 14.M1 gives standard shapes and sizes of blocks together with tables of dimensions of openings to accommodate glass panels up to 20 ft. high or 20 ft. wide. For typical working details of panels in brickwork and reinforced concrete structures see subsequent Sheets in this series.

Panel Sizes

Insulight hollow glass blocks are non-loadbearing units, and although they will carry their own weight safely up to a reasonable height it is necessary because of wind pressure and other stresses to put intermediate support in panels where the height is more than 20 ft., the width more than 20 ft. or the area more than 120 ft. super. These dimensions may be exceeded for internal panels in certain cases.

Fixing

Treatment at head and jambs : In all panels, the head and sides must be built free of the main structure—except for the reinforcement—to prevent panels being subjected to strains due to settlement, building load, or expansion. A $\frac{1}{2}$ in. clearance should be provided which must be kept free of mortar spillings, and filled with a non-hardening compound. In cases where intermediate support or structural dividing members are introduced into panels, the glass blocks must be insulated by clearance joints. In external panels, recesses into which the head and sides are built free of the main structure must be provided, except where the dimensions of the panel do not exceed 8 ft. high by 2 ft. wide, or 6 ft. high by 3 ft. wide. The recess should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide by 1 in. deep, allowing $\frac{1}{2}$ in. clearance and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. cover with $\frac{3}{8}$ in. play on either face ; the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. clearance should be filled with a non-hardening compound to provide a weatherproof joint. Where intermediate supports are introduced, it is not essential to provide recesses in these.

In internal panels, rebate fixing is recommended : in certain cases butt fixing can be used.

Treatment at sill : Before the bottom course is laid, the sill should be coated with an asphalt emulsion or similar material, and the blocks then bedded with mortar as specified below, so as to allow for slight

movement without disrupting the mortar bed and thereby preserving the weather-resistance of the panel.

Reinforcement : Reinforcing strips should be built into every third to every fifth course dependent on the size and position of the panel. The ends should pass through the clearance joint and be secured to the main structure. Such a material as "Exmet" $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide No. 20 gauge expanded metal has been found suitable for this purpose.

Bedding and pointing : As glass blocks are non-absorbent a fairly dry and fatty mortar should be used. A suitable mix is one part Portland cement, one part hydrated lime (preferably lime putty) and four parts of sand by volume. Clean builders' sand free from gravel (not sea sand) should be used. The face of the joints may be struck back and smoothed during erection. If coloured joints are required they may either be picked out in colour by painting after the mortar is thoroughly dry or raked out at the time of erection and later pointed with coloured cement. The pointing may be of any form or finish ; a keyed joint formed with a curved jointing tool is the normal one.

Doorways, windows and ventilators : Small windows and ventilators may be set in a panel as insets. Doors and larger windows require clearance joints and special treatment.

14.M1 Reference Back

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Further Information

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CENTENARY

IN 1847 a frustrated student, complaining in *The Builder* of the want of adequate training facilities for architectural students and suggesting, boldly enough, that students might well start a school of their own, wrote: "What is to prevent such if a number of us put our shoulders to the wheel and form it?" Shortly after a school was indeed formed and the first roots of the Architectural Association were established. Since these early days the AA has prospered and its school has come to lead the field in architectural education. To mark the centenary celebrations to be staged next week, the Journal in this issue devotes most of its pages to the AA: Astragal devotes his column to AA legend; there is a portrait gallery of some of the personalities who have contributed most to recent AA achievement; and on the following pages the AJ's photographer illustrates a day in the AA's life.

PROGRAMME OF CELEBRATIONS

★Wednesday
December 17

11.30 a.m. Reception of Delegates by the President and Council of the AA at 36 Bedford Square.

2.30 p.m. Opening of the Exhibition illustrating the history and activities of the AA during the past 100 years.

Speakers will include Sir Ernest Pooley, K.C.V.O. (Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain). Tea. At 36 Bedford Square. Informal dress.

8 p.m. The President's Reception and Dance at 66 Portland Place, W.1 (by kind permission of the Council, RIBA).

Evening dress. Orders and decorations.

Tickets, including buffet and wines, £2 2s. 0d. each, including students' guests (AA students £1 1s. 0d. each).

★Thursday
December 18

11 a.m. Commemoration Service at St. George's Church, Bloomsbury.

Preacher: The Very Rev. the Dean of St. Paul's. Collection in aid of Architects' Benevolent Society.

2.45 p.m. *Past and Present.* An Address by Hope Bagenal.

5.30 p.m. Entertainment of Delegates by the British Council.

8 p.m. Gala performance of Students' Pantomime at RIBA.

★Friday
December 19

Morning and afternoon. Organised tours for Delegates to Ashford, Kent, to see new town plan and housing.

7.30 p.m. Dinner in honour of the Delegates, given by the President and Council, at 36 Bedford Square.



★STUDENTS' DANCE

At 36 Bedford Square.
9 p.m.—5 a.m. December 12.

★STUDENTS' PANTOMIME

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Saturday	December 13	3 to 5.30
Monday	December 15	7.30 to 10
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A DAY IN THE LIFE

The AA is an institution having many aspects: educational, social, professional and administrative, all of which add up to the daily hum of activity which is AA life. Everything that happens inside the walls of Nos. 34-36, Bedford Square, cannot be illustrated within the limits that paper rationing imposes, but the AJ's photographer, de Burgh Galwey, has visited the AA on a typically busy day and here shows students, members and staff at work.

THE AA

If early in the morning you come across Bedford Square from the direction of the British Museum or London University, the serene face of the AA, flanked on one side by a solicitor's office and on the other by Diocesan House, gives little clue to what goes on behind it when its five hundred students arrive. But round about nine o'clock things begin to happen. The five hundred squeeze in somehow and overflow into another house opposite and into temporary quarters on a bombed site behind the main building.



THE DAY BEGINS

Each of the five years is divided into several parallel groups so that the teaching unit in the studios is of reasonable size, each year master having a number of group masters to assist him. From the student side each group has a student chairman, and each year has a committee of student chairmen



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to discuss with the year staff the general problems of the programmes and the organization of the curriculum. For those who may think this sounds like the army, it is worth noting that unlike the army not only the information but also the rockets can travel in both directions.

IN THE STUDIO

In the studios it is sometimes hard to believe that any drawings can be produced at all, for everyone is deep in discussion. But they do get done, and very well too, and all the better for the talk. Discussion is keenest, perhaps, in the second, fourth and fifth years, where group working is part of the curriculum. Group working is tackled in two ways: in the second and fifth years half-a-dozen or more students combine on the layout of a complex of elements, a village, for instance, and each student is then responsible for the design of one of the elements; in the fourth year a more difficult approach is tried, in which the group work co-operatively on the design and construction of a single building, such as a factory.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE AA



CHING'S HEAD

Ching's, in the basement, has been called the Café de Flore of the AA underground movement. Stuffy and noisy, well-stocked and overcrowded, it probably gets harder wear and has heard more talk than any other room on the premises, from coffee at eleven until kippers in the evening. With a principally student clientele, it has a special atmosphere, that the more respectable dining room upstairs conspicuously lacks. The redecoration of Ching's by the students is usually imminent and sometimes accomplished, but soon it succeeds in looking comfortably shabby again.



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ADMINISTRATION

Two offices deal with the administrative work of the AA, the general office, concerned with the architect membership of nearly two thousand, and the school office. The materials bureau sells most things an architect wants, from drawing pins to post-war building studies, and most of the necessary luxuries as well, from Penguin Modern Painters to Le Corbusier. "All this talk!" says Louie. "There wouldn't be much talk if we didn't fill their stomachs." Officially the catering manager, but in fact a pillar of AA life, Louie is equally popular with all generations. She is seen talking to the cook on the right. In private life she is Mrs. Eastman.



DRINK BEFORE MEAT

It is at lunch-time every day that the non-student members put in their appearance. A drink in the members' room on the first floor of No. 36 precedes lunch down below. Gertie (Mrs. Bryant) dispenses the drinks.

THE DINING ROOM

Lunch time sees the dining room nearly as crowded as an RIBA General Meeting—and it happens much more often. It has become so popular that the dining room has recently been extended, and now occupies the greater part of the ground floor of two houses. Shared by members, staff, and students, it is one of the few real meeting grounds for all architectural generations in London.



BUILDING PRACTICE

This is not the Youth Railway but the practical building site in Morwell St., behind the AA. The object is not to turn the students into tradesmen or give them some mystical contact with Craft, but simply to show them at first hand, and in a way that visits to works in progress can rarely do, how things are put together in a building. Coming in the first three years of the course, this part of the curriculum, in which the AA is unique, forms a valuable background to studio work. With a permanent Clerk of Works in charge, students do the rougher work, such as brick-laying, carpentry and precast and in situ concrete—and not so roughly either. Skilled tradesmen give demonstrations of more exacting processes, such as asphaltting, plastering and terrazzo. Latest development is the trying out of experimental methods and details.



"PLAN" EDITORS

The Editorial board of "Plan," the termly journal of the national student organisation, the Arch. SA. It is the AA students' turn to run this for the next year. There are rumours that it is intended to continue the tradition of the last AA paper, "Focus." The next number is due in January. Left to right, S. Scorer, T. Williams, N. Hyams and Graeme Shankland.

**A DAY IN THE
LIFE OF THE AA****STUDENTS'
COMMITTEE**

The students' committee has fifteen members, three elected from each year. A formidable body for any Principal to face, but Gordon Brown (at head of table) manages to do so regularly, discussing educational policy and school organization. It seems to be recognized that the student is not a schoolboy, but an adult who can help the school authorities with positive contributions and criticisms. The AA is perhaps the only architectural school that really accepts this sort of discussion as complementary to the studio work.

**LIBRARIES**

8,500 books, 33,000 lantern slides, and a good selection of architectural papers—an important service for members as well as for the school. The pleasantest room at the AA, the library occupies the width of two houses on the first floor and looks out over the square. Seen from the outside on a winter's evening, its lighted ceiling is one of the sights of London.





THE COUNCIL MEETS

Whatever the other members of the Council may think of the agenda it is evidently just Lionel Pearson's cup of tea. The Council, which runs the AA, consists of ten Ordinary Members elected annually by the membership, and seven officers elected by the outgoing Council. The photographer has chosen the senior side of the table to include the Secretary, President and

vice-President, but there is a good balance of less senior members as well. Students and staff cannot actually serve on the Council, but they are represented on the House and General Purposes Committees. Left to right, the Secretary, H. J. Alexander, the President, Howard Robertson, and Graham R. Dawbarn, R. E. Enthoven and Lionel Pearson.

INTERVAL FOR TEA



BACK TO WORK

With numbers as they are, juries and criticisms of finished subjects take up a fair proportion of staff time. Students are often represented on juries and there have been experiments with crits run on discussion lines in which both staff and students have opportunities of criticising schemes and their authors of defending them.



THE MEMBERS' ROOM

A quiet interval, just time to write a letter in the members' room overlooking the square, before the evening rush begins.



ONE FOR THE ROAD

In the evening the members' room fills up with tired, hard-working architects who find the AA an ideal place in which to relax and exchange professional gossip, and also to keep in touch with goings-on in the AA school, which it has always been a tradition among members to do. The members' room would not seem properly furnished without left to right, F. R. Yerbury and L. H. Bucknell, here seen chatting to Louis de Soissons and Grey Wornum.



AND SO HOME

In the days when students' lodgings were easier and cheaper to find in Bloomsbury and Soho, AA evenings were the best part of the day, so they say. But nowadays there are trains to catch. The cat, however, can still enjoy the luxury of the metropolitan night.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE AA



Discussing the White Paper, Ian Bowen sees in the new programme of capital investment for 1948 a scaling down of investment plans not, in fact, for 1948, but for the following and subsequent years; he deplores that "a kind of coyness surrounds the issue of programme figures" and suggests that any new programme should be discussed by the interested public long before any final official decision is taken.



The New Programme of CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN 1948

[by Ian Bowen]

THE SIZE OF THE CUT

One hundred and eighty millions is a large sum of money, and a cut of this order of magnitude impresses the public as being an unpleasant dose of austerity. It represents, however, a cut on an anticipated total capital expenditure of £1,600 millions for the whole country, *i.e.*, inclusive of private as well as of public investment. Thus it is a cut of the order of 11 per cent. in *planned* rather than in actual expenditure.

We read that such items as the Severn Tunnel, the New Towns (apart from roads and sewers), new offices and commercial buildings generally, and all new industrial buildings or extensions (apart from projects of "exceptional importance") are to be postponed. In the case of industrial buildings there is to be a holiday on starting new projects for a period of six months. The embargo on licences for shops and commercial premises is to be applied "even though this must have the effect of delaying plans for rebuilding the centres of cities damaged during the war." Schemes for deep-water quays at Leith and other reclamation and deepening work at Hendon are to be abandoned. Cuts in the labour force engaged on installing telephones will result in a lengthening of the already long list of would-be subscribers.

These, and the other details of cuts given in the White Paper, can make the reader hear the pips squeak as the orange is squeezed dry. But a further examination of the programme now before the country may perhaps present it in a slightly different light.

THE CUT IN TERMS OF LABOUR

The following table summarises the cuts in building and civil engineering labour to be employed in June, 1948, as compared with the force employed in October, 1947. There are two very striking points emerging from the figures set out in this way.

First, not all the cuts are cuts. The Ministry of Supply is to increase its labour force by 4,000, because its responsibility includes "engineering, iron and steel, and research and development on defence aircraft and atomic energy." Agriculture is to have the largest increase of all, gaining 12,200 men over the next eight difficult months. Education and the Health Services between them gain 13,600 men over the same period, and Fuel and Power is to gain 6,500 men.

As a result of these offsetting gains, the second point of the table is established: namely, that the over-all reduction in building and civil engineering labour employed is only 32,000 men, or only some 4 per cent. A hostile critic might, and probably some will, refer to this 4 per cent. reduction as a somewhat derisory figure.

Since it has required such mountainous partitioning to prevent the departmental claims for labour from exceeding 749,000 by next June, it seems to be fairly clear that the scrapping of named schemes (the Severn Tunnel, and the Hendon deepening and widening, etc., etc.) is to some extent face-saving. How could these schemes possibly have been carried out in 1948 on any calculation? Their abandonment can only take effect by 1949, and the only reasonable interpretation of the new programme seems to be that it entails a genuine scaling-down in investment plans *not* for 1948 but for the following and subsequent years.

Any further cut in labour must presumably be looked for not in the items in the table, but in the remainder of the industry, the quarter of a million and more employed on work not scheduled below. These are mainly the employees of very small firms. There is as yet no sign that the Government (or anyone else) has a plan for reforming the structure of the industry.

THE NEW HOUSING PROGRAMME

Housing is to sacrifice, in total, some 44,000 men from October, 1947, to June, 1948. But new permanent housing is not to suffer, but is to increase its labour force—drawing men from the repair of war-damaged houses and from the closing temporary housing scheme. Thus, housing

investment may very well—as far as new permanent housing is concerned—be much greater in 1948 than in 1947.

There are many economic justifications for such a policy. How many houses it is intended to start over the next eight months remains, however, something of a mystery. There are to be 210,000 houses under construction at the end of June, 1948; there were 260,000 under construction, and 90,000 approved but not started, at the end of October, 1947. It would almost seem as though the Government were hoping completions to average 25,000 per month at least from November, 1947, to June, 1948, inclusive, *i.e.*, a total of 190,000 houses completed out of the 350,000 stock now in hand.

Even 25,000 would be a high average for this period, if really bad weather develops in January and February. This figure would imply that 50,000 houses were *started* from November to June, *i.e.*, some 6,250 a month—a very much lower figure than the present average. There is, however, not the slightest indication yet to be seen of such a cut in commencements.

If starts are *not* to be scaled down as drastically as this, then the implication is some continuing facile optimism somewhere as to the rate of completion.

But the general intentions of the new housing programme are undoubtedly sound; to aim at finishing off as many houses as possible as quickly as possible is a sensible policy. On this side of the programme the Government is wise not to have been panicked into much more disastrous pruning and paring.

It is, however, an unfortunate footnote to the present state of the gentle art of planning that the full details of programmes are not given to the public. A kind of coyness surrounds the issue of the programme figures, so that the observer is driven to guesswork.

Our last two plans, moreover, the "Economic Survey for 1947" and the present White Paper, are the product of particular crises. Could not fuller man-power and capital expenditure programmes be issued and discussed, like the Estimates and the Appropriation accounts, at stated intervals? The sudden changes in policy, which are the reverse of good planning, result partly from extraneous causes, but partly perhaps from the inadequate publicity given to programmes in their more tentative stages. The numerous detailed consequences to architects and building materials producers of any new programme should be discussed in the journals and elsewhere long before the final official decision is taken—by which time constructive criticism is often inevitably too late.

Estimated change in Building and Civil Engineering Labour employed for Housing and Departmental Programmes.

(Labour in 000's.)

	Oct., 1947	June, 1948	Reduction— or Increase +
Housing	569	525	-44
BOT	63	57	-6
M. of Food	19.5	11	-8.5
MOS	34	38	+4
Agriculture	14.8	27	+12.2
Civil Aviation	2.5	1.7	-0.8
Education, Schools, etc.	16	23.4	+7.4
Fuel and Power	20.5	27	+6.5
Health Services	18.8	24	+5.2
Home Office	?	(1)	+(1)
Post Office	5	4	-1
Transport	17	10	-7
Total of above items	780.1	749.1	-31

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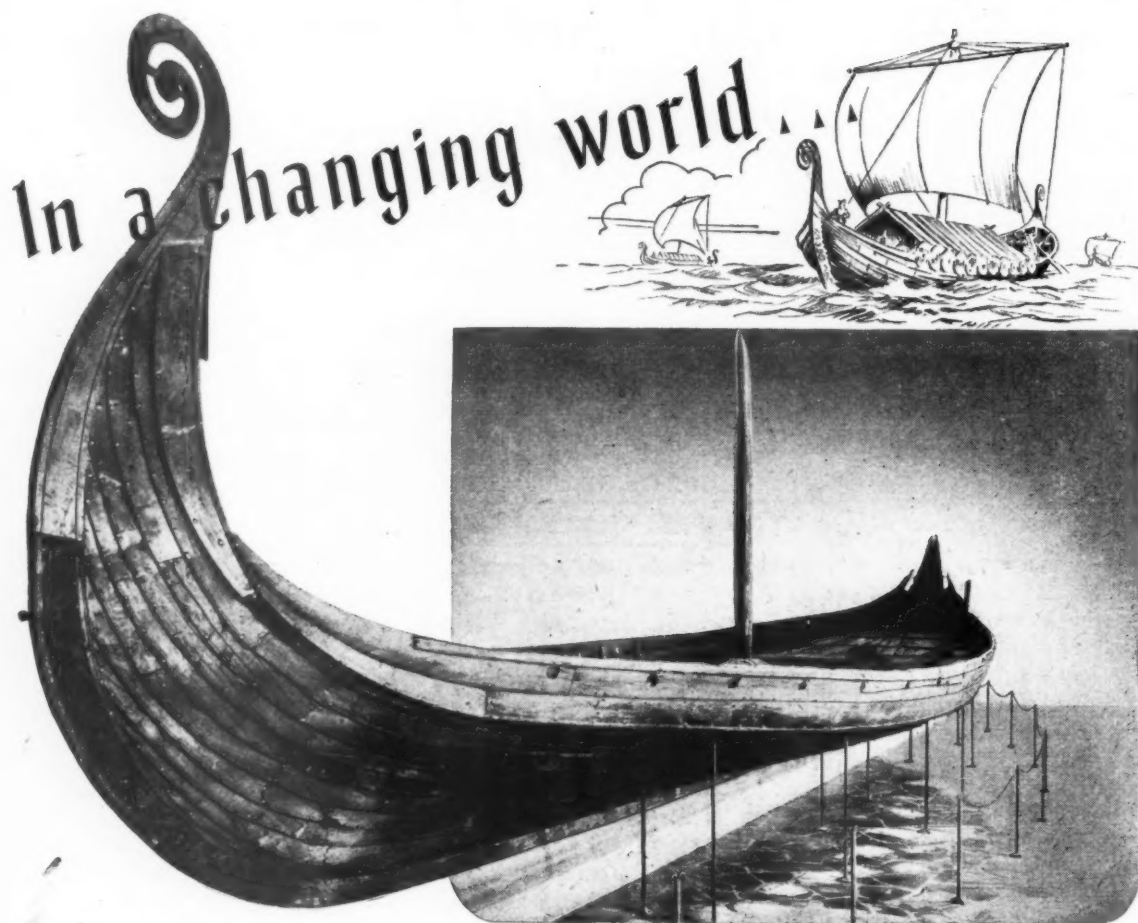
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17.17 construction: general

PRESTRESSED R. CONCRETE

Prestressed Reinforced Concrete. K. Billig. (Technical Paper No. 5. The Reinforced Concrete Association. Price 5s.)

Publication in revised form of paper read at meeting of RCA., November 7, 1946. See 17.5.

19.28 construction: detail

STEEL ROOF TRUSSES

Steel Roof Trusses for Domestic Buildings. D. V. Isaacs and D. Dalgleish. (Bulletin No. 4, Department of Works and Housing, Australian Commonwealth Experimental Building Station, June 1947.)

Dimensions, standard details and weights of steel roof trusses for spans between 15 and 27 ft.

This bulletin has been compiled to assist builders to select suitable light steel trusses for domestic roofs. Two types of covering have been considered: (1) tiled roofs, with a slope of approx. $27\frac{1}{2}^\circ$; (2) corrugated or other lightly sheeted roofs, with a slope of approx. $17\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. Variation of the eaves overhang is used as a means of fitting a limited number of standard trusses to any wall spacing within the overall range covered. The roof plan should be basically rectangular, gable ends should be used and truss spacings should not exceed 3 ft. for tiled roofs and 4 ft. 6 in. for roofs of corrugated or other light sheeting.

20.47 construction: complete structures

FIREPROOFING OLD STEEL COLUMNS

Precast Fireproofing on Used Steel Reinforced Columns for Re-use. (Engineering

News-Record [USA], October 2, 1947, pp. 464-465.)

Old structural steel columns encased in precast reinforced concrete and re-erected.

An old structure was purchased with the idea of re-erecting it practically as it had stood originally. It was found, however, that to meet the building code it was necessary to strengthen many of the columns.

These were fireproofed and strengthened in a single operation by casting reinforced structural concrete around them in horizontal position in forms similar to those used for precasting piles.

23.45 heating and ventilation

ELECTRICITY COSTS

Consumers' Expenditure. Electricity in Relation to Other Goods and Services. S. B. Jackson. (Electrical Review, October 10, 1947.)

Brief note based on work of J. R. N. Stone, Director of Department of Applied Economics, Cambridge. Compares change in price of electricity to change in other materials and services from 1938 to 1946. Interest lies in the fact that electricity price has fallen while all other prices have risen. Point for architects is that if this position holds, their previous ideas on economy of various methods of heating may need reconsideration.

24.48 lighting

GLASS

The Reflexion Factor of Glass. J. G. Holmes. (Trans. I.E.S., Vol. 12, No. 5, 1947.)

Computations of light transmission. Limited architectural interest.

Figures given for the reflexion factor of air-glass surfaces, making allowance for the effects of polarisation and multiple internal reflexion. Mainly for specialists.

25.44 water supply and sanitation

DRAINAGE: TRAPS, VENTILATION

Sanitation of Buildings, Trapping and Ventilation. L. B. Escritt, A.M.I.C.E. (The Surveyor, September 26, 1947.)

General article on traps and vents. Quotations from regulations. Quotation of Australian rules for design of anti-vac pipes.

This is a general article outlining normal methods of providing ventilation and trapping in drainage systems and explaining, with quotations, present regulations. Variations required in one-pipe and two-pipe

systems are discussed. Mainly a simple explanation of standard practice, but it does also include a table showing how to decide upon size of vent pipes. No code for this exists in England and the data quoted is Australian.

26.12 services and equipment: miscellaneous

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Gas/Water Pressure Type, Rivetted Construction. BS 1382:1947. (British Standards Institution. 2s.)

Complementary to BS 138 on chemical extinguishers, this is useful as a simple means of specifying a satisfactory article. Published now to avoid delay pending discussions on welded types.

27.5 furniture, fittings

GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT

Gymnasium Equipment for Schools. BS MOE 25:1947. (British Standards Institution. 7s. 6d.)

This specification covers all the equipment required by school gymnasias under the 1944 Education Act, from "booms" to "agility mattresses." The larger equipment is illustrated with essential dimensions, but detail design is not rigidly controlled. The construction, materials, and quality of the equipment is laid down. There are two useful appendices, one suggesting suitable quantities of the different items of equipment, and additional apparatus for indoor games, and methods of storage, and the second detailing the sections of information which are to be supplied by the purchaser.

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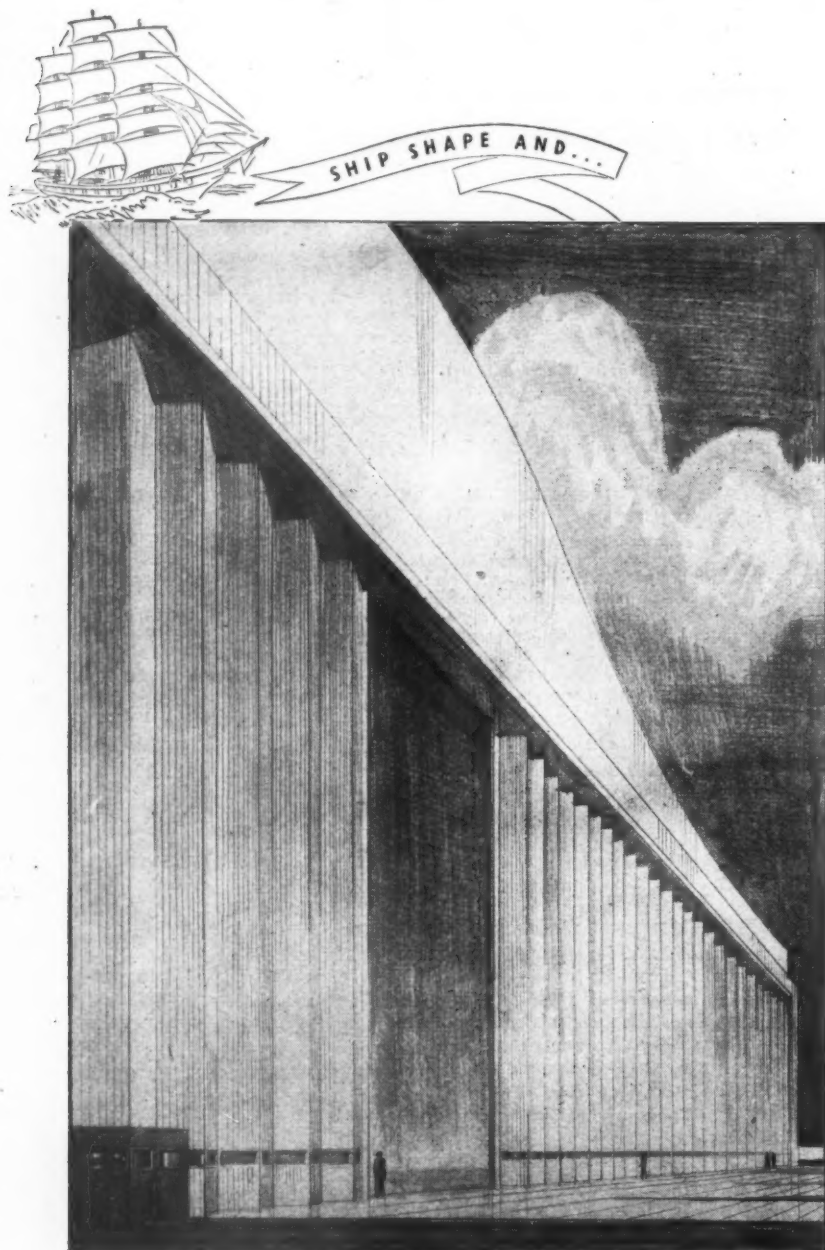
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The following tables summarise the official statistics on housing progress, the production of building materials and the labour position.

HOUSING, MATERIALS AND LABOUR

[by Ian Bowen]

HOUSING

TABLE I PERMANENT HOUSES IN GREAT BRITAIN: Cumulative Totals

	Begun			Finished		
	Local Authorities	Private Builders	Total	Local Authorities	Private Builders	Total
To Dec., 1945	20,409	—	—	1,657	1,031	2,688
1946: Nov. ..	165,447	58,581	224,028	18,459	24,639	43,098
Dec. ..	178,379	61,293	239,672	23,923	28,175	52,098
1947: Jan. ..	190,340	63,319	253,659	28,440	31,609	60,049
Feb. ..	197,938	64,459	262,397	30,607	33,278	63,885
March ..	205,159	65,864	271,023	34,436	35,430	69,866
April ..	218,815	67,826	286,641	40,425	38,184	78,609
May ..	234,395	70,684	305,079	47,726	41,465	89,191
June ..	250,292	73,181	323,473	55,642	44,356	99,998
July ..	265,689	75,741	341,430	63,975	47,316	111,291
Aug. ..	280,197	78,582	358,779	71,646	49,813	121,459
Sept. ..	295,549	80,208	375,757	81,983	52,323	134,306
Oct. ..	309,265	82,303	391,568	92,924	55,362	148,286
Increase of Oct. over Sept. ..	13,716	2,095	15,811	10,941	,039	13,980
Total at Oct. 31, 1947:						
Local Authorities ..	..	..	..	216,341	..	92,924
Private Builders ..	..	..	..	26,941	..	55,362
War-destroyed rebuilt ..	..	..	..	16,035	..	16,121
Government Departments ..	..	..	..	2,509	..	466
Total ..	..	..	..	261,826	..	164,873

TABLE II TEMPORARY HOUSES IN GREAT BRITAIN: Cumulative Totals

	Slabbing Begun	Slabbing Completed	Erection Begun	Erection Completed
To Dec., 1945	61,008	39,998	22,932	9,376
1946: Nov. ..	128,258	112,837	98,650	80,135
Dec. ..	131,646	115,711	103,796	92,306
1947: Jan. ..	134,023	118,451	107,214	97,070
Feb. ..	136,238	118,734	109,033	99,461
March ..	137,992	119,759	111,002	101,717
April ..	140,333	123,757	115,186	106,664
May ..	141,786	127,270	118,653	111,029
June ..	143,769	130,735	122,353	115,086
July ..	147,661	134,956	126,375	119,960
Aug. ..	151,036	138,352	129,535	122,992
Sept. ..	152,730	142,359	133,328	126,279
Oct. ..	154,042	146,720	138,367	131,643
Increase of Oct. over Sept. ..	1,312	4,361	5,039	5,364

Temporary Houses Under Construction at Oct. 31: 6,724.

TABLE III NON-TRADITIONAL PERMANENT HOUSES (ALREADY INCLUDED IN TABLE I) GREAT BRITAIN: Cumulative Totals

	Begun	Completed
To end May 1947	46,793	8,281
June ..	52,075	10,009
July ..	57,935	12,160
Aug. ..	63,293	14,161
Sept. ..	69,183	17,582
Oct. ..	74,480	20,657

Non-traditional Houses Under Construction at Oct. 31: 53,823
(In addition to the above, construction has begun on 610 aluminium houses.)

TABLE IV * HOUSING ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED OTHERWISE THAN BY NEW BUILDING: Cumulative Totals

	Unoccupied War-Damaged Houses Repaired	Conversions and Adaptations
To end May 1947	119,062	47,294
June ..	121,836	49,616
July ..	123,537	51,691
Aug. ..	124,967	53,627
Sept. ..	126,542	55,685
Oct. ..	128,076	58,214
Increase of Oct. over Sept. ..	1,534	2,529

* Emergency Huts (programme finished August 1946) provided for a further 3,480 families.

BUILDING MATERIALS

TABLE V PRODUCTION AND STOCKS:

Material	Unit	Oct.-Dec., 1946		October 1947	
		Pro-duction	Stocks†	Pro-duction	Stocks†
Cement ..	th. tons	(monthly average) 618	244	817*	201
Bricks ..	millions	396	270	461	253
Roofing materials					
Clay tiles ..	th. squares	64.4	33.9	79.8	44.7
Concrete tiles ..	"	48.6	38.7	63.4	48.9
Slates ..	"	25.6	28.3	—	—
Asbestos Cement					
Slates ..	"	—	—	2,035	—
Asbestos cement sheeting ..	th. tons	29.1	—	32.4*	—
Roofing felt ..	th. rolls of 24 sq. yds.	244	110	277	184
Ceilings, Wall Linings and Floorings					
Plaster gypseous ..	th. tons	17.6	—	20.0*	—
Plasterboard ..	th. sq. yds.	3,353	491	4,422*	324
Tiles					
Glazed ..	th. sq. yds.	510	—	480	—
Floor (Clay) ..	"	135	—	157	—
Pipes (Water, Gas, etc.)					
Lead ..	th. tons	3.67	—	—	—
Copper ..	"	2.66	—	—	—
Soil Pipes (cast iron)	"	2.24	—	2.4*	—
Asbestos Cement					
Goods ..	th. tons	—	—	2.17*	—
Manhole Covers and Frames	th. of equiv. tons of cast iron	3.03	—	—	—
Metal Windows ..	Mn. ft. sup.	3.75	2.84	4.14	3.19
Sanitary Fittings	thousands	29.1	—	—	—
Baths ..	"	79.9	—	—	—
Lavatory Basins	"	58.3	—	—	—
Sinks ..	"	95.3	—	113.7	—
W.C. Pans ..	"	—	—	—	—
Cookers ..	"	19.0	—	—	—
Solid Fuel ..	"	17.6	—	—	—
Electric ..	"	35.2	—	—	—
Gas ..	"	62.1	—	—	—
Fires, Solid Fuel ..	"	20.9	—	—	—
Wash Boilers ..	"	48.5	—	—	—
Electric ..	"	4.7	—	—	—
Gas ..	"	1.59	—	—	—
Furnace Pans (Solid Fuel)	thousands	—	—	—	—
Solid Fuel ..	"	—	—	—	—
Softwood Timber (Imports and Home Produced)	th. stds.	115.1	214.5	196.8j	421.7†

* 5-week period.

† At end of period.

§ Imports only.

† September figure.

LABOUR

TABLE VI BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING LABOUR IN GREAT BRITAIN: Operatives Employed, aged 16 and over†

Type of Work	July, 1945	Oct. 1946	Oct. 1947*
Total ..	535.0	949.0†	1,004.0
Housing ..	343.9	(619.1)	569.0
Permanent (Construction, and preparation of sites)	17.4	205.3	262.7
Temporary ..	14.5	39.9	10.3
Other (repairs, etc.) ..	312.0	(373.9)	296.0
Other Work ..	191.1	(329.9)	435.0

* Provisional.

† The total for October 1946 has been revised from 943,000 to 949,000. Revised figures for each type of work in this table have not been published; but, where no revised figure is obtainable, the earlier estimate is shown in brackets.

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The Earl of Halifax has accepted the invitation of the Council of the Building Societies Association to become President of the Association in succession to Viscount Sankey who, after eight years' occupancy of the office, has felt obliged to resign owing to advancing years.

The British Electrical Development Association has appointed Mr. Norman Phillips, of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Co., Ltd., to the post of Exhibitions Organiser in succession to Mr. C. Warrene, who recently resigned.

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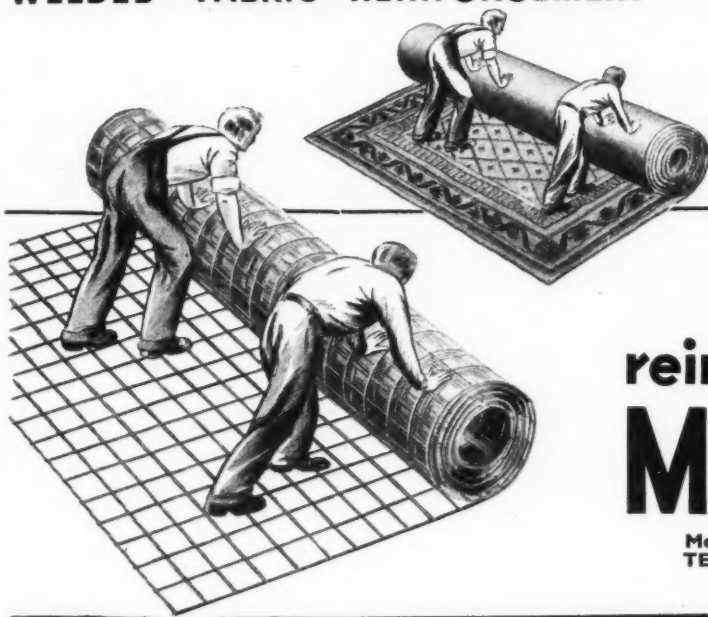
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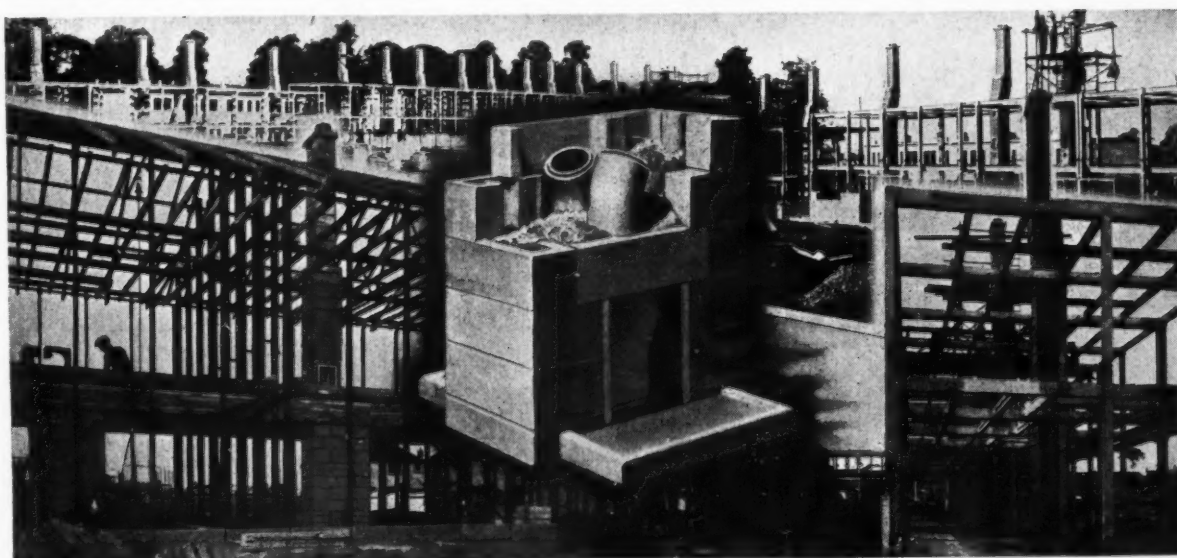
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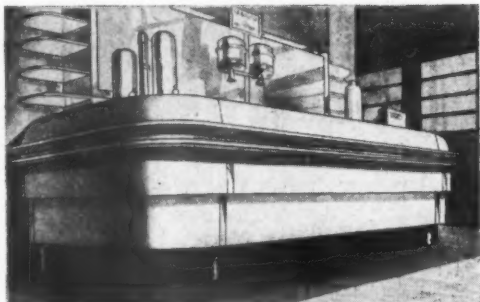
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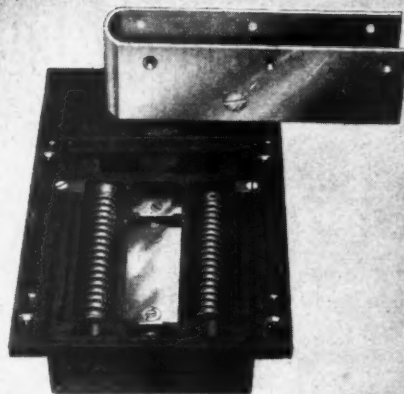
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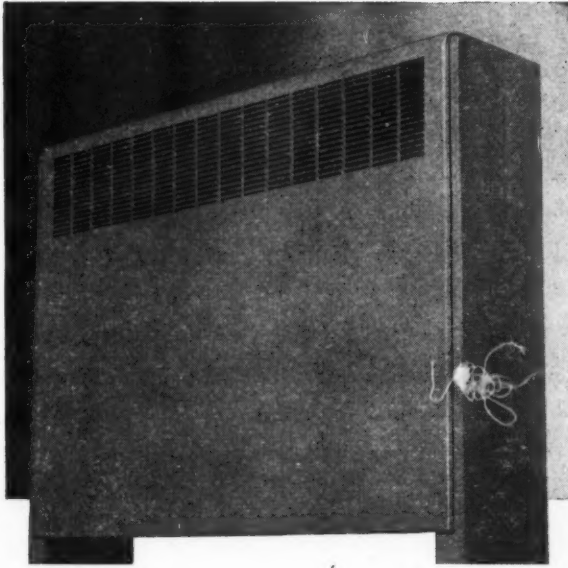
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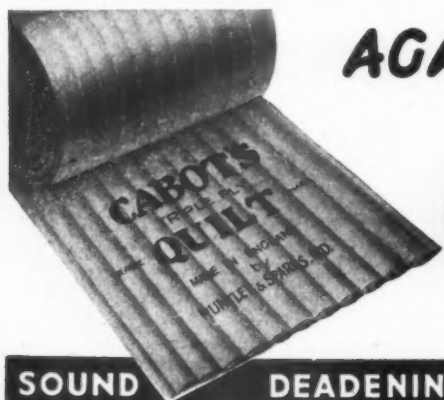
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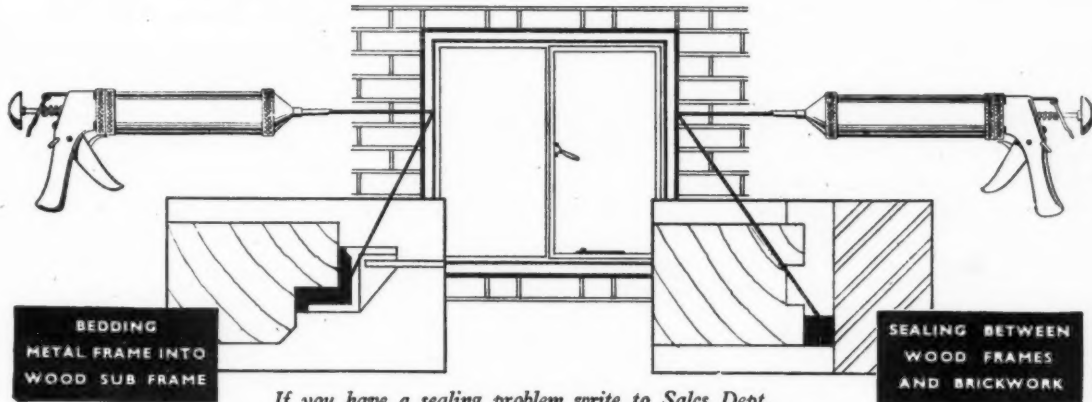
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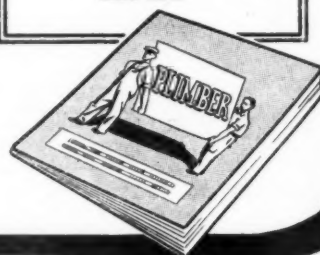
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Forms of application are not being issued, but if further information is required it may be obtained from J. Catchpole, A.R.I.B.A., County Architect, County Hall, Northallerton. Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with particulars of present and previous appointments, and the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference can be made, must be delivered to the undersigned not later than Thursday, the 1st January, 1948.

Canvassing will disqualify, and a candidate who is related to a member of, or a senior officer under, the Council must disclose the fact in his application.

HUBERT G. THORNLEY,

Clerk of the County Council.
County Hall, Northallerton.
21st November, 1947. 550

CORPORATION OF LONDON. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.

Applications are invited for the above appointments in the City Surveyor's Department, at a salary according to age, qualification and experience up to a consolidated amount of £475 p.a.

Applicants should be trained as Architects, with good practical experience in design and construction of all types of buildings, and should preferably have passed the intermediate examination R.I.B.A. and intending shortly to take the final examination.

The appointments are for the present on a temporary basis, and in the event of establishment to the permanent staff, temporary service will count for the purposes of superannuation.

The appointments will be subject to the provisions of the Corporation's Superannuation Scheme, and candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. The appointments are subject to one month's notice on either side.

Applications, endorsed "Technical Staff," to be made to George Holliday, F.R.I.C.S., City Surveyor, 55-61, Moorgate, E.C.2, giving the following particulars: Age, training and experience, past and present appointments, service with Armed Forces, and date when available to commence duties if selected, together with a copy of a recent testimonial. 552

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL. COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments, in the County Planning Officer's Department:—

(a) ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER, A.P.T., Grade VI (salary £535-£560), plus cost-of-living bonus.

(b) TWO SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANTS, A.P.T., Grade V (salary £460-£510), plus cost-of-living bonus. One officer will be engaged primarily on reconstruction schemes, and be required to reside in the Lowestoft district, the other will assist in the preparation of development plans at Headquarters.

The commencing salary in each case will be fixed having regard to the qualifications and experience of a successful candidate.

Applicants for the appointments should be either Members or Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and preference will be given to those possessing qualifications in engineering, surveying or architecture, and they will be required to maintain a motor car, for which they will be paid allowances according to the Council's scale, which at present provides for an annual payment of £50, plus 23d. a mile. The County Council is prepared to make a loan of part of the cost of purchasing a motor car in appropriate cases. The appointments will be in accordance with the National Conditions of Service, will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and will be determinable by one month's notice on either side. Applications, endorsed with the designation of the appointment desired, stating age, experience, qualifications, present and past appointments, and giving names and addresses of two referees, to be delivered to the undersigned not later than the first post Friday morning, the 19th December, 1947.

G. C. LIGHTFOOT,

Clerk of the County Council.
County Hall, Ipswich. 562

CITY OF CANTERBURY. ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of Temporary Architectural Assistant, in the City Architect's Department.

Salary, A.P.T. Division, Grade I, £330-£375, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum.

Preference will be given to candidates who have passed examinations for membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, endorsed "Architectural Assistant," stating age, particulars of experience and qualifications, and with not more than three copies of recent testimonials, should be received by L. Hugh Wilson, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., and later than Monday, 29th December, 1947.

J. BOYLE,

Town Clerk.
Municipal Buildings, Canterbury.
3rd December, 1947. 589

BOROUGH OF SOUTHGATE. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant, on the Established Staff of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, at a salary in accordance with Grade V in the A.P.T. Division of the scales of salaries recommended by the National Joint Council, i.e., £460-£510 per annum, plus £20 London area "weighting." In addition, a cost-of-living bonus (at present £59 16s. per annum) is payable.

Applicants should be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or hold an equivalent qualification. Previous Municipal experience, particularly in housing, will be an advantage.

Applicants must have had not less than twelve months' experience in Architectural Assistant's work, and must not be normally employed in agriculture or coal mining.

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

Candidates who to their knowledge are related to a Member or Senior Officer of the Council must disclose the relationship in writing to the Town Clerk. Failure to do so will disqualify or render the candidate appointed liable to dismissal without notice.

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

Applications, stating (1) name and address; (2) age; (3) qualifications by examination; (4) present position, salary and date appointed; (5) previous positions, with dates and salaries; (6) particulars of experience, and accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, should be sent to Mr. J. T. W. East, F.R.I.B.A., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Southgate Town Hall, Palmers Green, London, N.13, in an envelope endorsed "Architectural Assistant," so as to reach him not later than Friday, 19th December, 1947.

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GORDON H. TAYLOR,

Town Clerk.
Southgate Town Hall Palmers Green,
London, N.13. 593

BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD. ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following permanent appointments, within the scale stated, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s.

(a) QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade V, salary £460-£510.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade IV (special maximum £480), salary £420-£480.

Applicants must have the recognised qualifications and experience for the various appointments, which are subject to the provisions and conditions of service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services, and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, present and previous appointments and general experience, together with copies of three recent testimonials, should be forwarded to reach the undersigned by not later than Tuesday, 23rd December, 1947. Canvassing in any form will disqualify.

VINCENT J. WILLIS, M.I.Mun.E.,
Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Architect,
Municipal Offices, Chelmsford.
4th December, 1947. 591

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL. COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade VI.
Commencing salary £535, rising by annual increments of £20/£25 to a maximum of £600, plus bonus, at present at the rate of £59 16s. per annum, and London allowance of £20.

Applicants must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and should have had a good training and an adequate experience in the design and construction of modern buildings.

It is desirable that applications should be accompanied by a small example of the applicant's work.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade I.
Commencing salary £330, rising by annual increments of £15 to £375 per annum, plus bonus, at present at the rate of £59 16s. per annum, and London allowance of £20.

Applicants should be of good general training and experience.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, and accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, should be sent to the County Architect, Surrey County Council, County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames, not later than the 31st December, 1947.

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

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify a candidate from consideration.

DUDLEY AUKLAND,

Clerk of the Council.
County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. 592

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. EDUCATION ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of an ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, salary in accordance with Grade V of the National Scale, viz., £460-£510 per annum, plus war bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum. Applicants must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. The successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience, the names of two persons to whom reference may be made, and endorsed "Architectural Assistant," should be addressed to the Director of Education, County Offices, Grey Friars, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, the 31st December, 1947. Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

JOHN A. CHATTERTON,

Clerk of the Council.
County Offices, Grey Friars, Leicester. 587

BOROUGH OF WALTHAMSTOW. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.

Applications are invited for the permanent position of Assistant Architect, at a salary in accordance with Grade V of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scales of Salaries (£460, rising to £510 by annual increments), plus London weighting allowance, according to the scale, and cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 19s. 3d. per annum.

Candidates should be members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Experience in the preparation of Town Planning and reconstruction schemes will be an advantage.

The appointment will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, to the National Joint Council's Conditions of Service, to the successful candidate passing a medical examination, and to termination by one month's notice on either side.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, must reach the undersigned, endorsed "Assistant Architect," not later than Wednesday, 24th December, 1947.

Canvassing in any form will be deemed a disqualification, and applicants must disclose any relationship to any member of the Council or holder of any senior office under the Council.

G. A. BLAKELEY,

Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Walthamstow, E.17. 590

**BOROUGH OF SWINDON.
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
APPOINTMENT OF QUANTITY SURVEYOR.**

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor, in the Borough Architect's Department, at a salary in accordance with Grade VI of the National Scales, £535 to £600, plus such cost-of-living bonus as may from time to time be paid by the Corporation (at present £59 16s. per annum).

Applicants, who should have passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Quantities Section), must be experienced in all branches of the work as applied to Local Authorities, and competent to prepare Estimates, Bills of Quantities, Specifications, etc., and to measure up for and prepare interim and final accounts.

Applicants should also have had experience in the preparation of valuations, schedules of dilapidations, and the control of the work of construction and maintenance carried out by direct labour. A knowledge of building licensing procedure as it affects Local Authorities is essential.

Forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned, and applications must be delivered to me not later than 23rd December, 1947.

Canvassing in any form will be deemed a disqualification.

D. MURRAY JOHN,
Town Clerk.

Civic Offices, Swindon.
2nd December, 1947. 583

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF POPLAR.
Applications are invited for the permanent appointments of:—**

(a) CHIEF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Grade A.P.T. VI).
(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Grade A.P.T. V).

A statement of the conditions attaching to, and the method of applying for the above-mentioned appointments, may be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Poplar Town Hall, Bow Road, E.3.

Closing date for the receipt of applications will be Monday, 29th December, 1947. 582

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURNLEY.
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT.**

Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, at a salary in accordance with Grade II of the National Scales, viz., £360 to £405, plus bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum.

Applicants should have had good general training and experience, and preference will be given to candidates having passed the Intermediate examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Conditions of service are those formulated by the National Joint Council, and the appointment is on the established staff and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. The successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Burnley, to whom applications should be returned in the envelope provided, not later than noon on Monday, the 29th December, 1947.

C. V. THORNLEY,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Burnley.
1st December, 1947. 579

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HACKNEY.
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT.**

**APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANT.**

Applications are invited for the appointment on the permanent establishment of an Architectural Assistant, at a salary in accordance with Grade VI, A.P. & T. Division (£535 per annum, rising to £600 per annum) of, and subject to, the Scheme of Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services, plus £20 per annum London weighting allowance and current cost-of-living bonus.

Candidates must be Registered Architects and Corporate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and must have had a good architectural experience.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake the preparation of drawings and specifications for housing and other work, and the supervision of buildings erected by direct labour. Preference will be given to applicants with previous local government experience, and with a knowledge of direct labour organisation.

Applicants are advised that the Council is unable to provide any housing accommodation for the successful candidate.

The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Council's Superannuation Acts, to the successful candidate passing a medical examination, to the Council's regulations relating to staff appointments, and to termination by one month's notice on either side.

Applications in writing, on forms to be obtained from the undersigned upon the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, must be received not later than first post on the 31st December, 1947, endorsed "Architectural Assistant—Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Dept."

DUDLEY SORRELL,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Hackney, E.8.
20th November, 1947. 578

**COUNTY OF CORNWALL.
APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING STAFF.**

Applications are invited for the under-mentioned appointments, in the County Planning Department of the above-named Authority:—

(a) AREA PLANNING OFFICER, for the Central Area, with office at Truro. Salary on the grade £750×£250—£850. The person appointed will be expected to provide a motor car for necessary travelling, for which a mileage allowance will be paid.

(b) ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER (ARCHITECT), for the Headquarters Office at Truro. Salary on Grade VII of the A.P.T. Division (£575×£250—£650). The person appointed will be expected to provide a motor car for necessary travelling, for which a mileage allowance will be paid.

(c) ASSISTANT AREA OFFICER, for the Central Area, with office at Truro. Salary on Grade VI of the A.P.T. Division (£535×£250—£600). The person appointed will be expected to provide a motor car for necessary travelling, for which a mileage allowance will be paid.

(d) FIVE PLANNING ASSISTANTS, three for the Central Area, with office at Truro, and two for the East Area, with headquarters at Liskeard. Salary on Grade IV of the A.P.T. Division (£420×£15—£465).

(e) DRAUGHTSMAN, in the office of the County Planning Officer at Truro. Salary on Grades II and III of the A.P.T. Division (£350×£15—£435).

Cost-of-living bonus, at present at the rate of £59 16s. a year for men and £48 2s. a year for women, is payable in addition to the foregoing salaries, so long as the award of the National Joint Council remains in operation.

Candidates for appointment (a) must be Members or Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute, as well as having an additional qualification, and have had experience in architecture, engineering or surveying. Administrative ability and wide experience in a senior planning appointment with a County Council or Joint Planning Committee is essential.

Candidates for appointment (b) must be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, as well as Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute. The person appointed will be required to take charge of a section of the Department dealing in particular with third dimensional planning, external appearance of buildings, and of buildings of architectural or historical interest. Experience in landscaping would be an advantage.

Candidates for appointment (c) should be Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and be suitably qualified in architecture, engineering or surveying.

Candidates for appointments (d) should preferably be Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute, or at least have passed the Intermediate Examination. Training in engineering, architecture or surveying would be an advantage. Experience in carrying out basic surveys, ability to map and present the information, and to use modern technique in this work, as well as in the preparation of outline development plans, is essential.

Candidates for appointment (e) must have ability to prepare, outline, and other planning maps, and be expert in the presentation of them in colour. Experience in making diagrams and of exhibition work would be an advantage.

All the foregoing appointments are subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and each successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify, and every candidate must disclose in the application whether to their knowledge he or she is related to any member of the Council, or to the holder of any senior office under the Council.

Applications, together with the names of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be addressed to the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Truro, not later than 31st December, 1947. No application forms are issued.

E. T. VERGER,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Hall, Truro.
4th December, 1947. 599

**CITY OF WAKEFIELD.
CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.**

Appointment of:—

(a) QUANTITY SURVEYOR (Grade V).
(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Grade III).

Applications are invited for the above appointments, on the staff of the City Engineer.

Applicants for appointment (a) should be qualified Quantity Surveyors, and for appointment (b) should be Students of the R.I.B.A., and preferably Associates.

The appointments will be subject to the provision of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to the successful applicants passing a medical examination.

Canvassing will disqualify, and applicants must state in writing whether they are related to any member or senior officer of the Corporation.

Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications, present appointments, together with copies of two testimonials, should be received by the undersigned not later than Saturday, the 3rd January, 1948.

W. S. DES FORGES,
Town Clerk.

December, 1947. 597

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
Applications are invited for the following post, in the County Architect's Department:—**

PERMANENT PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, at a salary in accordance with Grade VIII of the Administrative, Professional and Technical Division of the National Joint Council's Scheme, viz., £625 per annum, rising by annual increments of £25 to a maximum of £700 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 16s. per annum.

Candidates must have a knowledge of design and construction, particularly in relation to schools, public buildings, police stations, etc., and must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The appointment will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to the Regulations of the Council in force from time to time governing their Administrative, Technical and Clerical Staff. The successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification, and applicants must disclose in writing any relationship within their knowledge to a member of the Authority or to a holder of any senior office under the Authority. Forms of application, and conditions of service, can be obtained from the undersigned. Applications, together with copies of three recent testimonials, must be delivered to Mr. Colin L. Jones, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, Queen's Hill, Newport, Mon., not later than Monday, 22nd December.

VERNON LAWRENCE,
Clerk of the Council.

County Hall, Newport, Mon. 598

**BOROUGH OF WALTHAMSTOW.
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.**

Applications are invited for the permanent position of Assistant Architect, at a salary in accordance with Grade III of the National Scales of Salary (£390, rising to £435 by annual increments), plus London weighting allowance, according to the scale, and cost-of-living bonus, at present £59 18s. 3d. per annum.

Applicants must have had experience in the preparation of working and detail drawings for housing schemes.

The appointment will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, to the National Joint Council's Conditions of Service, to the successful candidate passing a medical examination, and to termination by one month's notice on either side.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, accompanied by names and addresses of three referees to whom reference may be made, must reach the undersigned, endorsed "Assistant Architect," not later than Wednesday, the 24th December, 1947.

Canvassing in any form will be deemed a disqualification, and applicants must disclose any relationship to any member of the Council or holder of any senior office under the Council.

G. A. BLAKELEY,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Walthamstow, E.17.
5th December, 1947. 600

**GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ.
Applications from qualified candidates are invited for the following post:—**

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**COUNTY OF RENFREW.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

Applications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, in the Master of Works' Department, at a salary in accordance with the J.I.C. Scale, A.P.T. Division, II/III, viz., £360-£435, plus current war bonus.

The above appointment is supernumerable, and applicants will require to pass a medical examination.

Applications, stating date of birth, details of professional qualifications, experience (with particular reference to schools), and copies of recent testimonials, should be addressed to the undersigned not later than 16th December, 1947.

Applicants should also state when they will be available to take up duty.

ROBERT URQUHART,
County Clerk.

Education Offices, 16, Glasgow Road, Paisley.
2nd December, 1947. 595

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APPLICATIONS are invited for **SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT** in London Architect's department; commercial and industrial work; salary £550 to £600, according to capabilities; qualified applicants preferred; replies should state training, experience and positions held; permanent appointment; contributory pension scheme after period of satisfactory service. Box 558.

LONDON PASSENGER TRANSPORT BOARD—Applications are invited for appointments on the temporary staff of the Architect as follows: Assistant Architects, Architectural Assistants, Structural Engineering Designers; commencing salary from £300 to £500 per annum, according to ability, qualifications and experience. Applications, which should give a brief outline of training and experience, to be sent to the Staff Officer, BR/E451, London Passenger Transport Board, 55, Broadway, S.W.1. 943

TWO JUNIOR ASSISTANTS required for busy West End Architects' office; salary according to ability. Box 538.

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YOUNG ARCHITECT (31), awaiting election Associate R.I.B.A., over 6 years' experience, seeks appointment in private office within 20 miles radius East Grinstead. Box 7.

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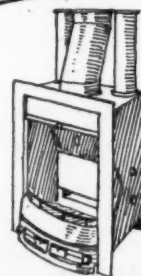
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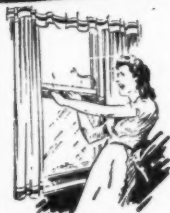
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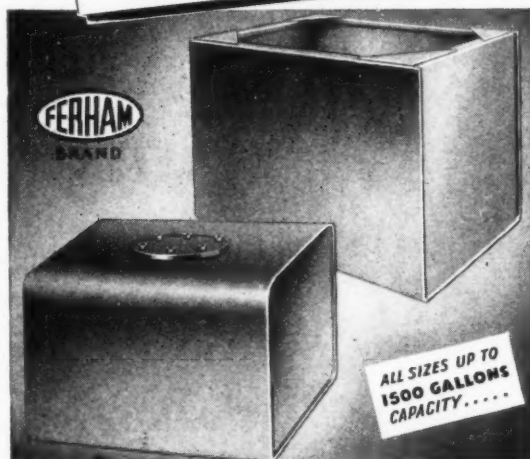
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