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| IAAS | Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors. 75, Eaton Place, S.W.1. Sloane 3158 |
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| ICW | Institute of Clayworkers. 4, Vernon Place, W.C.1. Chancery 6258 |
| IEE | Institution of Electrical Engineers. Savoy Place, W.C.2. Temple Bar 7676 |
| IES | Illuminating Engineering Society. 32, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Abbey 5215 |
| IGE | Institution of Gas Engineers. 1, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1. Sloane 8606 |
| IHVE | Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. 72/74, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Victoria 0146/7 |
| IIBD | Incorporated Institute of British Decorators. Drayton House, Gordon Street, W.C.1. Euston 2450 |
| ILA | Institute of Landscape Architects. 12, Gower Street, W.C.1. Museum 1783 |
| IOB | Institute of Builders. 48, Bedford Square, W.C.1. Museum 7197 |
| IR | Institute of Refrigeration. Empire House, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C.1. Monarch 7391 |
| IRA | Institute of Registered Architects. 47, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Abbey 6172 |
| ISE | Institution of Structural Engineers. 11, Upper Belgrave Street, S.W.1. Sloane 7128-29 |
| LIDC | Lead Industries Development Council. Eagle House, Jermyn Street, S.W.1. Whitehall 7264 |
| LMBA | London Master Builders' Association. 47, Bedford Square, W.C.1. Museum 3891 |
| MARS | MARS Group (English Branch of CIAM). 46, Sheffield Terrace, W.8. Park 7678 |
| MOA | Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. 55, Whitehall, S.W.1. Whitehall 3400 |
| MOE | Ministry of Education. Belgrave Square, S.W.1. Sloane 4522 |
| MOH | Ministry of Health. Whitehall, S.W.1. Whitehall 4300 |
| MOLNS | Ministry of Labour and National Service. St. James's Square, S.W.1. Whitehall 6200 |
| MOS | Ministry of Supply. Shell Mex House, Victoria Embankment, W.C. Gerrard 6933 |
| MOT | Ministry of Transport. Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square, W.1. Abbey 7711 |
| MOTCP | Ministry of Town and Country Planning. 32-33, St. James's Square, S.W.1. Whitehall 8411 |
| MOW | Ministry of Works. Lambeth Bridge House, S.E.1. Reliance 7611 |
| NAMMC | Natural Asphalte Mine-Owners and Manufacturers Council. 94, Petty France, S.W.1. Abbey 1010 |
| NAS | National Association of Shopfitters. 9, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Abbey 5277/8 |
| NBR | National Buildings Record. 37, Onslow Gardens, S.W.7. Kensington 8161 |
| NCBMP | National Council of Building Material Producers. 2, Caxton Street, S.W.1. Abbey 5111 |
| NFBTE | National Federation of Building Trades Employers. 82, New Cavendish Street, W.1. Langham 4041 |
| NFBTO | National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, Federal House, 20A, Cedars Road, Clapham, S.W.4. 20A, Cedars Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Whitehall 2881/2/3 |
| NFHS | National Federation of Housing Societies. 13, Suffolk St., S.W.1. Whitehall 2881/2/3 |
| NHBRC | National House Builders Registration Council. 82, New Cavendish Street, W.1. Langham 4041 |
| NHTPC | National Housing and Town Planning Council. 41, Russell Square, W.C.1. Museum 1264 |
| NPL | National Physical Laboratory. Head Office, Teddington. Molesey 1380 |
| NRIAD | National Register of Industrial Art Designers. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, W.C.2. Whitehall 2415 |
| NSAS | National Smoke Abatement Society. Chandos House, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. Abbey 1359 |
| NT | National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty. 42, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. Whitehall 0211/2 |
| PEP | Political and Economic Planning. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. Whitehall 7245 |
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| RFAC | Royal Fine Art Commission. 22A, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. Whitehall 3935 |
| RS | Royal Society. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1. Regent 3335 |
| RSA | Royal Society of Arts. 6, John Adam Street, W.C.2. Temple Bar 8274 |
| RSI | Royal Sanitary Institute. 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. Sloane 5134 |
| RIB | Rural Industries Bureau. 35, Camp Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19. Wimbledon 5101 |
| SBPM | Society of British Paint Manufacturers. 20, Piccadilly, London, W.1. Regent 6347 |
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| SNTPC | Scottish National Town Planning Council. 11, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh. 3. Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. 55, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1. Holborn 2646 |
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| TCPA | Town and Country Planning Association. 28, King Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2. Temple Bar 5006 |
| TDA | Timber Development Association. 75, Cannon Street, E.C.4. City 6146 (3 lines) |
| TPI | Town Planning Institute. 18, Ashley Place, S.W.1. Victoria 8815 |
| TTF | Timber Trades Federation. 81, Cannon Street, E.C.4. City 1476 |
| WDC | War Damage Commission. Devonshire House, Mayfair Place, Piccadilly, W.1. Mayfair 8866 |
| WEDA | Welfare Equipment Development Association. 61, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C.4. City 4263/4 |
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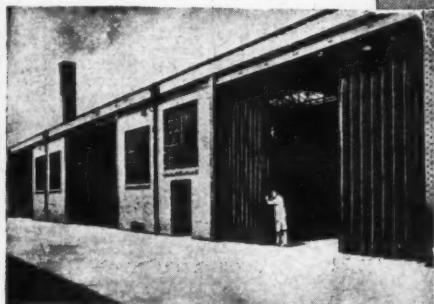
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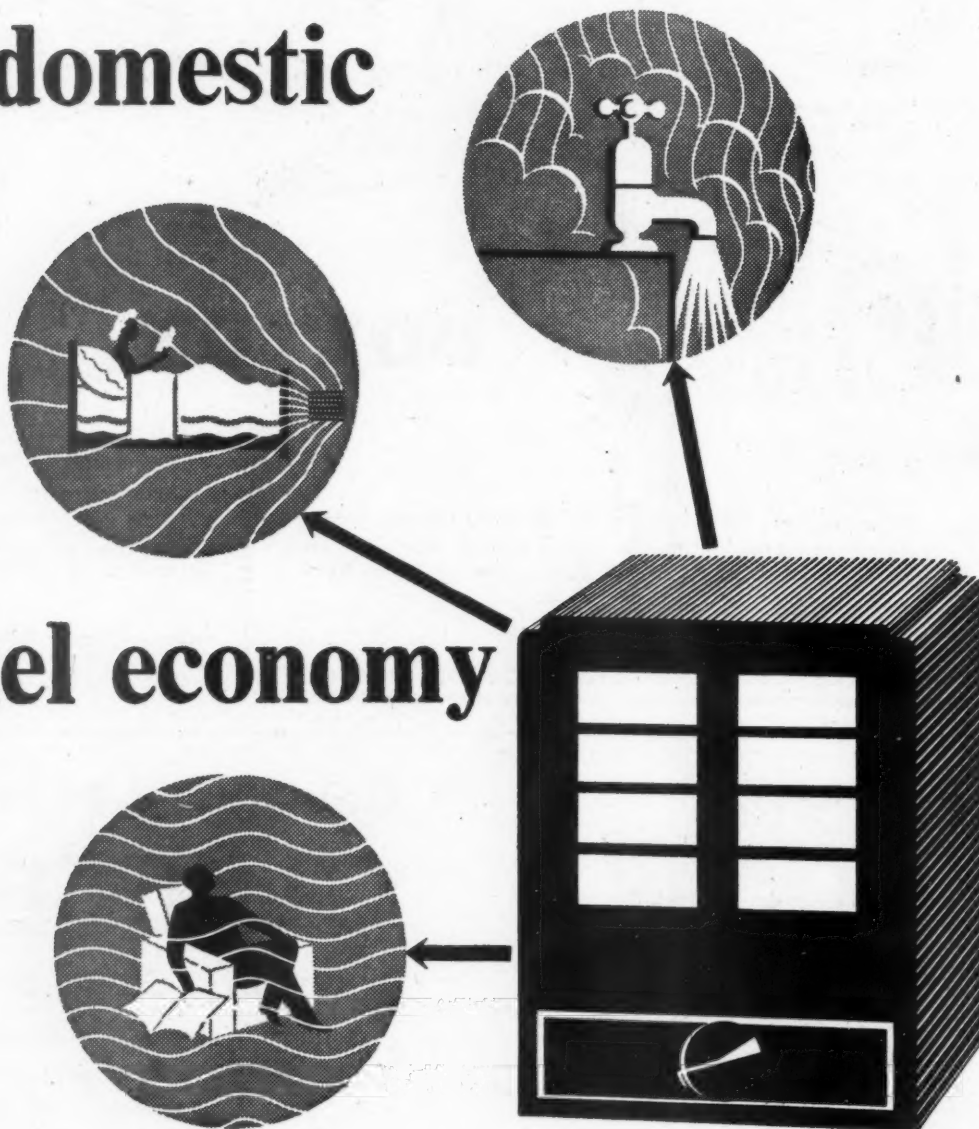
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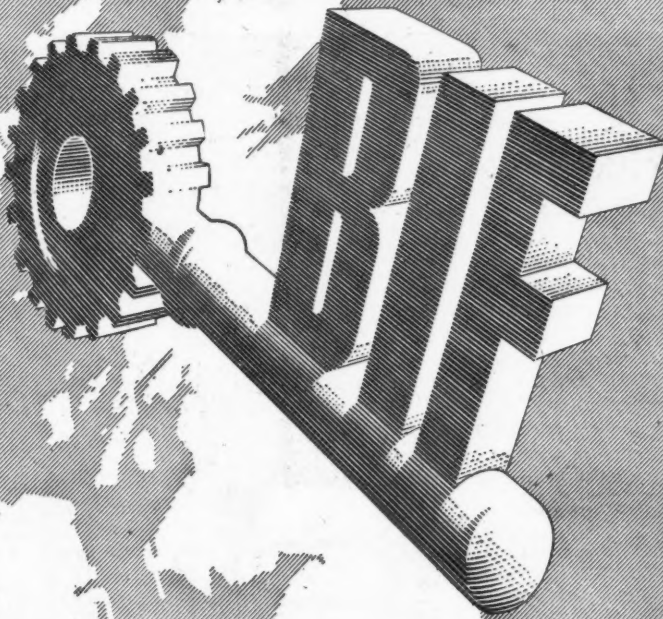
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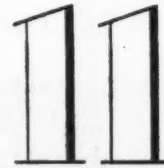


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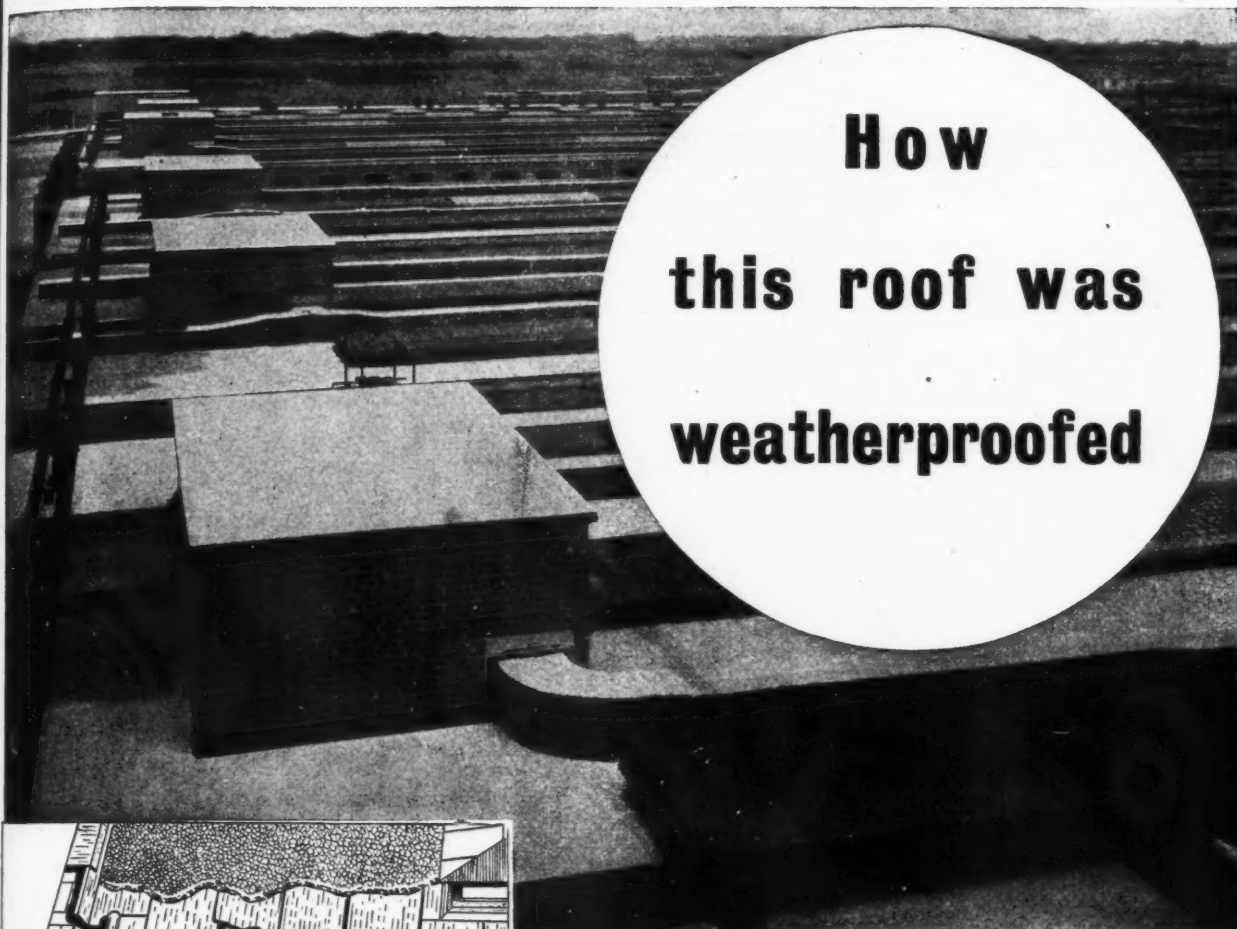
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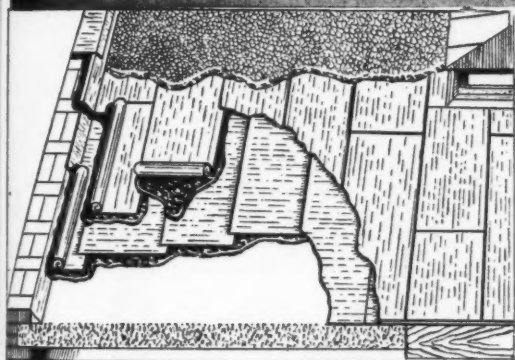
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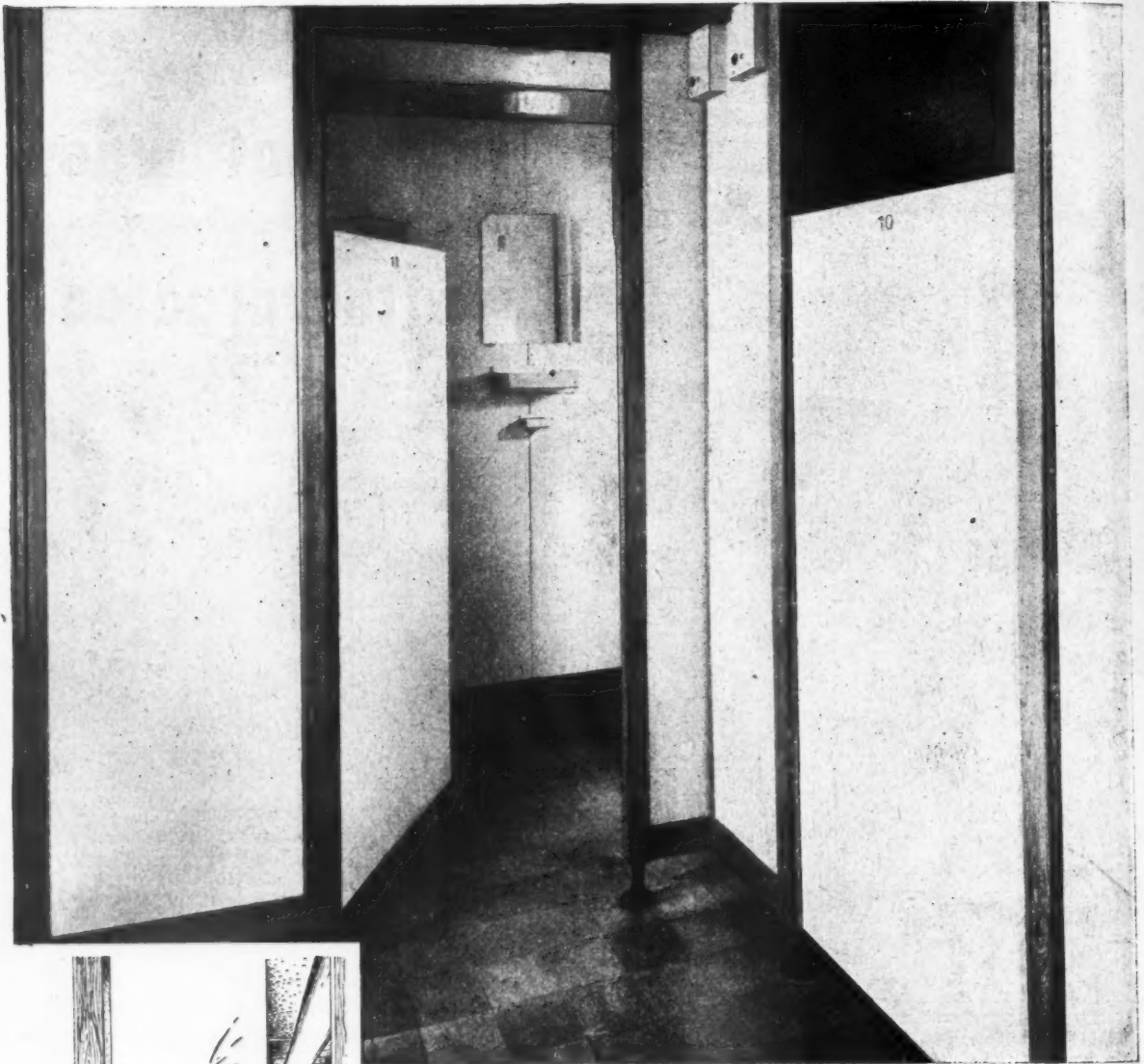
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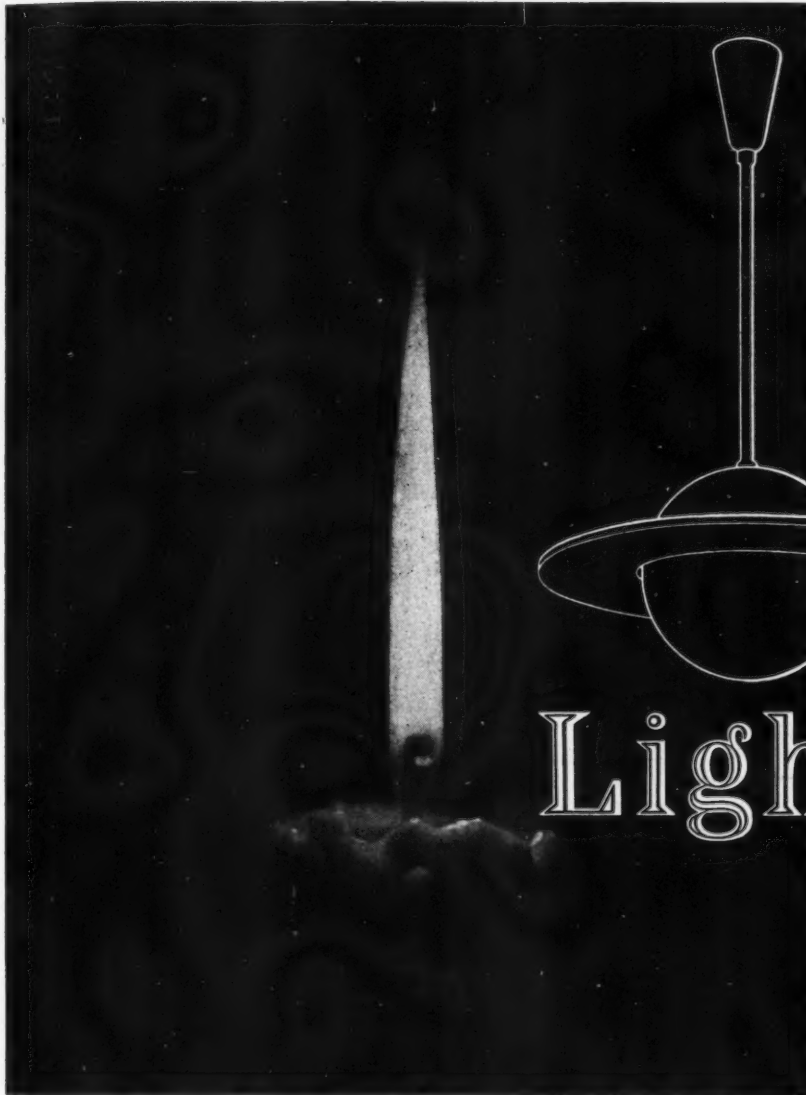
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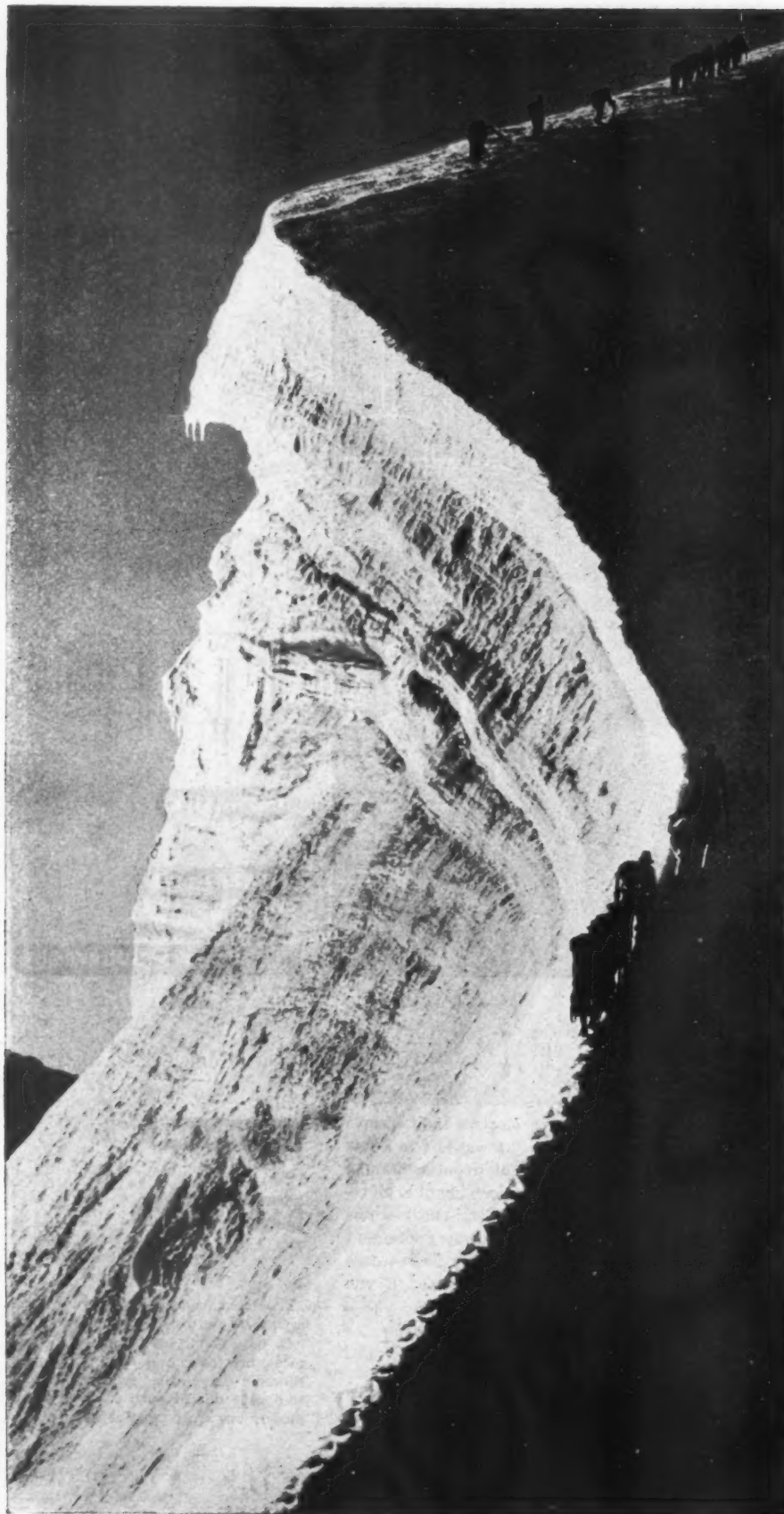
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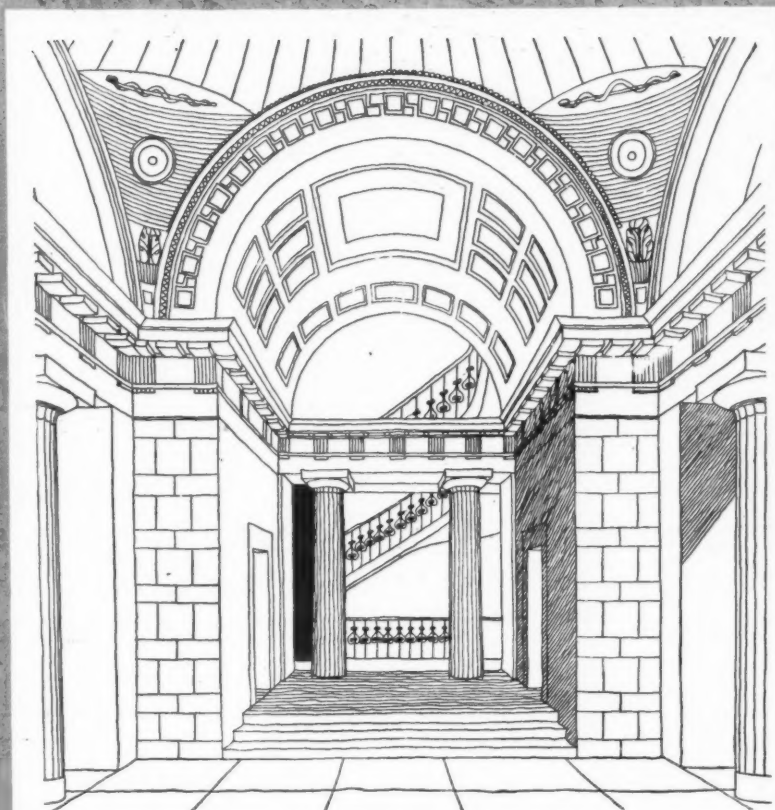
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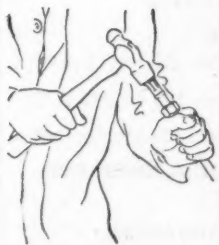
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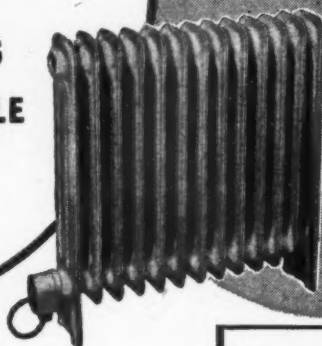
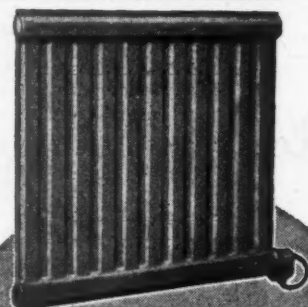
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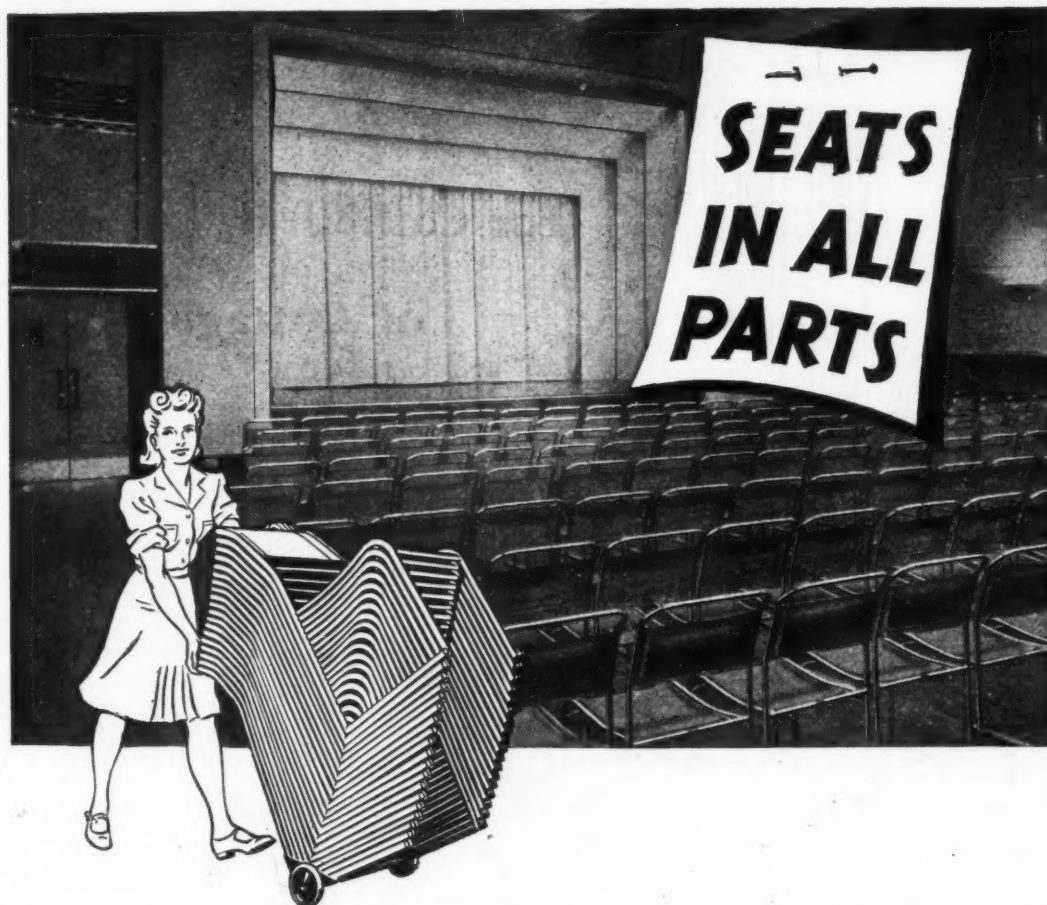
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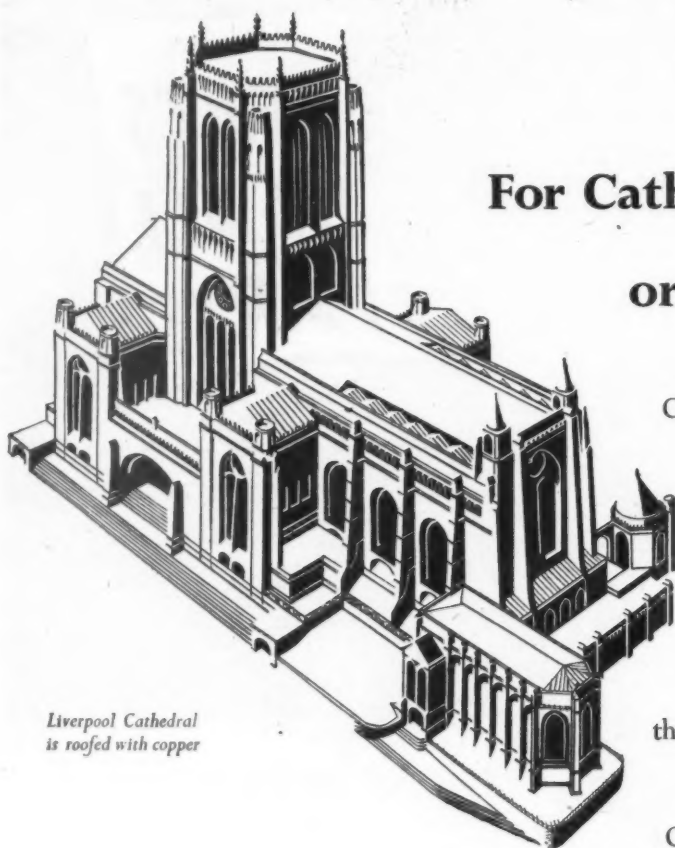


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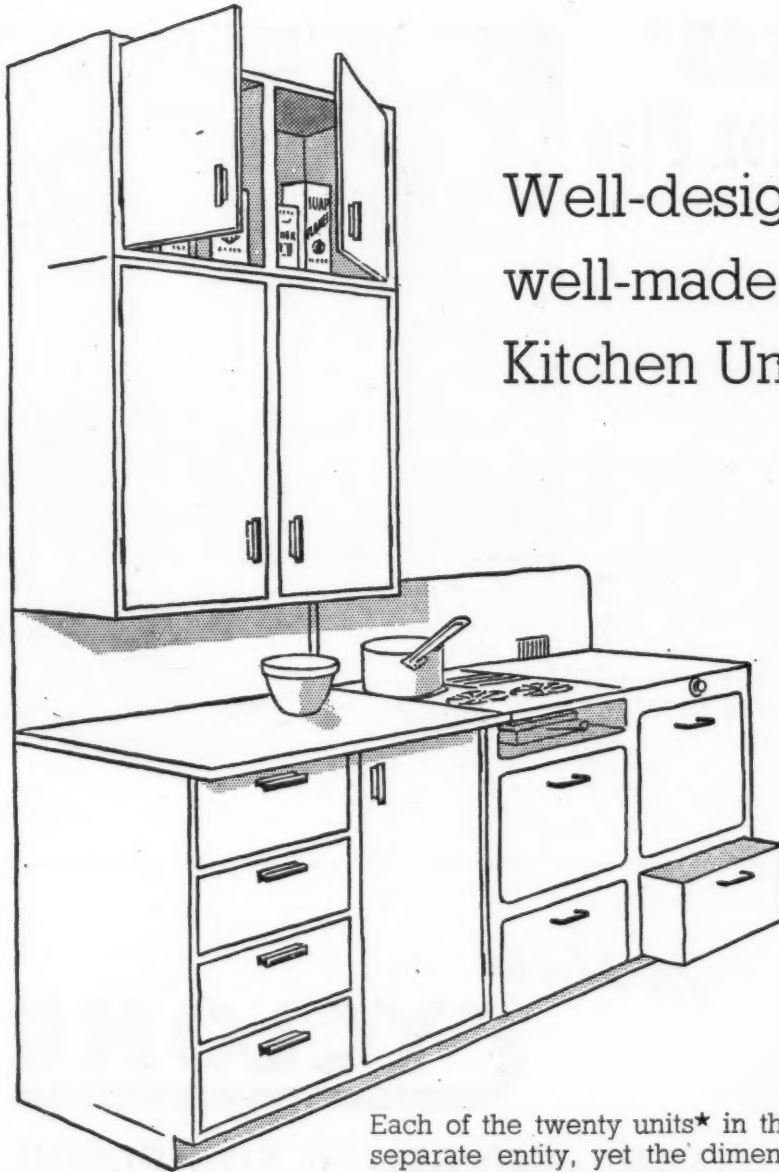
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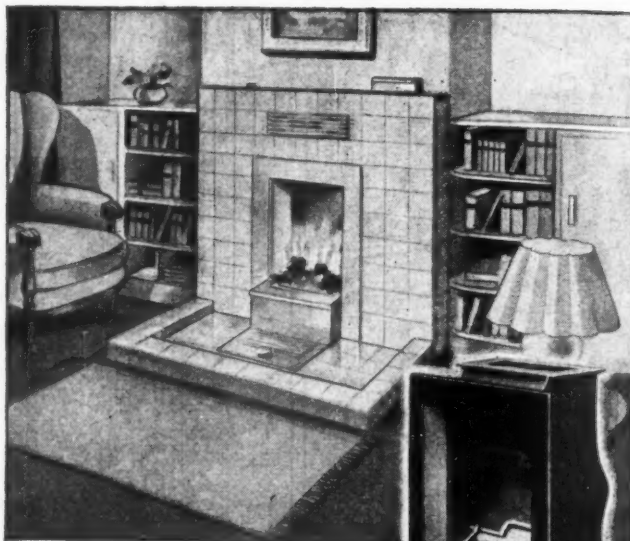
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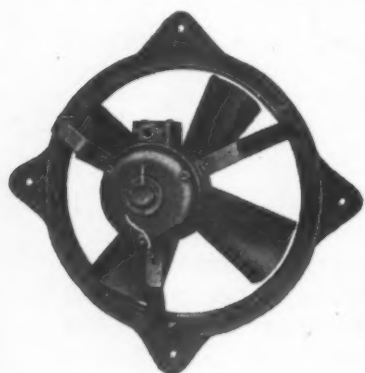
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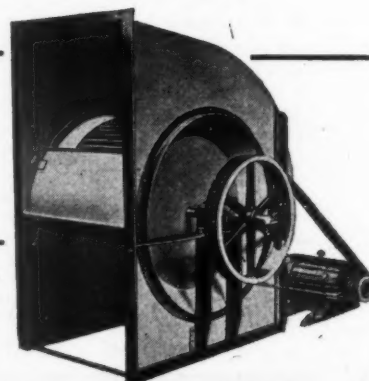
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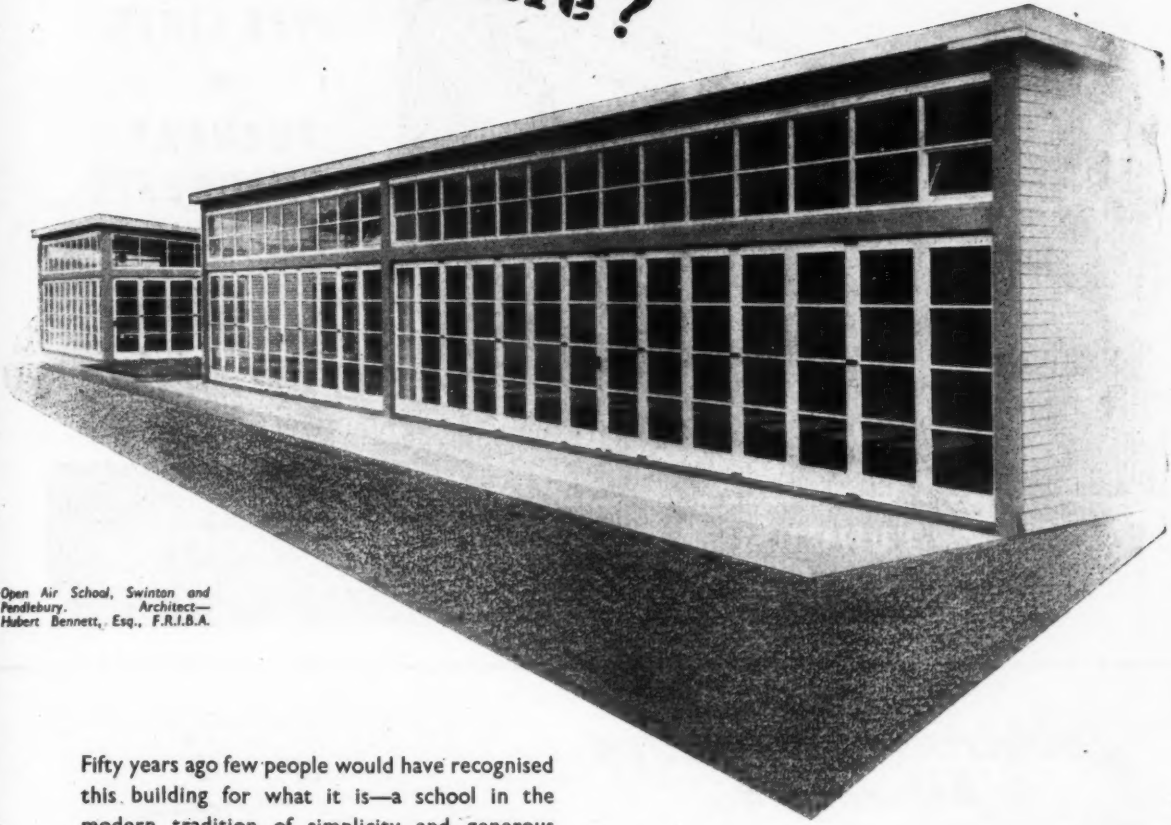
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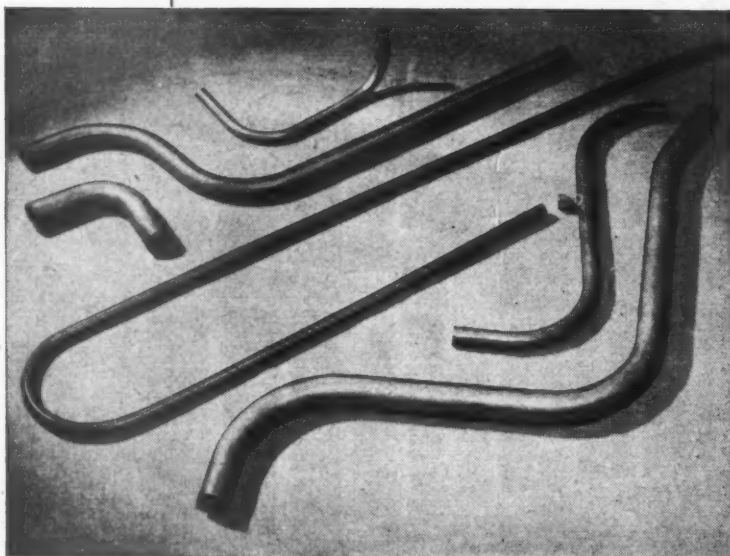


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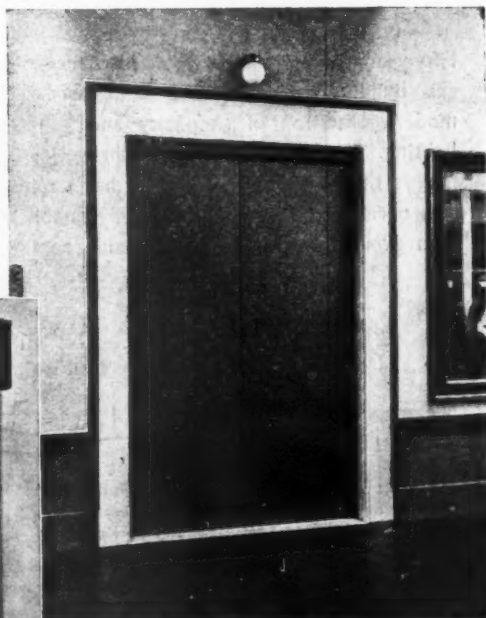
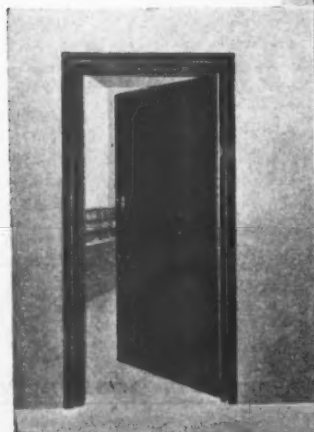
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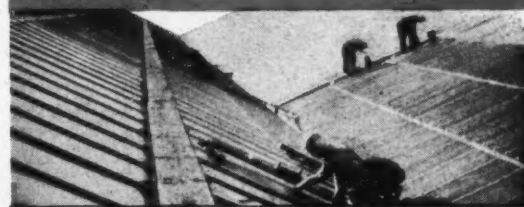
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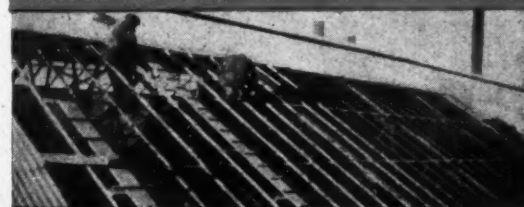
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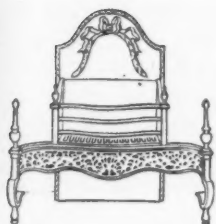
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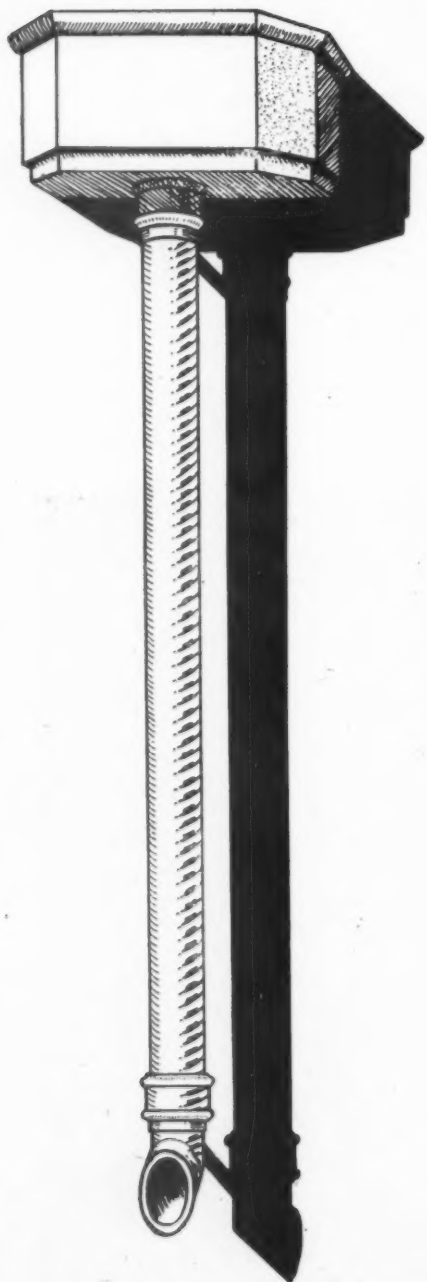
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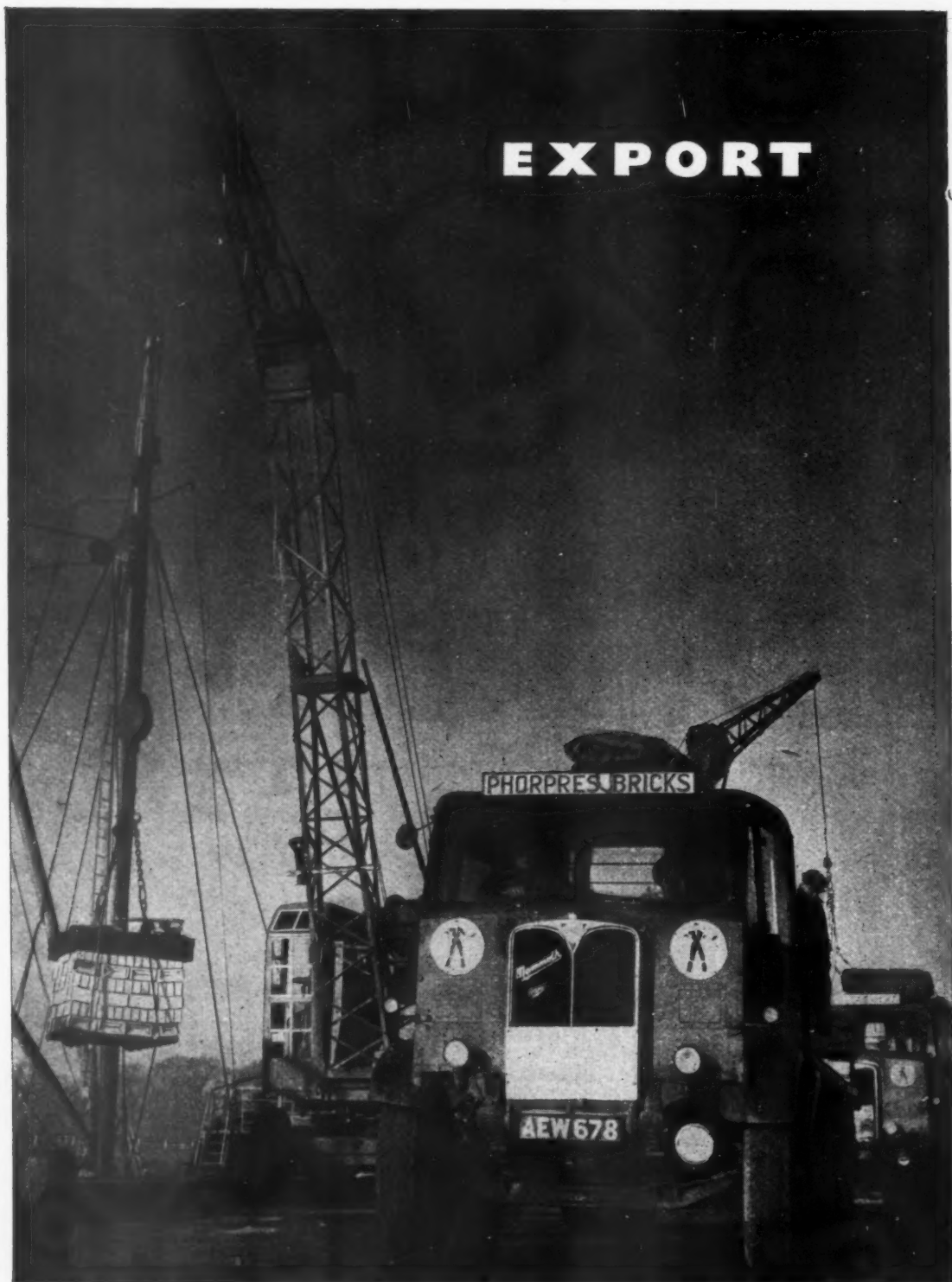
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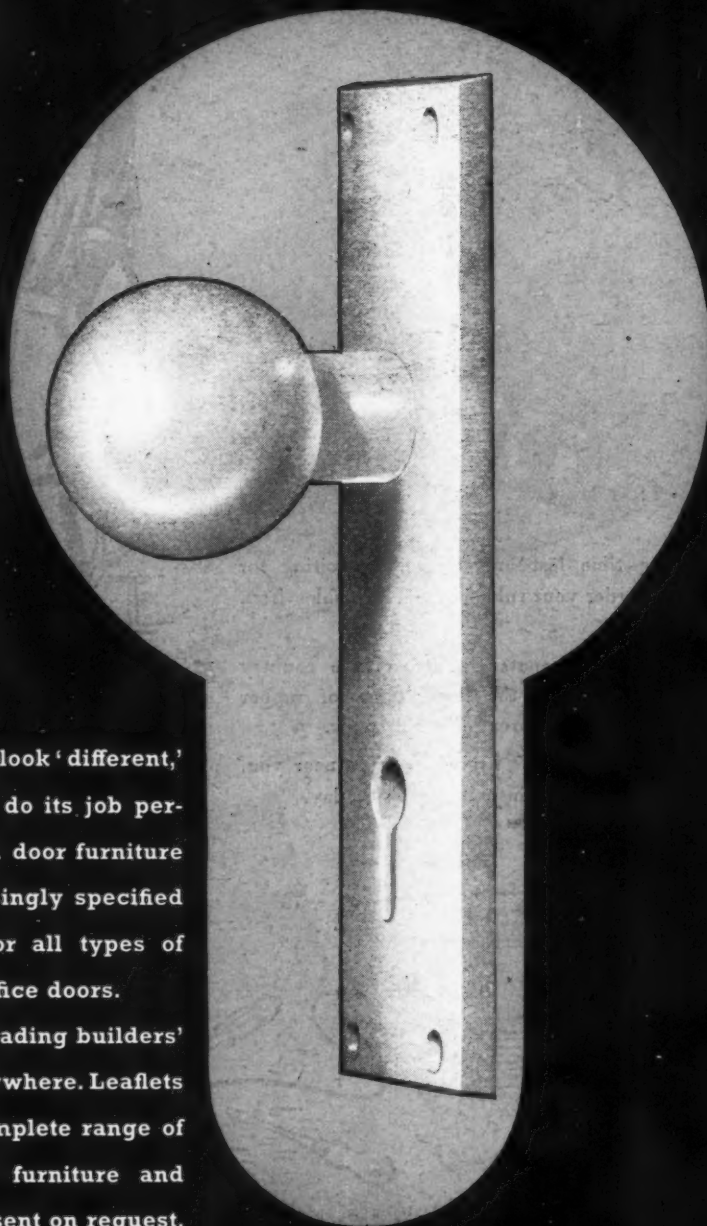
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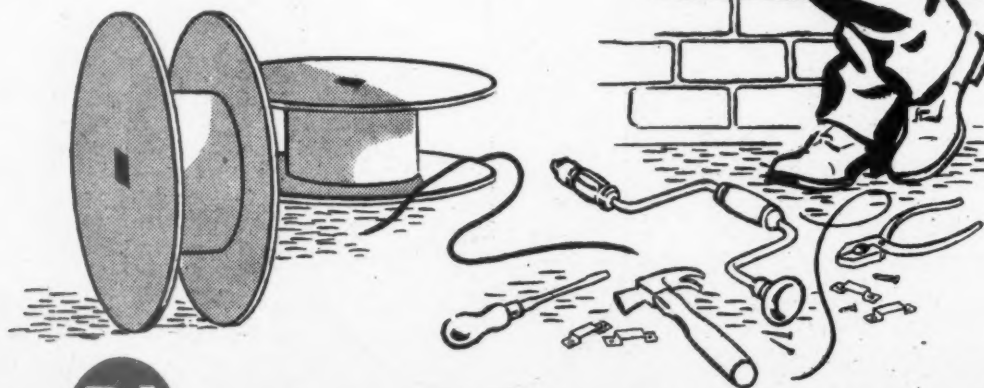
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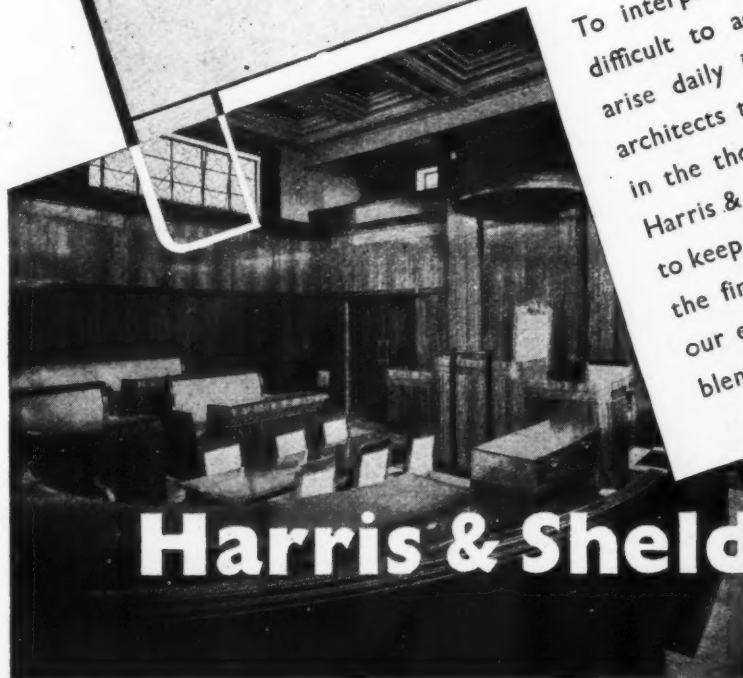
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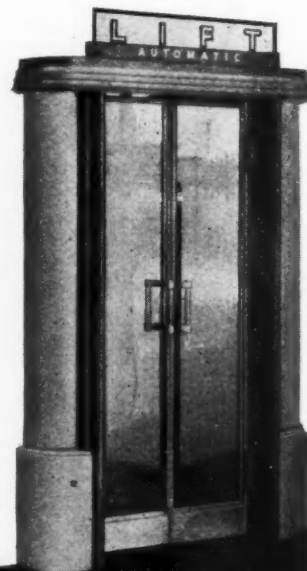
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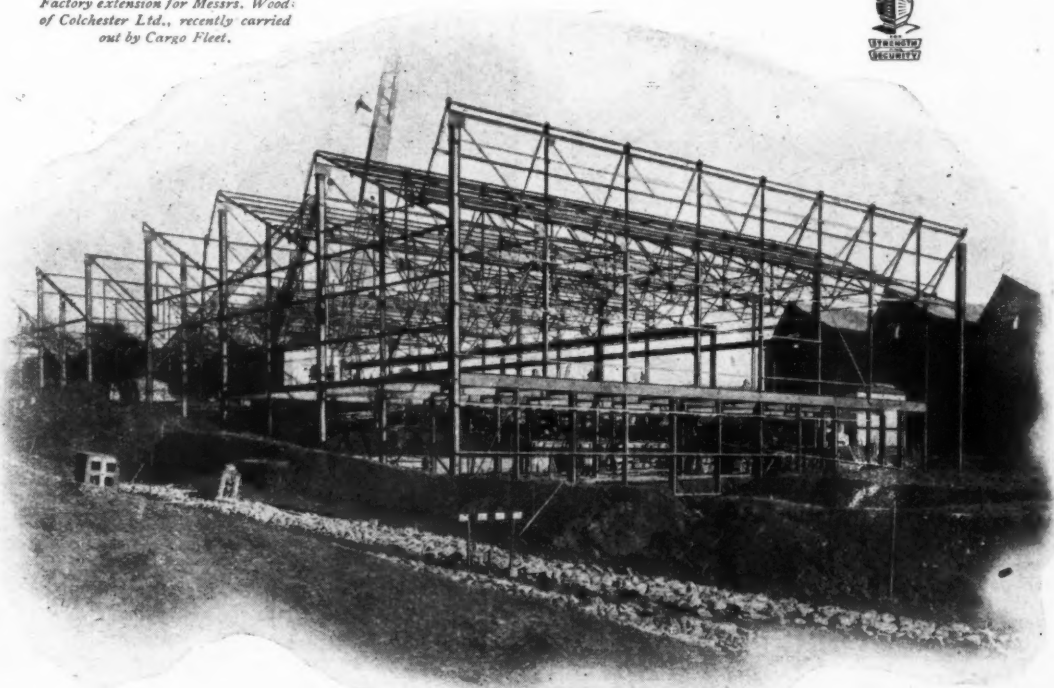
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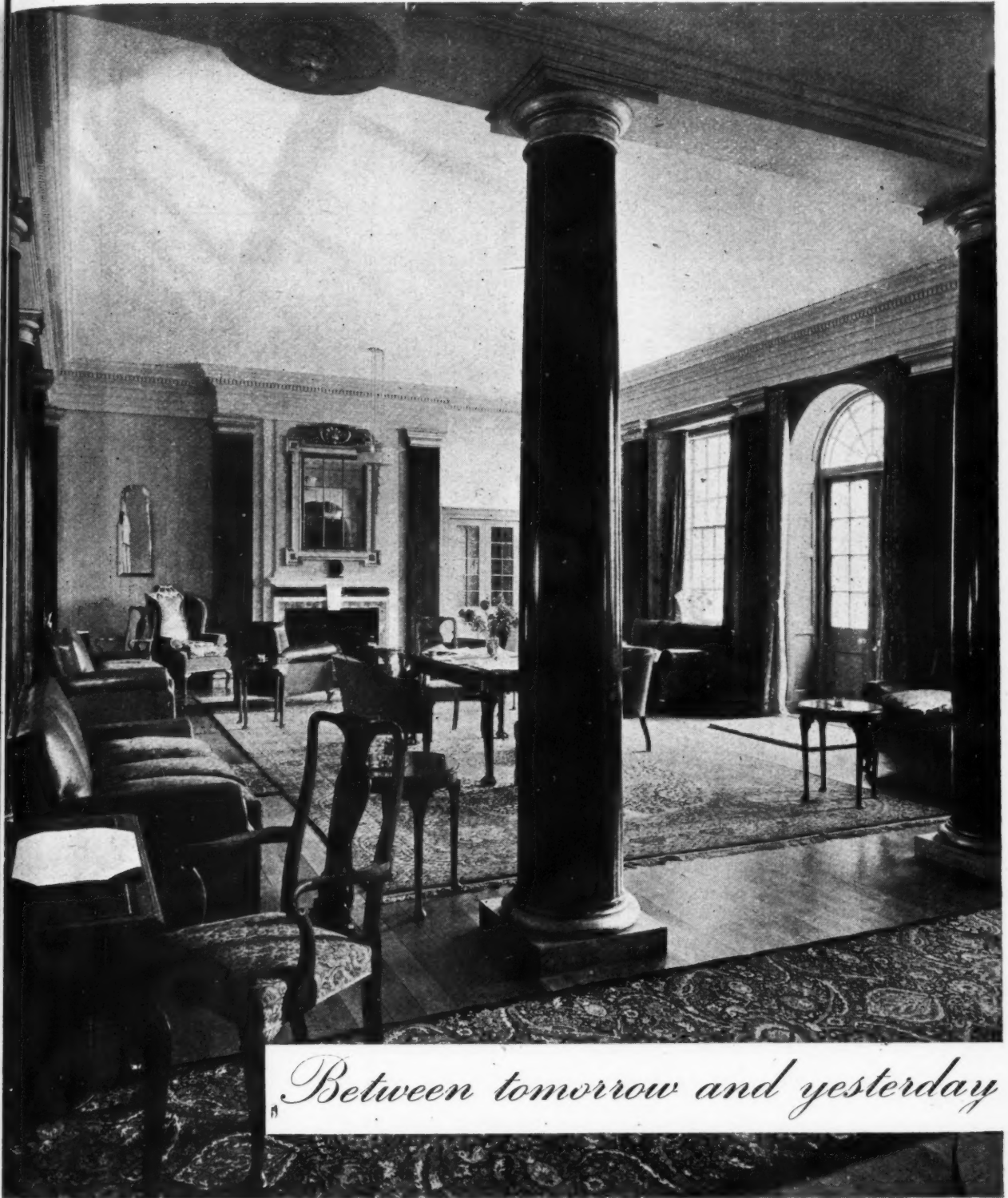
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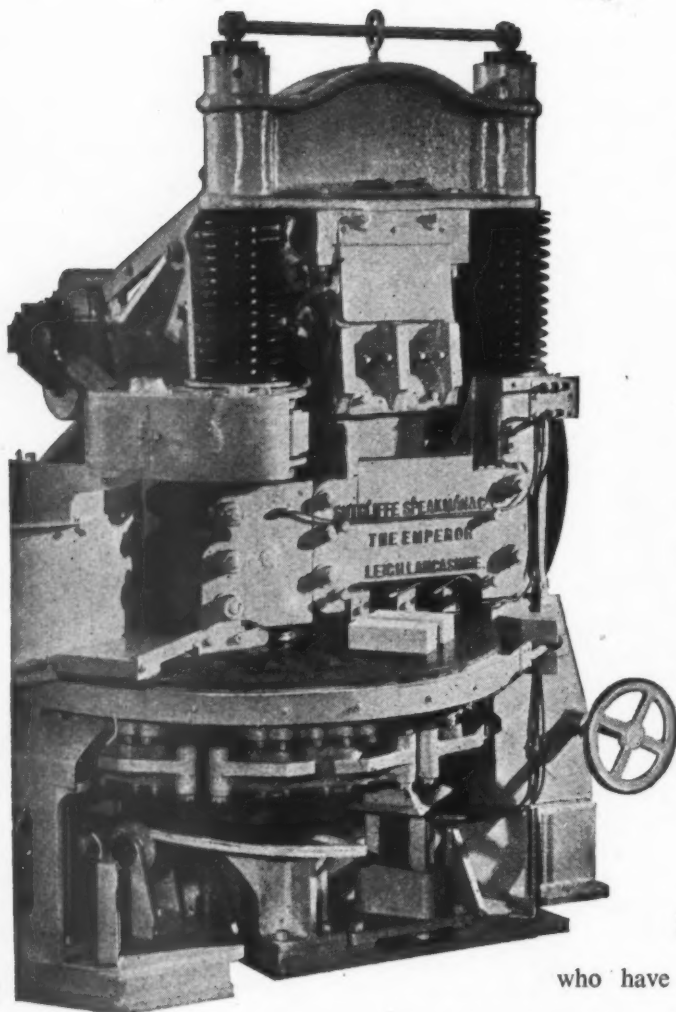
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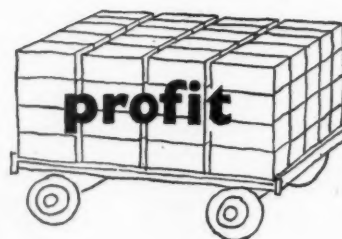
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ABERDEEN. *Enterprise Travels Exhibition.* At the Art Galleries, Aberdeen. (Sponsor, Scottish Committee of CID.) UNTIL APRIL 10

BIRMINGHAM. *Demonstration of Builders' Plant and Power Hand Tools.* On the housing scheme at the junction of Sandy Lane and Coventry Road, adjoining Bordesley Railway Station, Birmingham. (Sponsors, Midland Regional Joint Production Committee for the Building Industry in conjunction with MOW.) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. APRIL 8

CARDIFF. *Design Week.* (Sponsor, CID.) APRIL 12-17

DUNDEE. P. O. Reece. *Present Developments in Timber Construction.* At the Dundee College of Art. (Sponsors, TDA and Dundee Institute of Architects.) 2.30 p.m. APRIL 13

EDINBURGH. *Timber Brains Trust.* At the Merchants Hall, Hanover Street, Edinburgh. (Sponsor, TDA.) APRIL 14

E. H. B. Bolton. *Timber.* (Sponsors, TDA and Clerk of Works and Foremen's Association of Scotland.) 7 p.m. APRIL 15

GLASGOW. *Scientific Engineering and Fuel Efficiency Exhibition.* At Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. UNTIL APRIL 17

P. O. Reece. *Timber as a Material of Construction, with Some Aspects of Stress Grading and Jointing of Timbers.* At the Scottish Building Centre, 426, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, C.2. (Sponsors, TDA and RIAS.) 5.30 p.m. APRIL 15

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P. O. Reece. *The Stress Grading of Timber.* At the Park Lane Hotel. (Sponsor, Building Industries Luncheon Club.) 12.30 for 1 p.m. APRIL 8

H. S. Horsman. *District Heating.* At the RSA, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.2. (Sponsor, RSA.) 2.30 p.m. APRIL 14

R. P. Woods. *New Decorative Woods.* At MOW, Union House, E.C.1. (Sponsor, TDA.) 3 p.m. APRIL 15

Thomas Ritchie. *The Sanitation of Buildings.* Bossom Gift Lecture. At the Architectural Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C.1. (Sponsor, the Chadwick Trust.) 2.30 p.m. APRIL 15

Dr. N. Pevsner. *German Art of the Goethe Period.* At the Courtauld Institute of Art, 20, Portman Square, W.1. (Sponsor, The Courtauld Institute.) 5.30 p.m. APRIL 27 and MAY 4

Inn Crafts Exhibition. Interior decoration and furniture design for licensed premises. At the RBA Galleries, 61, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. (Sponsors, CIAD for Brewers' Society.) APRIL 27-MAY 13

MANCHESTER. *Building Trades Exhibition.* In the City Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. (Sponsor, Provincial Exhibitions, Ltd.) 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. UNTIL APRIL 17

STOKE-ON-TRENT. *Demonstration of Builders' Plant and Power Hand Tools.* On the housing scheme at Riverside Road, Trentvale, Stoke-on-Trent. (Sponsors, Midland Regional Joint Production Committee for the Building Industry, in conjunction with MOW.) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. APRIL 13-15

WOLVERHAMPTON. *Centenary Industrial Exhibition.* (Sponsor, Borough of Wolverhampton.) APRIL 17-24

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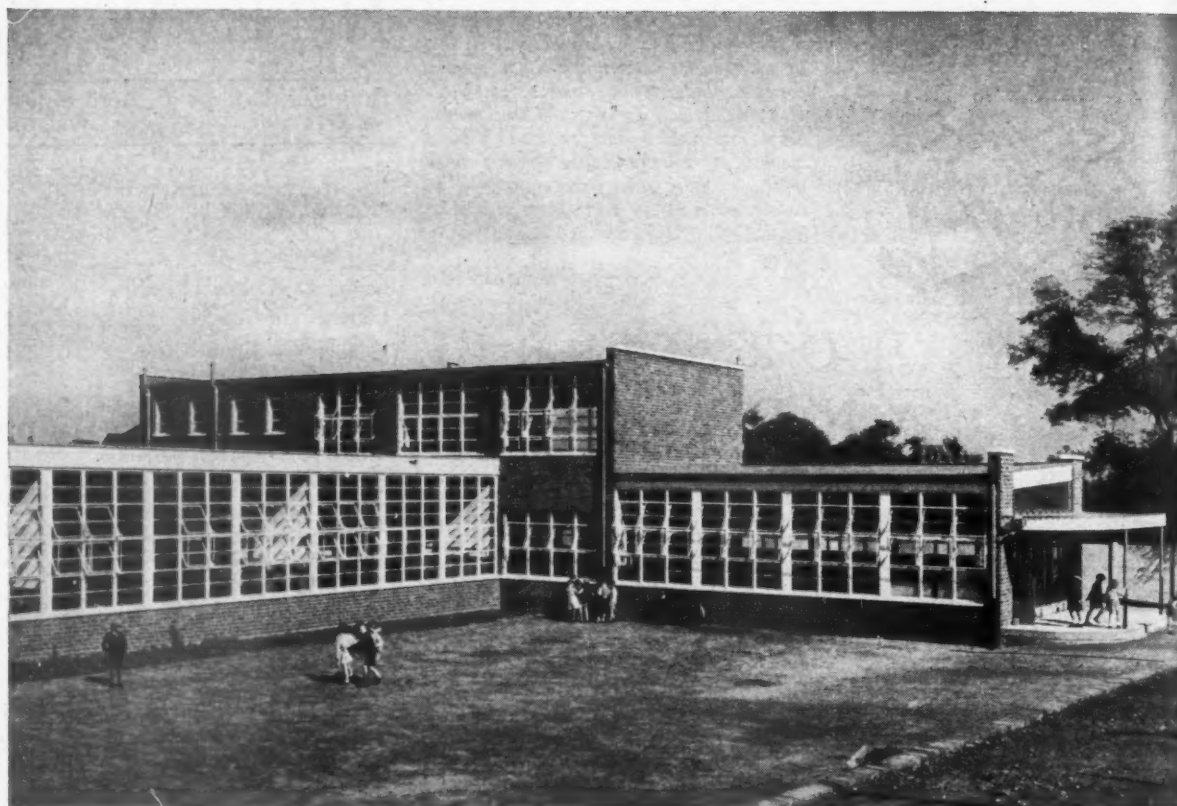
★ means spare a second for this, it will probably be worth it.

★★ 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.

VILLAGE PLANNING is the subject of an exhibition at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Great George Street, Westminster.

The exhibits consist of the prize-winning and commended designs in a competition held last year, the results of which were published in the JOURNAL for December 18. A large-scale model of the first prize design, submitted by Messrs. Godman, Kay and James, architects, of Horsham, has now been added. The competition, which was sponsored by the Central Landowners' Association, had the purpose of encouraging seamliness and intelligent planning when new houses are built in existing villages. Competitors were asked to take any one of four villages, Godstone (Surrey), Shipton-under-Wychwood (Oxon.), Condoover (Salop), and Helmsley (Yorks.), and plan extensions to them, indicating at the same time their ideas for the design of the new houses proposed.



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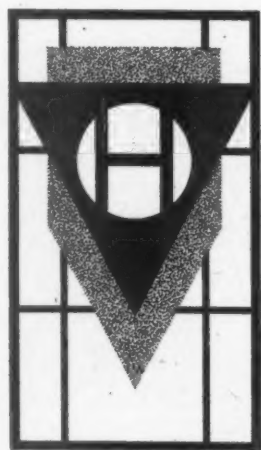
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From AN ARCHITECT'S Commonplace Book

THE PICTURESQUE. [From *The Regency Style*, by Donald Pilcher (B. T. Batsford Ltd.).] The chief result of these attempts to discover exactly what was Picturesque seem to have been the discovery that there was very little that was not. Thus Payne Knight, when he embarks on a catalogue of recommended subjects, finds it necessary to add copiously to those accepted by the eighteenth century. In his *Analytical Enquiry into The Principles of Taste* the "warriors of Salvator Rosa, the apostles of Raphael and the bacchanalians of Poussin" march in ragged ranks beside "the boors of Ostake, the peasants of Gainsborough, and the shepherds of Bergen": and in the same Picturesque procession "The pampered warhorse with luxuriant mane and flowing tail, which we so justly admire in the pictures of Wovermans" prances beside its contemporary counterpart, "the shaggy worn-out hack or cart horse of Morland." Of greater moment for the landscape garden, is the planting of "the giant oak of Ruysdael, or the full grown pine or ilex of Claude" in the same scene as the "stumpy decayed Pollard of Rubens or Rembrandt." The Regency enormously increased the scope of the Picturesque, but the Italian school admired by the eighteenth century remained the point of departure. The well-known clause in Turner's will, asking that his pictures should be hung beside Claude's, shows how even so revolutionary a painter continued to judge his work by their standards.

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THE PETERLEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, has now been set up by MOTCP to establish a NEW TOWN AT EASINGTON in Co. Durham.

The name Peterlee is a tribute to a local miners' leader of that name. The corporation has already appointed Mr. B. Lubetkin as architect planner, and preliminary discussions have been held on the site, which will present considerable opportunities once its difficulties have been overcome. It is close to the sea, and consists of rolling country, fringed with scattered mining settlements and bordered on the south by a cleft known as the Dene, a natural amenity that should be a great asset. The difficulty of the site chiefly arises from the coal workings that run beneath a large part of it, but proper collaboration between the architects and engineers should enable Peterlee not only to solve its own problems but to make a useful contribution to general knowledge about building on undermined areas.

The new town's proposed population is 30,000. Except for the Hartlepoons, some miles away, local development consists only of small mining communities offering their inhabitants little in the way of community life and nothing in the way of a truly urban environment. When it is completed Peterlee will therefore serve as a focus—commercial, cultural, educational and social—for an area inhabited by at least 100,000 people that at present lacks a focus of any sort. The town centre will consequently need to be large and well provided with community buildings. Social life in the locality will be further revolutionized by the industries that the planners of the new town will be able to introduce into it. For the first time there will be employment for women, which is traditionally non-existent in coal-mining areas. New industries can also help to overcome, for the benefit of the men as well as the women, the disadvantage of dependence on a single means of livelihood.

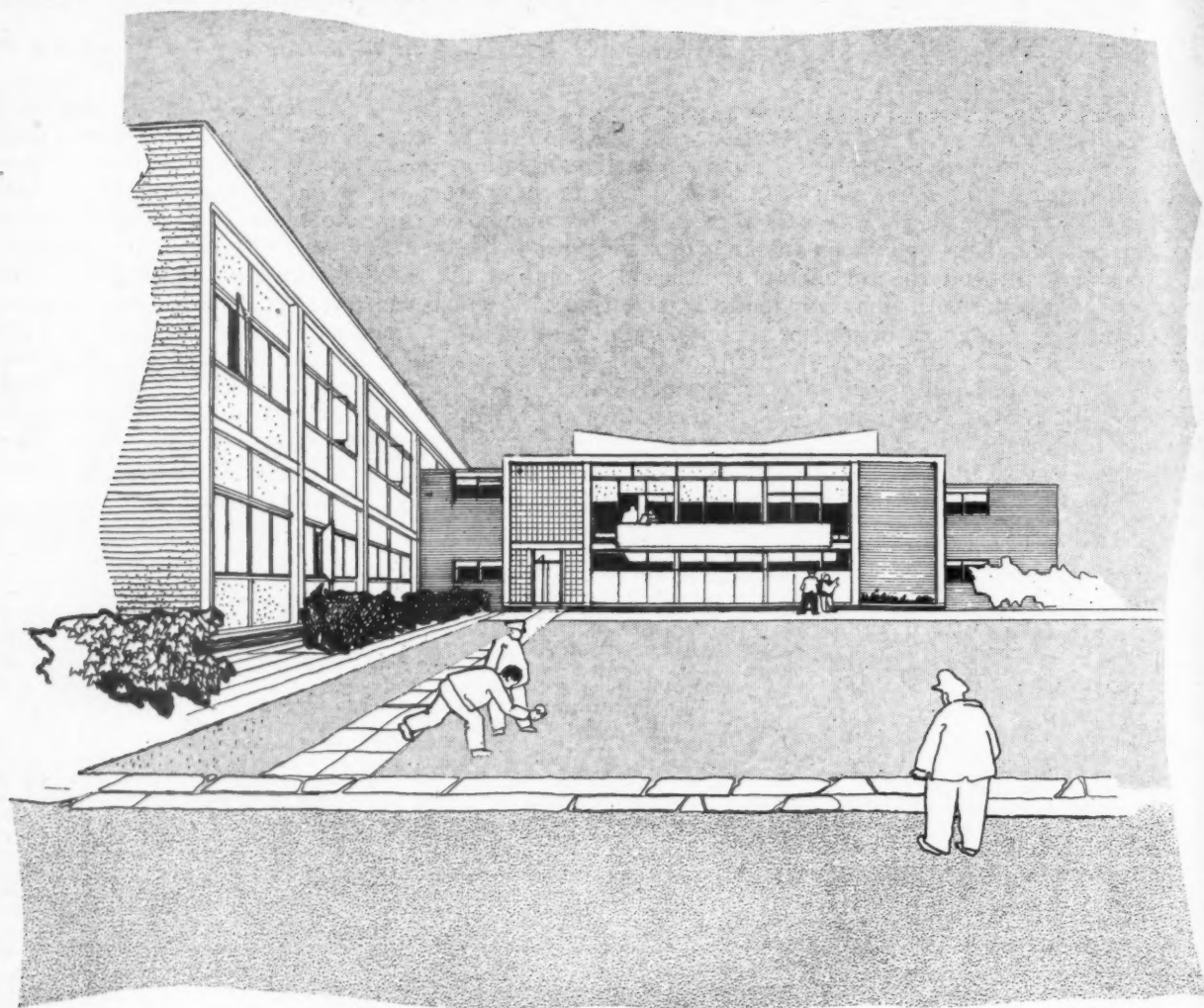
The members of the Corporation are:—Mrs. Monica Felton, PH.D. (Chairman). Writer and lecturer; former member of the Hertfordshire County Council; formerly Chairman of LCC Supplies Committee. Served in Ministry of Supply, 1941-42; Clerk, House of Commons, 1942-43; Governor of the London School of Economics; served as a member of the New Towns Committee; Vice-Chairman of Stevenage Development Corporation. Councillor Harry Lee. Headmaster of Seaham Modern Secondary School. Past President of the Headmasters Association and now the Treasurer. Four

times Chairman of Seaham Urban District Council and now Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Edward Allen. Reader in Economics at the University of Durham. Mrs. J. W. Gray. Has spent most of her life in the mining area. Has been active as a member of the Women's Voluntary Services, in the organisation of the Women's Land Army, and in other social work. Mr. J. R. Mackay. Chartered Accountant living in Newcastle. Partner in the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co.; which has branches in Newcastle, Middlesbrough, and Darlington. Councillor Harry O'Neill. Member of the Easington Rural District Council (by whom his name was suggested) and Chairman of the Building Plans Committee. Secretary, Easington Branch of the Durham Miners Association. Alderman E. Robinson. For 18 years a member of

the Durham County Council (by whom his name was suggested), and now Vice-Chairman of the County Council's Planning Committee. Member of the Stanley Urban District Council. Lt.-Col. Sir Myers Wayman, O.B.E. Five times Mayor of Sunderland; Chairman of the Sunderland Industrial Development Board, 1938-43; Chairman of Myers Wayman Ltd. and various other companies. Vice-Chairman Sunderland Working Men's Building Society; Chairman Sunderland Licensing Planning Committee, Sunderland Disablement Advisory Committee, North Regional Savings Advisory Committee, Sunderland Savings Committee, and Sunderland Magistrates Executive Committee, etc. Mrs. Felton is resigning her membership of the Stevenage Corporation to undertake her new appointment.



The setting for the Roosevelt Memorial in Grosvenor Square as it appears now that most of the scaffolding surrounding the Memorial has been removed. The Portland stone pedestal is ready to receive Sir William Reid Dick's statue of President Roosevelt, which will be lifted into position in readiness for the unveiling by Mrs. Roosevelt on April 12, which will be attended by the King and Queen. A stone-paved broad walk has been constructed to lead to the memorial which is flanked by ornamental pools and fountains, so that the whole square has been virtually transformed into a memorial garden. The architect for the design and layout is Mr. B. W. L. Gallanaugh.



The New Architecture of Transport

The nationalisation of the railways vests in the Government what has been perhaps unjustly termed "a very poor bag of assets." Nevertheless there are, in all the regions of British Railways, tremendous programmes of reconstruction and new buildings awaiting attention. The work of the railway architect is very varied and ranges from great termini complete with hotels to ticket office

windows and notice boards. On pages 325 to 331 of this issue, Dr. J. L. Martin contributes the first of two articles on some recent work of the architect's office of what is now the London Midland Region of the British Railways. The perspective drawing above is of a small railwayman's hostel designed in that office, plans of which are given on page 325.

At their BI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held recently in Bournemouth, the WESTERN CHAPTER OF THE HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION elected officers and committee to take office on July 1 next for the ensuing two years.

Mr. W. G. Seaton was elected chairman. Mr. John Dacombe was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Members elected to the executive committee were Messrs. A. E. Geens, R. A. Phillips, John Burton, G. Sutcliffe, F. Greenen and A. Avenall. In view of the growth of the Chapter, it was decided to form a Social Committee, Mrs. J. H. Fowler and Messrs. F. W. Easto, D. A. Cull and A. Avenall being elected to serve. Quantity surveyor members of the

Chapter will be represented by Mr. H. H. Chinchon on the executive committee, and by Mr. W. Lane on the social committee. Reviewing activities of the past year, the present chairman, Mr. R. A. Phillips felt good progress had been made, and that this was reflected in the growth of membership—now 96, consisting of 55 Fellows, 21 Associates and 20 Students.

THE BUILDING TRADES EXHIBITION this year at Manchester is the largest ever staged outside London.

Over 100 leading firms in the building industry are exhibiting in the City Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, at the first post-war Builders' Exhibition. It is the 17th of a series organized by Provincial Exhibitions, Limited. The opening ceremony was per-

formed at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, by the Minister of Works the Rt. Hon. Alderman Charles W. Key, M.P., with the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Miss Mary Kingsmill Jones, O.B.E., J.P., in the chair. Features of the Exhibition are a Wates pre-cast house specially built and fully furnished, and a large display by the Manchester Education Committee Building Trades School showing different sections of Craft Training with students actually at work. Other big displays are being shown by the Manchester Society of Architects, Manchester School of Architecture, Timber Development Association, and Ministry of Works. Canada is represented with a magnificent show on two large stands, including a wide range of Canadian timbers. Architects and builders interested in the exhibits should apply for complementary tickets to Provincial Exhibitions Limited, City Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. The Exhibition will remain open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Saturday, April 17. Public admission, 1s. 6d.

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The number of PERMANENT HOUSES COMPLETED in Britain during FEBRUARY was 16,134. This was an increase of 733 on January.

Although the total for February is the second highest since the end of the war, it is 1,662 behind the total for December, 1947. These figures are disclosed in the monthly housing progress reports presented as a White Paper (Cmd. 7365/6) by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The number of temporary houses completed in February was 2,447, compared with 2,016 in January, making a total of 18,581 houses in the month, compared with 17,417 in January.

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PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS have taken place between the RIBA and MOTCP in regard to the 1951 Exhibition.

The Ministry has decided to recommend that there should be a separate organization devoted to Architecture, Town Planning and Building Research. An Advisory Council is being set up, and at the request of the Ministry the Council of the RIBA have appointed Mr. H. V. Lobb, Chairman of the RIBA Exhibitions Sub-Committee, as architect representative.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Underground Concourse.

Gants Hill Tube Station was opened to passenger use on Sunday, March 4. One hundred and fifty feet long, 50 feet wide, and 20 feet high, it is the largest of its kind to have been constructed in Britain.

The village of Torphichen

West Lothian, together with the country residence of Craigpark and several adjoining farms, will be offered for sale by auction at Stirling on April 22.

Bristol University Appeal Fund

has been closed at a total of £254,000. The appeal was launched in 1946 to cover the cost of an extension to the University and halls of residence.

A Railway Bridge at Snaresbrook

used by Central Line trains until midnight on March 13, was then demolished and a new bridge, weighing 400 tons, 80 ft. long, constructed on girders alongside the track, was hauled into position over roller bearings. The job was completed in 1 hour 12 minutes.

A Development Corporation

for Letchworth will not be decided upon for some time owing to present difficulties in carrying out the new plans. This reply was made by Mr. Silkin to a deputation from Letchworth Urban District Council.

Developing Helmsley Competition

The first prize of £100 was won by Mr. Ian Burke, of Dundee. Mr. Burke proposes terrace houses grouped round village greens on a 16 acre site on the edge of Helmsley. The competition was organized by the Central Landowners' Association.

The Governors of Nelson Hospital

Kingston Road, London, S.W., have appointed Messrs. Lanchester and Lodge, of 10, Woburn Square, W.C.1, as the architects of the hospital's new wing.

THE 1951 EXHIBITION

THE formation of a Commission to take charge of the arrangements for the centenary of the Great Exhibition of 1851 has recently been announced. The three bodies forming the Commission, the Arts Council, the Council of Industrial Design, and the Central Office of Information have good records in the encouragement of the Arts, and the appointment of Gerald Barry as Managing-Director for the exhibition is an earnest of the Government's intention to make it a worthy and significant occasion.

The gloomy economic prospect for the next three years has led the authorities to decide that the exhibition shall not be an international one, that no permanent buildings shall be built, that the scope shall be limited to the cultural life of these islands and that there shall be no central exhibition site comparable to Hyde Park in 1851. The various activities will instead be spread throughout the country.

It is probably wise to abandon the attempt to emulate the Victorians of the days of Albert the Good, for though there are plentiful signs of a coming architectural and cultural renaissance, it has not yet achieved a sense of confidence, and the same secure social background is now lacking. None the less, the various displays and activities that will comprise the exhibition have to be housed, and it is satisfactory that the RIBA are already being consulted about some of the architectural aspects.

While there will be sympathy for the Government's cautious refusal to plan anything too ambitious, it will be sad indeed if considerations of economy are allowed to defeat what should be the principal objects of the exhibition, a triumphant affirmation of Great Britain's cultural achievements and continued creative ability. People's faith in our ability to contribute to the progress of civilization cannot be established by hole-and-corner timidity; to translate this into planning terms, without some adequate focus the whole exhibition will languish. The Victoria and Albert Museum, or any other existing building will not serve the purpose, quite apart from the fact that it is undesirable to deny to the public the normal use of such buildings for a considerable time. A central site must be found and prepared to act as a focus. The buildings need only be temporary, but they should be frankly so and not pitiful lath and plaster travesties of more permanent structures. There are many precedents worth examining, such as the pre-war exhibition in Norway where tubular scaffolding and oiled silk were the principal building materials. Perhaps some of the bombed sites in the City could be put temporarily under canvas.

While most of the building, moreover, could be of this temporary nature, there is an overwhelming argument in favour of at least one building of a permanent kind. London has today no concert hall worthy of the name. Let there be a new music centre to form part of the future development of

the South Bank of the Thames. The cost in terms of labour and materials would not be overwhelming. The architect could be selected by competition and the aim should be to achieve a building as significant as was Paxton's Crystal Palace.



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FINE ART SECRETARY

Scholarship, the gift of diplomacy, administrative ability; these are three qualities essential for making a success of the job of Secretary of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and they are not easily found combined in one man. But Godfrey Samuel possesses them all, and his appointment to the Secretaryship can therefore be counted an exceptionally good one.

The Royal Fine Art Commission is a great potential power for good which has not always been able to exercise its power fully. It has recently been strengthened by some first-rate additions to its membership, and now, with Samuel as Secretary, much can be expected of it. It is an admirable tradition, founded by the first Secretary, the late Chalton Bradshaw, that this post should always be held by an architect. It means that in at least one official context the term The Mistress Art still applies.

COX'S PAPER

A full house gathered last week at the AA to hear Anthony Cox's paper on *Public and Private Architecture*, and was rewarded with an admirably clear and balanced survey of this

topical problem. Those present who expected fireworks—or at least a few squibs—were disappointed, for Cox refused to be either provoked or provoking, and his determination to be fair to both sides set the note for the ensuing discussion.

In a cheerful speech Mr. Loweth (County Architect for Kent) explained why he liked calling in private practitioners to help him, and Mr. Marshall reminded us that three hundred years ago barbers were also doctors, but they were only barbers now (*i.e.*, watch those engineers). Best speech of the evening—Mr. Aslin's. Conclusion: There are good and bad offices, private and public, and the larger the office the harder it is for it to be a good one.

MAJOR ATHOE STEPS OUT

Twenty-three-year-old IAAS has jumped ahead of centenarian AA by setting up the nucleus of a country architectural school. A twelve-acre estate at Whyteleafe, in the Caterham Valley, has been bought and is being developed as a cultural and recreational centre under the name of Wren Park. (Remember, Wren was an official architect and a surveyor.) Some



Gilbert Scott's church of St. Nicholas, Hamburg, as it appears to-day. See Astragal's note.

departments of IAAS, including the library, are already working there, and as soon as funds and conditions permit it is hoped to equip the place as a school of architecture and surveying—in the country, but within half an hour of London “down the living rail.”

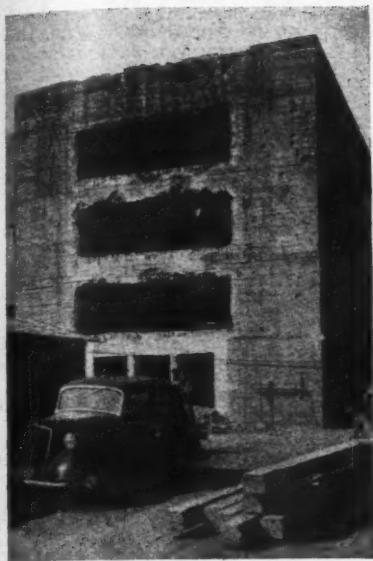
It has long been argued that architectural education lacks balance because all the schools are placed in urban areas, and it is probably true that town-taught architects get little opportunity to study or be interested in country problems. Whether the Wren project is far enough out—whether, in fact, students will be able to see the ground for the castles—to act as a real rural school remains to be seen, and whether it will aim at RIBA recognition has not yet been disclosed.

FOOTLIGHTS OF THE IRON CURTAIN

Reproduced below is a photograph sent to me recently by a German architect. It shows the church of St. Nicholas, Hamburg, one of the least-known but most successful works of Sir Gilbert Scott, the winner, in 1842, of an international competition for its design. Unlike most cathedral architects, Sir Giles lived to see the completion of this building, which, though bomb-damaged, still triumphantly dominates the ruined city.

Also from Germany (via *Bauwelt*) comes news of an interesting alteration job at Braunschweig, where a large, four-storied, bunker-type shelter is being converted into a hotel. Windows are being blasted out of the 40-in. thick concrete walls after preliminary compressed-air drilling (50 borings per window), and with the ultimate addition of a glass-enclosed staircase tower you will hardly be able to tell it from an early work of Mendelsohn's.

Reading of this reminds me that the fate of the Citadel, at the corner of Horse Guards Parade, is still unsettled. If we can't afford to remove it, why not make it into a hotel for American travellers (no longer, we are told, to be called tourists)? You might not be able to drive up to the reception desk in your car (as you can, I believe, in Mexico City's new Government-sponsored caravansera), but travellers could



A bunker-type shelter at Braunschweig in process of conversion into a hotel. See Astragal's note. The long windows have been blasted out of the 40 in. thick concrete.

see, across the Parade, fellow-travelers at work behind various windows, and with all the ducts and throbbing dynamos and smell of rubber-carpeted passages it would be almost like being on a ship, and you can't say fairer than that. And if you don't like the smell of rubber, read on.

GOOD GRACIOUS LIVING

Smart hostesses—known to the ad-men as "perfectionists in the art of gracious living"—are faced with a new "must." It is nothing less than perfumed rubber flooring, for which, I read, a demand has arisen in the Far East and South America. What a chain of events is covered by that simple phrase "a demand has arisen." That first petulant pout from Lotus-eyed "Sugar" . . . then "Daddy," white telephone in furry-backed hand, scouring "the better stores" for rubber flooring which doesn't smell of rubber ("only the best is good enough for Sugar") . . . the long meetings in smoke-filled conference rooms, and at last the first scented roll oozing down the production line. Perhaps most exciting of all—the new ad.-campaign. None of this "floors-which-are-hard-wearing-resilient-practical" stuff. It will, I hope, be "floors which are as mischievous as a side-long glance, as languorous as a Caribbean love-song" . . . "floors which bring to you, at first sniff, the quickening thud of

island tom-toms, the lyrical surge of Pacific surf, the poignancy of a hibiscus blossom behind a shapely ear." Congratulations to all concerned—to "Sugar," to "Daddy," and to Messrs. Peradin, Ltd., of Bath, who now make scented floors in 22 colours and six perfumes (alas, for export only). So all the perfumes of a rubber floor will not for the present sweeten our little land.

DEATH OF "QUEEN ANNE'S"

Last Wednesday the administration of £70,000,000 officially changed hands. A little crowd gathered outside the JOURNAL'S offices in front of Queen Anne's statue and gave three cheers to commemorate the death of Queen Anne's Bounty.

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Two hundred and forty-four years ago the Queen, through Parliament, created this fund of between £16,000 and £17,000 a year to care for poor clergy and to maintain the fabric of churches and church property. It has considerably grown, and has now been joined to the £140,000,000 of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to form the funds of the Church Commissioners for England, the new body that is to be responsible for the Church's financial affairs.

ASTRAGAL



Mr. E. J. Hare, last secretary of the Queen Anne's Bounty foundation placing a wreath at the feet of the statue of Queen Anne in Queen Anne's Gate, at a farewell ceremony last week. See Astragal's note.

LETTERS

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A.M.I.Struct.E.

Concrete Floors and Roofs in Housing

SIR,—Shortage of timber has put a serious brake on house building, and in spite of the many substitutions which have been devised to meet the restriction which has had to be placed on the amount of timber that may be used in a house, it is still vitally necessary to seek for substitutes.

In a traditional house with a timber and boarded floor and a tiled roof, there is, in round figures, $\frac{1}{4}$ standard of timber in the floor and another $\frac{1}{4}$ standard in the roof, so that these two components are clearly the first to be tackled for economies. In fact if a floor surface other than timber is accepted it is possible to save the whole of this standard of timber by using concrete floors and flat roofs; and without serious, if any, increase in cost.

But to obtain this result it is necessary to take advantage of every possible economy in the design of the concrete components; to take full advantage, for instance, of the lighter loads and higher stresses permitted in the latest draft Codes to keep the dead weight to an absolute minimum; and to obtain if possible steel with a guaranteed yield point so that a working stress of 20,000 can be adopted in designing the reinforcement.

Unfortunately it is at this point that another shortage of an important material becomes apparent. Steel is now even scarcer for building than timber, and a normal dense concrete hollow floor or roof requires about $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of steel for reinforcement. So the position reached is that by substituting concrete floors and roofs for traditional construction, 1 standard of timber has been saved, but at the expense of $\frac{1}{4}$ ton of steel.

It is vital to reduce this steel figure, and fortunately there are two possible ways of doing so. One is to reduce the deadweight of the floor by using lightweight aggregates in place of the normal dense ones, and the other is by prestressing. With lightweight aggregates such as foamed slag, the weight of reinforcement in the floor or the roof can be got down to about 1/6 ton; and by prestressing to as little as 1 cwt. With the present shortage of steel and timber, which may not be eased for years, the importance of exploiting these two possibilities to the full needs no emphasis.

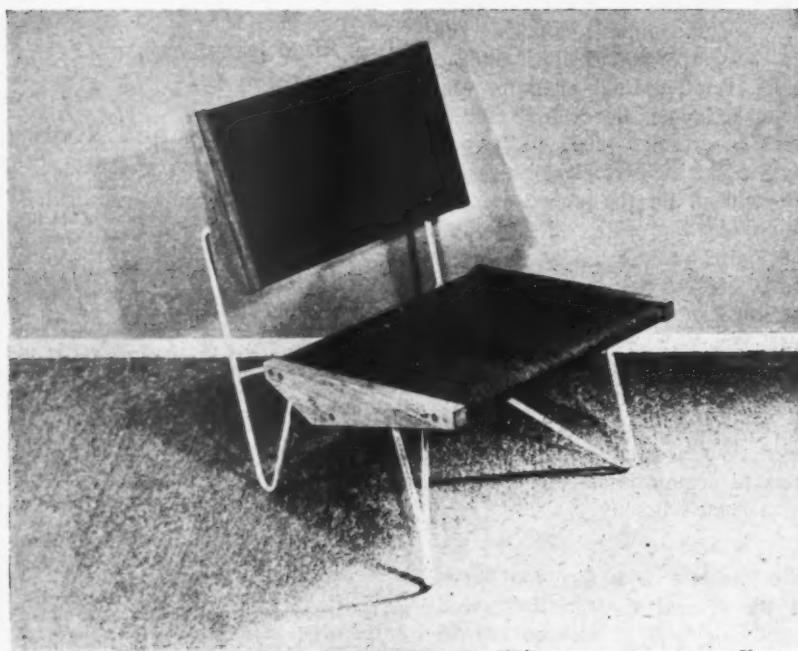
There is already capacity for a considerable output of foamed slag, and the Government is encouraging production of other suitable lightweight materials such as expanded clay and shales, aerated concretes, and, for non-reinforced work, clinker. These light materials can reduce the weight of concrete by one-third, while retaining sufficient strength for floor and roof slabs in houses; it may be possible to obtain nailability as well.

Steps are also being taken to ensure that there is sufficient production of the special high tensile wire needed for prestressing; and a survey has been made of the available floor coverings other than boarding suitable for use with concrete floors.

The Ministry of Works has in hand a comprehensive programme of full-scale development tests covering the practical aspect of all these matters, and results of these tests will be published as they become available.

The object of this brief note is to draw attention to the importance of this question of the economical design of concrete floors and roofs for houses—of the need in particular to reduce their weight so as to save

U.S. DESIGN COMPETITION



In order to show the consumer public what the market offers in good designs for furniture, fabrics, light fixtures and wall papers, the American Institute of Decorators are holding annual international competitions. The results of the 1947 competition have recently been announced, and these photographs show three of the six prize-winning designs. Judged by distinguished members of the architectural, educational and retailing professions, of whom the architects were Max Abramovitz, Deputy Director of Planning for the United Nations headquarters, Carl Koch, Samuel Marx, and Chairman of the Committee on Awards, Theodor Muller, the entries are confined to designs which are in production and available for purchase on the current consumer market. Top: a chair made of wood, wire and cord, price \$39.50. Centre: a floor lamp with grey enamel base and plastic-coated parchment shade, price \$27.50. Bottom: printed fabric, price \$6.50.

steel—in the hope of encouraging individuals, firms, and associations of firms in the industry to direct their energies to this end by trying out likely new materials and techniques and by drawing attention to new problems created by them and requiring investigation, as well as to connected matters requiring forward planning.

O. J. MASTERMAN,
Chief Scientific Adviser's Division,
Ministry of Works.

In Parliament

During the last week of the session, questions were put to the Minister of Works in the Commons regarding property owned by the Communist Party and by that party's newspaper, *The Daily Worker*.

When Air Commodore A. V. Harvey (Con.—Macclesfield) asked what was the amount of the licence granted to *The Daily Worker* on the construction of its new building in Farringdon Street, London, the Works Minister, Mr. C. W. Key, referred him to a previous Parliamentary answer on the subject.

Air Commodore Harvey: "Whatever the amount, how does the Minister justify such a large expenditure at this time, when the workers, and others, are so badly in need of houses?"

Mr. Key pointed out that the work was originally started and a licence granted, with the support of the Ministry of Information, in December, 1945. Work subsequently required by the district surveyor resulted in some increase in the expenditure involved.

Mr. William Gallacher (Communist—West Fife): "Can the Minister give the sum total of the property owned by the Tory and Liberal Press?" Mr. Key did not reply, and the Speaker said that had nothing to do with the question they were now discussing.

Then Sir Waldron Smithers (Con.—Orpington) asked for details of the building materials supplied to the Communist offices at the corner of King Street and Bedford Street, Strand, during the last two years; and, in view of the acute demand for housing material, why priority was given to any of these supplies. Mr. Key told him that licences were granted mainly for essential repairs and fire protection required by the L.C.C. Priority was granted for the supply of certain materials in order that the work should not come to a stop. Whereupon Sir Waldron demanded: "In view of recent developments, will the Government show that they mean real business about this Communist menace, requisition this property and hand it over to business firms?" But again the Speaker intervened to point out that they were now straying from the point at issue.

Cheers from both sides of the House greeted an announcement by Mr. Key that a licence for the repair of Ken Wood House at a cost of £1,500 had been granted to the Iveagh Trustees. Mr. Eric Fletcher (Lab.—Islington East), voicing the approval of members, said the announcement would give very great satisfaction to a large number of Londoners who took a considerable interest in this matter.

The following day Mrs. Leah Manning (Lab.—Epping) had a suggestion to make to the Minister of Town and Country Planning, Mr. Lewis Silkin. In view of the admiration and interest excited abroad, particularly in the United States, by the Master Plan for the new town of Harlow, why not complete that new town in advance of the other new towns so that town and country planning committees and other interested persons from abroad might visit it, she asked. Mr. Silkin was gratified to note the interest aroused overseas by the Harlow plan, but said he could not on that account agree that Harlow should be completed in advance of other projects.

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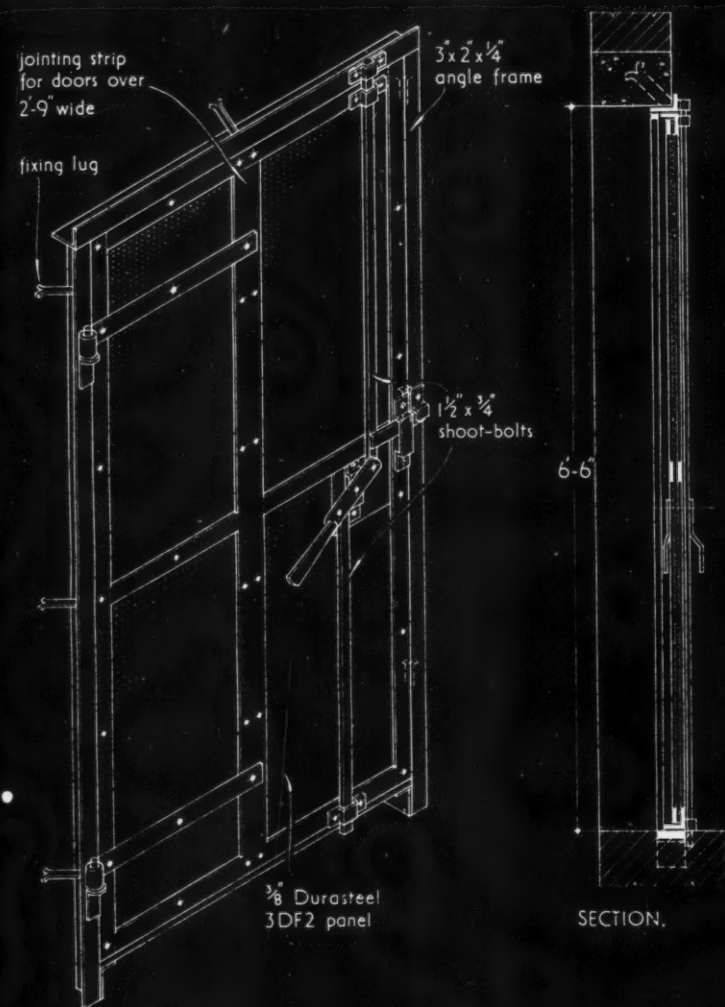
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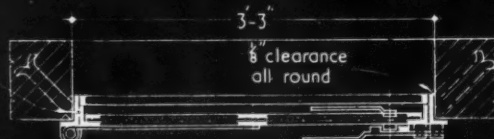
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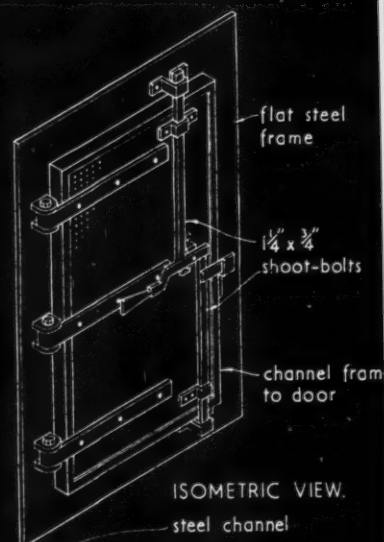
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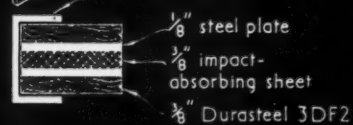
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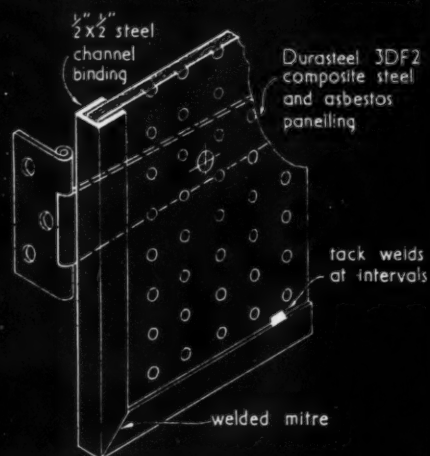
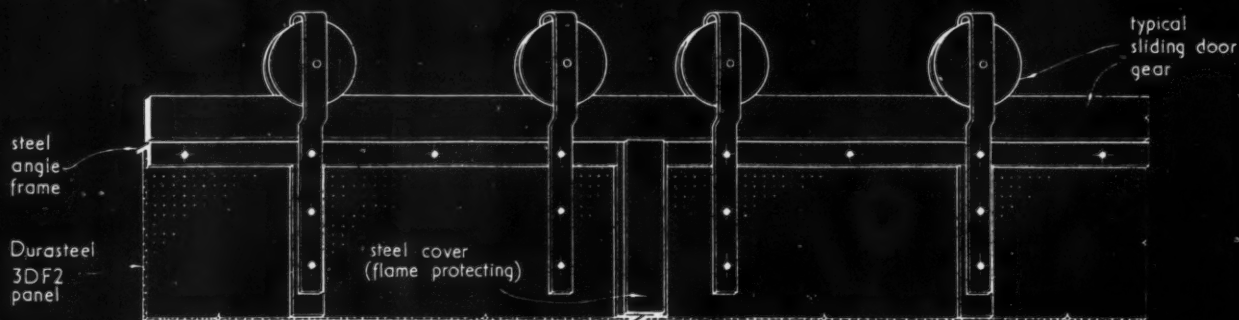
PLAN

STANDARD DURASTEEL 'FIREMAN' FIRE-RESISTING
HINGED DOOR. (F.O.C. tested)

ISOMETRIC VIEW.



SECTION.

HEAVY TYPE DURASTEEL 'SUPER-FIREMAN'
SPLINTER PROOF DOOR. (F.O.C. tested)CORNER DETAIL OF LIGHT DOOR
USING SINGLE SHEET OF DURASTEEL.

TYPICAL SLIDING DOOR ARRANGEMENT.

DURASTEEL 3DF2 STEEL AND ASBESTOS FIRE-RESISTING DOORS.

Manufacturer: Durasteel Roofs Ltd.

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This Sheet describes fire-resisting doors made from Durasteel 3DF2 sheeting. Sheet 15.R1 gives details of the material and shows typical applications to partitions and ceilings.

Standard 'Fireman' Fire-Resisting Hinged Door

Details of this door are given in the drawings at the top left-hand side of this Sheet.

Size : The door is designed for an opening 6 ft. 6 in. high and up to 3 ft. 3 in. wide.

Construction : The outer frame at jambs and head is of 3 in. by 2 in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. mild steel angle with lugs at intervals for fixing to brickwork. The sill bar is of 3 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. mild steel flat. Rebates at jambs and head are of 1 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and 1 in. by $\frac{3}{4}$ in., respectively. The door is built up from a single thickness $\frac{3}{8}$ in. Durasteel 3DF2 panel but where the width exceeds 2 ft. 9 in. two sheets may be long jointed under a cover strip as shown, and the whole bolted to a framework of 2 in. by 2 in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. angle. Two strap hinges are provided and the locking mechanism is triple acting, consisting of two shoot-bolts, which engage in the frame at top and bottom, and a centre catch engaging in an open clip fixed at mid-height to the frame angle. Lever operating handles are fixed both sides of the door.

Finish : The door can be supplied finished hot-dip galvanised or black steel primed one coat.

Fire test : A test carried out by the Fire Offices' Committee resulted in the door being classified as fulfilling the conditions for Grade C (2 hours) of B.S. 476.

Heavy Type 'Super Fireman' Splinter and Fire-Resisting Door

Details of this door are given in the drawings at the top right-hand side of this Sheet. Developed during the war to meet air raid conditions, this door is intended for use in power stations, chemical works and similar situations where danger of fire is accompanied by risk of blast and/or splinters from explosion.

Size : To suit individual requirements (except as limited by F.O.C. regulations).

Construction : The outer frame top and side members are of 4 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and the bottom member of 3 in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. flat steel, with 3 in. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in. angle welded to it and forming a rebate of 1 in. for the door on all sides except the bottom. The door is faced with Durasteel panelling and has a core of mild steel plates and impact absorbing sheets, the whole being contained in a continuous cold rolled steel channel with welded mitred corners. Three strap hinges are provided and the locking mechanism is triple acting, consisting of two shoot-bolts which engage in the frame at top and bottom and a centre catch engaging in an open clip fixed at mid-height to the outer frame. Lever operating handles are fixed both sides of the door.

Finish : The door can be supplied hot-dip galvanised or black steel primed one coat.

Fire test : Tested by Fire Offices' Committee and classified as fulfilling conditions for Grade C (2 hours) of B.S.476.

Sliding and Light Type Doors

The other drawings show a typical sliding door arrangement and give details of a light type door consisting of a single sheet of $\frac{3}{8}$ in. Durasteel with an all-round binding of steel channel.

Fixing

Frame or hinge lugs (of long fish-tail type) should be securely anchored and any gaps between wall surfaces and the door should be made good.

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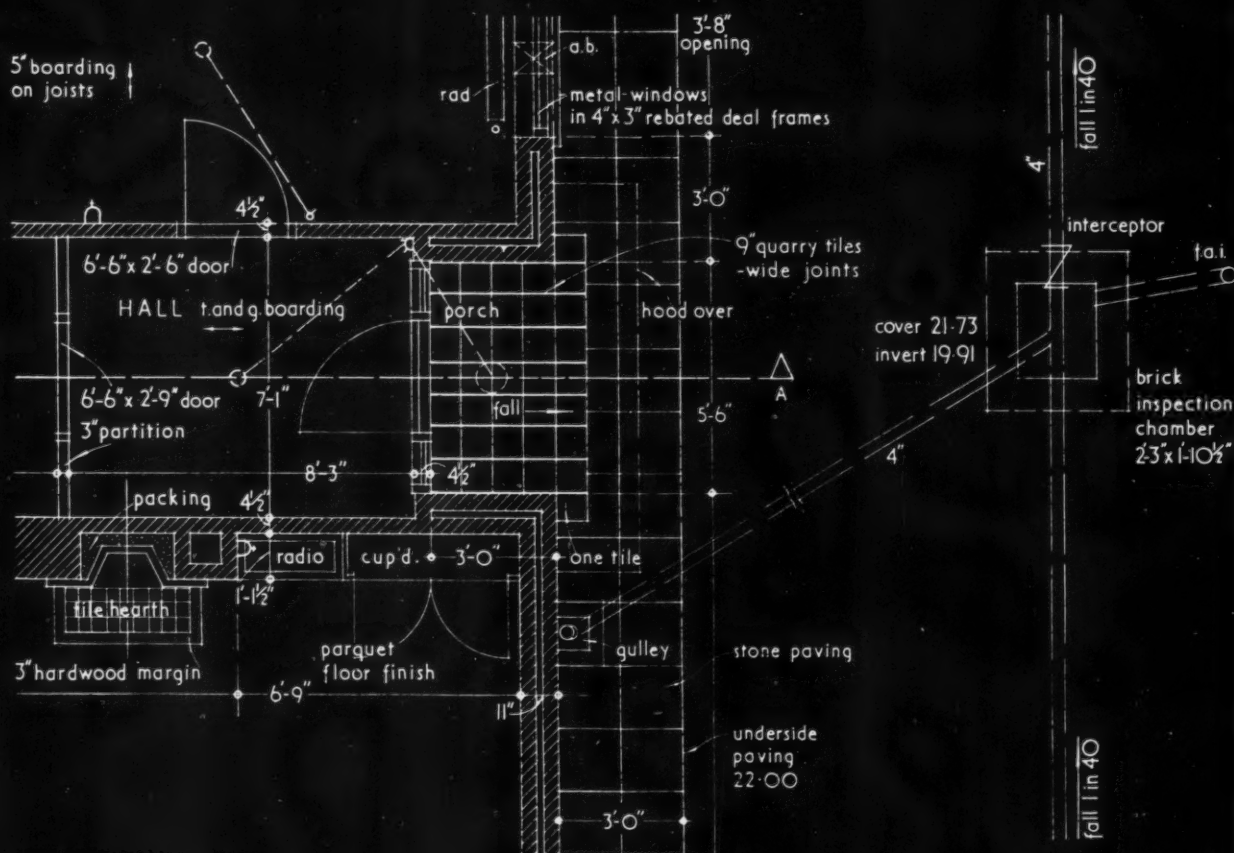
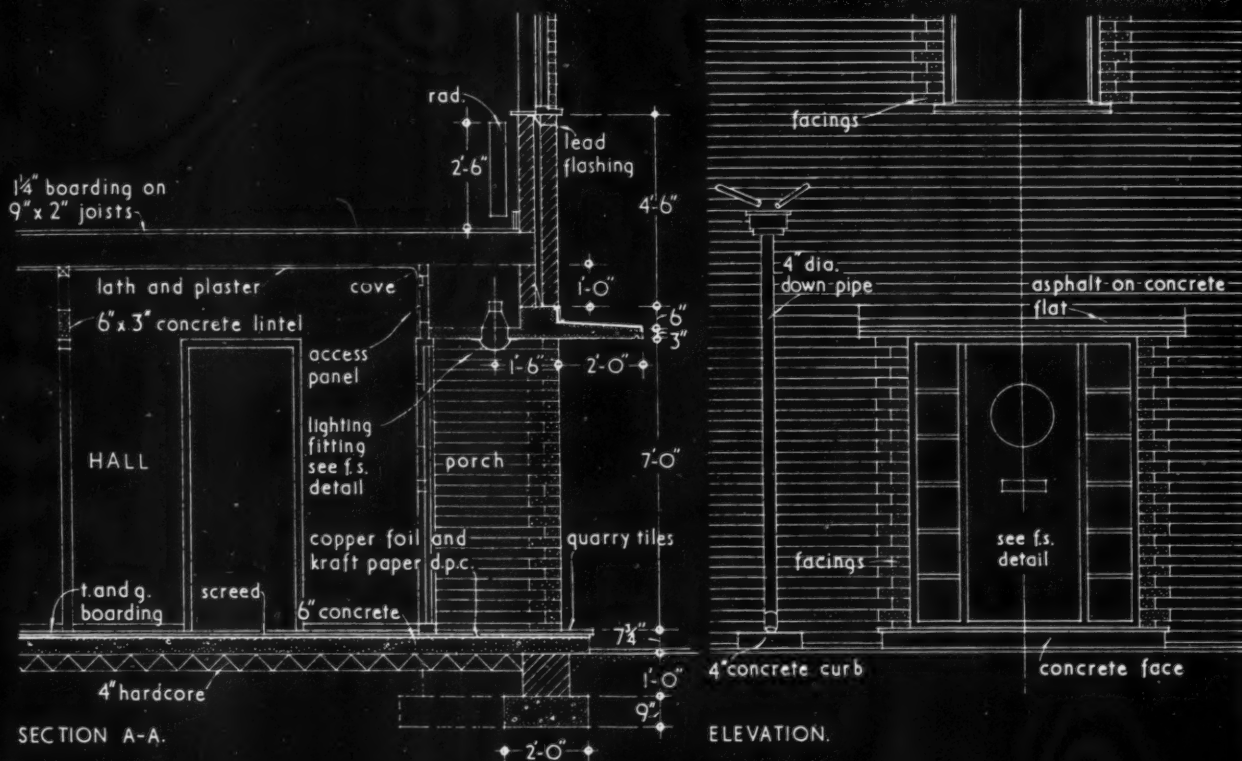
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1.B20 ORTHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION: $\frac{1}{4}$ IN. SCALE WORKING DRAWINGS

This Sheet is one of a group recommending suitable standards for office working drawings to various scales and deals with $\frac{1}{4}$ in. scale (1/48th full size). Subsequent Sheets deal with $\frac{1}{8}$ in. scale, $\frac{1}{2}$ in., full size, etc.

One purpose of this group of Sheets is to assist the practising architect in standardizing work in his drawing office ; another is to suggest to the student a reasonable standard of presentation for practical working drawings.

Working Drawings Generally

All working drawings should be prepared as a complement to, and evolved closely with, the specification. Duplication of information should not be adopted except where special emphasis of a confusing detail is necessary.

$\frac{1}{4}$ in. Scale

The illustrations do not comprise a completed drawing, but are parts of the plan, section, and elevation of a typical small domestic house. Opinions on the value of $\frac{1}{4}$ in. scale vary, but in recent years this scale has become increasingly popular. It is particularly suitable for small buildings since the resultant drawing is of a useful size for handling and it is often an advantage to prepare $\frac{1}{4}$ in. scale drawings of small buildings rather than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. scale and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. details. $\frac{1}{4}$ in. scale drawings do not, however, avoid

the necessity for ancillary full size, quarter full size and similar details.

Working drawings are intended to be used on the site : they must therefore be bold and simple and the lettering should be reasonably large, remembering that a splash of cement slurry can easily make a fussy overdrawn drawing entirely unreadable.

B.S. Drawing Office Practice

These drawings have been prepared bearing in mind the recommendations of B.S. 1192 : 1944, *Architectural and Building Drawing Office Practice*. Their recommendations have not, however, been accepted without reserve ; in particular the method of dimensioning with the numbers outside the dimension line has not been adopted.

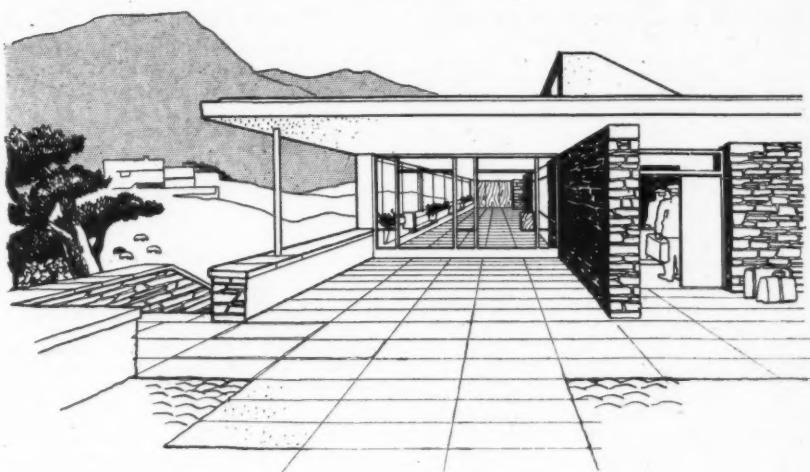
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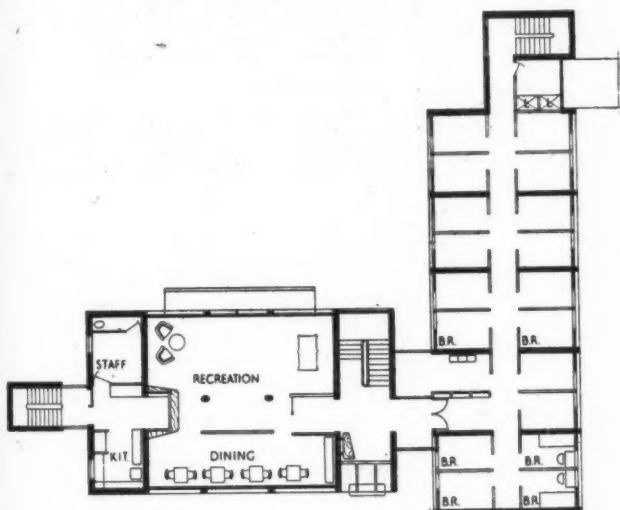
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Right, a sketch of the entrance to a small rural station. Although local materials have been used, the plan follows a structural grid for unit buildings that the architect's office has worked out, and utilises component parts of their unit structures. Bottom, sketch plans of a small railwaymen's hostel. A drawing of this hostel forms this week's frontispiece.

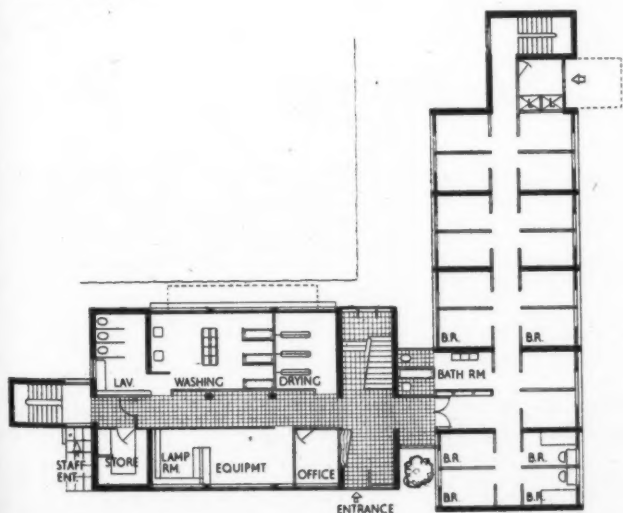


SOME RECENT WORK BY THE ARCHITECT'S OFFICE OF THE LONDON MIDLAND REGION OF THE BRITISH RAILWAYS

DESCRIBED BY J. L. MARTIN



FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR

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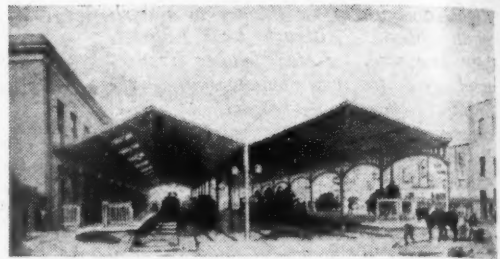
The work of an architect's office within a railway undertaking is of interest for two reasons. First, because of its wide and varied range, and second, because of the specialized studies which may be developed by a well-qualified staff.

The possible range of work is, perhaps, a little difficult to appreciate. It is, of course, obvious that such an office will deal with stations—and perhaps hotels. In addition to these buildings of a public character, however, there is also the accommodation required by the railway community, including offices, staff hostels, canteens and housing. Then there are the special buildings required from time to time, such as schools or medical centres. To this can be added a variety of work which is, perhaps, best described as industrial design; and which deals with the equipment used in all these buildings. The architects whose work is illustrated here have also recently assisted in designing the interior fittings for certain types of rolling stock.

From this list of work it will be seen at once that there are certain types of building which are not peculiar to the railway, for example, hotels, canteens and housing. In these cases there is in existence a certain amount of planning data, and there are generally accepted standards on which architects can base their work. In dealing with office buildings, for instance, standards of desirable area, of air space, of lighting, and even sound transmission, are readily available. But in the case of the more specialised railway buildings, there are no generally accepted measures of this kind. The architects, if they are to give the fullest service, must work in close collaboration with the Operating and Commercial Departments of the railway in a constant effort to establish standards. The problem is by no means easy. For example, in stations it must involve an attempt to assess the requirements of fluctuating numbers of people on a factual basis. It must attempt to give some measure to these numbers so that buildings can be designed to fit the requirements in the most efficient and economical manner. It becomes, in fact, a highly specialized study.

If it is to be efficient, the railway architect's office must consequently be organized and staffed to deal with a wide range of work, and also with specialised investigation. The following notes and illustrations are intended to give some picture of these two aspects of railway work as they have been developed in recent years in the office originating from the L.M.S., which is now the office of the Architect to the London Midland Region—William H. Hamlyn, F.R.I.B.A. It is perhaps worth mentioning that some of the studies described in these notes have a close parallel in the work of the architects to the Dutch railways and the SNCF in France.

The original Birmingham station. The railways have always demanded the development of new techniques as new problems have arisen.



(1) CANTEEN AND HOSTEL WORK

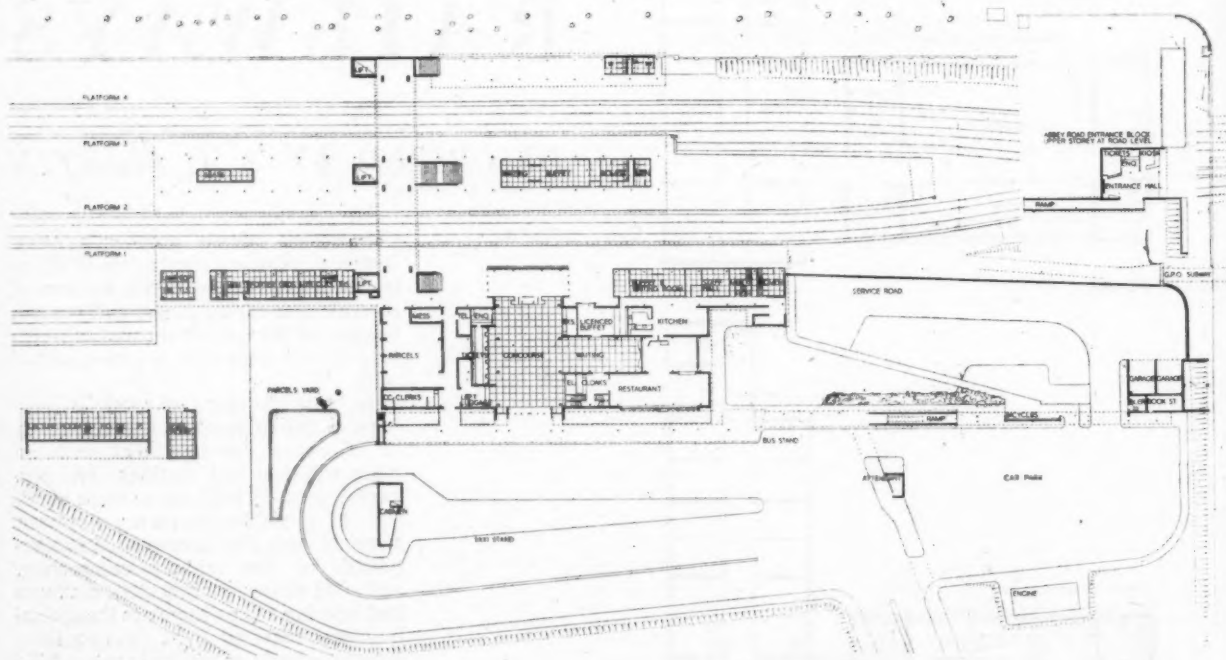
The buildings required for the feeding and housing of railway workers have formed an important section of the work passing through the office. The supply of meals has been dealt with principally by the erection of a large number of canteens, and in the past few years the office has been responsible for well over a hundred of these buildings. Although this work has been carried out under extreme restriction of materials and labour, the programme as a whole has provided the opportunity for an experiment in the organisation of a large scale and scattered building programme, and has laid down the lines of future development for work of this kind. The methods used in preliminary research, the collection of site data, the development of standards, the preparation of drawings and the control of production were described in detail in the RIBA Journal of September, 1944, and need not be repeated here.

Accommodation for railwaymen away from home now generally takes the form of a staff hostel. The L.M.S. Railway has for many years supported a policy of new hostel building, and the standards of

new hostel building, and the standards of accommodation to be provided have been in existence for some time. The plan of such buildings must provide bathing, washing, and drying room facilities, recreation and dining rooms, and a separate bedroom for each railwayman. As the railwaymen may arrive or leave the hostel at all hours, according to their particular turns of duty, the number of men using the recreational facilities at any one time is not likely to be great. On the other hand, it is essential to cause the least possible disturbance to sleeping men. The principal development has consequently been a development of planning and constructional method in order to treat adequately the problems of sound transmission, ventilation, etc. The most recent plans illustrate the isolation of noise, by means of quiet zones, and show the opportunities for standardization of constructional methods in the dormitory wing (see plans on the preceding page).

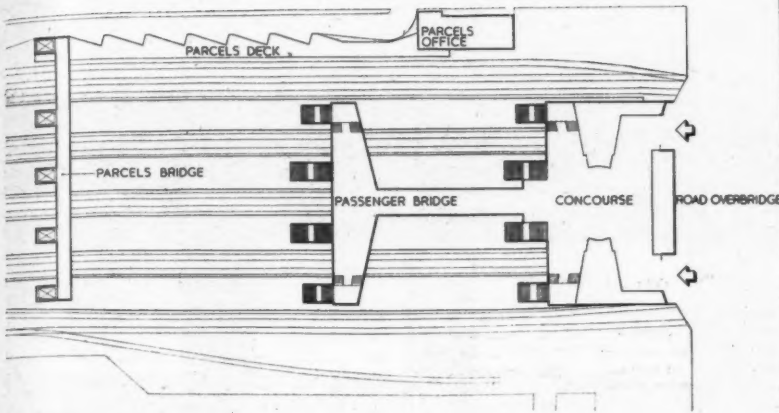
(2) STATIONS

From the point of view of the general public by far the most noticeable examples of architecture on the railways are, of course, the stations. These divide themselves up

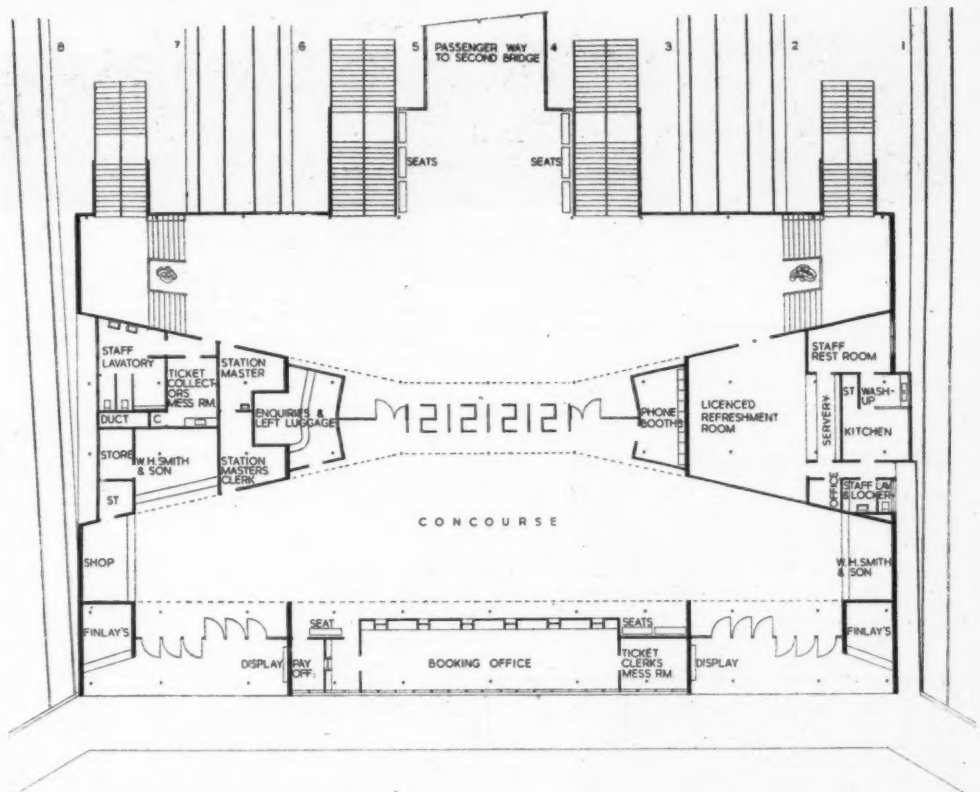


MAIN LINE STATION. The plan separates the public from the working parts of the station, so that pedestrian and parcels traffic follow different routes. The bridge giving access to platforms is divided down the centre to separate the traffic.

SUBURBAN STATION. *Left, block plan showing secondary stairways and access bridge and clear separation of passengers and parcels traffic. Below, the circulation area of the same station, which has to handle heavy residential traffic. The disposition of passenger bridges, widths of staircases and room areas have been determined by a preliminary study of passenger movements.*



BLOCK PLAN



CIRCULATION AREA OF A SUBURBAN STATION

[Scale: $\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'-0''$]

into a number of types—terminal, junction, suburban, rural, etc. Most of the present stations were built many years ago when requirements were quite different from those of the present day. Their structural condition varies considerably, and they give rise to three main types of work. In the first place, there are the larger stations which must be rebuilt to cope with present-day requirements. Secondly, there is a steady programme of rebuilding required in connection with smaller stations which either fail to meet present-day needs, or which have become obsolete structures. Thirdly, there is a problem of dealing with the large number of stations where the structure is reasonably sound, but where modernisation and re-equipment is desirable.

(a) Larger Stations

Dealing first with the larger stations; the problem here is almost always a special one, and the solution has to be worked out in relation to special site conditions. The basic problem is, of course, one of circulation, and most of the study which has, so far, been carried out has concentrated on this problem.

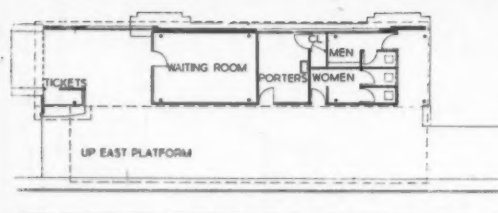
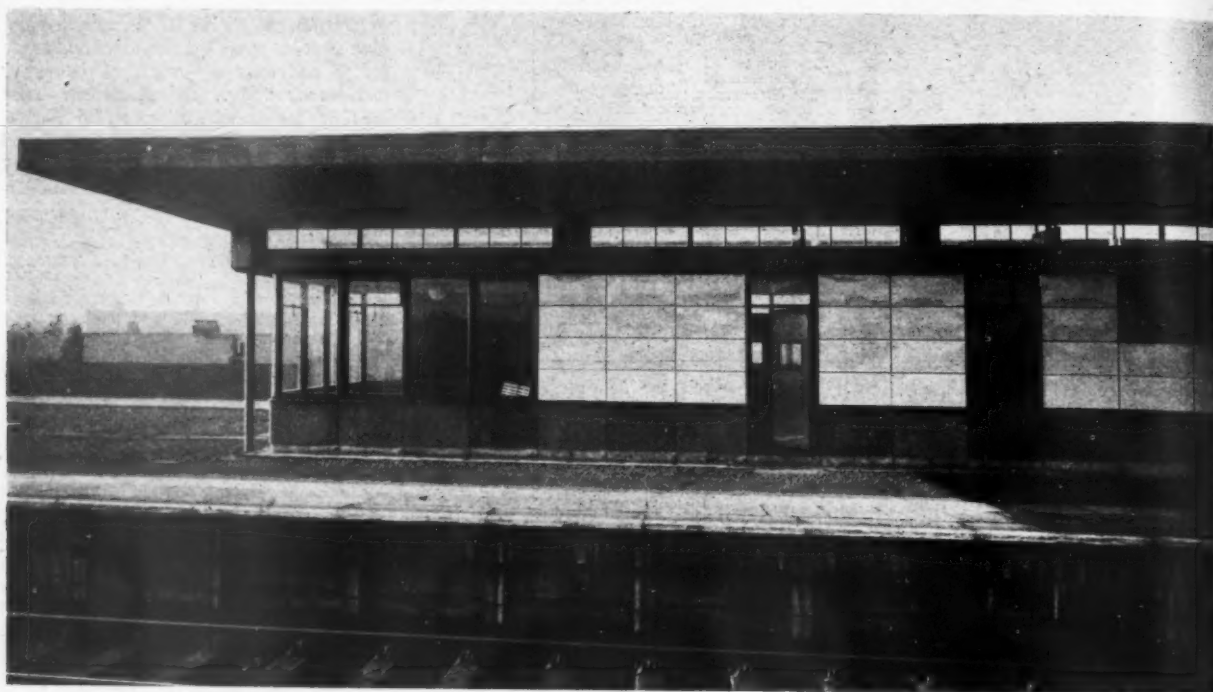
Any planning must at the outset be based on a separation of two main types of traffic—parcels traffic and passenger traffic. Where the site makes conditions favourable, the most effective separation is naturally to accommodate these two types of traffic at different levels. The new station at Montreal in Canada is the typical example of such a separation. In this building

passengers enter the station at high level: trains run at intermediate level, and all parcels are handled at low level. Although this complete solution is rarely possible, many sites lend themselves to a two-level solution.

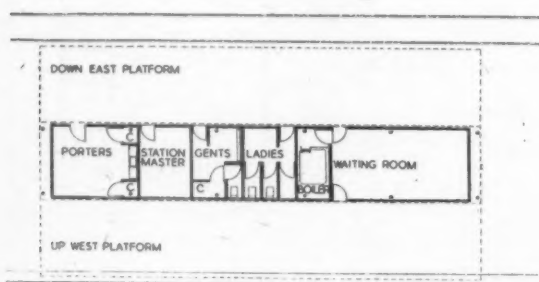
Once this primary separation of passengers and parcels has been made, the easy movement of large numbers of passengers about the station has to be considered. Any architect of ability would obviously plan a room-to-room relationship which allowed for an easy flow, but the complicated movement about a station concourse is not a simple one to define without some special knowledge. Indeed, this movement varies according to the type of station, main line terminal, main line interchange, or suburban.

A good deal of evidence of this problem

REGION) : SOME RECENT WORK



UP-PLATFORM BUILDING.



ISLAND PLATFORM BUILDING.

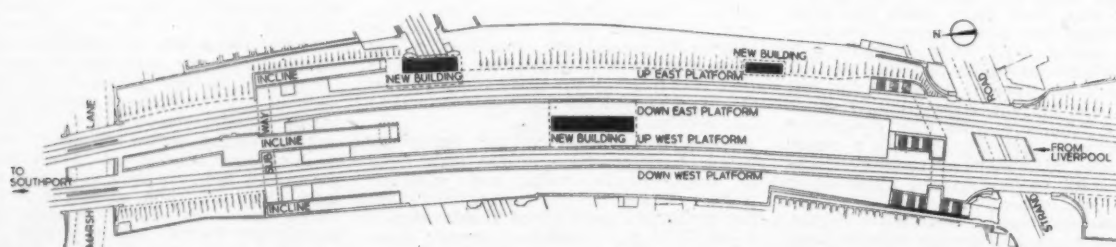
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MARSH LANE STATION. Top, the island platform. This is the first complete unit station, and the technique is a continuation of the experimental work at Queen's Park station. Owing to the heavily polluted atmosphere, the facing is of enamelled iron panels. Left, plans of the unit buildings. Bottom, block plan. The ticket office and entrance are at low-level.

has been collected recently. The following table, built up from observations made by the General Research Section of the London Midland Region, gives some idea of how the use of the parts of the station varied under different circumstances:—

| | Proportion of passengers using facilities | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Ticket office | Indicator | Book stalls | Waiting rooms | Toilets | Refreshment rooms |
| Terminal station | 30% | 62% | 50% | 10% | 15% | 20% |
| Inter-change station | 4% | 21% | 16% | 20% | 19% | 52% |

As a result of such studies it now seems possible to lay down diagrammatically the correct relationship of entrance to ticket offices, departure indicators, etc. In addition, it seems possible to relate the peak number of passengers to the widths of passage ways, number of ticket windows, number of ticket



BLOCK PLAN.

BRITISH RAILWAYS (LONDON MIDLAND

barriers, number of lavatories, areas of concourses and waiting rooms. When this work is completed, there is no doubt that it will provide a valuable addition to the existing data on building standards and the potential saving in building schemes will be considerable.

The main principles of room-to-room relationship and passenger flow can be illustrated by two examples. The first of these (see the Main Line Station plan on page 326) shows a station layout on a level and unrestricted site; the principal feature of the planning being the separation of accommodation and routes of circulation for staff, passengers and parcels.

The second scheme (see page 327) is an example of a suburban station on a restricted site, in which very intense passenger flow is the deciding factor. This example illustrates very fully the study which has been made of passenger flow and the scientific appraisal of sizes of stairs, bridges and concourse. In order to cope with this problem adequately, observations were made by the General Research Department during rush hours to show the volume of passengers accommodated at various points. Taken in conjunction with previous data on the rates of flow of passengers on stairs and through concourses and barriers, these figures enabled accurate plan sizes to be worked out.

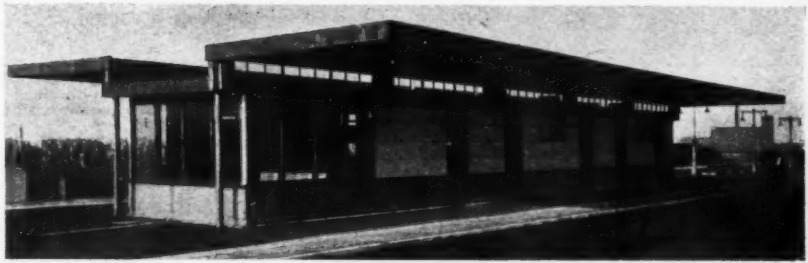
The influence of the flow analysis on the bridge and stairway design is of great interest. With a known rate of flow of passengers on staircases, it was found to be impossible to deal adequately with the passengers by means of a single stair on each platform. The plan consequently provides a second stair about midway along the platform length which has the effect of combing out the crowds from one end of the train, and conducting them along a separate route to the main concourse. These secondary stairs and bridge connections also serve the needs of passengers changing platforms.

(b) Smaller Stations

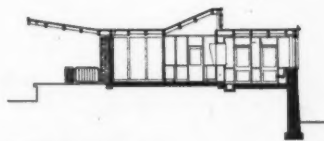
The problem of rebuilding the smaller station is no longer a problem of individual buildings. The smaller buildings that are required are numerous. They can be grouped to form a yearly programme of building. It is, therefore, possible to obtain a total economy through the repetition of the use of similar parts. But although this repetition of parts is desirable on the grounds of economy, the plans of the buildings themselves must have variety and flexibility. In addition to this, the structural method must be one that lends itself to speed of erection.

The way in which this problem has been studied was described in this Journal for November 28, 1946, and in the RIBA Journal, February 1948. A prototype station building which could meet the conditions set out above was erected some time ago on a platform site at Queen's Park, with the object of testing the structural system and discovering its behaviour in actual use. It is sufficient to say here that the prototype proved itself to be, with certain modifications, a satisfactory structural form, and the first full scale station has now been built at Marsh Lane (see this and the facing page).

One of the most important single factors arising out of these studies has undoubtedly been the application of a system of dimensional co-ordination to construction and planning. In future buildings the structural components may be changed—indeed should be changed as improved materials become available or as present circumstances enforce the use of cruder forms. The dimensional grid which takes into account this variation of material will allow these changes to be incorporated easily as they



At top of page, island building at Marsh Lane Station. Immediately above, standard sheltered seat for island platform. Right, interior of waiting room at Marsh Lane station. The seats are standard, the back and seat being the same unit. Below, plan and section of a typical rural station. A sketch of this station appears at the top of page 325.

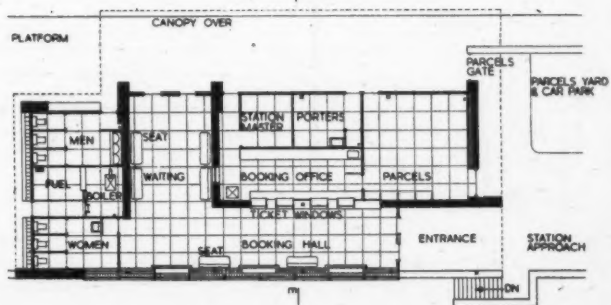


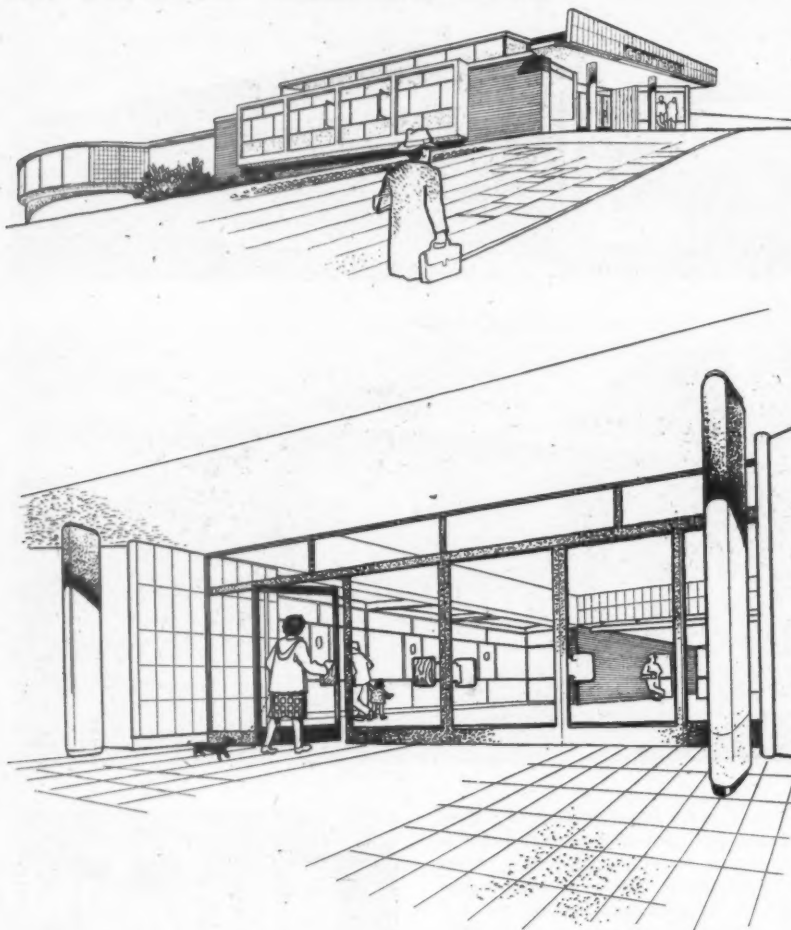
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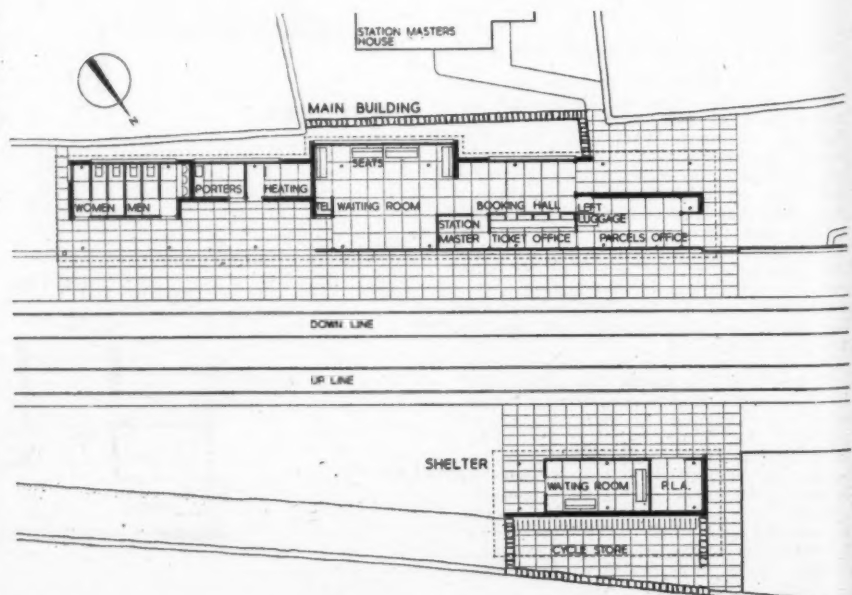
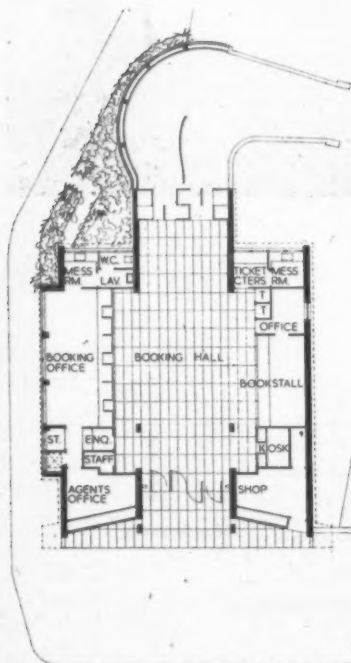
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SOME SMALLER STATIONS. Above, sketches showing treatment of a high-level ticket office and characteristic detail of the entrance. Below, left, a plan of the above station, and, right, of a small rural station. Scale: $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 1 ft.



are required, without invalidating the flexibility of layout shown in the accompanying plans.

From a planning point of view these schemes represent a considerable breakaway from the traditional station building in which the platform itself acted as a kind of corridor from which the individual rooms of the building were approached. This isolation of rooms has not been found satisfactory in practice, and in the plans illustrated, it will be seen that in various ways one single general waiting space replaces the independent waiting rooms.

This arrangement leaves ample scope for the designer, and a considerable variety can be achieved. This variety has again been deliberately emphasized by the introduction of local walling materials. It is felt that by these means the prefabricated components may be more effectively related to their different types of setting, and that a contrast of materials can be obtained which might well enhance the qualities of both the local and the imported components.

It now seems to have been proved that the smaller station can have the necessary freedom of planning and design in spite of the utilization of similar components. This means that the following advantages can be obtained:—

- (1) It is possible to bulk order the parts of a number of different stations, and so secure economy of production.
 - (2) It is possible to rationalize the production of working drawings, in fact component and assembly drawings for any number of stations have already been built up.
 - (3) As a result of the scientific tests carried out on the prototype and its components, a definite standard and quality for future building work can be laid down.
 - (4) It becomes possible to make an effective organization for the erection of these buildings on the site, and to develop a maximum speed for this operation.
- It is not claimed that the system applies to every station building. But it is interesting to find that even in individual buildings advantage can be taken of standardization of units in various ways.

(c) Remodelled Stations

Probably by far the largest station problem during the next few years will be that of

remodelling. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that this is not just simply the question of superficial smartening up. The principal advantages to be worked for are:—

(1) Improved efficiency by the provision of better layout, accommodation and equipment.

(2) Improved economy by a policy of replacing or removing redundant areas, and by the substitution of materials involving less maintenance.

(3) Improved appearance which can arise from (1) and (2), and which can be further developed by introducing order into all station equipment, such as signs, display, kiosks, trade advertising, etc.

The task of dealing with these questions consistently throughout the country involves probably one of the most important tasks that railway architects have to face. From the point of view of the public, the transformation of the existing station is as vital as the building of new stations. From the point of view of the designer, it is just as exacting, and very much more widespread.

New building work will generally arise from obsolescence of structure or planning. Conversion work occurs in cases where the structure is reasonably sound, although the planning may be inadequate for modern requirements. It is generally true that most railway stations were built at a time when conditions were quite different from those of the present day. This has resulted in redundancy of accommodation on the one hand, for instance in the multiplicity of waiting rooms, and inadequacy of accommodation on the other, for instance in parcels offices. These conditions in themselves encourage deterioration in matters of both convenience and appearance.

At the same time, a large number of station buildings have an architectural character which, although not contemporary, has some dignity and many fine qualities. A problem facing the designer consequently is how to bring some sense of convenience and order into a large number of individual buildings without destroying their essential character. The problem for the architect is also how to carry this programme through on a realistic basis, with reasonable despatch and economy.

The planning standards relating to the most favourable positions of rooms and equipment in relation to passenger movement, and those establishing the desirable sizes, which have been discussed above, are obviously of great assistance. The data related to areas, numbers of ticket barriers, numbers of lavatories, etc., are also essential in the interests of economy. The use of these standards would ensure that work carried out at any time will be in line with a general policy. Also with these guiding principles, it becomes possible to tackle improvements on a progressive basis: the departure indicator, added this year, will bear a relation to the remodelling of the refreshment room next year. By this means the appearance of the station can be systematically changed.

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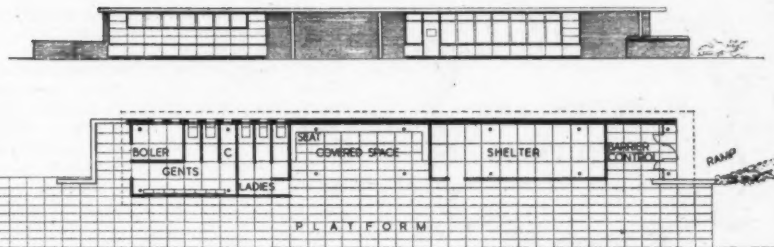
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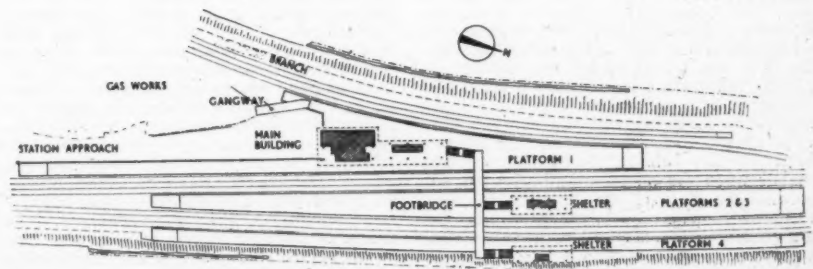
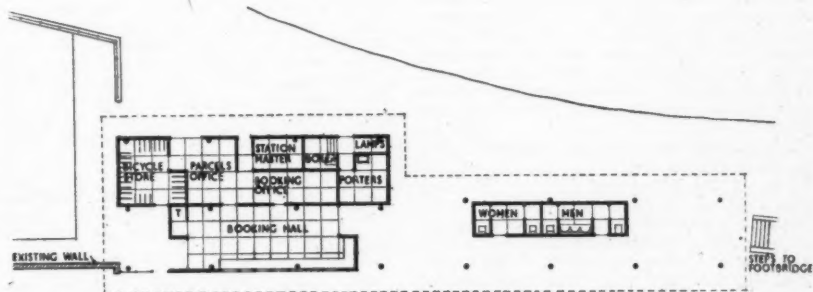
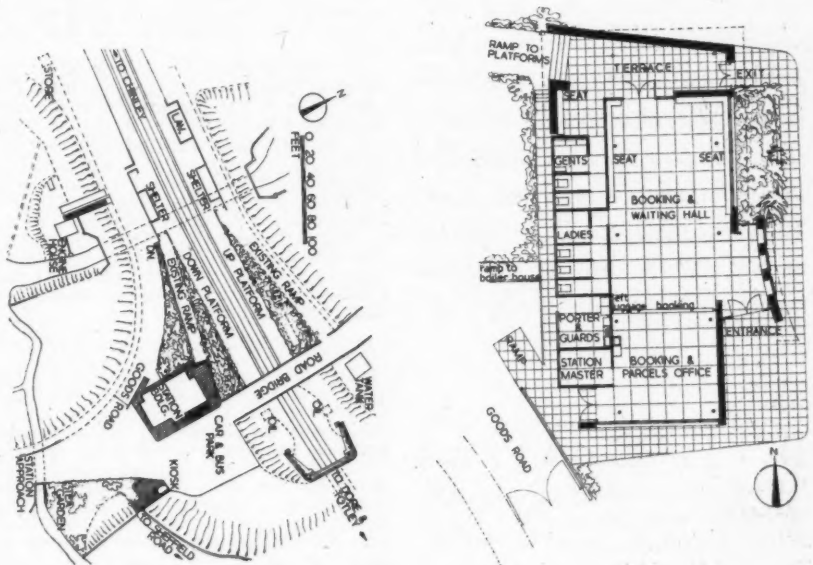
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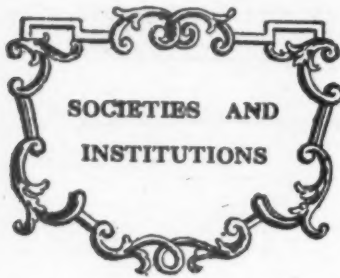
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SOME FURTHER SMALL STATIONS to a scale of $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 1 ft. All the stations are designed on a unit principle, though local materials are widely used in conjunction with unit components. The block plans show the disposition of the units.





Speeches and lectures delivered before societies as well as reports of their activities, are dealt with under this title, which includes professional societies, trade associations and government departments. To save space they are represented by their initials—see front cover. Lectures cannot usually be reported in full, but the extracts given are in the speaker's own words.

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B. J. Collins

March 18. At the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1. THE STAFFWORK OF A PLANNING AUTHORITY.

B. J. Collins: I wonder if you have ever played a parlour game called Monopoly. It is a bigger and better thing than snakes and ladders. The players sit round and compete in acquiring freeholds, leaseholds, rents, mortgages and so on, to build up the most valuable property they can, all depending upon the throw of the dice; and they are subjected to all sorts of distressing hazards such as bankruptcies, foreclosures and even going to gaol.

It has sometimes occurred to me that there would be educational value in a similar game based on the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. Land on Square 6 and your development application is approved: Square 11 and pay a development charge. Throw a double and serve a purchase notice. Huff your opponent and his land is designated for compulsory acquisition. One could make endless play with appeals, revocations, enforcement notices, preservation orders, payments for depreciation of site values and so on. The dice would be masters of many a complex and thrilling situation. A good time would be had by all. I find myself wondering if it would train us for the reality?

Upon reflection I realize that it would be the worst training we could possibly have, such a preoccupation with the paraphernalia of technique, to the detriment of the creative idea that lies behind. It can be no light matter when the planning authority has got to take the place of the dice, for its every throw is, for someone or other, momentous; and unless every step taken is taken with a clear recollection of the object in view then we shall get bogged down with technique and we shall not see the wood for the trees. So with the tremendous technical powers of the Act beckoning to us, we must not allow ourselves to be hypnotized by the charm of their

complexity, but must continue to apply ourselves to the sober consideration of their use in the pursuit of our main purpose.

So my point is that rather than consult the Act in order to discover what wants doing, you should occasionally reverse the process and decide first what wants doing, and then go to the Act (and of course the Regulations) for the sanction and elaboration of your method.

RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL POLICY

I do not propose to browse around in the ethics of planning. This is not the time for that. A planned economy with individual freedom is national policy, and it is clear that within that policy there is a big place for the planning of town and country. But I am concerned to mention that the place of town and country planning, though a big one, is limited; and that in the sphere of national policy the town and country planner may have to take orders rather than give them.

The technical man can initiate ideas: he can even formulate a policy ready-made for adoption as he did, for instance, in the case of National Parks. But I continue to think that the town planner should remember the confines of his subject and that in pursuing energetically the best social and economic environment for people to live in he should not cavil at any framework within which he is ordered to operate. Therefore, in relation to national policy the rôle of the local planning authority should be admitted to be a subordinate one, and the tail should not attempt to wag the dog.

THE APPROACH IMPLIED BY THE ACT

I have said that the technique of the Act must come second to the idea. But there are some aspects of its technique which do vitally alter the situation in their own right and must be taken to condition our outlook.

First the solution of compensation and betterment, or nationalization of development values, is a revolutionary change which has not yet sunk in. Certainly the public have not yet grasped it, and it is our duty to assist towards its full appreciation. But neither have the principle and its wide implications yet become a part of our own professional consciousness. So it must be stressed that under the new régime the hand of the planning authority is free, and that when a development application is refused no economic hardship is inflicted. The overriding consideration is at last confined to the public interest and the applicant's desire falls very definitely into second place. We are now entitled to spare ourselves the heart-searchings of human sympathy which in the past have led us so often to compromise with our true principles. The proper use of the land is to be limited to so-and-so and that is that. So we must train ourselves afresh to act with the courage of our Council's convictions.

COLLATERAL INDISPENSABILITY OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

That, however, is not the end of the story, and the applicant's desires, still have an importance which it is essential to consider meticulously, if for no other reason than that the wells of enterprise will be dried up throughout whole districts if action is unduly harsh. We envisage a great measure of positive planning which will depend on corporate enterprise not private enterprise. But we have no reason to suppose that the killing of private enterprise would not still be an irretrievable calamity. And private enterprise will be killed unless there remains some genuine incentive to development. The theory of the new régime is that there shall be no appreciable profit in the development of land, but that proper reward will be gained by the builder exercising his constructive function of building. The practice of the theory however will turn entirely upon the fixation of development charge by the

Central Land Board and the behaviour of the open market in which the public decides where it is prepared to build and how much it is prepared to pay. At the moment we have scarcity values and the public would pay almost anything to build anywhere. But in time the margin will narrow and the situation become more hazardous. I think it may be a long time before we see boards advertising, "This valueless building site for sale." But the threat is there and positive planning is not the answer for every individual site. My point here is therefore that the understanding between the Central Land Board, the local planning authority and the open market must be good, and that in any place where the planning authority is fostering development in the face of an unresponsive public it can only succeed (except by direct action) with the help of low development charges. The system must therefore be sensitive and the planning authority must keep the Central Land Board well abreast of its problems and intentions.

THE DOMINANT OBJECTIVE

Now as to principles which can assist our staffwork. The first and cardinal principle is that the plan must know what it is aiming at, it must have an object. The vague intention of designing a thoroughly well-planned area according to the best planning principles is not enough; any more than it would be enough for an army commander to undertake an operation solely with the intention of having excellent battles according to the best military precepts. The plan must have objectives, clear and definite, and they must be stated at the beginning of the work.

A good plan without a motive is like a well rounded speech without anything to say: it is pleasant after dinner, but it is no good for instructing the cook. No matter how natty the technique it can never disguise the absence of a central idea. You may say that a Development Plan must be compounded of a thousand ideas: so it must; but those are not the Grand Objects of which I am speaking. That would be like writing a specification and getting out your details, and forgetting to design the house.

In the case of a whole county it will more usually be that objectives are multiple. But the principle holds good and I maintain it as essential that the planning authority should at the commencement of its work decide boldly and without ambiguity or distracting detail, what its policy is to aim at.

In Greater London we are of course singularly lucky in having the Greater London Plan, 1944, and the Ministry's formal statement upon it, to guide us. This provides a policy which the counties and county boroughs can explore and carry out. I often think it a proof of the Greater London Plan's merit, if intrinsic proof were needed, that despite the oceans of criticism by which it has been buffeted, none of its principles has yet been impugned. Its principles have been criticised like everything else, and by high authority, on the grounds that the plan does not go far enough: but Sir Patrick Abercrombie was asked to prepare a plan, not a revolution, and I am confident that if our first efforts can bring its ideas to life then we shall have taken a great step on the way to the final answer.

DECISIVENESS

The second important principle I want to mention is the principle of Decisiveness. All planning is a balance of advantage: the process of planning is a process of systematic forethought and decision before the event. The job of the planner is to undertake the forethought and to conclude it, then to take decision; and decisions when made should be stuck to. That is what they are for. I know there are circumstances when decisions ought to be changed, but I do not propose to enlarge upon them, because they have had more attention than they deserve. We have heard a great deal about the flexible plan, quite a legitimate and valuable thing in this

capricious world, but it has led authority into bad ways. The flexibility of the plan should reside rather in a latitude deliberately and purposely allowed in certain matters. The plan can simply refrain from dogmatic control in those matters where latitude is admissible. I hope that development plans will succeed in leaving a wide field for such variations of taste and vagaries of enterprise. The quinquennial review will moreover provide opportunity for proper and deliberate alteration. But meanwhile the proposals that have been considered worthy of incorporation as definite items in the current development plan should be worth their salt, and should be resolutely maintained unless the reasons to the contrary are completely compelling.

AGREEMENT AND SCEPTICISM

The third principle I would stress is that of Agreement. An imposed scheme is no good, and a planning officer who is hated is a failure. All opinions must be respected and the greatest pains must be taken to bring them as far as possible towards unanimity in the final plan. It is a commonplace that the secret lies in the groundwork, the consultation at the earliest stage. I would rather have a modestly effective plan with solid backing than the most perfect plan unrealized, hanging on an office wall.

The next principle that I would enjoin is one of detail, concerning the survey and report rather than the plan, is the principle of Scepticism. Be sceptical of the findings of your survey, be scientific. If a chapter of your report leads to an easy conclusion then have another look at it, pry into it, make sure that you have truly noted all the assumptions on which it is based, make sure those assumptions are justified, and then re-inspect your chain of deductive reasoning to look for fallacy.

THE PLANNER'S ATTITUDE

Now of our attitudes to various tasks and taskmasters. If attitudes are right then relationships will fall correctly into place; and relationships are very important. I often think that the relationship of planning officers to the Ministry leaves something to be desired. They go to the Ministry readily enough when in a thorough difficulty. But for the rest of the time there is carping criticism of what the Ministry does and sarcastic obloquy of what it doesn't do. There is talk of being "frustrated." This is quite a different thing from the constructive discontent of which I have spoken, and must be eradicated. The planner should no more consider himself frustrated by the Ministry than a scrum-half should consider himself frustrated by the referee. If the whistle doesn't blow he should get on with the game, and if it does he should be loyal to the decision.

ROAD PLANNING

What precisely we are to use as a safeguard against fixed ideas it is hard to say. But possibly one remedy is for the back of one's mind to cling tenaciously to the ideal, no matter how distant it may at present seem. For instance, in the realm of road and street planning, where we are gradually straightening out the muddle and achieving more rational standards, I consider we are not really by any means in sight of a satisfactory solution yet. The distinction between the road's two functions of providing transit on the one hand and frontage access on the other has at last been realized. We are busy providing service roads and designing better junctions.

Traffic routes should provide for moving traffic and for nothing else. They should provide no frontage whatever. No vehicle should ever stop upon them, and the method of preventing stopping should be by having nothing to stop for. They should be analogous to steamship routes at sea.

Traffic channels should lead from the traffic routes to the "quays" where vehicles can come alongside. There should be no stopping in the channels, either, but they should by their design effect a reduction in speed. And they should always be short and never provide a way through to other channels, because if they do so they become traffic routes and defeat their purpose. At the quays or drawing up places there should be no waiting for long periods, but waiting vehicles should be led away to car parks, which are the equivalent of harbours. Public service vehicles should similarly never stop upon the surface of a traffic route but should diverge through channels to quays provided for every stopping-place.

THE OPPORTUNITY

In the present economic crisis we are in for a difficult period and early realization is going to be scanty. But I cling to the belief that the total of the world's goods will soon mount to sufficiency, that our industrious people will contrive to earn their fair share, and that better times will come. So let us make good use of the breathing space which the interruption of building affords, let us determine by clear thinking and hard work to formulate fine plans within the allotted three years, and in doing so let us create such a logical and inspiring programme for changing the civic scene that we may be proud to be the scene-shifters.

ABT

Kenneth Campbell

March 20. Speech made by Mr. Kenneth Campbell, President, at the Annual General Meeting of ABT.

Kenneth Campbell: It is not necessary for me to enlarge on the serious state of our country to-day. We know it too well, and over many of us hangs the ominous possibility of feeling its full effect in our own lives.

Our industry has the unenviable distinction of providing one of the main fields in which the restriction of capital investment is to operate. Whether in fact this takes the form of a reduction in the volume of work now current, or whether it drastically revises the wide programme of redevelopment formerly planned, it is clear that the almost boundless prospects of work before us, on which so many plans were based, have now retreated, no one knows for how long, beyond our horizon.

Almost every office where preliminary plans, even building work, were in hand, has felt the pinch already.

Serious as this blow is for us as technicians, as trade unionists we must view with dismay the heavy drive to hold wages and salaries at their present level. When we laid down our salary scales there were many among us who thought them too low. But the committee responsible were dimly aware that hundreds of our members, and thousands of technicians outside our ranks, were struggling under incomes far below the modest standard set by us. Since that time prices have continued steadily to rise, and, until the income level of technicians generally, and our members particularly, bears some relation to the present cost of living, we cannot take the responsibility of relaxing the struggle to attain at least the standards to which we are committed.

A glance at the company reports in the financial press and at Society life in the West End shows where inflationary pressure is at its peak. "Too much money" may be "chasing too few goods," but few of us in the humble ranks of technicians can join in that hunt.

Have we then as technicians no part to play in the national effort towards solvency and prosperity? Certainly we have, both individually and collectively. All that was said a year ago on this point still stands. Individually we expect from our members the utmost effort in all work which adds to our national wealth, and the utmost vigilance to detect and expose non-essential and selfish activity. As a union we shall continue to do the same and to persist in our investigations into the methods and structure of our ancient trade so that it may be transformed into an efficient instrument for the re-establishment of our country. In doing so we may make mistakes and meet opposition. Let us not be deterred or intimidated by either, for truly they are the evidence of progress, but let us learn from the one the experience to overcome the other.

If these tasks are to be tackled successfully we require continually to build up our membership. We must recognize that in a period of slackening employment such as this there is a tendency for recruitment to slow up. This tendency is already showing in our monthly admission figures, and we must take vigorous action to combat it. Growth does not come automatically, and we must look to each member individually to bring in new blood to increase our forces.

Our still partly scattered membership dictates our General Council organization with its percentage of individual members still, unavoidably without a branch. Although this works remarkably well we must recognize that it is an interim form and that we cannot develop a fully democratic and representative structure until we are fully organized in branches everywhere; and that the present undesirable centralization in London must persist until there are sufficient branches to make organization into districts with responsible committees a practical proposition. Nevertheless I am sure that district organization must be our aim.

In closing my remarks I should like to make one point. Do not let us be downcast or deterred by the difficulties facing us where we had expected peaceful development and progress. The birthpangs of the new world are longer and more painful than we had foreseen, and may be more painful yet.

But in the trade unions we have one of the most potent instruments for bringing this new world into being. Their chief power springs from the fact that they are themselves, in varying degrees, models of democracy, of the real democracy which goes far beyond the formal five-yearly casting of a party vote. Continuously active, continuously participated in, and controlled by their members, faithfully reflecting and translating into action their wishes and their aspirations. This is the pattern of the future.

The trade union is the democracy of the ordinary man in his highest role as producer and creator of the world's wealth.

With this in our minds therefore let us face the coming year with courage, with confidence, and above all, with unbroken unity and trust in each other.

Resolution passed by the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Building Technicians on Saturday, March 20, 1948.

"This annual General Meeting recognizes that inflation is a danger and that national wealth is directly related to national production. It therefore calls upon all members to pursue vigorously our policy to increase efficiency individually and collectively throughout the building industry.

"At the same time this A.G.M. calls on the Government to allow increases in wages to the underpaid section of the community, and to effect a drastic lowering in the cost of living by reductions and rigid control of prices and profit, and pledges support for any steps they may take to achieve these aims."



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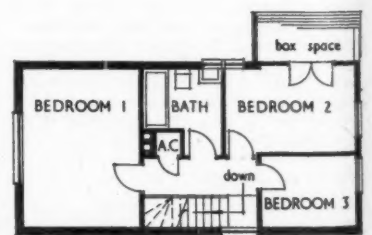


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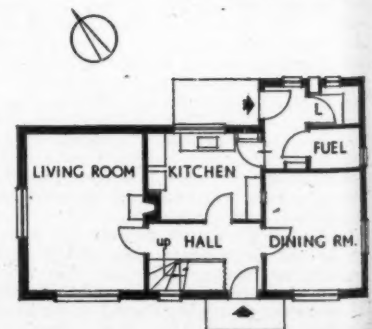
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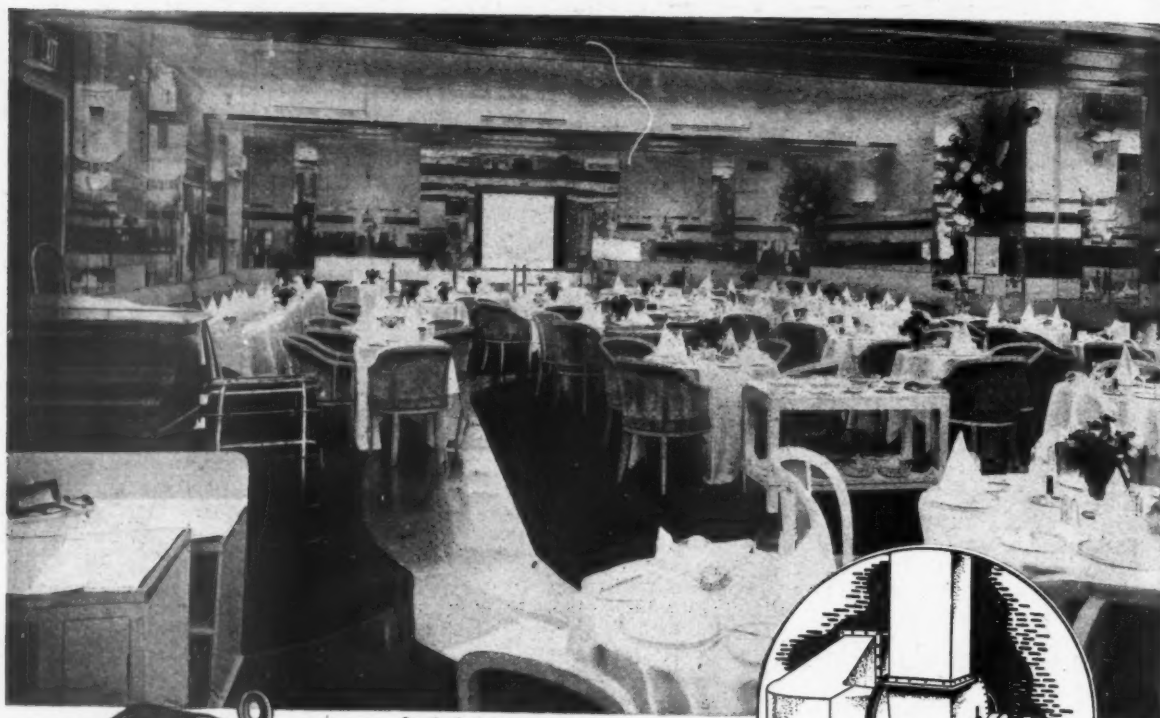
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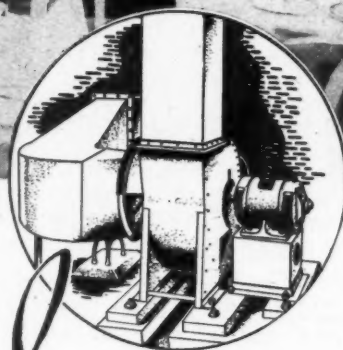
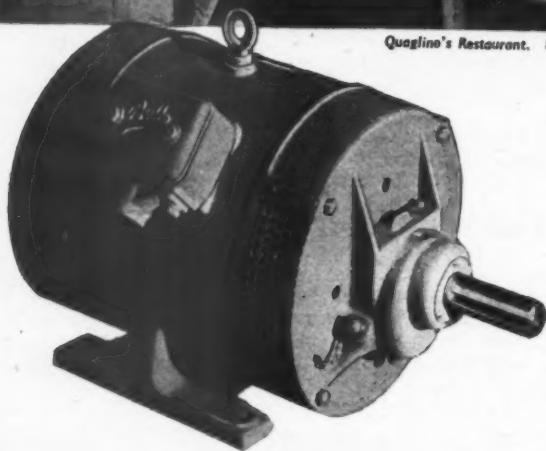
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POPULATION CHANGES: FORECAST

Forecasting Urban Population Distribution. A. W. Stevens. (Journal of the American Institute of Planners, Summer-Fall, 1947, pp. 19-21.)

Description of method adopted by City Plan Board of City of Dayton, USA, in order to predict population changes in comparatively small segments of city. Trial-and-error method based on relationship between population changes and land use changes. System obviously feasible only in towns with low percentage of vacant land leaving little opportunity for radical changes in land use.

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WOOD GLUES

Modern Adhesives. 2—The Wood Glues. Dr. D. A. Hubbard. (Wood, Feb., 1948, pp. 50-53.)

Survey of main types in use to-day for bonding wood and metal. Technical note of value to manufacturer of mass-produced articles and to architects and other timber users engaged on work involving special glueing problems.

Distinction drawn between adhesives which support growth of moulds and bacteria and the "tailor-made" synthetic resins which do not do this, and which are not attacked by water or water vapour.

Characteristics and methods of use of urea formaldehyde glues, and the behaviour of the different commercial forms in which it may be produced are discussed. Particular reference is made to the glueing requirements of plywood when intended for use internally and externally respectively.

A section is devoted to cold setting urea formaldehyde glue for general construction

work, and this will be of greatest interest to architects. It is stated that modern urea formaldehyde cold setting adhesives made with special hardeners are superior to casein glue and animal glue in gap-filling properties as well as water- and mould-resistant qualities.

Need for gap-filling types of glue is due to variation in pressures in cramping in constructional work.

Unexpected advantage in gap-filling glues made with special hardeners rather than with wood flour or other fillers, is that an overall additional increase in joint strength is obtained, thus permitting the bonding of a wider range of materials than was formerly possible.

17.24 construction: general

BUILDING BYELAWS

Model Building Byelaws Illustrated. G. E. Mitchell. (B. T. Batsford, Ltd. 2nd. Ed. 15s.)

Revised series issued by the Ministry of Health under the Public Health Act, 1936; explanatory notes, and notes for Building Specifications based on recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Works.

The Public Health Act, 1936, enacted that bye-laws existing at the date of the passing of the Act (July 31, 1936), ceased to have effect after three years from that date, and local authorities were then required to make new bye-laws. These new bye-laws will cease to have effect after ten years from the date they were made, unless the time is extended by the Minister of Health. A second edition of Model Building Bye-Laws is therefore opportune, though, having regard to the war years, it may be that the required revision will be delayed.

There is an introductory note to this book which indicates changes that have been made in the Model Series. This is followed by a memorandum setting out the sections of the Act under which the clauses were made. The clauses themselves then follow, and some very useful diagrams are inserted to illustrate a particular bye-law. Damp courses, recesses and chases in walls, construction of chimneys, open space in front and rear of buildings, courts within buildings, and drainage diagrams are examples of such insertions.

Included also are specification notes with illustrations of items which are not controlled by bye-laws such as stairs, plaster, paint, etc. Defects in construction which infringe bye-laws should prove a useful reference.

British Standard Specifications are referred to in the book and a list is included, together with a specification of a modern house which is based on the Model Bye-laws, local bye-laws, British Standard Specifications, and Appendix H of the Housing Manual, 1944, Technical Appendices.

Bye-laws should be regarded as minimum requirements, and though the local authority has no power to waive them, the Minister of Health can give them authority to do so in suitable cases. It is to be noted that the Model Bye-law dealing with foundations merely required them to be taken to such a depth, or so constructed as to render the building immune from damage from movements due to seasonal variations in the content of moisture in the ground. This, of

course, has reference to a clay soil, and it would be far better if a minimum depth had been specified. Opinions differ on this point, which would be a reason for a mandatory direction.

This book should prove a useful addition to the library of an architect, and students will find it of advantage in their studies.

24.69 lighting

BATHROOM LIGHTING

An Evaluation of Methods and Fixtures used for Bathroom Mirror Lighting. M. Fahs Bender and B. Priest. (Illum. Eng. [USA], Dec., 1947, p. 999.)

Trials with different bathroom mirror lighting. Very good. Illustrated. 19 figures.

This is a study of lighting for shaving—a tricky little problem. It is odd that the first persons to do it were these two women.

The types of lighting are actually described and well illustrated. Chiefly they comprise the following: lights above mirror, two side brackets, a combination of these, circle round the mirror. Some have U-V spotlights added.

Side brackets and top light combined are thought to be best, but side-brackets only were quite successful either with fluorescent or tungsten units. The circular light was also good. Always the main point proved to be to bring down the surface brightness of the fittings.

If only one is used it should be over the mirror, but only a fitting with 2-20 watt fluorescent tubes and a low-brightness surface was regarded as reasonably successful in this position.

Mounting heights of side-brackets should not be too high—5 ft. 1 in. rather than usual 5 ft. 6 in., to give good light under the chin.

Bathrooms over 60 ft. area need general as well as mirror lighting.

Lighting conditions found good for shaving are regarded as good for other purposes.

This feature answers any question connected with building confidentially and free of charge. Questions to the Technical Editor, The Architects' Journal, 9, 11 and 13, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

2938 FARMHOUSES

Q Are there special regulations concerning the superficial area of farmhouses (as distinct from agricultural workers' cottages), and, if so, what are they and what is the maximum area that can be provided nowadays?

A There are no special regulations concerning the superficial area of farmhouses. Each house is taken on its own merits and the best information is available from the County Agricultural Executive Committee, which is usually to be found in the County Town, and who may in turn refer the question to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. This Committee knows of the local customs appertaining to their area.

The size of the house varies according to the size and type of farm, and also whether workers sleep in or out; usually speaking, single workers in the North are provided with accommodation actually in the farmhouse for sleeping and eating, but in the South sleeping accommodation is usually provided for them outside the farm buildings. Storage space varies according to the type of farm, and in some cases, as well as sleeping, eating, and storage accommodation, an office must be provided for the keeping of records.

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THE INDUSTRY

WASHERLESS TAPS

Various designs of taps with easily replaceable washers have already been referred to in these Notes, and now a washerless type has been introduced by Trumek Ltd., based on the mechanism used before the war in the Mason patent valve for high pressure steam lines. Two models are in production so far, a press type and an ordinary bib tap, both of very good appearance. The majority of water authorities have accepted them, and prices are reasonable. (Trumek Ltd., 191, London Road, Kingston on Thames, Surrey.)

SLIDING AND FOLDING DOORS

A fortnight ago reference was made here to a rolling shutter catalogue issued by Haskins, and now Messrs. Hill Aldam have produced a 120 page album of designers' details covering almost every conceivable type of sliding or folding door. This firm has been making door gear for a number of years, and they have standardized a large number of types for different purposes and with different types of fitting. The detail drawings are full and clear, and a praiseworthy effort has been made to see that each page (or facing pages) can be read as a complete unit without constant reference to other parts of the book. An excellent production which should certainly be kept for reference. (E. Hill Aldam & Co., Ltd., Britannic Works, Haslemere Avenue, London, S.W.18.)

A FOLDING BAR

The two photographs reproduced below show a new type of bar which folds up into a very small space, and opens out to cover a floor area of about 15 square feet. When closed, it measures as little as 3 ft. 6 in. wide by 9 in. deep by 6 ft. 10 in. high. The front is divided in half, and when the upper door only is opened the fitting is no more than an ordinary cocktail cupboard. The lower half also opens and an L-shaped counter swings down on top of it forming quite a large bar, with storage space for 50 glasses and 75 bottles, as well as the pourers, bottle openers and other odds and ends which bartenders seem to need. The opened bar is quite rigid and is made in both right and left hand models. A fitting of this type seems most suitable for small hotels or the private dining rooms of the larger restaurant, and there is little reason why the same sort of thing should not be used in railway buffet cars or aircraft. One of the main points is that the whole thing locks up and keeps all the stock secure.

Various materials and finishes are standardized, the wooden models being mainly for export.

Any architect with a client whose drinking is on a fairly serious scale might well suggest one of these for a private house or the directors' dining room. It should perhaps be added that the manufacturers supply only the bar and fittings, the bottles remaining a job for the sub-contractor. (Collapsible Cocktail Bars, Ltd., Dicey Avenue, London, N.W.2.)

HOUSEHOLD SWITCHGEAR

The current edition of the I.E.E. wiring regulations recommends that the normal

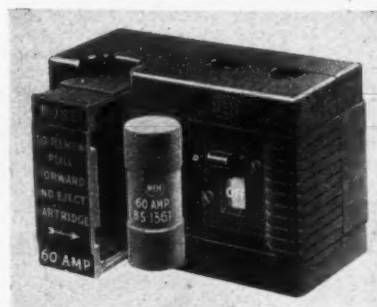
two-wire A.C. supply with an earthed neutral should be fused only on the live side, and Midland Electric are one of the first firms to introduce switchgear specifically designed to meet this suggestion. Two sizes have so far been standardized, 30 and 60 amp., the smaller size also taking a 15-amp. cartridge. The illustration on this page gives a general idea of the appearance of the new design, but little indication of scale. Dimensions of the 60-amp. size are 3½ by 4½ inches, with a depth of 2½ inches from front to back, or about one eighth of the size of the usual rather cumbersome ironclad switchgear which is still standard practice on so many jobs.

The standard fuse is of the high rupturing capacity cartridge type, and is carried in a holder which is pulled forward so that the cartridge can be easily ejected and a new one inserted without any risk to the user, and without the use of any tools.

The switch itself is a double-pole slow break type with silver contacts, and has passed all the appropriate tests scheduled in the various BSS. It should be mentioned that these switches are intended for use with A.C. supplies only, and are marketed under the trade name of MEM-AC. (The Midland Electric Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Reddings Lane, Tyseley, Birmingham, 11.)

CEMENT-LATEX FLOORINGS

The March issue of *Rubber Developments* contains an interesting article by Mr. W. H. Stevens on cement-latex compositions in general, with special reference to its possibilities for flooring. The properties of cement latex mixtures were investigated as far back as 1930, but not a great deal has been heard of them in this country, save under trade names, at any rate so far as the building industry is concerned. Briefly, a stabilized latex is used with cement instead of the gauging water, and this gives a paste which remains plastic for an hour or more, so that it can be worked with a trowel, thereafter drying out to give a reasonable hard but resilient surface. The approximate composition of commercial flooring mixtures is given, from which it appears that the rubber content is about 15 per cent. Figures are also given for floors laid in the Netherlands Indies and Malaya. It is also suggested that cement latex tiles could be produced quite cheaply, and might



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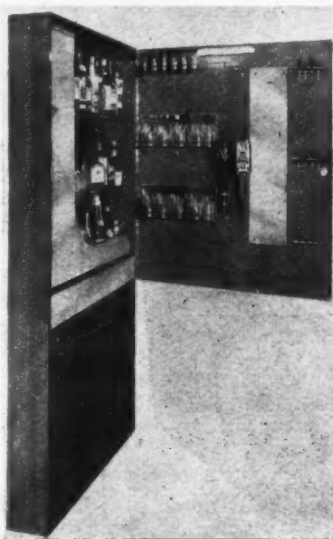
show a saving over the skilled labour necessary for laying a jointless floor. (The British Rubber Development Board, Market Buildings, Mark Lane, London, E.C.)

FLUES FOR GAS APPLIANCES

So far as architects are concerned the Nautilus flue block, which may be built so easily into a brick wall, has been in common use for housing work over a considerable period of years. Now Marley Tiles have just issued a useful booklet giving dimensions of all the standard single and double blocks and terminals, with some further drawings to show the blocks required for grouping flues into stacks. There are also some notes on the general method for estimating the number of blocks required. The manufacturers make it quite clear that these blocks are to be used for gas fires with outputs up to 16,000 BTU, as ventilating or warm air ducts, but NOT for solid fuel or large gas appliances. (The Marley Tile Co., Ltd., London Road, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.)

ADHESIVES FOR BUILDING

Under the general heading of *Adhesives for Industry*, the B.B. Chemical Co., manufacturers of Bostik, have issued a booklet which contains some notes applicable to the building industry. Bostik B glazing com-



A bar which folds up into a very small space. Left: when the upper door is opened there is an ordinary cocktail cupboard. Right: the lower half also opens, and an L shaped counter swings down on top of it, forming quite a large bar with storage space for 50 glasses and 75 bottles, sink for washing glasses, etc.

pound is used for waterproof window glazing, or as a general sealing mastic, while the C type adhesive is used for sticking rubber, linoleum, leathercloth, fabrics and similar materials, to metal or wood or other non-porous surfaces. Clear notes are provided on the most suitable methods of application. (*The B.B. Chemical Co., Ltd., Ulverscroft Road, Leicester.*)

Announcements

Mr. Desmond Donnelly, Editor of *Town and Country Planning*, has been appointed to the new post of Organising Secretary of the Town and Country Planning Association. The post of organising secretary is intended to replace the position of Director vacated by Mr. John Mumford on his appointment as Director of Public Relations at the Ministry of Town and Country Planning. Mr. Desmond Donnelly is 27, joined the staff of the Town and Country Planning Association at the end of 1946 as Research Officer, and became Editor of *Town and Country Planning* the following year.

At the seventh annual general meeting of the Federation of Master Builders held in Brighton, the following National Officers were elected for the current year:—National President, Sir Harry R. Selley, J.P.; Vice-Presidents, Alderman A. E. Allaway, J.P., Noel Landau, B.E.M., Councillor R. Colin Large, Alderman R. W. Ricketts and A. S. Sperring; Hon. Treasurer, H. A. Maxfield, J.P.

Messrs. G. T. Rackstraw Ltd., of Worcester are now engaged on the interior decorative woodwork and the furnishing of the first class smoke room of the new 34,000 ton Cunarder, the *Caronia*. Messrs. McInnes Gardner and Partners are the architects. This commission follows similar work executed by Messrs. Rackstraws on the *Queen*

Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. A Rackstraw exhibition of "dollar-earning" period reproduction furniture, exclusively for export, is to be included in the furniture section of the British Industries Fair.

Two parties of schoolboys, one from Bramcote Hall, Notts, the other from Burton School of Arts and Crafts, have visited the Burton-on-Trent joinery works of Messrs. Sharp Bros. and Knight, Ltd. Among their greatest impressions were the making of a staircase in roughly ten minutes.

At the annual general meeting of the London Region of the Federation of Master Builders, the following Officers were elected for 1948:—London Region President, W. A. Mackridge, M.I.O.S., of W. M. Glendinning, Ltd.; London Region Vice-President, A. S. Charlton, of A. J. Charlton & Son; London Region Hon. Treasurer, F. G. C. Jackson, of Francis Jackson Development, Ltd. Council Representatives were also elected from each of the 37 areas set up in the London Region.

Mr. G. Forsyth Lawson, L.R.I.B.A., has moved his offices to 30, Horse Fair, Banbury, Oxfordshire. Telephone number, Banbury 2785.

Mr. Reginald Woods, M.I.E.E., Managing Director of the General Cable Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has been elected Chairman of the Independent Cable Makers' Association.

Messrs. Durnford and Moore, L./A.R.I.B.A., chartered architects, have moved their offices from Walter House, 418-422, Strand, to more spacious accommodation at No. 8, Clarges Street, Piccadilly, W.1. Telephone: Grosvenor 2781-2.

Mr. Leslie W. Moore, who until recently was the Northern Area Manager in Great Britain of Vulcan Products Ltd. (makers of Glossex decorators' finishes, Velsurf oil-bound water paint, etc.), has been appointed their Regional Manager in South Africa. He arrived in Johannesburg by air on March 31.

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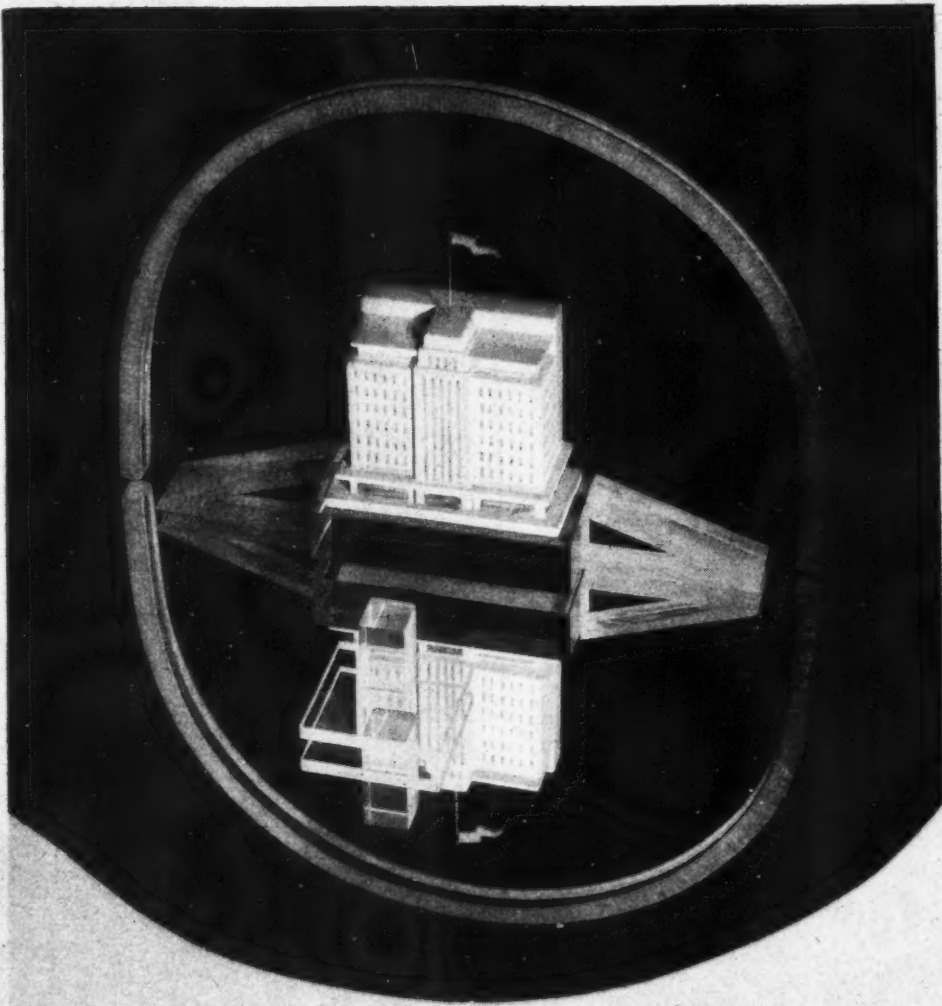
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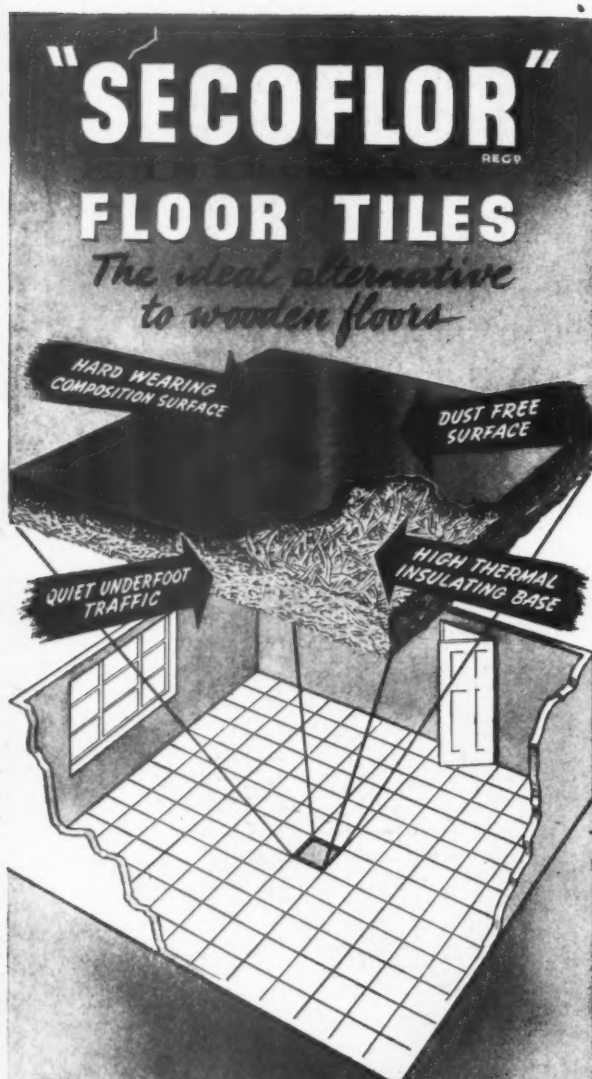
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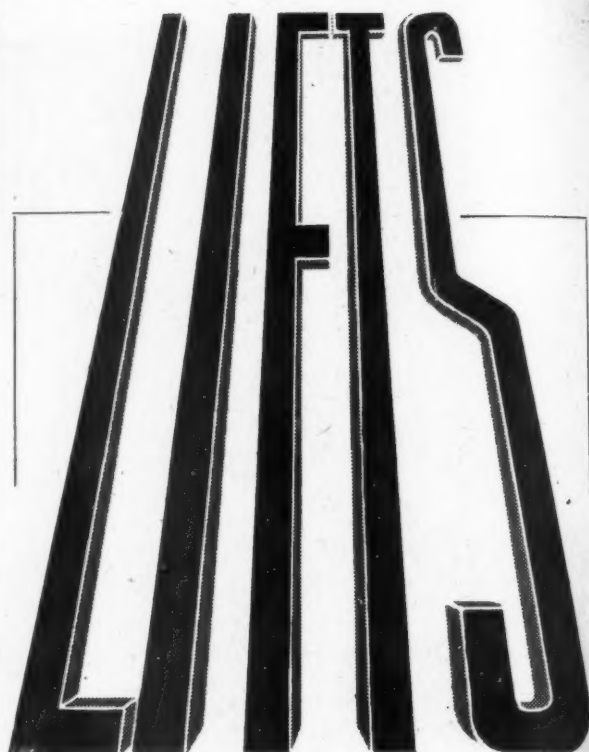
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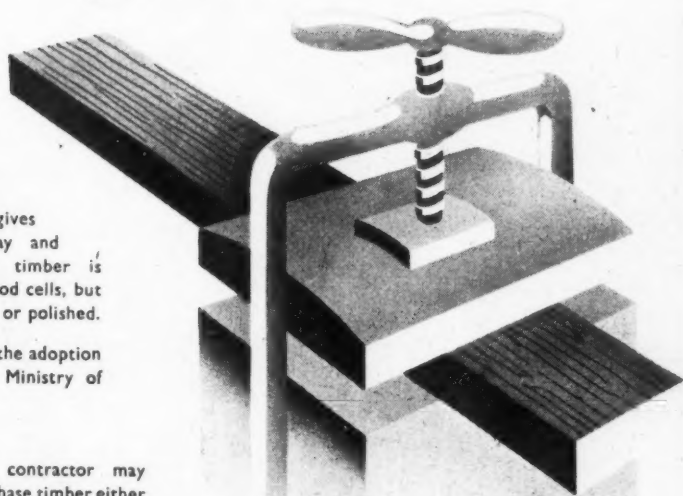
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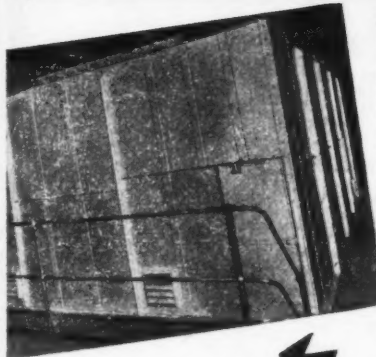
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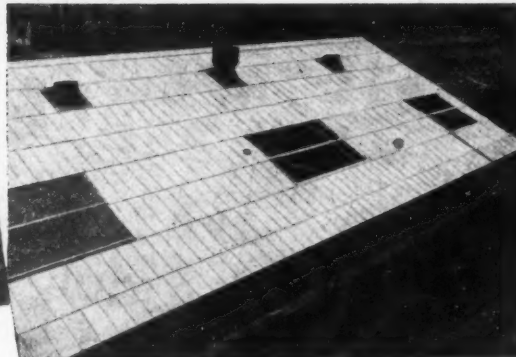


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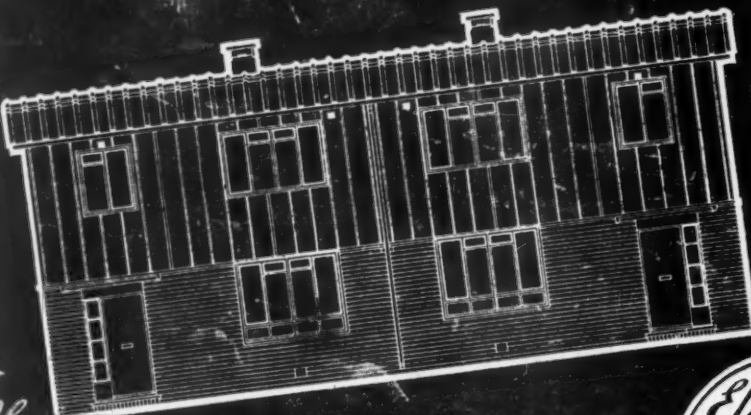
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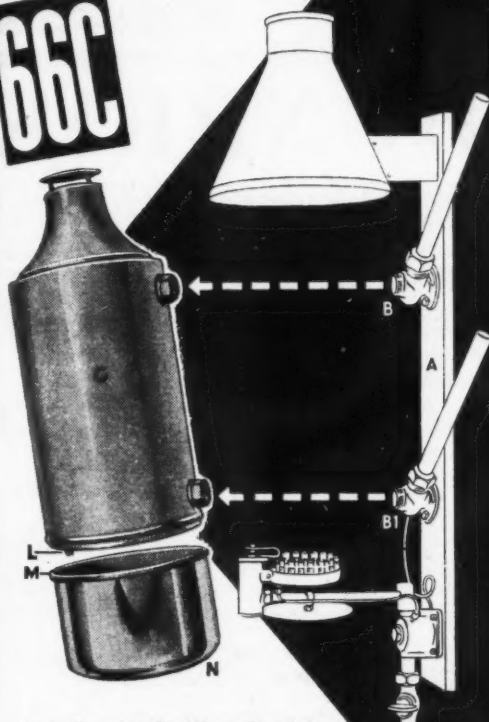
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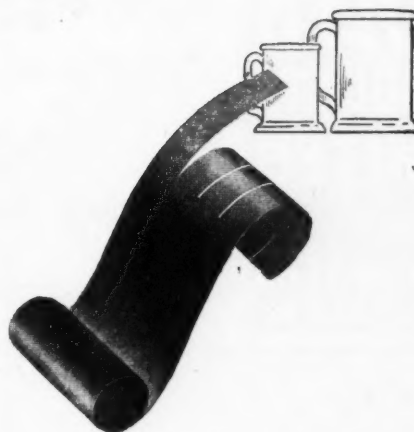
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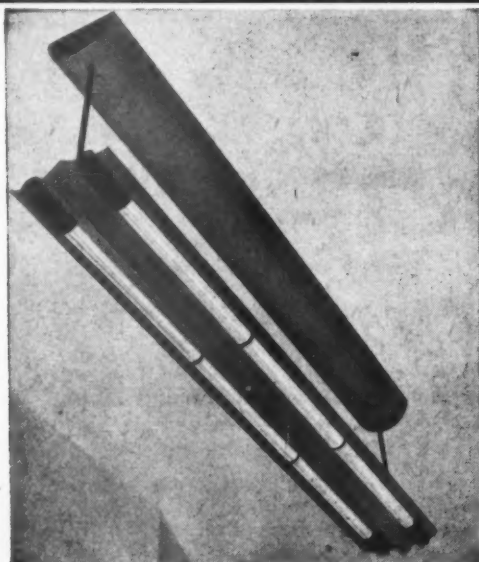
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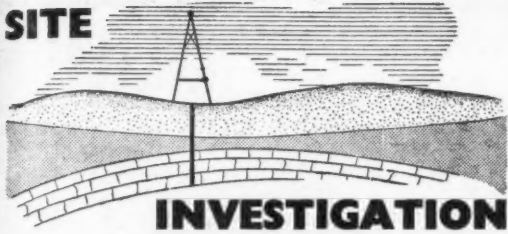
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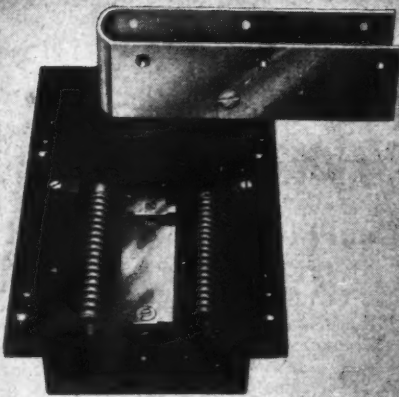
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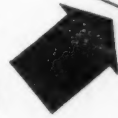
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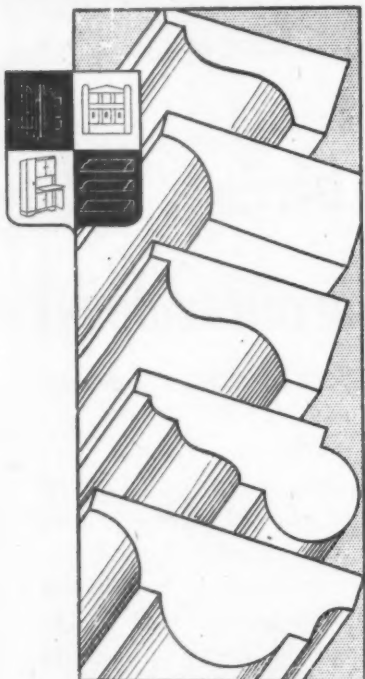
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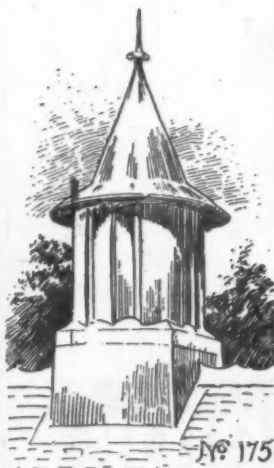
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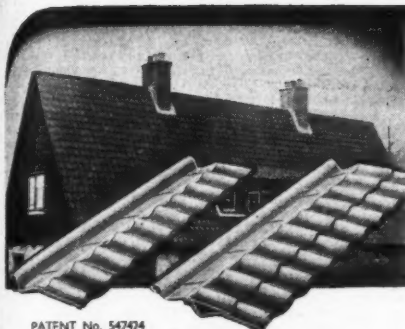
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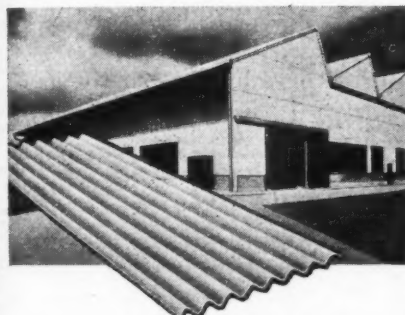
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CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL. ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (GRADE IV).

Applications are invited for the above appointment, in the Office of the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, at a salary in accordance with A.P. & T. Division, Grade IV, of the National Scale of Salaries, £480-£525.

The person appointed will be responsible for the preparation of plans, specifications, and bills of quantities for housing schemes, and for checking of Interim Valuations and settling up of final accounts for same.

Housing accommodation will be provided for the successful applicant if married.

Candidate should have considerable experience in this work. Applications, stating age, details of qualifications and experience, together with copies of three recent testimonials, should be sent to the undersigned, endorsed "Architectural Assistant," not later than 13th April, 1948.

C. M. PRATT, Solicitor,
Clerk of the Council.

5, Regent Street, Barnsley. 526
March, 1948.

CITY AND COUNTY OF THE CITY OF EXETER.

Applications are invited for the appointment of SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, on the permanent staff of the City Architect's Department. The salary will be within A.P.T., Grade V, namely £520 to £570 per annum.

Candidates should be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or hold equivalent qualifications, and preference will be given to those who have had considerable experience in General Municipal Architectural work.

The appointment will be subject to one month's notice on either side, and to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. The successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination. Canvassing will disqualify, and candidates must disclose whether, to their knowledge, they are related to any member of the Council or to the holder of any senior office under the Council.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, previous and present appointments and salaries, full details of experience, and the earliest possible date when available, together with copies of recent testimonials, should be sent to H. B. Rowe, F.R.I.B.A., A.M.I.Struct.E., City Architect, 2, Southeyham West, Exeter, not later than 16th April, 1948.

C. J. NEWMAN,
Town Clerk.

Exeter.
24th March, 1948. 555

BOROUGH OF ILFORD. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant, on the permanent staff of the Borough Engineer, at a salary in accordance with Grade VII of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scale of Salaries, viz., £635 × £25-£710, plus £30 London weighting.

Applicants should be Registered Architects and Corporate Members of the Institute of British Architects, and have a thorough knowledge of architectural works, with practical experience in the design and development of public buildings of all types, housing schemes, etc., the preparation of Specifications, and capable of supervising and controlling Contracts.

The appointment will be subject to one month's notice on either side, to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to the successful candidate passing a medical examination by the Council's Medical Officer of Health.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Ilford, and should be returned to the undersigned not later than 19th April, 1948.

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

K. F. B. NICHOLLS, M.A.,
Town Clerk.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Applications are invited for the following appointments, on the staff of the Borough Architectural Department:—

(a) ONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary, Grade A.P.T., IV, £480 to £535 per annum.

(b) ONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary, Grade A.P.T., II, £420 to £465 per annum.

(c) ONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary, Grade A.P.T., I, £390 to £435 per annum.

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

Applications, stating age, qualifications, previous and present appointments, details of experience, together with copies of recent testimonials, should be sent to S. M. Richmond, F.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., Borough Architect, Municipal Buildings, West Hartlepool, not later than 19th April, 1948. Candidates are to state clearly the appointment for which application is made.

ERIC J. WAGGOTT,
Town Clerk.

West Hartlepool.
2nd April, 1948. 601

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SWANSEA. BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

QUANTITY SURVEYORS.

Applications are invited for the following appointments on the Established Staff in the Borough Architect's Department:—

TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYORS (Grade VI, A.P.T.).

Salary, £595 to £660 per annum.

The salary scale is that of the National Scheme of Conditions of Service.

Applicants must be under 45 years of age unless in Local Government Service, and must be Professional Associates of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Quantity Section). Candidates should have experience in the preparation of Bills of Quantities, Specifications and Estimates for Schools, Houses and Buildings of various types.

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

The appointments may be terminated by one month's notice on either side.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Borough Architect (Mr. H. T. Wykes, F.R.I.B.A.), Guildhall, Swansea.

Applications, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, and enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Senior Assistant Quantity Surveyor," must be delivered to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, 20th April, 1948.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

T. B. BOWEN,
Town Clerk.

Guildhall, Swansea.
March, 1948. 527

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD, CAMBRIDGE.

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Applications, containing a brief statement of age, qualifications and experience, and accompanied by the names of three referees, should reach the Secretary, East Anglian Regional Hospital Board, 117, Chesterton Road, Cambridge, not later than the 30th April, 1948. 588

RHODESIA RAILWAYS.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.

Applications are invited for the appointment on the permanent establishment of a Senior Assistant Architect, at a salary of £640 p.a., rising to £1,000 p.a. in the Assistant Grade for Officers, with a cost-of-living allowance of 10 per cent, and children's allowance. Starting salary of the successful candidate will be at a figure commensurate with his qualifications and experience.

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Applications, stating age, training, experience, war service and qualifications, together with three references, should be sent by air mail, to reach the General Manager, Rhodesia Railways, P.O. Box 596, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, not later than 8th May, 1948. The appointment is subject to the standing regulations of the Railways, and on appointment to the permanent staff the successful applicant will be required to join the Contributory Pension Fund and the Medical Fund. Leave will be at the rate of 35 days for each year of continuous service, and an additional 30 days after every four years of continuous service. Such leave may be accumulated up to 175 days if desired, but not more than 140 days may be taken at any one time. The successful applicant will be required to undergo a strict medical examination.

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Training will be given in the principles and practice of teaching and in the methods of teaching special subjects. The courses will be of 64 months' duration. There will be no fees, and students will be eligible for maintenance grants for the period of the course.

Application should be made on Form 203 R.E., which may be obtained from the Secretary (Teachers R.E.), Ministry of Education, 142, Lennox Gardens, London, S.W.1. 556

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL. COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited from Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects for the appointment of an ASSISTANT COUNTY ARCHITECT on the permanent staff, at an inclusive salary of £710 per annum, rising by annual increments of £25 to £810 per annum.

The appointment may be made at a commencing salary higher than the minimum of the scale.

Applicants must have had wide experience of structural calculations and supervision of building works.

Further particulars and forms of application should be obtained from F. R. Steele, F.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.C.S., M.T.P.I., County Architect, County Hall, Chichester, to whom completed forms of application must be submitted not later than the 20th April, 1948.

T. HAYWARD,

Clerk of the County Council.
County Hall, Chichester.

19th March, 1948. 539

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL. COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the under-mentioned appointments:

DEPUTY COUNTY ARCHITECT. Salary scale, £510 × £25-£1,060 p.a. Candidates must have had professional and administrative experience in Local Government or Central Government Service. They must be members of the R.I.B.A., and preferably hold a University degree or equivalent in architecture.

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ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade I. Salary scale, £390-£435 p.a. Candidates must have general Drawing Office experience, and preference will be given to those who are studying for Associateship of the R.I.B.A.

Details of the above appointments and forms of applications may be obtained on application to F. A. C. Maunder, County Architect, County Offices, Aylesbury, to whom applications must be delivered not later than 19th April, 1948.

GUY R. CROUCH,

Clerk of the County Council.
County Hall, Aylesbury.

19th March, 1948. 545

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Closing date: Applications must be made on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Stormont, Belfast, and must be returned, duly completed, with copies of two recent testimonials, so as to reach him not later than 5th May, 1948. 597

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments:

(ONE) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. £635 × £25—£710 p.a.

(One) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. £420 × £15—£465 p.a.

Applicants need not have had previous Local Government experience.

Applications, together with three references, should be addressed to the County Architect, County Hall, Hertford, and be received not later than by first post on 17th April, 1948. 598

BOROUGH OF HORNSEY.
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.

Applications are invited for the following appointments, on the staff of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Permanent). Grade IV, A.P.T. Division of the National Scale, at a salary of £480-£525 per annum (including bonus), plus London weighting allowance, at present £20.

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ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Temporary). Grade I, A.P.T. Division of the National Scale, at a salary of £390-£435 per annum (including bonus), plus London weighting allowance, at present £20.

Applications, stating age, present and previous appointments, technical training, qualifications, etc., together with the names of three referees, must be delivered to Mr. J. H. Melville Richards, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Hornsey Town Hall, N.8, not later than 20th April, 1948.

Candidates in H.M. Forces should indicate the approximate date of their release.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

H. BEDALE.

Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Hornsey, N.8. 599

HARROGATE AND DISTRICT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE.**APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT.**

Salary, £330-£415—£405 (plus war bonus, at present £59 16s.)

Applications are invited for the above appointment, in the Regional Planning Committee's Office in Harrogate, and is subject to:—

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(b) The National Joint Council Scheme of Conditions of Service.

(c) The approval of the West Riding County Council.

It is anticipated that the person appointed will be accepted on the staff of the West Riding County Council on the "appointed day" (1st July, 1948).

The appointment will be terminable by one month's notice on either side, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applicants should have had experience in a modern planning office, and have had experience in the Architectural work required in such offices. Preference will be given to members of the Town Planning Institute, although membership of other professional Institutes and/or experience in Planning Work will be taken into account.

Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications and details of education, together with two names of persons for reference, should be submitted to the Regional Planning Officer, Market Buildings, Market Place, Harrogate, to reach him not later than 23rd April, 1948.

Candidates, when making application, must disclose in writing whether to their knowledge they are related to any member of, or the holder of any senior office under, the Regional Planning Committee.

B. R. OSTLER,

Acting Honorary Clerk.

Municipal Offices, Harrogate. 598

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
HOUSING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT.
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.

Applications are invited for positions of Architectural Assistant in the Housing and Valuation Department, at salaries of up to £580 a year. Commencing salaries will be determined according to qualifications and experience, and qualified candidates will be eligible for appointment to the permanent staff of the Department on the occurrence of vacancies. Engagement will involve Superannuation contributions at the rate of 6 per cent. of salary.

Successful candidates will be required to undertake work in connection with the design and development of housing schemes (cottages and multi-storey flats).

Forms of application may be obtained from the Director of Housing and Valuer, the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1 (stamped addressed foolscap envelope required).

Canvassing disqualifies. (473) 1032

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SMETHWICK.
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.**APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.**

Applications are invited for the above appointment, at a salary in accordance with A.P.T., Grade V (£520-£570) per annum.

The post is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, to the successful candidate passing a medical examination, and to termination by one month's notice on either side.

Applicants must be registered Architects, and preference will be given to Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Applications, on form to be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Council House, Smetwicks, accompanied by copies of two recent testimonials, should reach the undersigned not later than 24th April, 1948.

E. L. TWYCCROSS,

Town Clerk.

Council House, Smetwicks. 571

HARROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the undermentioned appointments, in the Department of the Engineer and Surveyor:—

(a) **ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.**

Grade A.P.T., IV. Salary scale, £500-£545.

Candidates should have had sound experience in general architectural work, particularly on schools and housing, but the work to be undertaken will be principally concerned with the maintenance and repair of these and other Council properties.

(b) **ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR.**

Grade A.P.T., III/V. Salary scale, £470-£545 per annum.

Candidates should have had experience in the preparation of bills of quantities for the construction and maintenance of Council property; interim valuations for payments; measurement of variations and settlement of final accounts, as well as the preparation of cost statistics and estimates.

(c) **JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS (TWO).**

Grade A.P.T., I. Salary scale, £410-£465 per annum.

Candidates should have had good general training and experience, and have reached the standard of the Intermediate examination of the R.I.B.A.

The appointments will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937; to the passing of a medical examination; and to the National Joint Council Scheme of Conditions of Service.

The Council is unable to offer any assistance in obtaining housing accommodation for the successful applicants.

Forms of application can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom they should be returned not later than first post on Monday, 19th April, 1948.

H. WELLS,

Clerk of the Council.

Council Offices, Harrow Weald Lodge, 573

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ARCHITECTS are required by the Government of Nigeria. The appointments are on contract for one tour of 18 to 24 months in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal up to 7 years. Salary (inclusive of expatriation pay), £800 to £1,300 per annum, according to qualifications and experience. Candidates must possess the qualification of A.R.I.B.A., and preference will be given to those having experience in the design of modern school and hospital buildings. A diploma in Town Planning would be an advantage.

The terms of service include an outfit allowance of £60 on first appointment, free first-class passages each way each tour for the officer and, if married, for his wife, free medical attention and home leave on full pay at the rate of 7 days for each month of resident service. Rent of Government quarters ranges from £75 to £90 per annum, according to salary. Income tax is payable at low West African rates only. A gratuity of £25 for each period of three months' service is payable on satisfactory completion of the contract.

Applicants should write at once to the Director of Recruitment (Colonial Service), Colonial Office, 15, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, stating age, professional qualifications and experience. 562

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—

(a) **SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANTS (TWO).** A.P.T., Grade VI.

The persons appointed will be engaged on the preparation of development plans, with particular reference to the areas of the county allotted to them, and must be competent to advise on the control of development in those areas.

Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and previous experience with a planning authority and of Committees dealing with interim development will be considered an advantage.

(b) **PLANNING ASSISTANT (ONE).** A.P.T., Grade IV.

The person appointed will be required to assist a Senior Planning Assistant in the duties enumerated above. Applicants should have had previous experience in the work of a planning and interim development authority and professional qualifications by examination will be considered an advantage.

Each appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. The salary in A.P.T., Grade VI, is £595 to £660, and in Grade IV, £480 to £525.

Applications must be made on forms to be obtained from the County Planning Officer, County Buildings, Worcester, and returned to him not later than 28th April.

W. R. SCURFIELD,

Clerk of the County Council.

Shirehall, Worcester. (Q235) 559

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER.**

The above Council invite applications for the appointment of Deputy County Planning Officer, at the Headquarters Office in Ruthin, at a commencing salary of £840 per annum, rising by annual increments of £30 to a maximum salary of £960 per annum, plus cost-of-living bonus of £59 16s. per annum.

Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and should also hold a recognised qualification in Architecture, Engineering or Surveying. A wide practical experience in the preparation of planning schemes for urban, rural and coastal areas is essential, and previous experience in the Planning Office of a local authority or joint committee is desirable. Applicants must be good administrators, have a sound knowledge of current planning law and practice, and be capable of assuming responsibility for the control of staff.

The appointment will be subject to the terms and conditions of service applying to the administrative, technical and clerical officers of the County Council, and will be terminable by three months' notice in writing on either side. The successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination, and will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Applications, stating age, whether married or single, qualifications, present position and salary, previous positions, and full details of experience, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, must be sent to me, the undersigned, endorsed "Deputy County Planning Officer," by not later than 26th April, 1948.

WILLIAM JONES,

Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices, Ruthin, Denbighshire. 589

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL CORPORATION.
CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.**APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL STAFF.**

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—

(a) **ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.** A.P.T., Grade VI (£535-£600 per annum).

(b) **ASSISTANT ARCHITECT.** A.P.T., Grade V (£460-£510 per annum).

(c) **ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.** A.P.T., Grade I (£330-£375 per annum).

Plus cost-of-living bonus, which at present amounts to 23s. a week.

The appointments are subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, terminable by one month's written notice on either side, and subject also to the successful candidate passing satisfactorily a medical examination.

Applicants should not be over 40 years of age (except in the case of applicants who are serving or have served in the Forces).

Candidates for (a) should be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and thoroughly experienced in the design and layout and preparation of working drawings for Commercial and Municipal buildings.

Candidates for (b) should preferably be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and have had good general architectural experience and be capable of preparing working drawings.

Candidates for (c) should have had a good training in architecture, and preference will be given to those who have passed the Intermediate examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Applications, on forms which can be obtained from the City Engineer, Guildhall, Kingston-upon-Hull, accompanied by copies of testimonials, are to be returned not later than 14 days after the insertion of this advertisement.

Any applicant canvassing a member of the Council or Chief Officer will be disqualified.—WM. MORRIS, M.Inst.C.E., F.S.I., City Engineer. 663

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required in Chief Engineer's Department. Applicants should have good knowledge of construction and experience in the preparation of sketch plans and working drawings for alterations to institutional buildings. Rate of pay up to 167s. 6d. a week, according to experience.

Selected candidates will be superannuable. Application forms obtainable by sending stamped addressed foolscap envelope to the Chief Engineer (quote 48/4), County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1, returnable not later than 14 days after the appearance of this advertisement. Canvassing disqualifies. (300).

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited to fill the following vacancies on the County Planning Staff:—

(a) **THREE PLANNING ASSISTANTS. A.P.T., Grade IV.** (£480-£525 per annum).

(b) **TWO PLANNING ASSISTANTS. A.P.T., Grade II/III.** (£420-£495 per annum).

The appointment will be subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service and to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1947. Successful candidates will be required to submit a satisfactory medical certificate on an approved form.

Applications for appointments (a) should have had experience of County or Joint Committee work, and in the case of two of the appointments preference will be given to candidates having experience of development control. In the case of the other appointment experience of planning research would be an advantage.

Applications for appointments (b) should have had a general experience in a planning office.

Applications, endorsed "Planning Assistant (a) or (b)," stating age, qualifications, technical training and practical experience, should be accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, and should be delivered to J. J. Brooks, M.T.P.I., M.I.Mun.E., County Planning Officer, Shire Hall, Warwick, not later than Saturday, 1st May, 1948.

L. EDGAR STEPHENS, C.B.E.,
Clerk of the County Council.

Shire Hall, Warwick.
 22nd March, 1948. 558

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE.
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PLANNING OFFICER.

Applications are invited for the appointment of Deputy Planning Officer to the above Committee, at a salary in accordance with Grade VIII of the A.P.T. Division of the National Joint Council's scale of salaries, viz., £685-£25-£760 (Consolidated Scale).

Applicants should have had considerable experience in the preparation of Town and Country Planning Schemes for urban and rural areas, the control of development, the practical application of the Town and Country Planning Acts and Orders, and a general administrative work connected with a Regional Planning Office. They should be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and an additional qualification will be an advantage.

The successful candidate will be required to provide a motor car, for which an allowance will be made in accordance with the National Joint Council's scale.

The appointment will be subject to the National Joint Council's Scheme of Conditions of Service, the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, stating age, training, experience, qualifications and present occupation, accompanied by not more than three testimonials, should be sent in appropriately endorsed envelopes to J. H. Barratt, Esq., M.T.P.I., Chief Planning Officer, Regional Planning Office, 76, West Gate, Mansfield, Notts., not later than 14 days after the date of this advertisement.

A. C. SHEPHERD,
Clerk of the Joint Planning Committee.

Carr Bank, Mansfield. 550

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WOOLWICH.
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (GRADE VI).

Applications are invited for the appointment of Architectural Assistant, in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department. The post will be in Grade VI of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scale of Salaries, viz., £615 per annum, rising to £680 per annum. The appointment will be subject to the Council's Conditions of Service in force from time to time, to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side. The selected candidate will be required to pass a medical examination. Candidates must have passed the final examination of the R.I.B.A. or have an equivalent qualification, and preferably have had experience in Architectural work, especially housing, undertaken by a local authority. Applications, giving full details of age, qualifications and experience, should be forwarded, together with copies of not more than three testimonials, to reach the undersigned by 26th April, 1948. Candidates must disclose in writing if they are related to any member or senior officer of the Council. Canvassing members of the Council, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

DAVID JENKINS,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Woolwich, S.E.18.
 March, 1948. 579

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF URMSTON.
ENGINEER'S AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited from Males or Females for the above permanent appointment, at a salary in accordance with Grade II of the Administrative, Professional and Technical Division of the National Joint Council Scales (£420-£215-£465) per annum.

Applicants should have received training in Architecture, Planning and Surveying.

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

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, disclosing whether or not the applicant is related to any member or senior officer of the Council, naming two referees, and endorsed "Architectural Assistant," must be received by the undersigned not later than 12 noon on the 19th April, 1948.

L. WATKINS,
Clerk of the Council.

Council Offices, Urmston. 569

CARDIGANSHIRE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—

(a) **SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT. A.P.T., Grade VII.** (£535-£225-£710).

The person appointed should have wide experience in the preparation of Town and Country Planning Schemes, with a sound knowledge of the relevant Acts and Orders. Applicants will be required to assist in the preparation of outline and development plans for the County, including character zoning and estate layouts for both urban and rural areas. Experience in supervision of staff is essential, and preference will be given to applicants who are Members of the Town Planning Institute or hold an equivalent qualification in Architecture, Engineering, or Surveying. It is desirable that the successful applicant shall possess and drive a car.

(b) **PLANNING ASSISTANT (RESEARCH)** (Male or Female). A.P.T., Grade II. £420-£215-£465. Applicants will be engaged on research work in connection with the preparation of the outline and development plan under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. Candidates should have had experience in the collection of industrial and other research data in relation to population changes, regional and economical geography, services and natural resources. Preference will be given to applicants who have a diploma in geography, economics, geology, or a similar background of research experience.

(c) **DRAUGHTSMAN.** General Division. Salary according to age, with maximum of £385 at 32 years. Applicants should be neat draughtsmen and colourists, accustomed to Ordnance and other map revision work.

(d) **FILING CLERK** (age not to exceed 22 years). Salary on General Division, according to age: Males at 16 years £135, rising to £245 at 22 years; Females at 16 years £108, rising to £198 at 22 years. Applicants should have had experience in general office routine, keeping of records and modern methods of filing. Preference will be given to applicants with shorthand and typewriting experience.

The appointments will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the National Joint Council's Scheme of Conditions of Service, the passing of a satisfactory medical examination, and to one month's notice on either side.

No forms of application are issued. Applications should give details of age, education, technical training, qualifications, present and previous appointments and experience. Copies of two recent testimonials should be submitted.

Applications with the title of the appointment endorsed on the envelope should reach the undersigned not later than 19th April, 1948.

N. GREENWOOD,
Clerk.

Cambrian Chambers, Aberystwyth.
 24th March, 1948. 572

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.
FIRST CONTRACT FOR FIRST SECTION OF PROPOSED COLLEGES FOR TECHNICAL, COMMERCIAL, AND ART EDUCATION.

GOSTA GREEN, BIRMINGHAM.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF WORKS.

The Education Committee invite applications for the appointment of Clerk of Works for the above Contract. Applicants must have a thorough knowledge and experience of reinforced concrete substructure works, including piling, retaining walls, etc., together with normal superstructure works and engineering services. Applicants must also be versed in the setting out of Buildings, taking of levels, and be able to assist (if required) in the measurement of work in all trades as executed. Salary will be according to qualifications and experience, and the appointment will be terminable by one month's notice, on either side.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience and salary required, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, should be submitted to the undersigned not later than 19th April, 1948.

E. I. RUSSELL,
Chief Education Officer.

The Chief Education Officer, Education Office,
 City of Birmingham, Council House,
 Margaret Street, Birmingham, 3. 553

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

The above Council invite applications from suitably qualified persons for the following appointments to the staff of the County Planning Department:—

(a) **ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER**, for the East Area Office at Wrexham, Grade VII. Consolidated salary, £635-£710 per annum.

Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and in addition should possess a recognised qualification in Architecture, Engineering or Surveying. Experience in the preparation of planning schemes for extensive urban and rural areas is essential. Applicants must also be fully conversant with current planning practice, including survey work and the control of development, and should be able to undertake responsibility for the control of staff.

(b) **TWO SENIOR COUNTY PLANNING ASSISTANTS (ARCHITECTURAL)**, one for the Headquarters Office at Ruthin and one for the East Area Office at Wrexham. Grade V. Consolidated salary, £520-£570 per annum.

Applicants must be Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute, and in addition should possess a recognised qualification in Architecture. Applicants must be able to undertake the preparation of town and country planning schemes, and in particular detailed schemes for the redevelopment of built-up areas, neighbourhood units, and housing estates.

(c) **SENIOR COUNTY PLANNING ASSISTANT (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL)**, for the East Area Office at Wrexham. Grade V. Consolidated salary, £520-£570 per annum.

Applicants must be Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute and, other things being equal, preference will be given to those who hold an additional qualification in Architecture, Building Surveying or Engineering. Applicants must have had a wide experience in the control of development in urban and rural areas, and possess a sound knowledge of the statutory provisions in connection therewith.

(d) **COUNTY PLANNING ASSISTANT**, for the East Area Office at Wrexham. Grade III. Consolidated salary, £450-£495 per annum.

Applicants should have passed the Intermediate examination of the Town Planning Institute or an examination exempting therefrom, and should have obtained practical experience in the preparation of statutory planning schemes for urban and/or rural areas. Additional experience in basic survey work will be deemed to be an advantage.

(e) **SURVEYOR AND DRAUGHTSMAN**, for the Headquarters Office at Ruthin. Grade II. Consolidated salary, £420-£465 per annum.

Applicants must be competent surveyors and expert draughtsmen, and be able to undertake the revision of Ordnance survey maps and the preparation of regional survey and planning scheme maps. Previous experience in Ordnance survey work is essential.

(f) **THREE DRAUGHTSMEN**, for the Headquarters Office at Ruthin and the East Area Office at Wrexham. Miscellaneous Division. Grade II. Consolidated salary, £375-£420 per annum.

Applicants must be expert draughtsmen and colourists, and should be able to undertake the preparation of perspective drawings. The salaries are consolidated to include cost-of-living bonus. The appointments will be subject to the terms and conditions of service applying to the administrative, technical and clerical officers of the County Council, and will be terminable at the end of any month by one month's notice in writing on either side. The successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination, and will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Applicants should indicate the appointment applied for, and should state whether they wish to be considered for more than one appointment. Applications, stating age, whether married or single, qualifications, present position and salary, previous positions, and full details of experience obtained, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, must be sent to me, the undersigned, suitably endorsed, by not later than 26th April, 1948.

WILLIAM JONES,
Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices, Ruthin, Denbighshire. 587

BOROUGH OF REIGATE.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of Architectural Assistant on the staff of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, at a salary in accordance with Grade IV of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scale of Salaries (£480-£525 per annum). Applicants should have previous experience in connection with the design of buildings and estate development, and the conversion of existing properties into flats. The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to the passing of a medical examination. Forms of application may be obtained from Mr. George G. Sanderson, A.M.Inst.C.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Reigate.

Applications, endorsed "Architectural Assistant," and accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, must reach the undersigned not later than the 17th April, 1948.

HEBER DAVIES,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Reigate.
 March, 1948. 543

**CITY OF ST. ALBANS.
CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT.**

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Temporary ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT in the above department, at a salary of £420 per annum, rising by £15 per annum to £465 per annum (consolidated).

Applicants should have had experience in Architectural Work, preferably in the office of a Local Authority.

The above appointment is for a temporary period, and is subject to one month's notice on either side, to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to the passing of a medical examination.

Applications, stating age and experience, together with copies of two recent testimonials (non-returnable), must be forwarded in envelopes endorsed "Temporary Architectural Assistant," to the undersigned to be received not later than the 24th April, 1948.

W. B. MURGATROYD,

Town Clerk.

38, St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts. 590
April, 1948.

ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYORS are urgently required by the Admiralty for temporary appointments overseas at salaries ranging from £475-£750 (consolidated), according to age and experience, plus Colonial allowance appropriate to the station. The normal period of service overseas is 3 years, but further employment in the U.K. may be offered after completion of tour. Application for these vacancies should be made to Ministry of Labour and National Service, Technical and Scientific Register, Room 377, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, quoting reference J.496/47. 578
23.3.43(20).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the appointment of TWO PLANNING ASSISTANTS. The salary for these appointments will be in accordance with Grade A.P.T., V, of the National Scale of Salaries (£460-£510 per annum), plus cost-of-living bonus. Applicants should have a broad general knowledge of modern planning technique.

The appointments are subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the passing of a medical examination. Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, and accompanied by copies of two recent testimonials, should reach the undersigned not later than the first post on Monday, 26th April, 1948.

CHARLES PHYTHIAN,

Clerk of the County Council. 591

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Established vacancies, pensionable, subject to medical examination:—

(a) SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR. Commencing salary, £950×£30—£1,100 p.a. Extensive experience in all matters concerning the preparation of Bills of Quantities.

(b) QUANTITY SURVEYOR. Commencing salary, £700×£25—£850 p.a. Fully experienced in estimating, cost analysis, and statistical recording of costing data.

(c) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Commencing salary, £750×£50—£850 p.a. Wide architectural and administrative experience with a Local Authority essential.

(d) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, A.P.T. VIII (£645 to £720 p.a.). Must be fully qualified (preferably, for certain appointments with experience in Educational buildings). Required to act as Senior Assistants to Area Architects and attend Committee meetings, etc.

All salaries plus any temporary cost-of-living bonus (now £50 p.a.).

Application forms (stamped addressed envelope) from the County Architect, 20, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 (stating (a), (b), (c) or (d)), to be returned by 21st April, 1948 (quoting D.872 A.J.). 534

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON.

BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following permanent appointments:—

(a) ONE CHIEF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary, Grade VII (£635-£710).

(b) TWO ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS. Salary, Grade V (£520-£570).

(c) ONE ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR. Salary, Grade V (£520-£570).

Candidates for (a) and (b) should have had previous experience on Housing and Education work, and must have passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Candidates for (c) should be experienced in the preparation of Bills of Quantities, the checking of interim valuations, and the settling up of Final Accounts, and must have obtained the final examination certificate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Quantities Division).

Applications, stating age, qualifications, present appointment and salary, and previous experience, accompanied by copies of three recent testimonials, and endorsed "Chief Assistant Architect," "Assistant Architect," or "Assistant Quantity Surveyor," should be delivered to E. A. Tornbolm, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., Borough Architect, Central Buildings, Darlington, not later than the 16th April, 1948.

H. HOPKINS,

Town Clerk. 570

**BOROUGH OF PORT TALBOT.
APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.**

Applications are invited for the above appointment, in the Borough Engineer's Department, within the range of A.P.T., Grades VI and VII, £575-£650, plus bonus £59 16s., according to experience and qualifications of applicants.

Applicants must be Associate of the R.I.B.A. The appointment is subject to the passing of a medical examination and the provision of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Age limit 45 years, plus service H.M. Forces. The National Scheme of Conditions of Service will apply.

Applications, on forms to be obtained from the undersigned, to be returned with three testimonials, as so to be received not later than noon, 23rd April, 1948, endorsed "Senior Architectural Assistant."

W. KING DAVIES,

Town Clerk. 602

Municipal Buildings, Port Talbot.

**CITY OF MANCHESTER.
CITY SURVEYOR AND ENGINEER'S
DEPARTMENT.**

Applications are invited for the following permanent appointments:—

(a) CHIEF PLANNING ASSISTANT, at a salary of £790, rising by annual increments of £30 to £880 per annum. To take control of the Planning and Development Section dealing with clearance, planning and design (roads and sewers) of large scale redevelopment and new development areas. Candidates should be well qualified professionally in Civil Engineering, Architecture and/or Town Planning.

(b) SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT, at a salary of £730, rising by annual increments of £30 to £820 per annum.

(c) GENERAL PLANNING ASSISTANTS, at salaries of £520, rising by two increments of £15, three of £20 and two of £25 to £650 per annum.

(d) JUNIOR PLANNING ASSISTANTS at salaries of £420, rising by annual increments of £15 to £495 per annum.

The commencing salary in each case will depend upon the suitability of the candidate.

Applications, giving details of age, qualifications, experience, present position, etc., must be returned (together with copies of three recent testimonials) for (a) to the undersigned, and for (b), (c) and (d) to the City Surveyor and Engineer, Town Hall, Manchester, 2, not later than noon on Saturday, 24th April, 1948.

Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination before the appointments are confirmed, to contribute to the Corporation's Superannuation Fund, and to execute the Corporation's Deed of Service.

Canvassing in any form is forbidden and will disqualify.

PHILIP B. DINGLE,

Town Clerk. 584

Town Hall, Manchester, 2.

30th March, 1948.

THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE.

LECTURESHIP IN ARCHITECTURE.

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR LECTURER in the Department of Architecture in the Royal Technical College, Glasgow.

Salary, £675-£25-£875. Position on the scale according to qualifications and experience. Further particulars and forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary of the College. 566

COUNTY OF CORNWALL.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING STAFF.

Applications are invited for the post of ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER (ARCHITECT), in the County Planning Department of the above-named Authority. The salary will be on a grade of £535×£20—£600 (Grade VI of the A.P.T. Division), to which a cost-of-living bonus of £59 16s. a year is at present added, pending consolidation of bonus with salary.

The person appointed will be expected to provide a motor car for necessary travelling, for which a mileage allowance will be paid. Candidates should be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and preferably also Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute. The successful candidate will be engaged in general on architectural control of development throughout the County, and in particular he will be required to co-ordinate the control of the external appearance of buildings, including a specific control in important individual cases. He will also be required to undertake work in connection with the preservation of buildings of historic or architectural interest, and to assist in the preparation of the Survey and Development Plan in regard to third dimensional planning.

The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the successful candidate will be required to pass a medical examination. Canvassing either directly or indirectly will disqualify, and every candidate must disclose in his application whether to his knowledge he 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 (from whom further particulars may be obtained), not later than the 26th April, 1948.

E. T. VERGER,

Clerk of the County Council. 557

County Hall, Truro.

10th March, 1948.

Architectural Appointments Vacant

4 lines or under, 5s.; each additional line, 1s. 6d.

ASSISTANT required in Staff Surveyors to Large Industrial Company in London; experienced in surveys for maintenance, dilapidations, schedules, pricing valuations, etc.; A.R.I.C.S. preferred; £250 p.a. Write Box 538.

WELL-KNOWN Transport Organisation require services of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, well versed in light industrial construction, and able to carry job through to final account with minimum of supervision; salary, £600 p.a. Write, with full details of experience, to Box 537.

ARCHITECT and Surveyor to Large Industrial Organisation, with Head Office in London, requires the services of a PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT; applicants should have wide experience in design and construction of all classes of buildings, particularly light industrial Garages, and be capable of carrying out schemes from sketch plans to final account, including specifications, obtaining consents, licences, a knowledge of present-day prices, dilapidations and ability to supervise staff is necessary; experience in management of property would be an advantage; F.R.I.B.A. or F.R.I.C.S. preferred; salary £1,000, or according to qualifications; age not over 46. Write, giving full details of experience, in chronological order, to Box 536.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, preferably qualified and with experience of industrial buildings, are required by a public utility company in London; salary according to qualifications and experience. Apply Box 535.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required for Liverpool office; sound training and experience essential; administrative ability and experience an asset; salary commensurate with qualifications; give full particulars. Box 530.

YOUNG ARCHITECT (age about 30) required for West Africa by large firm Building and Civil Engineering Contractors; must be qualified; previous overseas experience not essential, but must be adaptable; good practical knowledge reinforced concrete design essential; free passage and accommodation; good salary payable to right man. Apply in writing, giving full details of age, qualifications and experience, etc., to Box 577.

THE Plastics Division of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., require urgently a SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT for their Headquarters at Welwyn Garden City; some industrial experience essential. Write to Staff Manager, Plastics Division, I.C.I. Ltd., Black Fan Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, quoting AJ/15. 574

ASSISTANT required in Private Practice; good experience in cost of works house rebuilding, general war damage, specifications, working drawings, and supervision of work is essential. Apply Clark, 44, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. Phone: MUS. 4400 & 0500. 564

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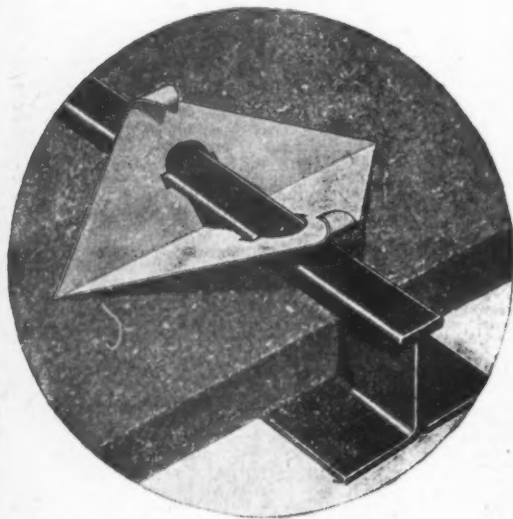
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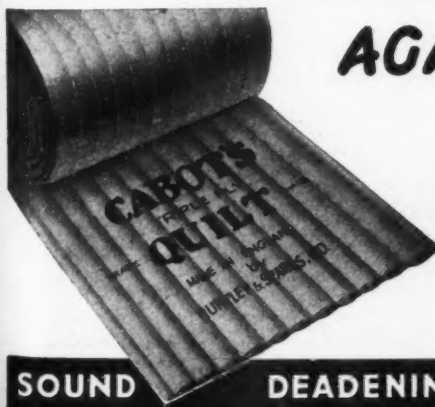
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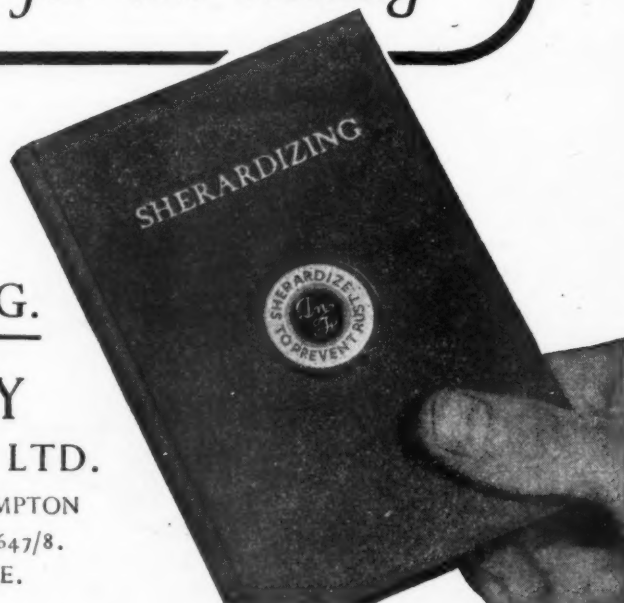
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