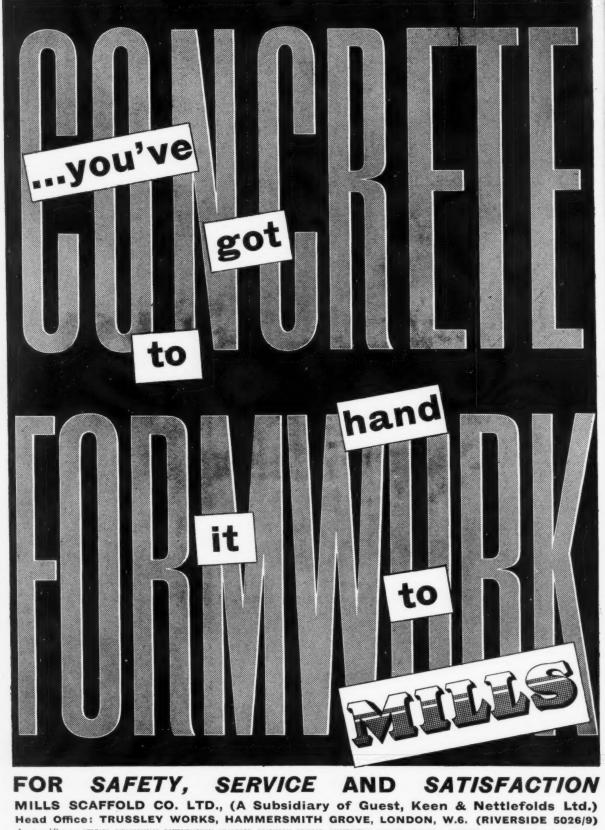
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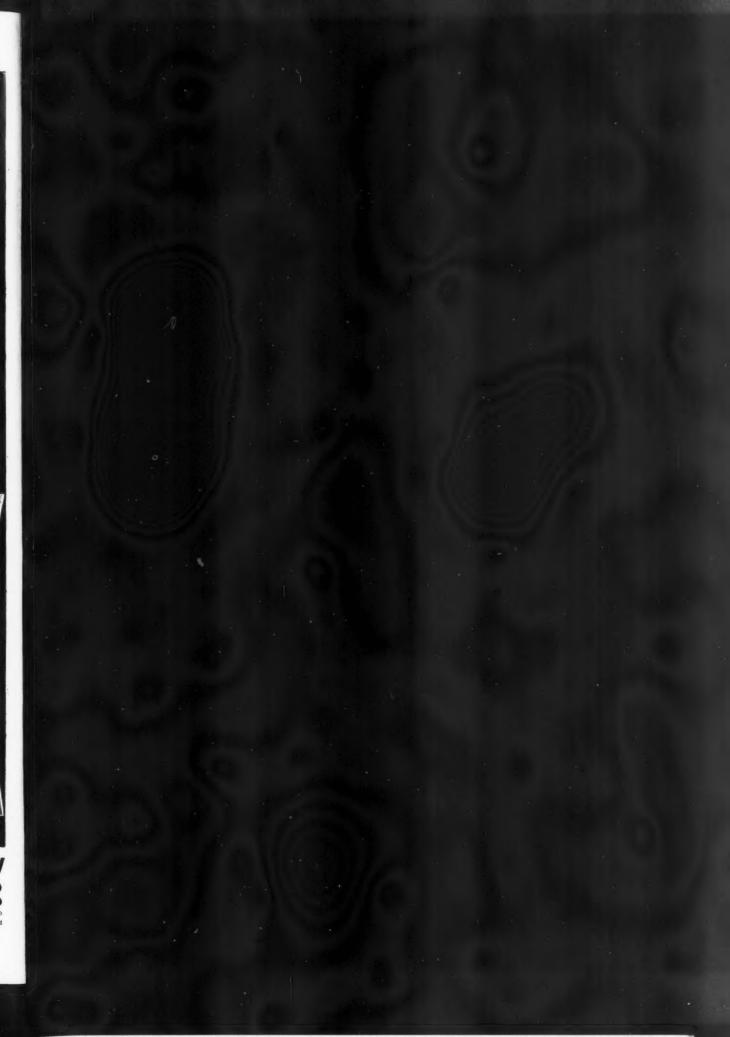
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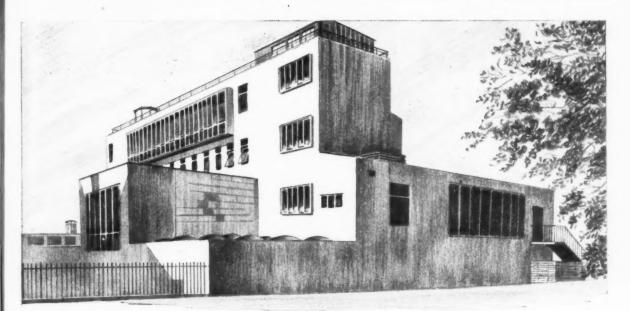
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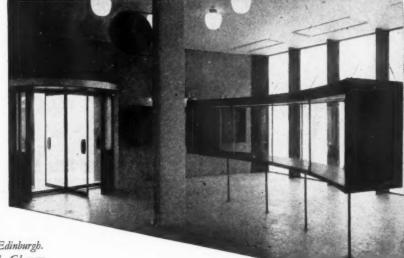
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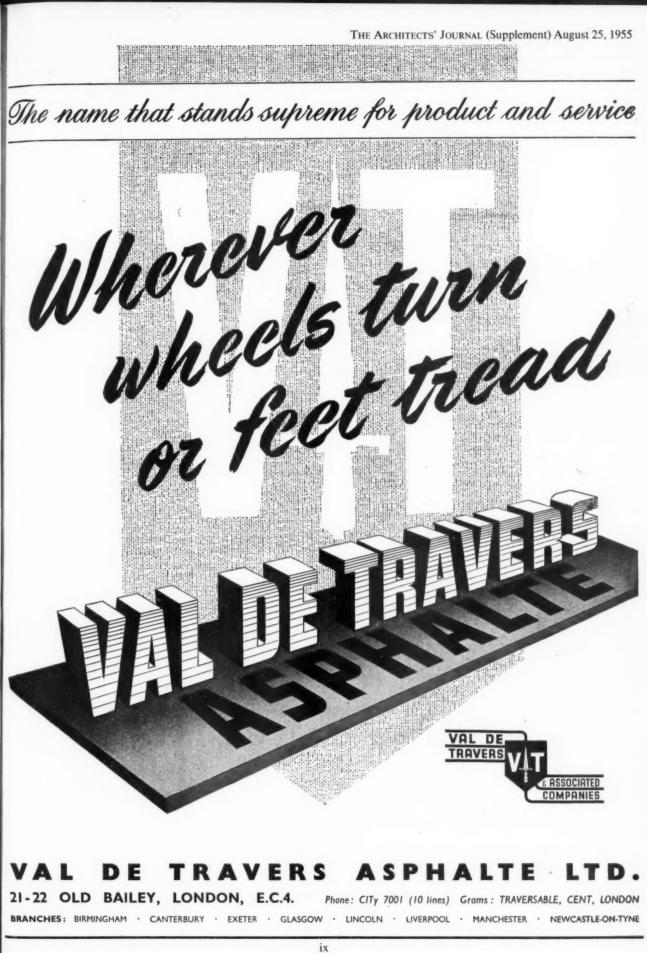
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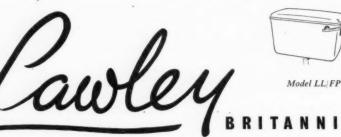


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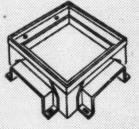
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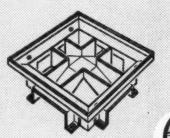


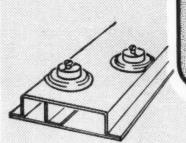
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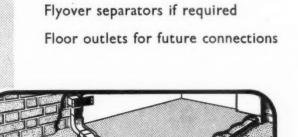
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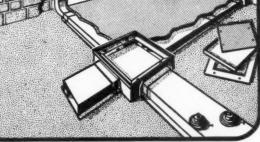
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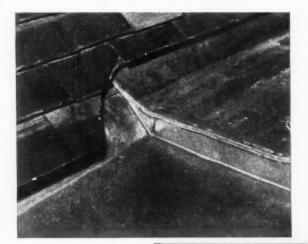


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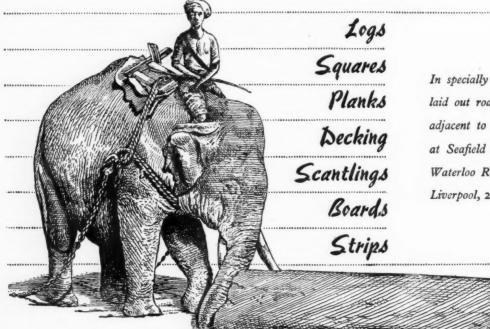
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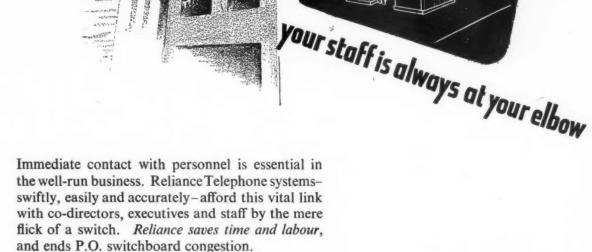
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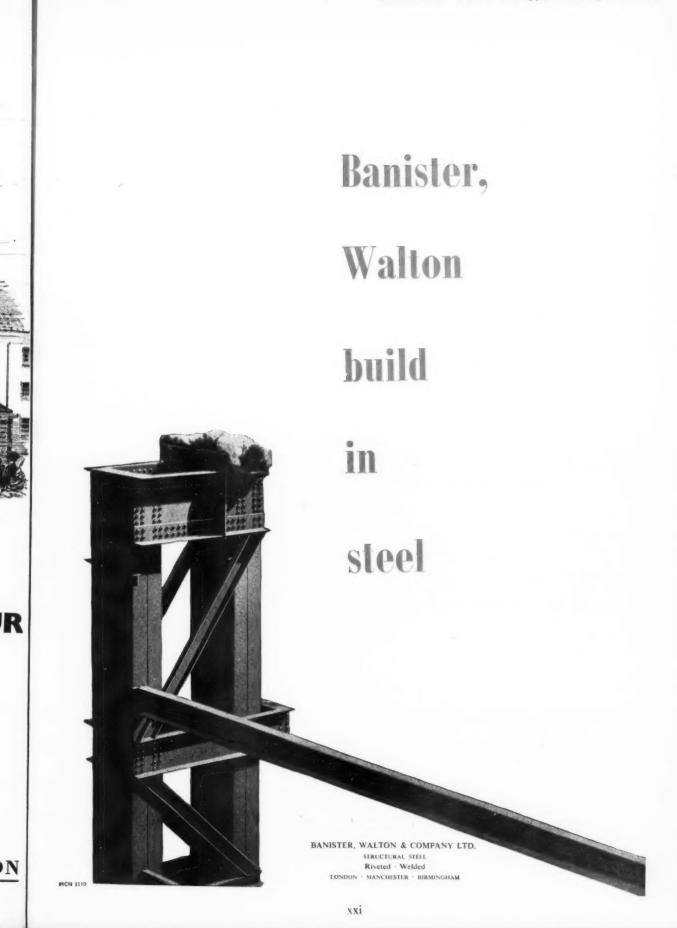
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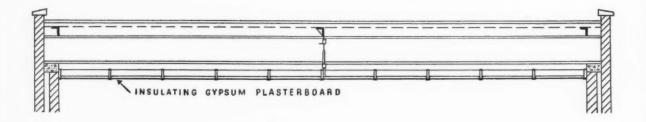
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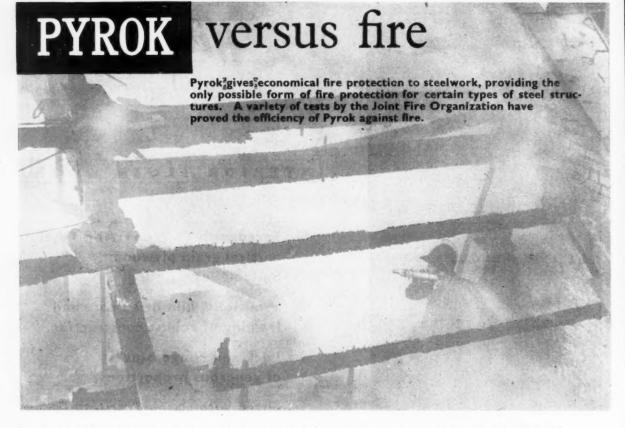
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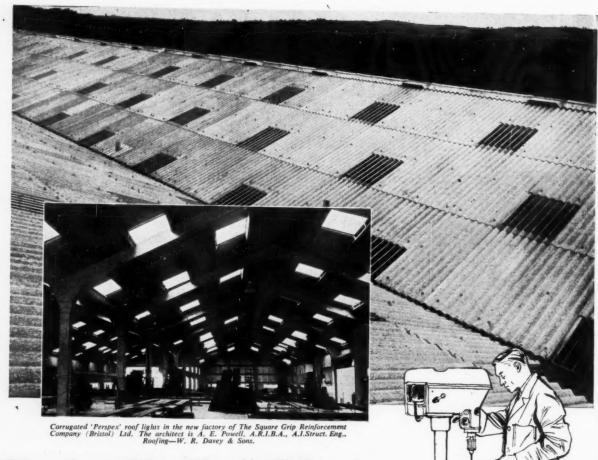
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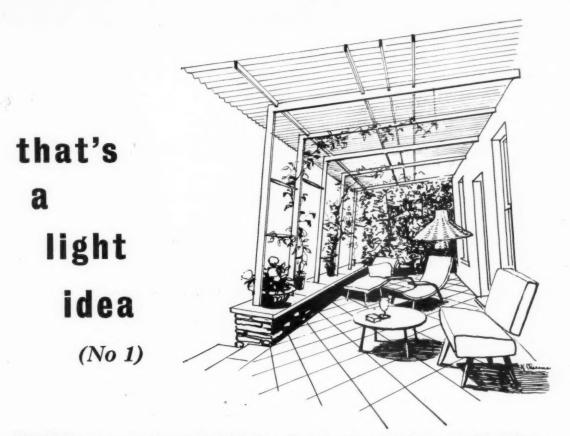
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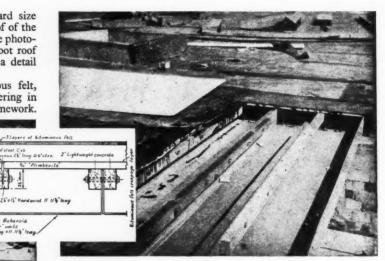
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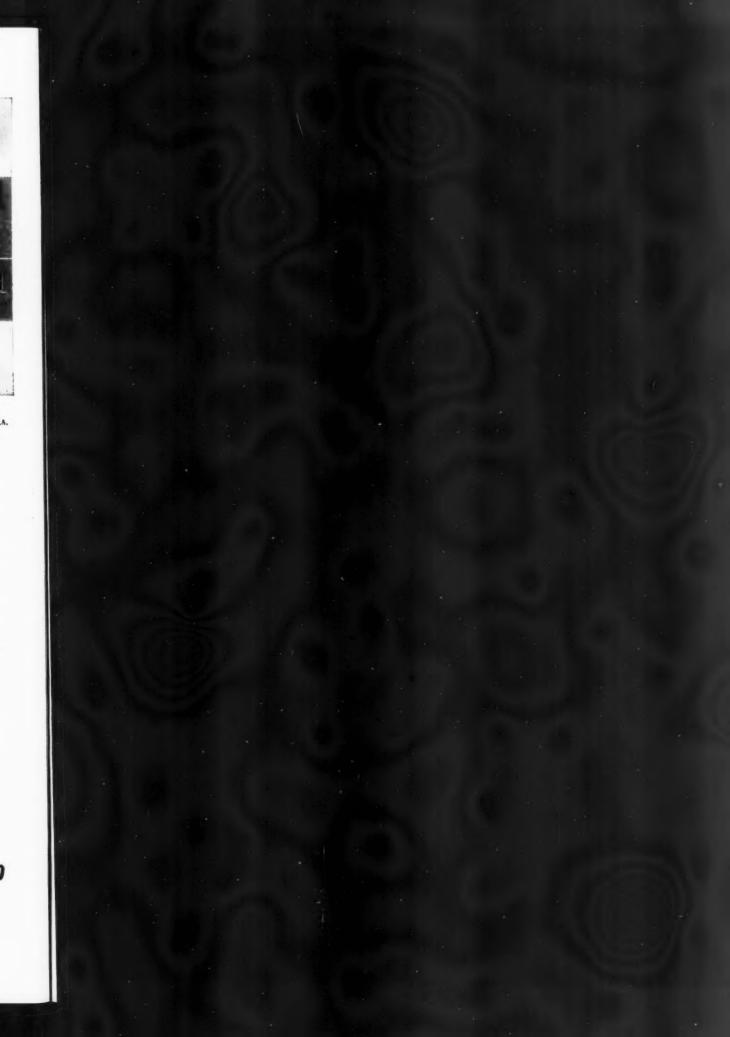
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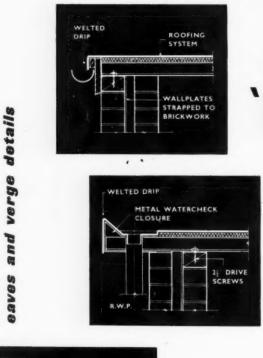
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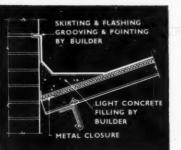
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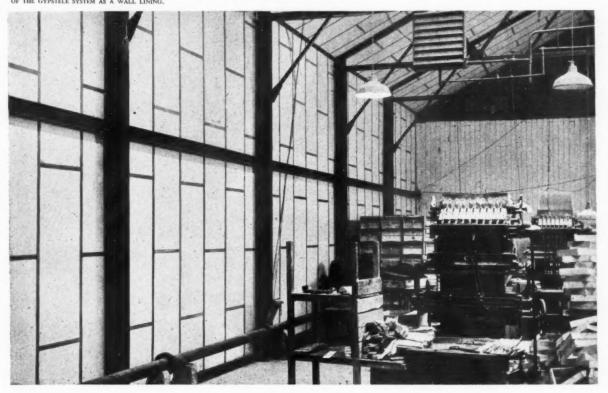


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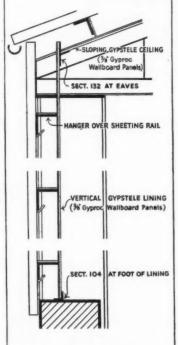
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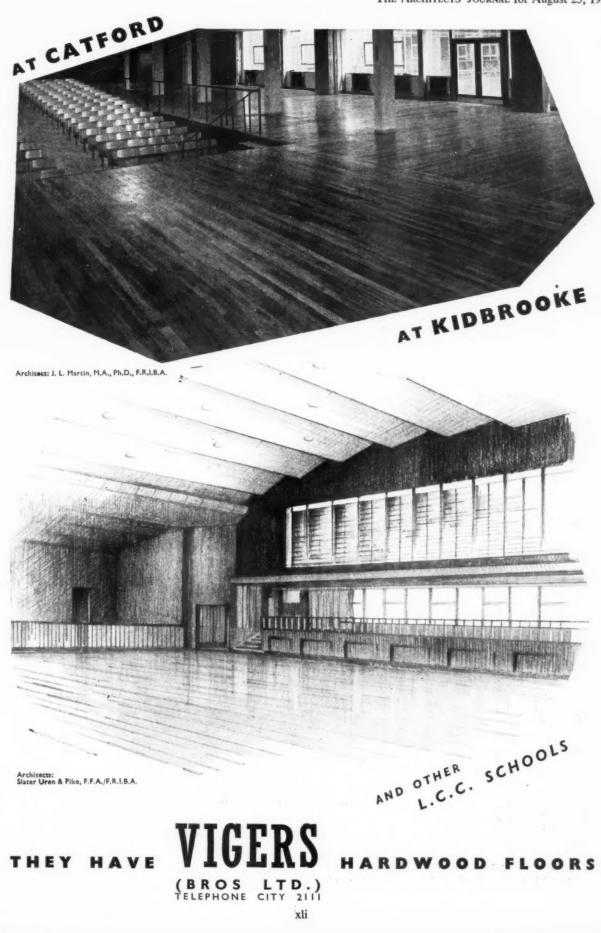
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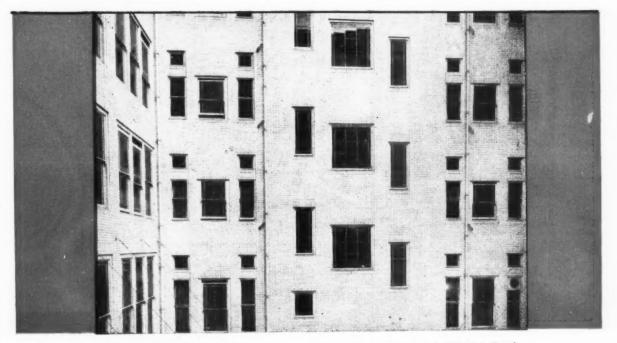
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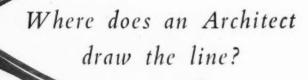


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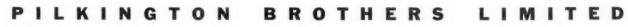
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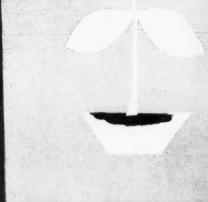
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### BUILDERS, BEWARE STUDENTS

Last Thursday's Manchester Guardian had two horrifying columns by an undergraduate who had spent six weeks as a labourer on a housing site near London. Some of his statements are a bit surprising: lintels weighing "nearly a ton" cannot be all that usual, and drainage trenches 18 ft. deep seem a bit unlikely, but if they are being dug in clay and left unstrutted as the young man said—then someone is being criminal rather than stupid.

Even allowing for exaggeration, this is a sorry tale of incompetent site organization, slipshod workmanship, and large scale theft matched only by the contractor's own losses through leaving cement uncovered and other stupidities. This was obviously a deplorably bad site from every point of view—it cannot be typical; but it would be interesting to know if it was no more than average bad. One would like to think of it as exceptional. But is it?

Now turn to page 243.

### HAM ON TELEVISION

Why did Michael Pattrick choose one of Eric Lyons' Ham Common flats as the British exhibit for the Halsingborg Exhibition? How did his wife, Jo, furnish it—and why? What do the furnished interiors look like? And what, for that matter, is the exterior like?

Those were questions ASTRAGAL hoped to hear fully answered when Michael and Jo Pattrick were interviewed in a television programme for women, one afternoon last week. But thanks largely to the interviewer (the lady editor of "a paper which deals with interior designs") and an unreadable plan, viewers were unable to get much of an idea of the admirable layout of Mr. Lyons' flat and the intelligent furnishing of it by Mrs. Pattrick.

The plan was, in fact, just legible enough for viewers to bring their full powers of concentration on to it, and thus, perhaps, to lose Mr. Pattrick's opening remarks; but ASTRAGAL, who knows the Ham scheme well, overcame his annoyance with the plan just in time to hear Mr. Pattrick say that the flat was laid out in a way that made it admirable as a walk-through exhibition. He was, of course, perfectly right, but any housewife who heard his description would surely be frightened by it, unless she was given a clear picture of the layout. And only one picture of one room was shown.

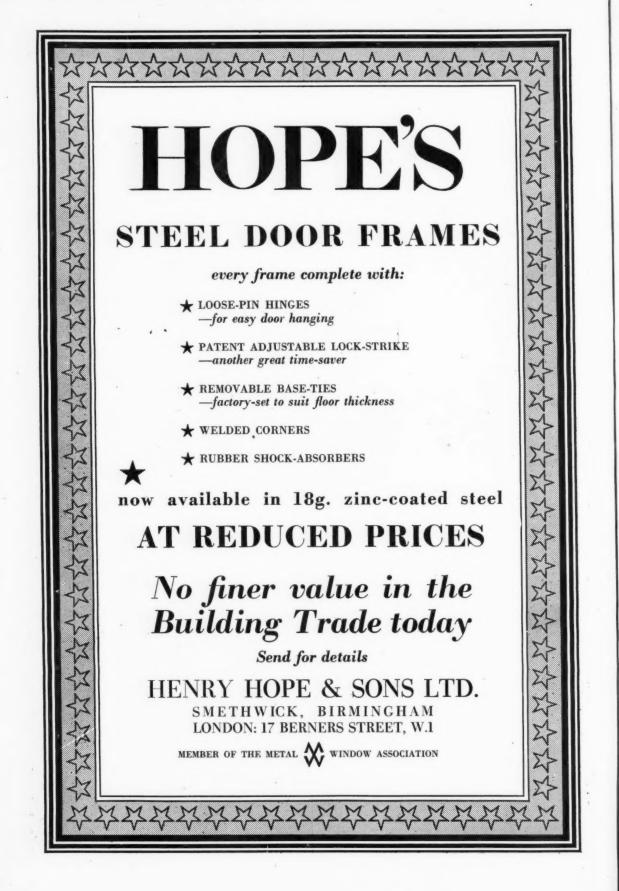
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Why, by the way, did the programme producer go to the trouble of showing a mock-up of half the smallest bedroom? It was so inadequate that Mrs. Pattrick had to try to fill in a little more detail for the viewer. And it merely served as a background to some carping criticisms from the lady editor, whose paper shall remain nameless if only because its name is so displeasing to the ear.

Black mark, BBC! And an even blacker one for allowing the sound to go dead during Mr. Pattrick's assault on a chair chosen by his wife. It started off as a really spirited criticism of design, but the ever-watchful TV gremlins were apparently not in favour of such strong comment. When, one wonders, is the standard of television programmes about architecture going to equal that of radio talks on the subject?

### UNFINISHED BUILDINGS

Ian McCallum's thoughtful Third Programme talk on interior design was even better than the normal run of broadcast talks on architectural subjects. Pretty well all the recent talks by architects have been about subjects that architects think architects ought to be interested in-planning, structure, the English Pioneers and so forth-whereas the McCallum thesis was that his was a subject architects felt no real compulsion to interest themselves in, even when they paid lip-service to it. Even the title of the talk-"On not finishing buildings "-rubbed in the point that not only do architects hand over the



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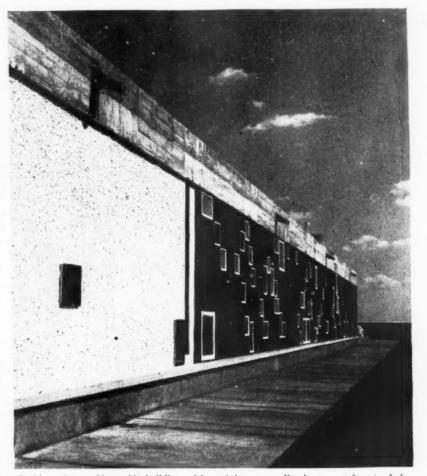
sh st pl sk la ey te th of is interiors to other agencies, but the interior is the place where they stop trying to visualize what the finished building will look like.

More collaboration, of a radical kind, with painters and scutptors, was one of the ways Ian McCallum proposed for recreating a flourishing type of Modern Movement interior in line with midcentury ideas, and shoe-shops and coffee bars received at this point a passing pat on the back. ASTRAGAL, who has recently seen l'Auberge at Richmond (see pages 242 and 246) would like to second this good word for coffee bars, because there one can see something which McCallum claimed went out with the Bauhaus-a real consistency between exterior architecture and interior decor.

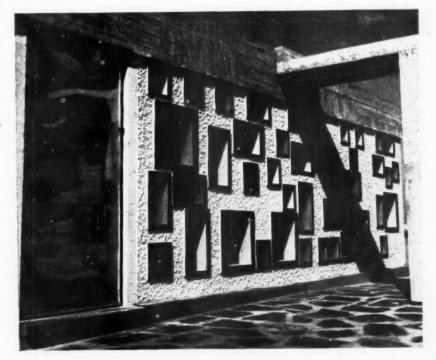
### FERNAND LEGER

Fernand Léger, who died last week, was an architects' painter if ever there was one. A cubist with Picasso and Braque, before the first World War, he became the associate of le Corbusier after it. His description of his first sight of Corb is a classic; the serious, bowler-hatted figure with the brief-case. pedalling steadily forward on an upright bicycle and "scrupulously obeying the laws of perspective." Alone of the great painters of the school of Paris, Léger shared the enthusiasms of architects-geometry, machinery, and the idea of painting as part of an architectural composition. He exhibited in Corb's celebrated Pavillon de l'Esprit Nouveau, one of the few artists allowed to get in among the carefully chosen objects of non-art. He muralised in the UN Assembly Hall, and on the fabulous university campus in Caracas. And to judge from the content of his later canvases, he seems to have liked people in that large, vague, abstract and faintly sentimental way that architects so often do.

Léger's last big series of paintings showed steel erectors at work on the structure of France's pioneer atom plant—a subject that was entirely *him*, skilled proletarians doing something large, comprehensible and pictorially exciting in an atmosphere of futurist technology. This sort of thing was the essence of the faith of the pioneers of the Modern Movement, and Léger is another pioneer taken from us.



Problem picture. Clue: this building with a nightmare quality is a great boon to dockworkers. ASTRAGAL will not add to your confusion by printing the solution to the problem upside down. The building is, in fact, a municipal nursery school on the top "street" of Corbusier's new block of flats for dock-workers at Nantes. Each pane of glass is a different colour, the object being . . . But that is enough for now. ASTRAGAL leaves it to the editors to explain this New Frivolity when they illustrate more of the Nantes scheme in a later issue.







### Good Pull-up for Townscapes

With l'Auberge at Richmond, Surrey, the Coffee-Bar Age begins to leave its purely decorative phase, and enters the realm of architecture-and enters it in a manner deserving congratulations all round. This simple and unassuming building is a straightforward box of glass and brick, housing extra serving and eating space, added to a none-too-prepossessing wood-framed cottage The design programme was one which might have resulted in a squalidly subtopian house-to-café conversion, but for an enlightened client, enlightened architects (Gooday and Noble), and an enlightened planning authority. Between them they have produced a model solution of their problem. New work has been added to old in a manner which flatters both (because no futile attempt has been made to "keep in Keeping"); the new bar is related to the site in such a way as to provide needed covered space without sacrificing the paved court and the tree which are well-known features of Richmond's townscape; one can eat or drink comfortably in the open air-a rare privilege in England-while enjoying the view of the bustling life in the High Street of on the bridge. And when weather does not permit, much of this view can still be seen from inside, because of the size and placing of the windows. The interior-further illustrated on page 246-shows the same sensibility as the exterior, for where old and new work meet (left) the original bay-window, which was a great feature of the old Auberge, has been retained as a piece of " interior landscape " in the new.

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### MONDRIAAN IN RETROSPECT

Brought up on the conventional histories of the Modern Movement, most of us nowadays belong to circles where it is fashionable to yawn when the name of Mondriaan is mentioned— "oh, *yes*, influence on the Bauhaus and all that, but *really*! "—and return to our New Realists and our New Brutalists, and what not.

But such circles will get some nasty dents if they go down to Whitechapel and see the large retrospective exhibition of Mondriaan which has migrated there from the Hague by way of Zurich, for there is no doubt that Mondriaan emerges from this show as a tremendous artistic personality.

The selection of pictures lays particular emphasis on his early development, and reveals not only that he practised a number of styles before he found his way to abstraction, but that he might have been a top-flight painter in any of them if he had wanted to, and had he stopped developing at the age when most painters settle for a mature style —between the ages of thirty and forty —he would have been a distinguished Impressionist, Expressionist, or Cubist.

As for the abstracts themselves, far from being dull and repetitive when hung together in quantity, they show a continuing development within the apparently settled rectangular idiom, and one gets a remarkable sense of a painstaking and intelligent craftsman working steadily away at the refinement of his style. This is a strongly recommended exhibition—essential for all students.

The extent to which squares and Mondriaan are out of fashion at the moment, however, is sharply pointed up by a wild and woolly sculpture exhibition at ICA, where among the shaggiest and most brutalist nudes ever let loose on the gallery-going public, there stand out a couple of the gridand-pinboard constructions of John McHale, calm, rectangular and bright, like survivors from an age of innocence before the atomic anxiety set in.

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Or is it that, with a cold peace about to break out, they are the heralds of an age in which the shaggy-shanked brutalists are going to look old hat?

ASTRAGAL

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### The Editors

### DANGER, MEN AT WORK

LAST week we were told by the London Society of Private Architects that builders were worried: they were worried, it seems, by the disappearance of the private architect. This week they have something else to worry about: the appearance of an undergraduate on a building site.

No one who worked with this young man for six months can have realised that he was going to splash his experiences over two columns in the *Manchester Guardian*.\* What, one wonders, would his workmates have thought of him, as they watched him digging drains "eighteen feet deep" and staggering about under lintels weighing "nearly a ton," if they had known he was going to record both their acceptance of the Bible as gospel and their ignorance about Britain's geography and America's government?

The workmen's opinion of this student would be nothing compared with that of their employers whom he accused of permitting criminal negligence in the men's working conditions, near-criminal wastage of materials on the site and gross mis-management of the work to be done, which resulted in a vast loss of valuable man-hours.

This young man's story was incredible. He complained that there were not enough picks and shovels to go round, that there were no blocks and tackle for haulage work and that no attempts were made to comply with safety regulations. But worst of all, he wrote, " was the standard of workmanship in every stage of building. Bricklayers, carpenters, pipelayers, plasterers, and electricians were all the same, lacking any pride in their work. The word 'slap-dash' best embodies their attitude. The houses themselves were of quite an attractive modern design, but they were simply being flung together: floors were uneven, and sometimes sloping; windows and doors were ill-fitting; plasterwork was patchy and shoddy, and several times I was told to concrete up the joinings of drainpipes before they had even been tested by flushing. I shudder to think of the repair bills on those houses in days to come."

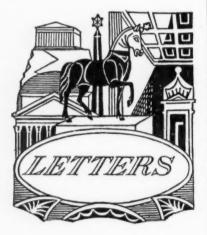
The undergraduate-navvy also complained about dishonesty among his fellow-workers, but he went on to point out that

<sup>\*</sup> August 18.

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"there was one thing which may well have made them feel less conscience about this, and that was the terrible—and tolerated —waste of materials on the site. Time and time again large piles of cement or lime were rendered useless for want of covering on a wet night; bricks, tiles, and pipes were broken by the thousand out of pure carelessness and thrown away; the cost of this wastage must have been vast. With so much indirect robbery going on around them, can one wonder some of the men felt that the odd bag of cement would not be missed?"

We have repeated here only a little of the shocking story this young man had to tell of his way of earning  $f_{120}$  in six weeks. Guardian readers will no doubt realize that the student could have worked for a better contractor than this-on a site where the hoisting was done mechanically, safety regulations were observed, and men were not switched about from job to job haphazardly. The site described is far below the average, but the Guardian is right in asking for better site-organization. Many people have been asking for that for some time. Indeed most of us have got past talking of the need for it: we are asking instead how it can be brought about. Next week our Guest Editors (Costs) will begin to answer that question in a new series of articles. They will describe the organization of a building firm which is far above average-a firm which, while not necessarily employing men with a better knowledge of politics and geography, would plan and conduct building operations in an orderly and humane manner.



Walter Worboys, Chairman, COID. Professor Sir William Holford, F.R.I.B.A. "Aribian" Morgan H. Davies Development Officer, Fulmer Research Institute J. N. Lowe, Managing Director, Pre-stressed Concrete Co., Ltd.

### W. M. Ladbrooke, Student R.I.B.A.

### The COID's Task

SIR,—Your critical leader of August 11 shows a limited appreciation of the job my Council is attempting to do and little knowledge of its approach to this job.

Certainly our task can be described as the selling of good design to mass-producers and mass-consumers, since a wide-spread improvement in British industrial design will come about only when manufacturers are convinced that there is a substantial market for well designed goods-a market, indeed, that they will lose unless their goods are well designed. To suggest, however, that this could be achieved by my Council making quality testing and market research its main activities is nonsense. Some elements of quality can certainly be tested—for example, durability and function (i.e., fitness for purpose)-but there are other elements of quality that are not readily assessed by physical testing. Market research, that is the assess-ment of possible markets for goods, can only be carried out by people who have at their disposal full knowledge of the particular manufacturing and distributive processes applicable to the products in question: that is by the manufacturers themselves or by is by the manufacturers themselves or by somebody appointed by them. It cannot be done in isolation from this knowledge and it therefore could not be done by the Council of Industrial Design. This does not mean that the Council cannot help by providing British manufacturers with infor-mation on the requirements of particular markets for particular goods: it already does this to the limit of its resources and markets for particular goods: it already does this to the limit of its resources and I hope it will be able to do much more in the future.

The Design Centre for British Industries, which will be opened in Haymarket House early next year, will be a "permanent and

constantly changing exhibition " of the best designed goods of current British manufacture—at the start mainly durable consumer goods. My Council feel that such an exhibition in the heart of London, which can be visited not only by the public and by manufacturers but also by wholesalers and retailers and by buyers from overseas markets, will do much to persuade manufacturers that " Good Design is Good Business." The goods exhibited will be chosen from Design Review. The selection of goods for inclusion in Design Review is a matter to which my council have given much thought and today selection is made by a panel which includes, in addition to some of the council's permanent staff, council members, outside experts and industrial assessors drawn from the industries in question, and these assessors are much concerned with the factors which I think you had in mind when you used the term "quality testing."

There must always be an element of taste, of personal feeling, in the approach to design. "Good design"—" well designed" are terms which will continue to defy precise definition for a long time if not for all time. But we have only to look around us at home and abroad to see that people's appreciation of good and good-looking things is growing apace, and this will increasingly determine their buying habits.

About one-third of the members of the Council of Industrial Design are manufacturers, and the rest are men and women prominent in their respective fields of activity. They are trying to do a job of some national importance, and to describe them as "... a group of aesthetic snobs such as no democratic nation should be called upon to support," especially as this assertion is tied to a outoation which the Council has never made, is not justified and certainly not consistent with the dignity which I have always associated with your JOURNAL.

London.

WALTER WORBOYS.

[In raising the question whether the COID should not interest itself in market research, the JOURNAL had no intention of disparaging the work the Council is already doing in encouraging good design among manufacturers and consumers, work which has alwavs had the JOURNAL'S wholehearted support. The Design Centre for British Industries, to which the chairman of the COID refers, will be a most useful addition to the Council's armoury and it is good news that "quality testing" is one of the things with which the Design Review assessors are concerned.

The JOURNAL did not describe the Council as aesthetic snobs, but expressed the view that if they gave the impression of despising the consumer's interest in quality they would deserve such a label. The chairman now makes it clear that they are well aware of the importance of quality testing. The words quoted were simply an opinion expressed verbally by a member of the COID staff to the JOURNAL's leader-writer, and it is regretted that they were quoted in the article in a way that suggested that they represented the published opinion of the Council itself.—EDITOR.]

### St. Paul's Churchyard

SIR,—I congratulate you, and Gordon Cullen, on your useful and stimulating article on St. Paul's Churchyard in the issue of August 17. If I say that the proposals are not working

If I say that the proposals are not working drawings, *i.e.*, drawings on which action can be taken directly, I hope you will regard this as the compliment it is intended to be. Before the end of the year such a working drawing will have to be prepared; but at this stage the discussion of principles and the many imaginative suggestions produced by Go constru heen n Some think. the sit empha diversi from 1 to the in the (This I onl no do reveal posses

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Sn righ thei omi reso Reso Inst nica por W gato ma reso of ject by Gordon Cullen are certainly the most constructive form of criticism that has yet been made.

Some of the dimensions shown must, I think, be in the mind's eye rather than on the site (e.g., Fig. 33); but they do help to emphasize the extraordinary character and diversity of the spaces around the Cathedral. from the formal western forecourt (Fig. 26) to the very English treatment of the garden in the north-east corner of the Churchyard. (This is superbly illustrated in Fig. 31.)

I only hope that the photographs you will no doubt be taking in ten years' time will reveal some of the character and liveliness possessed by these drawings. WILLIAM HOLFORD.

London.

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### Poaching

SIR,—I refer to the letter (August 11) from A. E. Souter, who is obviously a Salaried Architect.

He criticizes "Poacher" for daring to accuse salaried architects of poaching. In spite of what he says and believes he, too, has grasped the wrong end of the stick, very firmly indeed.

would estimate that 95 per cent, of architects all have the wrong end of the stick. It is not a question of whether a salaried architect is able to carry out a commission (I would say they were very able) or whether (as Mr. Souter stresses) he should be allowed to do what he likes with his own time.

The point at issue is: should the state be allowed to usurp work which was previously in the sphere of the private architect (thereby reducing his pool of commis-sions by something like 66 per cent.). And having done this and having employed staff to carry out this nefarious work, then, is it ethical for members of that staff (whose salaries are paid in part by private archi-tects) to use their own spare time to whittle away what remains of the 33 per cent? (I say what remains because it is well known that of this 33 per cent., approximately 66 per cent. is carried out by a small percentage of private practitioners.)

So the issue is-should architects paid by salary be permitted to use their spare time to earn pin money when, by so doing, they are stealing the verv bread of the rank and file private practitioner, much of whose remuneration goes in taxes and overheads. anyway

The issue has nothing whatsoever to do with architecture. It is one of economics and socialization of the profession, Granted, that if all architectural work were

carried out by architects, the need would not arise to the same extent but the fact remains that at the present time it is not so.

It is poor consolation to a man dving of thirst to say: "If only they had listened to me years ago, there would have been wells just here."

Private practitioners are not interested in nirages. They are concerned with and mirages. about the facts as they see them.

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### Privately-Sponsored Research

-G. E. Bessey in his letter (June 23) rightly praised the research associations for their valuable services to industry. He omitted, however, to describe the sponsored research establishments (such as Fulmer **Research Institute and Sondes Place Research** Institute) which provide scientific and tech-nical services to the individual or the corporate members of particular industries.

While research associations must investigate problems common to all or a large majority of their members, the sponsored research institute considers the direct interests of the sponsor of each of its individual projects. Each investigation is planned in con-

iunction with the sponsor; the results obtained belong exclusively to him, as do any patents arising from them; furthermore, the

patents arising from them; furthermore, the sponsor pays only for the cost of work carried out directly on his behalf. Investigations of a fundamental or an *ad hoc* nature, development work and a certain amount of routine testing and analysis are undertaken by the Fulmer Research Institute whose staff is comprised of Metallurgists, Physicists, Physical Chemists and Engineers. The sponsored research labora-tory acts, during the period of sponsorship, as the private laboratory of the sponsor. The direct services it provides complete the pattern of industrial research organization in Great Britain.

MORGAN H. DAVIES.

Bucks.

### The Worthing School

SIR,---I, have read your article on the Worthing Technical Secondary School in the August 4 edition of the JOURNAL and I think there are one or two points of interest and amplification that I can make.

First, it may not be completely clear how much work the contractors, Gilbert-Ash Ltd., put into this development. "Inter-grid," for thus is the structure named, was developed not only by the Ministry of Education, the county architect, the borough engineer, and my company as consulting en-gineers, but also by Gilbert-Ash Ltd., who acted in a very different fashion from competing general contractors.

There are also a number of points which There are also a number of points which have arisen since Worthing was built. Since that time we have had the opportunity of working with a score of architects, both private and public. It has been a revelation and a joy to find that a precast system can assume so many different shapes and pro-nections. portions.

This experience has given us further insight into the cost analysis and it may be useful to you if I cast about a few thoughts on the economics of Intergrid design.

You will understand that I cannot quote actual figures as many of the buildings are yet incomplete. I hope that others will write to you when the structures are complete and pass on their experiences, not only of cost, but of application of Intergrid. Your series of analyses of costs of secondary schools is most valuable.

Much of costing is tied up with circulation space and administrative rooms. It is also true of Intergrid that the old days of 20-ft. limits of floor spans and 30-ft. limits on roof spans are gone. It is now quite clear that if the architect can use square buildings as opposed to the long linear buildings, and if he will use the maximum spans for these square buildings then he can have a cheaper building

Obviously a building 100 ft. long, 25 ft. wide and 10 ft. high has an area of 2,500 sq. ft., a circulation space of about 500 sq. ft., a wall area of 2,500 sq. ft., and a useful area of about 2,000 sq. ft. A building 50 ft. by 50 ft. and 10 ft. high has the same total area and probably a useful area of 2,125 sq. ft., and its wall area is 2,000 sq. ft. There is an obvious conclusion to be drawn from these points when an architect is planning his school.

Further, particularly as the contractors are so well used to this system, it is advisable to discuss the best shapes and storey heights with them before embarking upon a final layout. At Worthing there is a large proa large number of elevational increments in the layout. The architects here have displayed the flexibility of Intergrid most suc-cessfully, both from the structural point of view and from the architectural point of view.

Other architects have shied completely away from this organic growth and have

selected very simple blocks of buildings. When the final costs of these buildings are complete I look forward to there being more information published on the costs of the various shapes and the varying storey heights.

You emphasize very rightly that a struc-ture affects the cost of the internal work and you mention particularly electrical in-There are many other savings stallation. which can be called into play—and particu-larly now that we have designed a Mark II Intergrid from our experience on Worthing and these include fixings of windows, fixing of internal partitions and fixing of suspended ceilings. Columns are holed ready for the window fixings. Columns are holed to receive internal cladding and partitions. It is also worth noting that in suitable places in a building the false ceiling can be omitted. The structure is in no way ugly and, as everywhere, at Worthing the successful use of colour can both enhance appearance of the structure and save the cost of false ceilings.

The improvements that have been effected by the design of Mark II Intergrid since Worthing include increasing the spans, giving a wider range of gutter and eaves units, housing larger services, constructing stair-wells with the standard components and a wide range of stairways.

I hope that these thoughts will be of use to you. When more of these structures are complete and the pattern of cost and appli-cation becomes clearer. I hope to be able to give you more detailed information. J. N. LOWE.

London.

### Architectural Elite

SIR.-If architecture is to command the respect and admiration of the layman, the profession must not lose sight of the basic design principles, and these principles must not be confused by architectural journalists who toss bouquets in the wrong direction. I refer to the comments in the JOURNAL of August 4 on the result of the Ascot stand competition. The winning design was ex-cellent; anyone who has seen the drawings and model would agree, but your comments continue, I quote, "..., these included a refreshingly stark stand by Alison and Peter Smithson ..."; the profession badly needs progressives like the Smithsons, but their design in Ascot's competition was not worthy of a plaudit from an architectural critic and, in fact, I have never seen a design which so completely ignored the requirements.

was sorry to see the sharp end of the profession blunted by such a small problem and amazed to see such an anaemic illogical

solution given a mention in the JOURNAL. Could it be that through the eyes of the journalist the architectural élite can do no wrong? W. M. LADBROOKE.

Plymouth.

DIARY

Piet Mondriaan. Talk by Dr. J. L. Martin on the current exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery. On the BBC Third Programme. 7.35 p.m. SEPTEMBER 1

Between Two Decades: Post-War Planning and Architecture. Series of seven talks. First talk by H. Myles Wright. On the BBC Third Programme. 10 p.m. SEPTEMBER 1

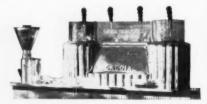
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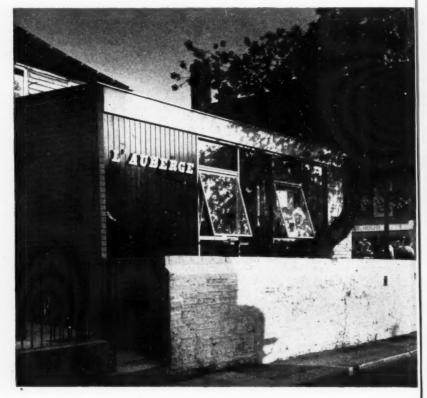
### BUILDINGS (FOR DRINKING-IN) IN THE NEWS



Coffee-Bar at Richmond

For some time now coffee-bars have been making news, because of their interior decor. This one, l'Auberge, at Richmond, is the first to make architectural news. The photographs on the opposite page—







### Pub in Chelsea

This public house in the King's Road, Chelsea, was designed for the borough of Chelsea (architects, Edward Armstrong and Frederick Macmanus; assistants, John B. Diamond, interior and frontage; D. J. Tricker, structures). The building, which is at the end of a row of shops and maisonettes on the King's Road frontage







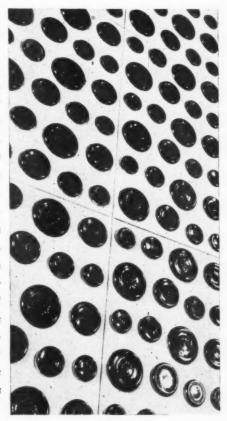
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and the one used as a frontispiece-show how the architects, Gooday and Noble, have made use of some of the best features of the site: a low brick wall, a courtyard and a handsome tree-The photographs top left and below left show how the architects have brought the outside of the adjoining building (note the bay window) into the new extension. All fittings (not the furniture), as well as the bar itself (top right) were designed by the architects, who say they had no trouble at all in getting their scheme passed by the local authority. A pleasant feature of the structure is the contrast between the black-and-white exterior and the bright colours (sparingly used) inside. In the photograph on the left the ceiling is white, the dropped ceiling on the left is blue and the floor is grey terrazzo tiles. Exposed brickwork is buff Uxbridge flint. The wall on the left of the bar, top right, is bright red.





of the Cremorne Estate, has a composite loadbearing brick and reinforced-concrete frame, with in-situ concrete floors and staircases. Nonload-bearing walls are of cavity construction. The tiles on the exterior (see larger picture, opposite page) are dark blue. The panel below the saloon bar window (see smaller picture, opposite page) is faced with knapped flints. The fireplace surround (top left and right) in the public bar consists of bottle ends set in concrete, and was designed by the architect. The wall is partly panelled in 3-in. t. and g. Douglas Fir boarding and partly covered with black and white patterned "strata" wallpaper, the ceiling is painted in mid-brown (archrome 12) emulsion paint and the floor has 6 shades of brown plastic tiles. The tiled mural in the saloon bar (bottom left), was designed by Gordon Cullen. Ronald Sandiford designed all decorated glass. Cost: preliminaries and sundries £1,226; public house £,17,712; roads and external works £2,605-total £21,543.





### COMPETITIONS

### Astragal Persuades Sponsors to Revise Conditions

In last week's JOURNAL ASTRAGAL congratu-lated Tretol Ltd. on their competition for a "House for a Professional Man," but criticized the conditions. He asked: "How chicked the conditions. He asked: "How on earth can the assessor be fair when he is choosing between a house on a hill-top, a house on a cliff, a house squeezed into a suburb... and so on?" He went on to say that the size and nature of the site should be stated, "together with the client's require-ments (size of family, etc.)."

The Editors have since received the follow-ing letter from Tretol Ltd., which will be of interest to anyone who has been deterred, by the inadequate conditions, from entering the competition.

"Following ASTRAGAL'S comments on our competition "The House for the Profes-sional Man," we have, in conjunction with the assessor, Clifford Culpin, clarified the following points:

"1. The size of the house is not stated in the conditions, though the maximum size will obviously be controlled by the stated cost and the minimum size by the likely requirements of a professional man. Although the conditions may not be clear on the point, the promoters had in mind a family residence and three or four bedrooms would therefore be required.

"2. The site should be taken as an open one, whether in town or country and in view of the comments in the technical Press it has been decided to limit the designs to those suitable for a flat site.

" 3. In planning this competition it is the desire of the promoters and the assessor to allow competitors as much freedom as pos-sible, which would enable them to prepare imaginative designs unhampered by too many rules and restrictions. The reference in the conditions to planning approval is not in-tended as an indication that a safe conventional type of design is favoured, but was merely inserted in order to exclude fantastic and impracticable designs which could never secure approval, even on appeal.

"You will be glad to know that the announcement of the competition in the AJ has already produced a very gratifying response from interested architects."

### Improvements in Next Year's Eisteddfod

When we announced the results of this year's competitions organized in conjunction with the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, we commented both on the small number of entries submitted and on the smallness of prizes offered.

Next year, we are told, the prizes will be bigger. A prize of £100 will be offered for the design of headquarters for the Welsh Tourist Board (assessors: T. Alwyn Lloyd and Lewis John).

A prize of £50 will be given for the replan-ning of the centre of Aberdare. And a similar prize will be given in a competition—for students only—for the design of a library and an exhibition hall. The assessors for the first of these competitions will be W. Marsden and Alex Gordon: the second will be judged by Dr. H. W. Crowther Green and T. Alwyn Lloyd. Full details can be obtained from the General Secretary, National Eisteddfod of Wales Aberdare

Wales, Aberdare.

### BBC

### Coming Talks on Architectural Subjects

On September 1, H. Myles Wright, Professor of Civic Design in Liverpool University, will speak on the Third Programme about the failure to prevent urban sprawl, and "the revived interest in so-called Green Belts as a means of halting it." Also on September 1, Dr. J. L. Martin, architect to the LCC, will speak about the Whitechapel Gallery's exhibition of paint-ings by Mondriaan—an exhibition which ASTRAGAL writes about on page 243. On September 10, Robert Gardner-Medwin, Professor of Architecture at Liverpool

Professor of Architecture at Liverpool University, will speak on the Third about the great opportunity afforded by bombing

The New Towns will be the subject of a Third Programme talk by Colin Boyne, executive editor of the JOURNAL, on September 17.

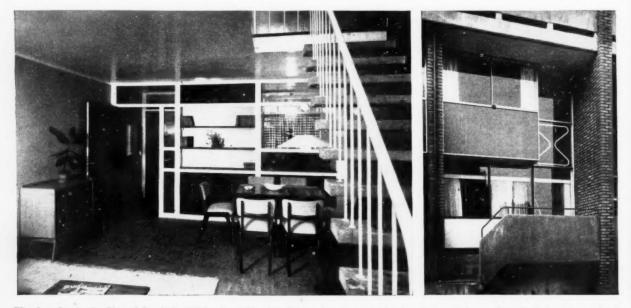
Other architectural talks to come will be Siven by Lionel Brett (on housing), Michael Smith, of the Nuffield Architectural Re-search Unit (on schools), and Edward D. Mills (on factories and power stations.)

### CORRECTION

### Course on Management and Productivity

In our issue for July 21 (page 76) notice was given of a residential course to be held by Urwick, Orr & Partners. This implied that the course would be concerned primarily with Work Study, but in fact it will cover the whole field of management, of which work study is but one aspect. Can

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The first flat in the City of London's Golden Lane Housing Scheme has been completed and above left we show the living-room, with its cantilevered pre-cast concrete staircase on the right, and the kitchen hatch beyond. Above right is part of the facade ; the panels below the aluminium sliding windows are painted blue. The architects were Chamberlin, Powell and Bonn.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL

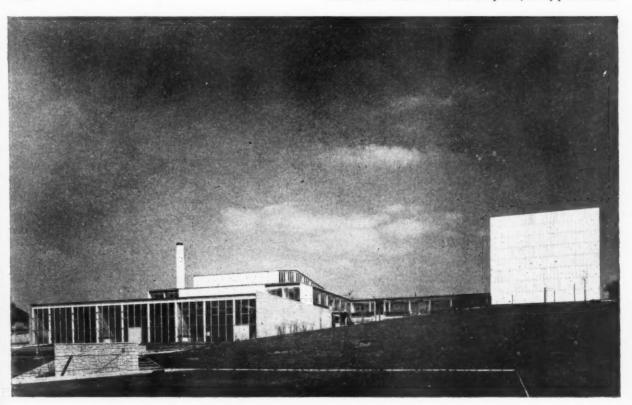
off BELLINGHAM ROAD, CATFORD, LONDON, S.E.6 for the LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL designed by J. L. MARTIN, architect to the LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL S. HOWARD, schools architect; G. F. HORSFALL, assistant schools architect W. J. SMITH, architect-in-charge; T. LLOYD, T. BLISS and M. LE PELLY, assistant architects R. A. HARWARD and PARTNERS, quantity surveyors ROGER PRESTON and PARTNERS, heating consultants

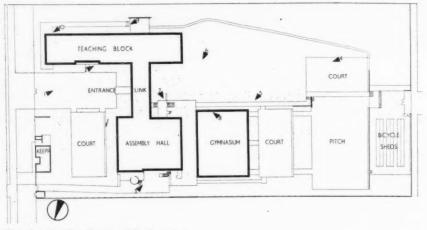


Canopy over main entrance doors.

Catford School is a county secondary school, designed, under the London Schools Plan, for 1,190 girls. The school is mostly constructed in dry prefabricated materials. Acceptance of the light steel frame as the load bearing component implied a light efficient cladding. Curtain wall glazing, which would remain clean in the London atmosphere, and have low maintenance costs, satisfied all requirements; the architects, however, were allowed to use this cladding only if its costs were comparable to a more traditional system. The general contractors were Thomas & Edge Ltd. For sub-contractors see page 272.

The school from the south-west. Viewpoint 4 on key plan overleaf.





Key plan showing photographic viewpoints

### SECONDARY SCHOOL AT CATFORD



Viewpoint 1: from the north-east. The link and classroom blocks seen across the entrance courtyard from the access way off Bellingham Road. In the centre of the single-storey link is the main entrance with canopy. Vertical cladding bars are at 3 ft. 4 in. centres and opening lights can be placed where required. Rows of panels between windows are glass-faced. Behind the glass the darker bands indicate the perimeter beams, which have a sprayed vermiculite casing on expanded metal. Above these beams are 3-in. woodwool upstands rendered and painted light blue. The panels to the left of the staircases are also of glass with colour applied on the rear face (dark blue), masking 3-in. brick on edge upstand walls to horizontal ducts carrying drainage and services to the handbasins in the lavatories. A staircase and the wall cladding of the four-storey block and the entrance canopy will be illustrated as a Working Detail in a later issue of the JOURNAL.





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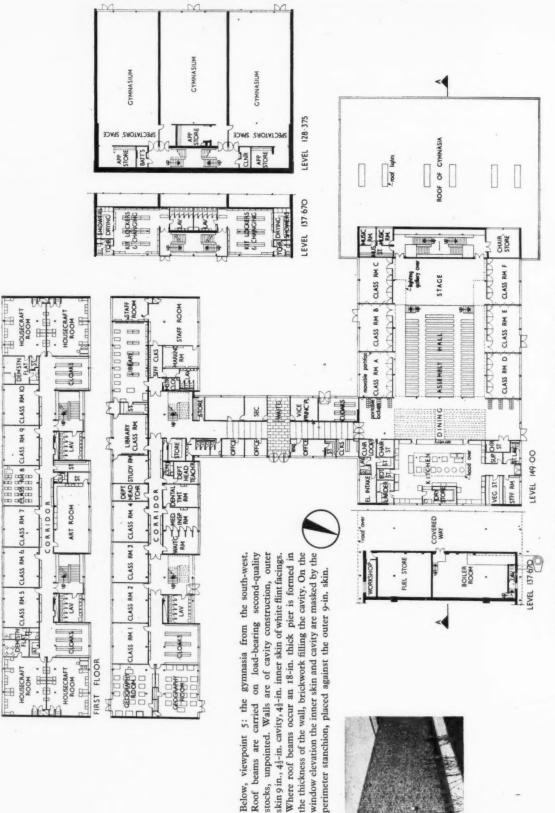
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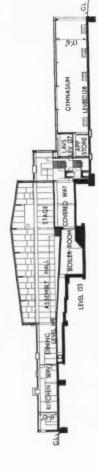
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Above, viewpoint 2: detail of the staircase recess. Spread of fire to staircases from adjoining accommodation was guarded against by recessing the curtain wall glazing to the stairs to a depth of 3 ft. 4 in. from the general face of the glazing. The reveals thus formed are constructed of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ -in. brickwork which is rendered and painted black. Left, viewpoint 3: assembly hall from the north-west. The staircase on the left leads to the kitchen. The cylindrical, hollow, brick drum contains the dustbins. The other staircase is from an emergency exit to the assembly hall. Behind the r.c. stack is the covered way, which passes under the assembly hall, from which there is access to the changing rooms at gymnasia mezzanine level. The boiler room and fuel store are accessible from this covered way, which is also used as covered play space.



Ground and upper floor plans, mezzanines and lower floor plan (scale :  $\frac{1}{4h}$ " = 1' 0']

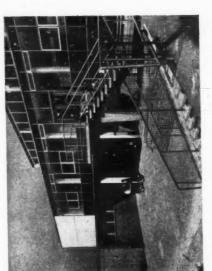




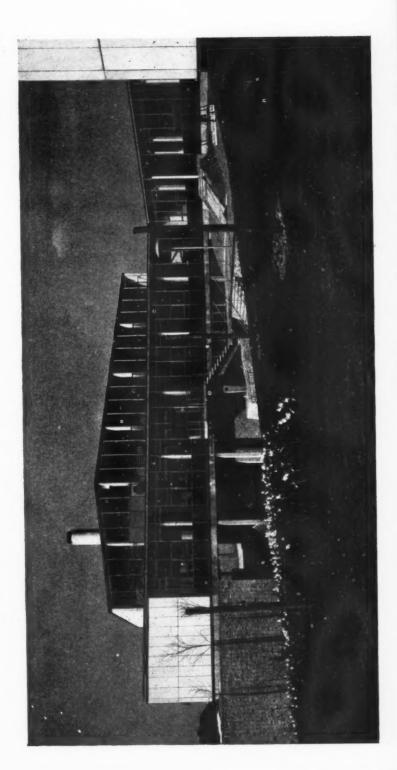
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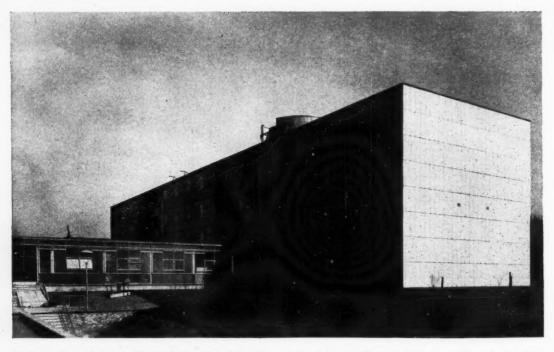
rooms and staircase down to the gymnasia and changing is placed on the in-situ carriage beams, leaving the cantilevered roof covers the assembly hall proper. The flat, low-level detailed and strong, are standardised, internally and externroofs surrounding it cover, at the sides, three teaching ally, throughout the whole school. The pre-cast, groundrooms. Right, viewpoint 7: emergency exit from the assembly portion of the tread to the balusters which are welded m.s. hall through one of the three teaching spaces. The high level tube. teaching block. The raised, central, pitched portion of the spaces, and at the end with solid cladding, the music practice extreme right is the solid cladding to the end wall of the

grano tread and riser unit, which has a green granite aggregate The brick panel below it is non-load bearing. Staircases, well Below, viewpoint 6: assembly block from the south. On the lighting seen in the covered way lights changing rooms and showers, which are, however, mainly lit from rooflights.



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Above, viewpoint 8: the teaching block from the north-west. Windows are cleaned and replaced from travelling cradles. The cradles are suspended from rails 15 ft. long carried on two cantilevers which rest on splayed legs on the eaves. These cantilevers are bolted down to the roof behind by phosphor-bronze nuts fixed at 13-ft. 4-in. centres around the roof perimeter. The windows can then be cleaned in sections vertically and where recessed staircase windows occur the cradle can be pulled in to the window face when hanging 10 ft. below eaves. The tank room, containing two sectional

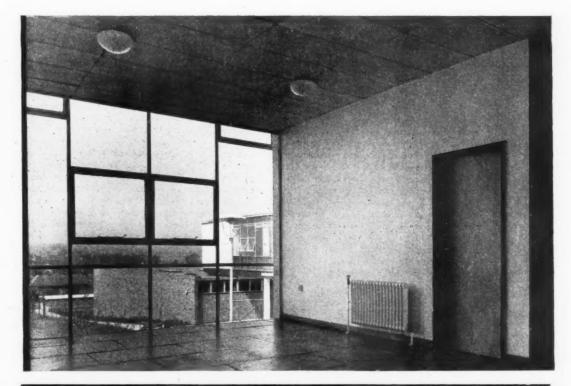


tanks of 6,545 gallons capacity, is constructed of a light angle and tee frame lined with 3-in. ordinary quality woodwool and vertical Canadian cedar weatherboarding externally. Below left, viewpoint 9: south elevation to class block. Above the curtain wall glazing is the fair-faced concrete fascia to the 6-ft. 8-in. long pre-cast concrete eaves piece, against which the screed is finished with a 45-deg. fillet roofing felt carrying over this and being tucked into a pre-cast groove, which is then filled with mastic. The eaves to the assembly hall (see viewpoint 7) employ the same eaves piece but covered with a pressed metal fascia. Below, viewpoint 10: detail of the r.w. channel at the base of the curtain wall glazing. The glazing is carried on a 21-in. by 2-in. by 1-in. angle, which is behind the horizontal aluminium cover strip, and is itself supported by an angle cleat secured to the plinth, which is the edge of the ground floor slab. Bituminous d.p.c. is laid under the screed and passes vertically down the face of the plinth. The floor to the r.w. channel is the top of the ground beam which rests upon the structural stanchion plinth above the concrete bases. The side of the channel is finished with a pre-cast concrete curb, the top of which is at ground floor level. At door openings the channel is bridged by a precast concrete step.



Top photograph: inside the main entrance in the link block. The flooring material is black concrete slab, polished after laying. The pre-cast vermiculite ceiling panels stop clear of the glazing, the gap being closed with a pressed metal blind box which is secured to the lower boom of the perimeter beam and returned to the horizontal glazing bar. The Architects' Journal for August 25, 1955 [255

Bottom: the staircase leading off the link block corridor in the teaching wing. Wallpaper, at 15s. a piece, was selected by the architects. The small box on this wall houses the speakers for combined schools broadcasts, class change and public address. It can be used to transmit to the headmistress's room only when converted by use of a special key. Below the speaker is the fire alarm push bell. There are hose-reels in all corridors in this block, served from wet mains; pressure of 50 lb. per sq. in. is maintained at each hose-reel point.





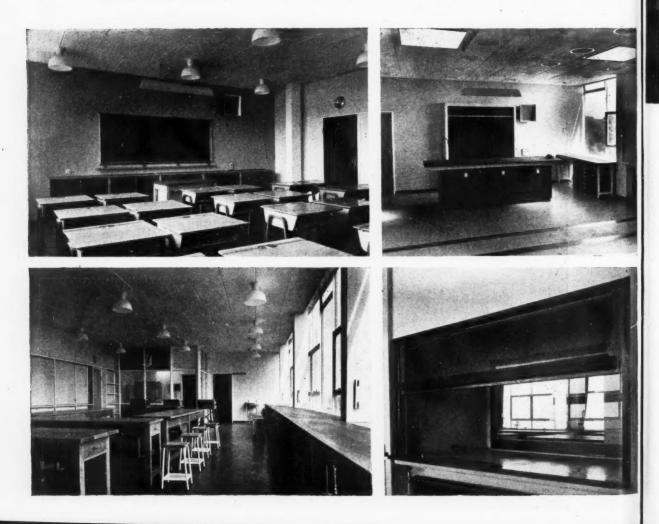
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Above: cloaks area in the teaching block. 6-in. by 6-in. heather-brown quarry tiles are used here, rather than the resilient cork floor to the corridors. The end wall is a focal point for the whole of the corridor and is painted olive green (10.0GY 3/2) with white door frames and doors in primrose (2.5GY 8/6) (Archrome range). The architect states that quarry tiles were chosen for cloakrooms because of the likelihood of wet clothes and shoes being left to dry there, as the site is very exposed. These tiles are more impervious than the cork finish used elsewhere. The change in floor finish also denotes the change of use. Below, left: standard classroom in the teaching block. Light fittings, pupils' desks, storage cupboards and chalkboards are all standard LCC schools equipment. The chalkboard wall is light blue (7.5BG 6/2),

pin-up and inner wall (N.9) and the door light red (7.5R 4/16), Trouble has been encountered with the pre-cast vermiculite ceiling panels; these are 3 ft. 4 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. by 11 in. thick and are hung on the bottom boom of the floor and roof beams by means of two clips, leaving a space of 3 in. between the top of the ceiling slab and the underside of the steelwork. When first placed in position they gave a perfectly uniform ceiling but warping took place after several months. Some of these panels will have to be replaced. The makers of these panels point out that costly research has been carried out to find the cause of the trouble encountered, which was due to moisture movement of the vermiculite. This trouble has now been overcome by subjecting the vermiculite to a waterproofing process. Where panels had buckled they have been replaced free of charge. Below right: third floor lecture room in the teaching block. There are two of these rooms, back to back, each connected to a preparation room which also serves a laboratory. Natural lighting is by rooflight units with eggcrate louvres. Sparkle is added to the rooms by the use of a small area of wall glazing. Standard tiered seating (not shown in this photograph) is in laminated plywood. Flooring is light grey linoleum, walls are white, chalkboard wall offwhite (N.8) and the door to the preparation room grey-green (2.5GY 6/2). Bottom left: work in county complementary schools is of a more practical character than usual work in a grammar school. The pottery and kiln room shown here are among a group of practical rooms in the block, including a weaving room, 4 housecraft rooms, 2 needlework, 1 office arts (commercial training). Bottom right: detail of double fume cupboard between chemistry and general science laboratories. Windows are sliding sash. There is a dished terrazzo floor. Ventilation is by electric extract fan through the roof.



Right: where cross partitions stop against a perimeter stanchion or run into the curtain wall glazing between stanchions, the gap between the outside face of the stanchion and the curtain walling is closed by means of a pressed metal closure piece. Similarly the sill is composed of a pressed steel piece covering the rendered woodwool upstand and secured to the horizontal glazing bar. Internal partitions of pre-cast hollow gypsum plaster with a honeycomb core are set into pressed steel channels which are tap-screwed to the stanchion. The stanchions are rendered fireproof with t-in. thick precast vermicul te concrete casings. These casings are delivered flat in 3-ft. lengths, and V-jointed to enable bending round the stanchion; joints are then grouted, and the casing fixed by means of binding wires cast in at 6-in. centres.

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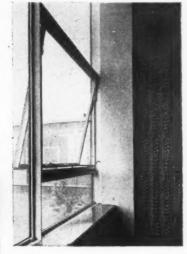
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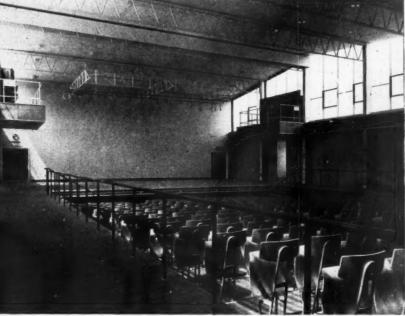
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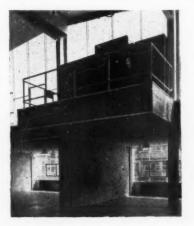
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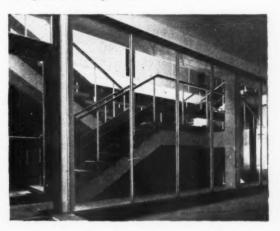


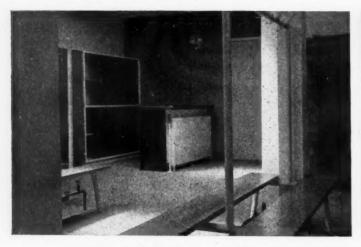


Above: the assembly hall from the dining area. The assembly hall complex was required to serve four functions: drama, assembly, some teaching space, dining space. Sliding folding partitions between the three classrooms on either side of the hall can be folded back to form two rooms or one large room, and the pivoted units forming the demountable screen separating these classrooms from the hall can either be opened up for the whole length to allow for free passage when required for dining purposes or they can be removed completely. Stage lighting is all carried by the tubular steel welded frame hung from the roof structure. Below left: detail of one of the flyboxes from which stage and hall lighting and curtains can be controlled, and from which the frame carrying

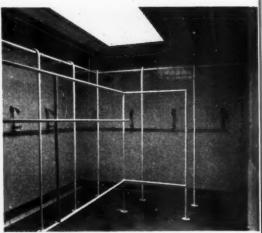


the stage lighting can be lowered. Access to these flyboxes is by retractable loft-ladders. The beam above the flybox is fitted with a pelmet on either side to conceal the curtain-closing mechanism. In this photograph the demountable partitions between teaching spaces and assembly hall have been removed. The sliding-folding partitions were not decorated at the time the photograph was taken. Below right: double staircase from the assembly hall down to the gymnasium, photographed from the covered way. Changing rooms are at this level. The same ground-granolithic tread-and-riser unit is used for all staircases; the carriage beams, internally, are formed by r.s. channels with vermiculite concrete casing. The spandrel soffit is plastered.

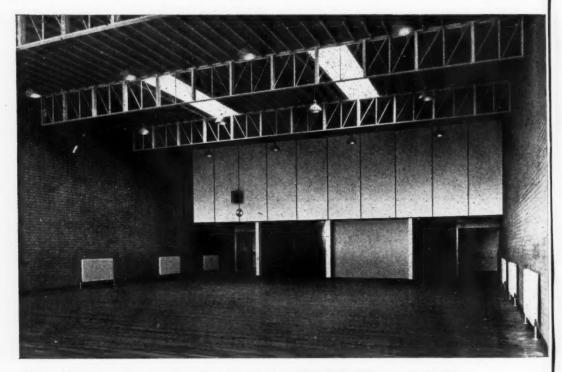




Above : changing rooms are equipped with a locker for each child and with cupboards and counter for towel storage and issue. Above right: floor to the shower rooms is in 6-in. by 6-in. heather-brown quarries, walls 4-in. by 4-in. white



glazed tiles. In this part of the structure pre-cast concrete tee beams are used as secondary beams. The ceiling between the white-painted ribs is fibreboard, distempered yellow-green (2.5 GY 8/10).



Above : Above the centre gymnasium (there are three in all) is used for dancing and free activities, and therefore has no fixed equipment. The west wall to the gymnasia is completely glazed and this cannot be considered as an ideal solution for natural lighting for the function of the room. Even with the use of light materials and some roof lighting, bad contrast and sky glare conditions exist in a room where even light distribution without glare is essential. The architect points out that a very fine view is obtained from the west windows of the gymnasia and it would be a great loss if they were provided only with high level glazing. A thick line of catalpas has been planted, which will eventually cut off direct sunshine from these windows. Main steel roof beams in the gymnasia are strengthened to take hanging equipment. The apparatus store is located between the two entrance doors. Right: as a protective measure a crash-bar is placed in front of the Georgian-wired glazing in the gymnasia. Large sponge-rubber washers are used between fixings to give a cushion effect. Exit doors are solid.



#### **CLIENT'S BRIEF:** his stated requirements

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A secondary school for 1,190 girls, to conform to the requirements of the Education Act, 1944, and in accordance with the schedule of accommodation provided by the Education Officer.

It was required that (a) the assembly hall should be multi-purpose, to provide for [drama, assembly, dining and teaching space, and (b) high blocks should not exceed four storeys, to

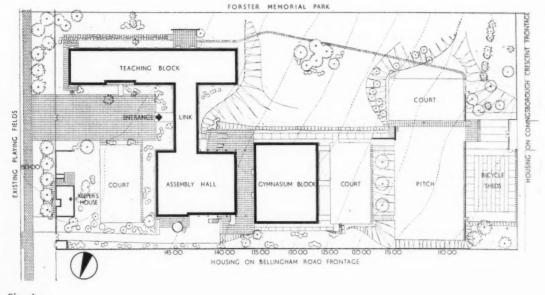
avoid the use of lifts. Close liaison was maintained right through design stage with the LCC specialist school inspectors regarding the layouts and relationships of rooms.

#### SITE: topography, surroundings, access, planting

The site is on fairly high ground, the southeastern corner being level and falling away sharply to the west. The ground, which was formerly open land used for allotments, lies at the rear of typical inter-war suburban housing in the Bellingham Road on the north side and Conisborough Crescent on the west side. The southern edge is bounded by the wellwooded Forster Memorial Park, and on the east side are the playing fields of an existing

school on higher ground. The main access to the site is in the north-east corner by means of a 50 ft. o in. entry from Bellingham Road, which also serves the playing fields and the park; there is secondary access from Conisborough Crescent on the west side. Tarred playing areas are provided in accordance with the Education Officer's requirements, with the addition of a large paved entrance courtyard at the east end. There were few existing trees before

development, and extensive planting has been carried out over the remainder of the site in an attempt to integrate the wooded parklands on the south side with the school site. There are extensive views from the school; to the north and west across suburban Catford towards London; to the south and east, woods and fields in the foreground, with further suburban development beyond.



Site plan

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#### PLAN: general appreciation

The school consists of two linked blocks: (a) Repetitive classroom units placed in a fourstorey teaching block, sited on the south-east level corner of the site. (b) Large span, singlestorey assembly hall and gymnasia using the sloping site, crossing the contours with a minimum of cut and fill.

The classroom block is double-banked, natural lighting for the central corridor being provided by the glazed staircase wells and the open cloaks areas which occur on every floor. On the ground floor of this block are the communal staff rooms and medical inspection suite. The link block, connecting the two main plan units, contains the main entrance and further staff rooms. The general ground floor level of the multi-storey and link blocks is maintained in the kitchen and dining areas of the assembly hall, and carries round the ramped centre well to the stage. On each side of the centre well,

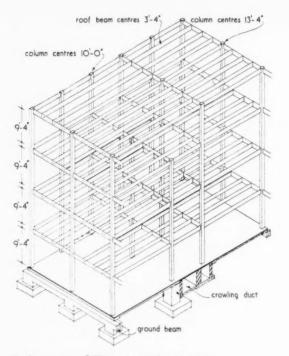
which has fixed seating, are placed three classrooms which can be used as part of the assembly hall when their demountable partitions are removed. Behind the assembly hall stage is a double staircase leading down to the gymnasia. Changing rooms are at mezzanine level, where there is also external access from a covered way passing underneath the assembly hall.

#### MAIN CONSTRUCTION: general appreciation

A light pre-fabricated, modular, steel frame is used throughout the school and is based on that used by the MOE Development Group for

their experimental school at Wokingham. It was developed by Messrs. Hills (West Bromwich) unit planned on a 40-in. module and finished Ltd., in consultation with the LCC to externally with glass curtain walling.

meet the requirements of a large four storey



Basic structure of Hills system [Scale : 21 " = 1' 0']

#### MAIN CONSTRUCTION

#### Load bearing element Location Beam spans Column grid Reasons and comments (a) Box stanchions of 2 r.s. angles Teaching block Main perimeter beams Multiple of the 40 in. Standardisation of structure leads welded together to give 81-in. by 13 ft. 4 in. Floor beams module. Perimeter logically to the standardisation of 41-in. or 41-in. by 41-in. sections. 10 ft. o in. and 13 ft. 4 in. by cladding. Both are light, pre-fabricated Main beams and secondary beams of 16-in. welded steel lattice 20 ft. 0 in. at 3 ft. 4 in. 10 ft. 0 in., components, requiring the minimum of centres. Roof beams 20 ft. 0 in., or site work and giving a minimum erection construction 20 ft. 0 in. and 30 ft. o in. time. Structural beams are of lattice 30 ft. 0 in. at 3 ft. 4 in. construction, services above the suscentres pended ceiling can run in either direction quite freely. In the link block and gymnasia, secondary roof Assembly hall Perimeter beams 13 ft. 4 in. by (Centre pitched 13 ft. 4 in. Roof beams 50 ft. 0 in. beams were omitted due to a national portion) 50 ft. o in. Steel pursteel shortage at the time of fabrication lins 13 ft. 4 in. and pre-cast, reinforced concrete roof beams of a tee section were used (b) As for (a) but using pre-cast Link block Perimeter beams 13 ft. 4 in. by spanning 13 ft. 4 in. between the main 13 ft. 4 in., roof beams 33 ft. 4 in., secondary reinforced concrete tee section roof beams. 33 ft. 4 in. secondary beams beams 13 ft. 4 in. Kitchen Perimeter beams 10 ft. o in. by The high level portion of the assembly 13 ft. 4 in. and 26 ft. 8 in., hall has a pitched roof constructed on 10 ft. 0 in. Roof beams 13 ft. 4 in. by the same principle as the teaching block, 36 ft. 8 in. and 26 ft. 8 in. but the main steel roof beams and 33 ft. 4 in. Secondary connections and also the steel purlins beams 13 ft. 4 in. and spanning between roof beams were 10 ft. 0 in. specially designed for the larger spans and the thin roof construction Assembly hall (low Perimeter beams 13 ft. 4 in. by portion) 13 ft. 4 in. and 20 ft. 0 in. 10 ft. o in. Roof beams 20 ft. 0 in. Secondary beams 13 ft. 4 in. (c) Load bearing brickwork. Gymnasia 36 ft. 8 in. and Other construction as for (b) 40 ft. 0 in. at 13 ft. 4 in. centres. Secondary beams 13 ft. 4 in.

Foundation type	Location	340-5011	Deptn
Mass concrete pads with plinths to stanchion base. r.c. ground beams	Generally except gymnasia	Yellow clay. Bearing capacity 2 tons sq. ft.	5 ft. 0 in. minimum to the bottom of the foundation
Concrete strip	Under load-bearing brick- work to gymnasia		

Outer wall type	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
Curtain wall glazing	Generally through- out the school	Vertical galvanised steel bars at 3 ft. 4 in. centres, fixed at plinth, caves and perimeter beam levels. Horizontal astragals fixed where required. Glass secured by aluminium capping piece	Rough cast Georgian wired, clear Geor- gian wired, obscured and clear glass ply	This school is one of a line of buildings where glass is exploited as an overall external cladding material. The slender- ness of the structure called for a material light in weight, having maximum efficiency, to be economical and easily obtainable, and to conform to the main principle of dry pre-fabricated construc- tion. Heat losses are no greater than in a normally clad building, insulation being
Pre-cast concrete cladding	Flank walls to teach- ing block	Concrete slabs I ft. 8 in. by 5 ft. 8 in. with Hopton wood stone aggregate	Ground to a smooth true face	provided below sill height in all rooms except gymnasia. Solar gain and sun glare are controlled on the south eleva- tions by the use of Venetian blinds. Curtain wall glazing and concrete
Brickwork	Load bearing walls to gymnasia	Second quality London stocks	Unpointed	Curtain wan giazing and concrete cladding are 8 in. in advance of the steel grid and this necessitates the use of pressed steelwork at the junction of the ceiling and curtain wall glazing in the form of a blindbox; a pressed steel sill to close the gap between the internal insulation wall and the wall glazing; and a closure piece between the cross partitions and the perimeter beams or vertical glazing bars. Glass walls are cleaned and panels replaced from cradles slung from booms secured at roof level
Roof type	Location	Material	Finish	Reasons and comments
Flat	Teaching block	6 ft. 8 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. by 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> in. wood-wool slabs, spanning 3 ft. 4 in. 2-in. screed laid to fall	3 layers roofing felt covered with green granite chippings	Woodwool slabs give an extremely light, dry construction, providing good insulation
	Link block, kitchen, gymnasia	Screed laid direct on pre-cast concrete tee beams		
Pitched	Assembly hall			
Floor structure type	Location	Material	Finish	Reasons and comments
Solid	All ground floors	R.C. with waterproof membrane or bitumen tanking	Granolithic wood strip wood block, cork tile, linoleum, quarry tile, polished	The 3 ft. 4 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. pre-cast, reinforced concrete floor slabs are an integral part of the structure. They are light, easily lifted and of manageable
Pre-cast r.c. slabs	All upper floors, except roof	3 ft. 4 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. vibrated concrete slabs	concrete paving slabs, laid on screeds, thickness as required. Hardwood or quarry tile skirtings	size. No shuttering is required, and maximum service in both directions is maintained within the structural floor. Cork tile is used extensively in circula- tion areas to provide a quiet walking surface. Science rooms, assembly hall an gymnasia have wood block or strip floors; quarry tile in cloaks areas, domestic science rooms and pottery roor and linoleum in teaching areas
Internal wall type	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
3-in. pre-cast hollow panels	Teaching block	Gypsum plaster 2-ft. by 10-ft, units with reinforced honeycomb core	Undecorated	A lightweight, easily erected partition with good sound insulating qualities. The pre-cast, hollow gypsum panels are builf off the floor slabs, but to avoid any risk of cracking due to structural move- ment they are isolated from the steel frame by a 2-in. space at the top and 4-in. spaces at all vertical points. of
				connection. The panels are clipped to the steelwork at the top at 6 ft. 8 in. centres and are contained in pressed steel channels at the sides which are tap screwed to the stanchions
Block	Link block, kitchen, changing rooms	3-in. clinker block	Plastered	Lower ceiling heights and the complexit of room shapes and sizes would make prefabricated gypsum panels uneconomical
Brickwork	Around staircases	41-in. brickwork	Plastered	Fire protection
Woodwool	Between floor and sill levels generally	3-in. woodwool ordinary quality	Plastered	To increase thermal insulation
Removable and sliding folding partitions	Assembly hall	Timber frame and facing woodwool core	g, Natural finish, polished	The sliding folding partitions were considered necessary for the conversion of the classrooms on either side of the
				assembly hall into one large room and with the removal of the side screens the

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Ceiling types	Location	Material	Finish	Reasons and comments
Suspended	Teaching block and link	Prefabricated vermicu- lite slabs reinforced with asbestos cement. 3 ft. 4 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Sprayed with water bound distemper	These slabs were chosen chiefly because of their fire resistant qualities for the protection of the structural steel. They also give easy access to services within the structural floor
Suspended	Assembly hall and kitchen	Hardboard, perforated or plain	Fire check paint	The main beams in the assembly hall carry the purlins above them, rather than all beams being within the same depth, as in the classroom block.
Fixed to soffit of concrete tee beams, ribs exposed	Gymnasia, changing rooms	Fibreboard	Distemper	To increase thermal insulation where concrete tee beams alone carry the screed

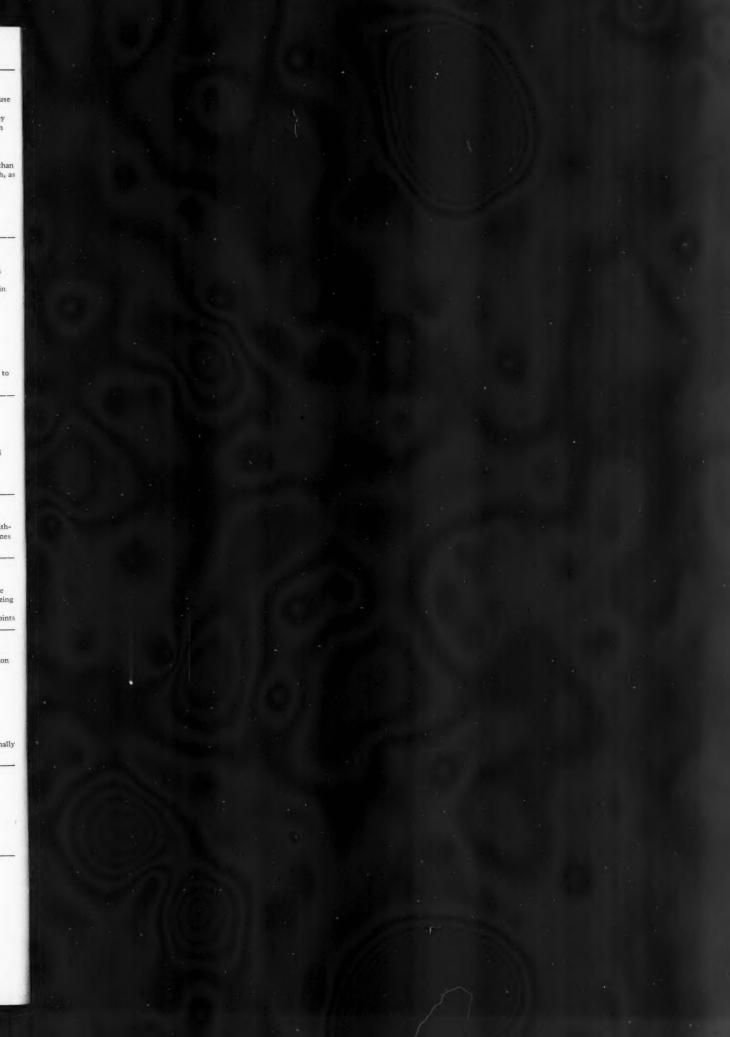
#### ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING

Source and fitting type	Location Illumination l		level Reasons and comments		
Mains A C electricity. Tungsten filament, plastic dispersal reflectors	Teaching block 12 ft. candles		Illumination is designed to comply with statutory requirements. Special strip illumination is given to all chalkboards in teaching rooms		
Spun metal wall fittings	Staircases, gymnasia		teaching rooms		
Bulkheads and lamp standards	All outside lighting				
Fluorescent, channel back fitting	Art and needlework rooms	20 ft. candle	\$		
Cold cathode, special design of bare tubes	Assembly hall 8 ft. candles		Minimum of maintenance was required to the high level lighting		
Wiring and switching type	Location		Reasons and comments		
P.I.L.C. and S., and M.I.M.S. main and submain wiring	In main distribution	ducts	Selected to suit the ambient temperature in the heating ducts		
V.R.I. cables, enclosed in H.G.S.W. conduit. Sub-circuit wiring	In false ceiling voids, through hollow partitions		Robust installation, good mechanical protection and ease of re-wiring, consistent with economy		
Wall type switches throughout					
Power supply type	How distributed		Comments		
3 phase, 415 volts, 50 cycles, A/C supply	V.R.I. cables, enclose H.G.S.W. conduit	ed in	Circuit wiring to boiler house M.I.M.S. cable to with- stand high ambient temperatures and corrosive fumes		
NATURAL LIGHTING					
Wall glazing type	Location		Reasons and comments		
Curtain wall glazing with vertical bars at 3 ft. 4 in. centres. Opening sashes and ventilators inserted where required	Generally throughout the whole school		The curtain wall glazing at the end wall to the three gymnasia has vertical members made up of two glazing bars welded together to provide the extra strength required for the 16 ft. clear height between fixing point		
Roof glazing type	Location		Reasons and comments		
Patent glazing on curbs to minimum falls	Lecture rooms		In lieu of wall glazing to give a very even distribution with complete lack of glare		
	Art and weaving room	ms	In addition to wall glazing to maintain the high lighting factor required		
	Dining rooms, chang gymnasia	ing rooms,	In addition to wall glazing to maintain light factor over large floor areas		

#### HEATING AND VENTILATION

Heat exchanger type	Location	Criteria temp.	Airchange rate	
3-in. hospital type radiators	Teaching areas, gymnesia, admin. rooms	62° F.	· Natural ventilation	
C.I. pipe coils Corridors, cloaks areas		62° F.	Natural ventilation	
Fan convector units	Assembly hall	62° F.	3 per hour	
Ventilation type	Location	Airchange rate	Reasons	
Extract ventilation by means of electric fans	Kitchen assembly hall lecture rooms changing rooms showers lavatories	40 per hour 3 '33 '33 4 '33 '31 3 '33 '32 10 '37 '33 15 '33 '33	Boost to natural ventilation	
	kiln room, bathrooms, fume cupboards	Used as required	Internal rooms, only means of ventilation	

All top lights are fitted with eggcrate louvres internally

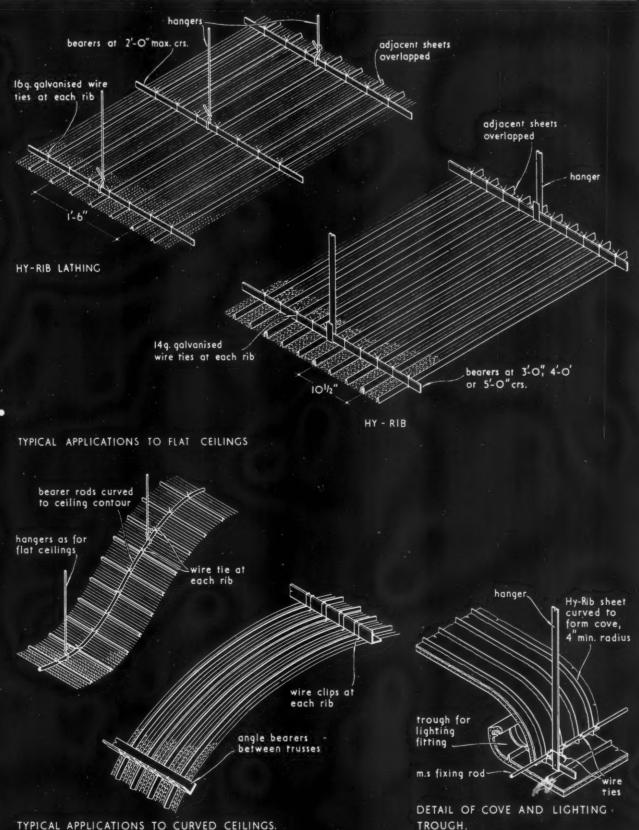




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TYPICAL APPLICATIONS TO CURVED CEILINGS.

HY-RIB. RIBBED METAL LATHING: SUSPENDED CEILINGS. Manufacturer: The Trussed Concrete Steel Co. Ltd.

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#### 22.F3 ·HY-RIB· RIBBED METAL LATHING : SUSPENDED CEILINGS

This Sheet describes the construction of suspended plaster ceilings using Hy-Rib and Hy-Rib Lathing.

#### General

Hy-Rib is an expanded steel mesh stiffened integrally by longitudinal ribs  $\frac{11}{12}$  in. deep at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. centres. Hy-Rib Lathing is similar but of lighter construction, the ribs being  $\frac{3}{5}$  in. deep at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. centres. Ceilings using either can be hung from any type of floor or roof construction and the depth of suspension can be arranged to suit any requirements. Curved ceilings are easily formed.

The drawings on the face of the Sheet show typical applications of both types to flat and curved ceilings.

#### Sizes

Hy-Rib sheets are manufactured from 24-, 26- or 28-gauge material in the following sizes:

24g.,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in, wide by 6 ft. 0 in. to 13 ft. 0 in. long in 1 ft. 0 in. increments.

26g.,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide by 6 ft. 0 in. to 16 ft. 0 in. long in 1 ft. 0 in. increments.

28g.,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide by 6 ft. 0 in., 7 ft. 0 in. or 8 ft. 0 in. long.

Hy-Rib Lathing is manufactured from 26-gauge material in sheets 1 ft. 6 in. wide by 7 ft. 8 in. or 8 ft. 2 in. long.

#### Fixing

Where steel rods or flats are used as ceiling bearers, these are supported in hooks formed in the suspension hangers and are securely wired into position. Sizes of bearers are given in the following table:

Туре	Spacing of	Sizes of bearers for hanger spacings of:						
	bearers	2′ 0″	3' 0"	4' 0"	5' 0"			
24g. Hy-Rib	5' 0" 4' 0" 3' 0"	_			$1\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{2}''$			
26g. Hy-Rib	4' 0"		-	$1'' \times \frac{1}{2}''$	$1\frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$			
28g. Hy-Rib Hy-Rib	3' 0"	-	1. × 1. × 1.	1" × 18"	$1\frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{4}'$			
Lathing	2' 0"	₽" dia.	1 × 3."	1" × #"	$1" \times \frac{1}{2}"$			

The side ribs of the sheets and the ribs forming the end laps are interlocked to give a true, continuous, keyed surface. The sheets are firmly secured to steel ceiling bearers with galvanised wire ties or to timber joists with galvanised clout nails.

#### Plastering

Retarded hemihydrate gypsum plaster, prepared for use on metal lathing, is most suitable as a ceiling plaster on Hy-Rib. B.S. Code of Practice CP.211 (1949) *Internal Plastering* contains a detailed specification for this plaster.

Attention is drawn to Building Research Station Digest No. 69, Avoiding Defects in Internal Plastering, page 3, column 2: Plastering materials range from the cement type that shrink strongly as they set and dry to the gypsum type that expand slightly on setting and subsequently shrink very little.

Mixes based on cement or lime may take weeks to dry, particularly in cold, damp weather. The application of further coats before full drying and shrinkage has taken place is a frequent cause of subsequent cracking or spalling.

#### **Relevant British Standard**

B.S. 1369 : 1947 Metal lathing (steel) for plastering.

#### **Further Information**

The manufacturer maintains a technical advisory department available to answer questions and to supply preliminary and detailed drawings where necessary.

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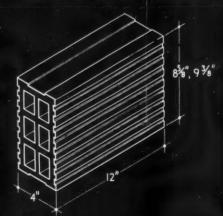
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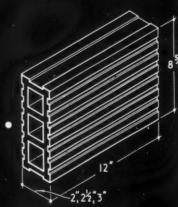
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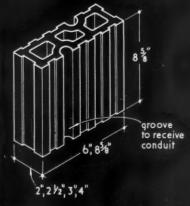
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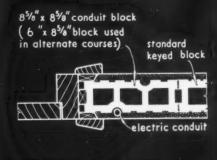
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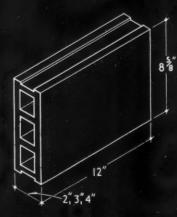
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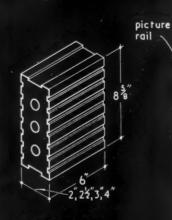
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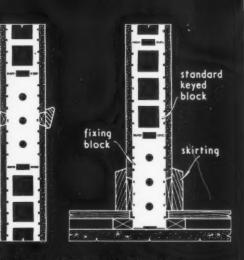
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STANDARD SMOOTH - FACED PARTITION BLOCK. (half blocks also available)



FIXING BLOCK.



typical applications of fixing block

#### 14.B1 'PHORPRES' HOLLOW CLAY BLOCKS FOR WALLS AND PARTITIONS

This Sheet supersedes Sheet 14.B1 published 27.5.54 and describes Phorpres hollow clay blocks for walls and partitions. Sheet 14.B2 deals with the use of Phorpres blocks for forming walls and Sheet 14.B3, with floor blocks.

#### Materials

Phorpres building blocks are manufactured from gault (buff in colour) and also weald clay (terra cotta in colour), the latter being a high-quality engineering clay.

The clays are extensively tempered and extruded into hollow blocks, which are then entirely mechanically handled throughout blocks, which are then entirely mechanically handled throughout a strictly controlled drying and burning process. The clays are generally free from injurious particles of lime or salts and the burning process renders the material entirely inert, minimising the occurrence of shrinkage or cracking in the finished plastered surface. The finished product is uniform in size and shape and free from excessive winding and bowing (see B.S. 1190 : 1951 for tolerances) ensuring minimum laying and plastering costs. and plastering costs.

#### Sizes and Weights of Building and Partition Blocks (Keyed)

Type of block	Size	Wt. of bl (lb. per sq		Yards per ton		
		Gault	Weald	Gault	Weald	
Partition blocks	12" × 81" × 2" 12" × 81" × 21" 12" × 81" × 3" 12" × 91" × 3"	89 94 108 111 (11 blocks)	97 97 116	251 232 202 202 201	23± 23± 19±	
Building blocks	12" × 84" × 4" (6-cavity) 12" × 94" × 4" (6-cavity)	134 138 (11 blocks)	142	162 162	152	

\* 12 blocks per sq. yd. except where otherwise stated.

#### **Crushing Strength**

Average crushing strengths of individual blocks (weald and gault) tested on edge.

Type of b	Crushing strength (lb. per sq. in.)	
Non-loadbearing parti- tion blocks	2}"-3"	575 (B.S. requires 200)
	2*	1,100 (B.S. requires 200)
Loadbearing building blocks	4" (6-cavity)	600 (B.S. requires 500)

From routine crushing strength tests by the Technical and Research Laboratories, London Brick Company Limited.

#### Strength of Walls

For the purposes of test, wall panels 9 ft. high  $\times$  4 ft. 6 in. wide were built in 1:3 rapid-hardening cement and the following results were obtained:-

			2" blocks	3" blocks
Failing load-tons			 44-1	65-0
Failing load per ft. run-tons			 9.53	13-91
Failing stress-lb. per sq. in.			 890	866
tons per sq. ft.			 57-2	55-7
Failing stress in wall of blocks-	-lb. pe	r sq. in.	 1420	1890

Thermal Transmittance "U" of Double-Skin Cavity Walling  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. brick + 4 in. block (unventilated)\* = 0.25  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. brick + 3 in. block (unventilated)\* = 0.30 4 in. block + 4 in. block (unventilated)\* = 0.25 \* Plastered internally

Preliminary results from full scale tests at the Technical and

Research Laboratories, London Brick Company Limited. It should be noted that the generally accepted standard "U" value for domestic housing is 0.30.

**Fire Resistance** 

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Applications

Walls and partitions: Phorpres hollow clay blocks are adaptable building units for all types of partition work, internal linings to brickwork and party wall construction. They are manu-factured to comply with the crushing strength tests laid down in B.S. 1190: 1951, and can therefore take a full structural and loadbearing part in building construction. Their strength is combined with lightness in weight and high fire-resisting multities. qualities.

qualities. The course heights of  $\$\frac{1}{2}$  in. and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  in. enable the blocks to be bonded perfectly with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. and 3 in. brickwork respectively. *Key for plaster*: The bond or physical adhesion of a rendering or plaster is dependent upon the inherent porosity of the backing material, and in this respect Phorpres blocks possess a balanced absorption or suction value. This is further assisted by the mechanical keying provided by grooves of definite dovetail form. This mechanical key is of first importance in the early stages of drying and setting, when cracking may result from vibration, inevitable during construction. Such vibration with-out the support provided by mechanical keying may also interfere with, or even prevent, the development of the necessary physical adhesion.

#### Laying Instructions

The general practice is to lay Phorpres hollow blocks in 1:1:6 cement/lime/sand. This mix can, of course, be varied to suit particular conditions but too rich a mortar and thick joints should be avoided. Elasticity of joint is of great importance in all partition work and for this reason also partitions should not be pinned up too tightly under beams. The amount of water in the mix is reduced to a minimum owing to the texture of the material. of the material.

#### **Conduit Partition Blocks**

These blocks have been specially designed to eliminate chasing for electrical conduits in finished work and to bond in with main partition walls.

The groove in each block coincides with that of the blocks above and below it to form a continuous channel. In this way a conduit can be provided for on one or both sides of the partition.

#### **Fixing Blocks**

These are manufactured for use with the standard partition blocks, to be built in where fixings for skirtings, picture rails etc. are known to be required.

#### Patents

Conduit partition blocks: The manufacturers are the patentees of these blocks.

This Series of Sheets on bricks and blocks covers general data on, and applications of, common, facing, cellular and keyed bricks, hollow walling, partition and floor blocks.

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Water heater type	Location	Fuel type	Stoking method	Reasons	
One C.I. sectional H.W. boile 1,090,000 B.T.U.'s per hour	r, Boiler house	200 seconds oil	Automatic	As for boiler type	
Hot water storage type	Location	Mat	erials	Capacity	
Two calorifiers	Boiler house	Galv	ranised steel	600 gallons each	
Pipes and jointing types		Location		Materials	
Hot and cold water, galvanised and screwed joints throughout		Main horizontal pipe duc ducts	ts. Main vertical pipe	Galvanised steel Class " B	1 23
Heating, black tube welded an	d screwed	Floor construction voids		Black tube Class " B "	4.2 <b></b>
Cold water storage	Location	Materials	Capacity	Comments	
	Tank room on top of tea block	ching Pressed steel	6,545 gallons	Two sectional tanks with ind supply to each. Valved outle header	

#### SPECIAL ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT

Sound absorption material		Location	Absorption Coefficient	Comments
Acoustic tile		Rear wall assembly hall		Used to correct reverberation in assembly hall
Rockwool behind perforated ha	rdboard	Part of assembly ceiling, kitchen	Low 0.15, Medium 0.9, High 0.45	Used where ceiling joins high level windows, to absorb reflected sound
Pre-cast vermiculite slabs		Ceilings throughout teaching block		Good acoustical properties were only one of many requirements which are supplied by this material
SOIL WASTE				5748 Y 4 4 4 4
Type of system	Location		Materials	Method and comments
Separate systems to separate sewers		construction voids to vertical ts. Under ground floor slab al drains	C.I. in and under building S.G.W.	Traditional but with over-size collection pipes to branch wastes to reduce anti-syphonage. Collection pipes trapped and ventilated}before

			enter	ing vertical stack
Drain types	Location M	laterials	Method and	comments
Acid collection and dilution		ombined sink and receiver with llcanite stand pipe		mbined receiver and sink there is no special pipe materials and drain runs
Rainwater disposal type	Location	Materials	(	Comments
Roof sumps	Top of all R.W.P's	Pressed steel lined with C.I. R.W.P's		All R.W.P's are located in internal vertical ducts
Gutters	Bottom of roof slope over asse hall	mbly Galvanised pressed steel paint finish	l, bitumastic	
FIRE				

Structural precautions	Grade of Protection	Apparatus, Sprinklers, etc.
1-in. pre-cast vermiculite casing to stanchions	2 hours	Hosereels generally, fed from fire mains. Fire warning bells
1-in. vermiculite on expanded metal	2 hours	

1 1-in. pre-cast vermiculite suspended ceiling panels

#### Planning precautions

Means of escape

Two private fire hydrants. Access for fire appliances along the main entrance from Bellingham Road Two staircases to teaching block providing alternative means of escape. Emergency doors to assembly hall fitted with panic bolts. External doors to gymnasia. Alternative external doors to boiler room

#### COLOUR

Paint types	Where used	Paint types (continued)	Where used	
Emulsion	Walls generally	Two coats linseed oil	Vermiculite ceilings	
Oilpaint (gloss)	Softwood joinery	Wallpaper	Selected walls	
Clear plastic	Hardwood joinery	Fire check paint	Assembly hall ceiling	
Wax polish	Hardwood skirtings	Two coats linseed oil	Bench tops	

#### TIME SCHEDULE

Contract signed	Work commenced	Work completed	Type of contract
November, 1952	November, 1952	June, 1955	Lump sum based on Bills of Quantities

Comments Time taken on drawings 10 months. October, 1951 to August, 1952

Separate contracts for the supply only of components by Hills (West Bromwich) Ltd., which were fixed under sub-contract

#### SITE AND PLAN ANALYSIS

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Site accommodation	Area in acres	Per cent. of total		
Building	0.838	15.0		
Hard playing area	1.035	18.5		
School garden	0.068	1.2		
Planting near building	2.632	47 · I		
Roads	0.230	4 · I		
Paths and paving	0.728	13.0		
Caretaker	0.057	I - I		
Total	5.588	100 per cent.		
Plan accommodation	Area in sq. ft.	Per cent. of total	Area per place	
Hall and stage	6,444	7.90	5.33	
Gymnasia and changing	10,473	12.80	8.73	
Library	1,520	1.86	1.26	
Stores, including schoolkeeper and cleaners	2,780	3.40	2.38	
General and practical classrooms (including some storage)	28,510	34.90	23.76	
Dining and kitchen	5,905	7.25	4.92	
Sanitary accommodation	5,752	7.04	4.78	
Staff rooms and administration	4,288	5.25	3.57	
Service	2,857	3.50	2.38	
Circulation	13,104	16.10	10.92	
Total	81,633	100 per cent.	68.03	



#### COST ANALYSIS

Note: Gross costs = net cost plus external works.

External works include (a) drainage works beyond m.h's adjacent to buildings, (b) road paths and fencing, (c) site layout, planting, (d) caretaker's house, and (e) playing fields

No. of places	1,200
Floor area	81,633
No. of sq. ft. per place	68.03
Net. cost	£288,000
Net. cost per place	£240
External works	£35,339
Gross cost	£323,339
Gross cost per place	£269 9s.
Tender date	October, 1952

Element	Cost per	ft. Element	C	ost per sq. ft,
	s. d.		s	d.
Preliminaries and insurance	3 3	Cloakroom fittings		7
Contingencies	2 3	Wall finishes	I	2
Work below ground floor level	6 11	Built in fittings	3	II
External walls and facings	11 8	Ironmongery		6
Internal partitions	2 4	Plumbing (external)		4
Frame	10 4	(internal)	I	9
Upper floor construction and stairs	3 3	Sanitary fittings		6
Roof and roof lights	3 9	Electric installation	4	8
Floor finishes	4 0	Heating	6	0
Ceiling finishes	3 3	Drainage		11
Windows and doors (external) incl. glazing	4 3	Decorations	I	8
Doors (internal)	1 2	Playgrounds and paved areas	τ	8
W.C. doors and partitions	6	Total net. cost per sq. ft. of floor	80	7

#### **COST COMMENTS**

It is interesting to compare this analysis with that of Barnet Secondary School (AJ, February 24), especially as the tenders were submitted within a month of each other.

Note that the architect has been able to reduce the area per place from 75 ft. super. at Barnet to 68 at Catford. With a MOE target cost of  $\pounds$ 240 per place, the architect is thus in a position to increase the overall cost per foot super. by some 10%.

Even allowing for this increase the foundations at Catford are more expensive than at Barnet. It would be interesting to know whether this was due to the increased loads imposed by the four-storey teaching block, the sloping nature of the site or compliance with more stringent byelaw requirements.

Before conclusions can be drawn between the two different forms of external wall construction, a little regrouping is necessary as the curtain wall glazing at Catford combines its own finish and decoration. In addition, the cost per foot super. of wall finish and decoration attributable to the inside face of the external wall must be known. The elements to group and compare would be: external wall, external

windows and doors, glazing, wall finish and decorations to the inside face of the external wall. It is also interesting to note that the cost element of 8 ft. 3 in. frame at Barnet and 3 ft. 4 in. frame at Catford are similar.

Useful conclusions might be drawn from a more detailed study of the cost of roof and rooflights, as the costs at Barnet appear greater than one would expect from the differing roof to floor area ratio.

A further breakdown and detailed study of these two schools might provide useful information on the effect of storey height on cost.

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## TECHNICAL SECTION

This week John Eastwick-Field and John Stillman continue their article (begun July 21, 1955) on the subject of the design and machining of joints. This section is devoted to critical notes on some of the remaining 80 important joints. Next week the article will be concluded with notes on the various fastenings used in woodwork, and several machines in common use for preparing joints will be illustrated. The drawings are by Robert Maguire. For purposes of classification, the series is numbered 15, Materials: Timber.

Previous articles in this series appeared September 30, 1954; November 25, 1954; January 13, 1955; March 24, 1955.

#### THE DESIGN AND PRACTICE OF JOINERY

by John Eastwick-Field and John Stillman

6: THE DESIGN AND MACHINING OF JOINTS, 2

#### GROUP 2: FLAT SECTIONS JOINED AT RIGHT ANGLES TRANSVERSELY, AS IN CONSTRUCTION OF BOOKCASE

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The joints in this group can be sub-divided into two categories: those designed to join the *ends* of two boards to form a right angle, and those designed to join the end of one board to another board which continues past it. The three most common examples of the first category are the dovetail, whether made by hand or machine; the corner locking joint sometimes called a "box" joint; and the tongue and groove joint (Figs. 1, 3 and 11). Mitred joints in one form or another are also regularly used when the particular appearance which they give is required.

In the dovetail tongue and grooved joints, the two pieces of timber are held firmly together at least in one direction by the way the pieces of wood are cut to form the joints: and in the corner locking joint\* they are held by the restraint of the glue which is spread over the extensive "lines" offered by the "teeth."

In the second category, the commonest joint is a simple housing (Fig. 12). There are variations of this joint which both improve the appearance and increase the strength, and seven of these variations are described later. 2661

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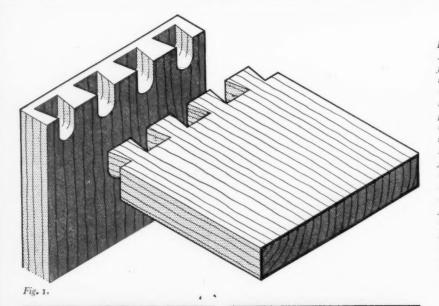
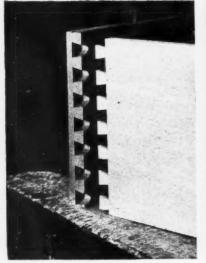
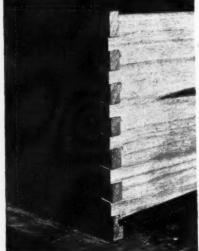


Fig. 1 (left). Lapped or Stopped Machine Dovetail: A useful joint made by machine and commonly used for drawer fronts. Its characteristics are that it is strong in tension, and that it is neat in appearance. Fig. 2 (below) shows how the two pieces of wood are held together for machining, the work being done on both pieces simultaneously. The two pieces are clamped at right angles into position in an attachment, then moved along the lines of a jig, producing the shape shown on the sketch. The rounded portion is one of the features of the joint which distinguish it from a handmade dovetail, but when put together the appearance is similar to a hand-made joint except that the dovetails and the spaces between are equal in the machine-made joint whereas in the hand-made joint there are fewer dovetails and they are usually much thinner. The photograph extreme left, shows a dovetail joint which can be used when lapping is not considered of importance. It is made in the machine which we have been describing, but both pieces are clamped vertically and the cutter is carried through their full thickness.





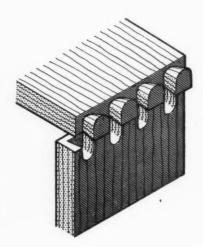
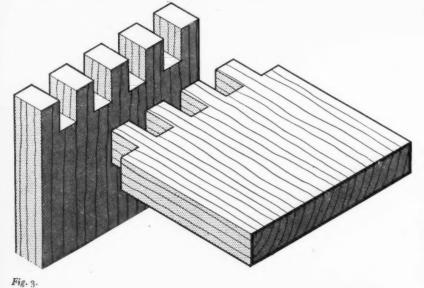


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Fig. 3. Corner Locking Joint: This is essentially a machine-made joint, relying on glue for its strength, see right-hand photo. It is made on an attachment to a vertical spindle moulder, and although the machine is an expensive item, production is cheap and quick. It has been associated with the manufacture of boxes and instrument cases, and also with shopfitting. It does not usually feature in builders' joinery, but provided its appearance were acceptable there seems no reason why it should not be used as a cheaper alternative to a dovetail joint.



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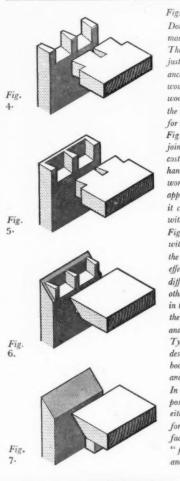
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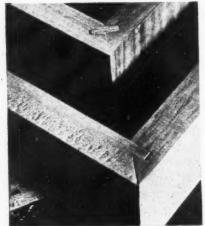
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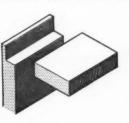
Figs. 4 and 5, Cemmon and Lapped Dovetails : These are traditional handmade joints requiring skill and time. They are expensive to make and can be justified only when their refined appearance is particularly desired. This would mainly apply to polished hardwoods. It is common practice to make the angle of splay of the dovetail 1:8 Fig. for hardwoods and 1: 7 for softwoods. 9. Fig. 6. Mitred Secret Dovetail : A joint which is rarely used owing to its cost, and which can be made only by hand. It is seldom seen except in cabinet work, and as an exercise for joinery apprentices. Its obvious merits are that it combines the strength of a dovetail with the appearance of a mitre. Fig Figs. 7 and 8. Mitres, with Block and with loose tongue : It will be seen from the various illustrations that the visual effect of a " mitred " joint is quite different from that of dovetail and from other joints which do the same job: in the mitred joint the means of holding the joint together can easily be hidden and there is no visible end grain. Typical positions where this would be Fig desirable are the corners of plinths and bookcases; also corners of picture rails and skirtings fixed on site.

In Fig. 7 the joint is merely glued and possibly pinned, and the block can give either permanent or temporary reinforcement, and need not come to the face of the joint. Its chief function is to " position " the two pieces to be joined and to hold them during cramping.

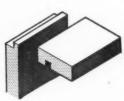
Both these joints are difficult to cramp, especially in wide boards, and some difference of opinion exists as to whether the mitred joint with loose tongue is really satisfactory in practice. There are a number of ways of cutting a longue on the solid as shown in the photograph (which also shows the cross tongue mitre). The best method is, however, the subject of much controversy.

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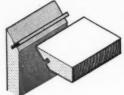


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Fig. 8 the tongue, which likewise need not come to the face, also locates the two pieces as well as giving additional strength. To be of any value, the tongue must be of cross grained timber or of ply.



Fig. 13. Shouldered Housing : A joint which is useful if there should be grooves or mouldings on the member which is shown horizontally in Fig. 13. It is more expensive than the simple housing, and it is questionable whether it has any advantages over it, except where there are mouldings.

**GROUP 2:** continued

Fig. 9. Rebated Joint : This is a joint which can be cheaply made. It has little strength and is often fixed with pins or screws as well as glue. It is used in small cupboards, boxes and backs of cupboards. The purpose of the rebate is to help locate the two pieces to be joined, and to prevent the end grain showing on one face.

Fig. 10. Tongued and Lapped: This joint has the characteristics of the lapped joint with added strength given by the tongue. It is sometimes used as a cheaper alternative for drawer fronts. It is, however, not a very sound joint since the short grained end which laps over the tongue is narrow and therefore weak.

Fig. 11. Tongued Joint: This joint by comparison with Fig. 10 has a larger section of short grain lapping over the tongue and is correspondingly stronger, but the end grain is not hidden. It is frequently used for the junction of the head and jambs of door linings where the end grain would in any event not be visible.

Fig. 12. Housed Joint: This is a simple joint which fixes the position of the two pieces of timber but does not hold them together mechanically. If accurately machined and glued it is quite satisfactory for such positions as the junction of the end of a shelf with a side member.

A form of housed joint is used universally in the construction of traditional closed string staircases where the treads and risers are jointed to the stringers. In this position the grooves

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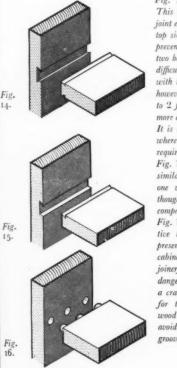


Fig. 14. Double Dovetail Housing: This is similar to the simple housed joint except that a dovetail is cut on the top side and bottom of one member to prevent the joint pulling out. Since the two boards have to be slid together the difficulty of making the joint increases with the length of the boards. It can, houvever, be made relatively easily up to 2 ft. 6 in. although it is of course more expensive than the simple housing. It is a useful joint for those positions where one member is liable to bow and requires restraint.

Fig. 15. Single Dovetail Housing: A similar joint to the double dovetail, but one which is more commonly used, though it is still relatively expensive by comparison with a simple housing.

Fig. 16. Dowelled Joint: An alternative to the simple housed joint, at present more often used in furniture and cabinet making than in builders' joinery. One of its disadvantages is the danger of the joint opening and showing a crack. On the other hand, the holes for the dowels do not weaken the wood so much as a groove, thus avoiding any distortion which the groove might cause.

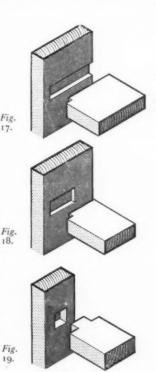


Fig. 17. Stopped Housing: This joint is similar to the simple housing shown in Fig. 12 except that the groove is "stopped" back from the front face so that the joint is concealed. It is frequently used in shelving.

Figs. 18 and 19. Stopped Housing for Rail and Double Stopped Housing: Two other forms of stopped housing. They are applicable to the junction of rails with uprights, as would be found in the construction of a chest of drawers or in skeleton framing.

#### GROUP 3: FLAT SECTIONS JOINED WITH DIRECTION OF GRAIN AND PLANE OF SECTION OPPOSED, ENCOUNTERED IN THE FRAMING OF FITMENTS

Fig. 20. Face Housing: A straightforward, cheap joint consis ing of the housing of one member into the face of the other. It would have to be fixed by pins or screws. It is used commonly when the member shown horizontally in the sketch continues past the vertical member. It would normally be res-Fig. Fig. tricted to rough work or to concealed 22 positions. Fig. 21. Shouldered Face Housing: A slightly more elaborate joint than that shown in Fig. 20. If there are a number of housed joints required close together, it has the merit of taking less from the vertical member. Fig. Fig. 21. 23.

Fig. 22. Single Dovetail Housing: This is a stronger joint than those in Figs. 20 and 21, particularly in tension.

Fig. 23. Bare-Faced Tenon: A joint used often in fitments, particularly where the rails and uprights are flush, and when it is desirable to conceal the actual joint.

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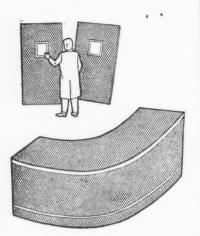
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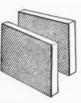
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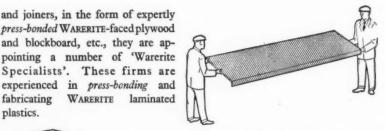
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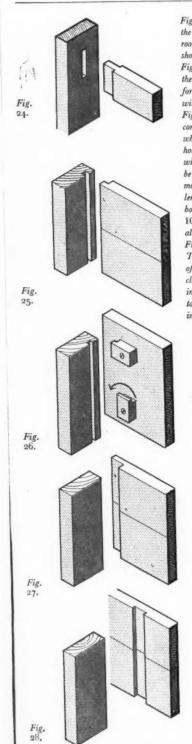
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#### GROUP 4. BOARDS JOINED LONGITUDINALLY, AS IN WIDE SHELVING AND COUNTER TOPS, OR IN THE CASED FRAMING OF A SASH WINDOW-

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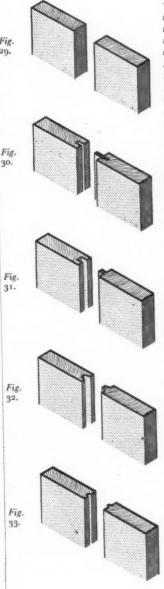
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Fig. 24. Mortice and Tenon: When the rail can be set back to give greater room for the tenon, an ordinary double shouldered tenon is commonly used. Fig Figs. 25 to 28: The illustrations show 29. the joints used where several boards forming a flat surface meet a member with the grain in the opposite direction. Figs. 25, 27 and 28, of which 27 is considered inferior to 25, are used where the boards with the grain shown horizontally are to be glued to that with the grain shown vertical. It must be remembered that timber shrinks 30. more across the grain than in its length, and if the total width of the boards shown horizontally exceeds 10 in. to 12 in. it will be necessary to allow for differential movement. Fig. 26 shows one method of doing this. The wooden buttons are nowadays often replaced by metal straps or angle cleats, which when used, for instance,

cleats, which when used, for instance, in a table would be fixed by two screws Fig. to the rail and one screw through a slot 31into the top.



The tongued and grooved joints shown in this group are all glued and are not to be confused with those in Group 5, which are matching joints allowing movement.

Fig. 29. Square, Edge to Edge or Rubbed Joint: A traditional, cheap method of joining boards, which is quite satisfactory when accurately made and properly glued. It can be made by hand or by machine. Its limitations are the difficulty of aligning the boards in long lengths, and the danger of the single glue-line failing and leaving an open joint. In this respect, it would, for instance, be unsuitable for a draining board, where the boards are usually tongued, as shown in Fig. 30.

Some manufacturers consider the straight butt joint to be much improved by splaying and rebating; the profile on each board being complementary and made with the same cutter. The advantages of such a joint would not be worth the extra labour involved if it were made by hand, but, as with a number of the joints in this group, machines enable special profiles to be cut economically, and it will be found that different manufacturers show preferences for one or other method, depending upon the machine which they have installed. It would obviously be unreasonable for an architect to insist on any particular pattern of joint unless he had some special reason for doing so.

Fig. 30. Cross (or loose) Tongued Joint: A very common and economical joint which is stronger than the joint in Fig. 20. The tongue should be cross grained (when the individual pieces making up the length are known as feathers) or of plywood.

When it is undesirable to see the tongue on the end of the boards it can be "stopped"; this however is expensive.

Figs. 31, 32 and 33. Tongued and Grooved Joints: Show versions of tongued and grooved joints whose purpose is to give alignment and greater glueing area. Fig. 31 is the traditional hand-made joint, largely replaced by the joints in Figs. 32 and 33.

The latter are more appropriate to machine production, and whilst they provide for good alignment, they are easier to glue and assemble than the square cut tongue.

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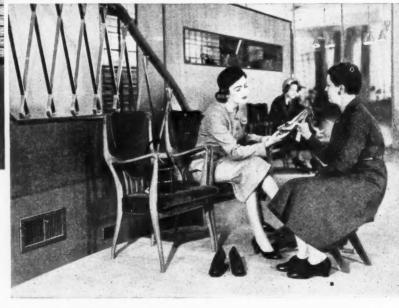
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Fig. 34. Dowelled Edge to Edge joint:  $\Lambda$  joint which is not very often used: it would have to be made largely by hand, and is more likely to be found in furniture and cabinet work than in joinery. The dowels help to align the boards.

Fig. 35. The Lindermann Joint: This is a special tapered dovetail joint which can be made only on an elaborate machine. The cost of installation of the machine cannot be justified unless a great volume of work is required of it, and there are not many of them in this country.

The dovetail produces a mechanical locking of the joint, but it would obviously be difficult to assemble unless provision were made to overcome the friction in sliding long boards together. For this reason the dovetail is slightly tapered in its length, and assembly is done by machine Although it is glued, no cramping is required, and the jointed boards can be handled straight off the machine The maximum thickness of board normally worked is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in.

Figs. 36, 37 and 38. Crossed Tongued, and Tongued and Grooved Joints: These are typical edge to edge boards similar to those shown in Figs. 31, 32 and 33, but used for boards having thicknesses over, say, 1½ in. The version shown in Fig. 37 can be made with one cutter, which avoids the need for two specially matched cutters.

It is often necessary to join boards along their length but at right angles to each other. The joints used are similar in principle to those we have just discussed, and may be compared with those in Group 2 where the ends of the boards rather than the sides are joined, and the grain is therefore in a different direction.

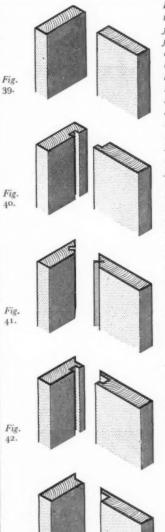


Fig. 39. Butt Joint: Whilst the edge to edge joint can be used very satisfactorily to join boards when they are flat, since it is then fairly easy to cramp them and to keep them from bowing, the equivalent joint shown here for boards at right angles is not so satisfactory. Nails, screws or blocks are necessary to overcome the likelihood of bowing and to hold the two pieces together whilst glueing, and in practice it is used mainly in backings.

Fig. 40. Tongued and grooved: One of the most common joints used in joinery: it should be compared with the joint in Fig. 11 (Group 2), which, though of similar pattern, is less strong since the grain is in the opposite direction and the bit which projects beyond the groove is more likely to break off.

Figs. 41, 42 and 43. Cross Tongued and Mitred, Tongued and Mitred and Lapped and Mitred: These are all designed to make the actual joint between the boards appear on the corner. The joint in Fig. 41 is difficult to cramp but is a good joint if carefully made. The joint in Fig. 42 is a good sound joint and is used for corners of fittings and cupboards and elsewhere where both faces are seen. The joint in Fig. 43 is not strong as that in Fig. 42, and required blocks, nails or screws. The lap is inclined to lift if it is made too thin.

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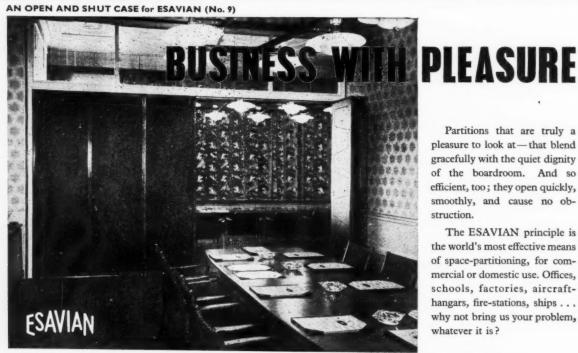
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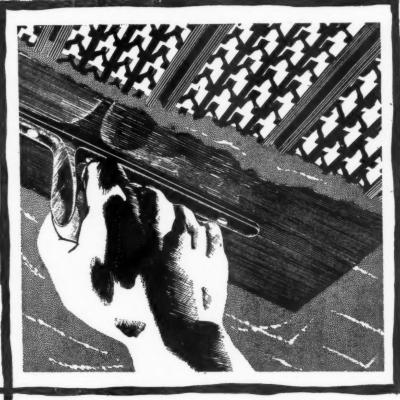
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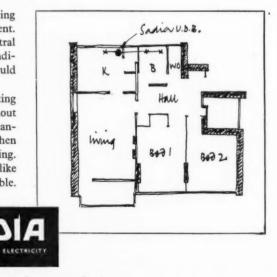


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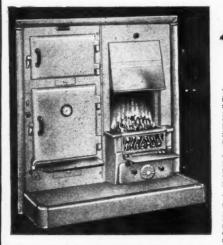
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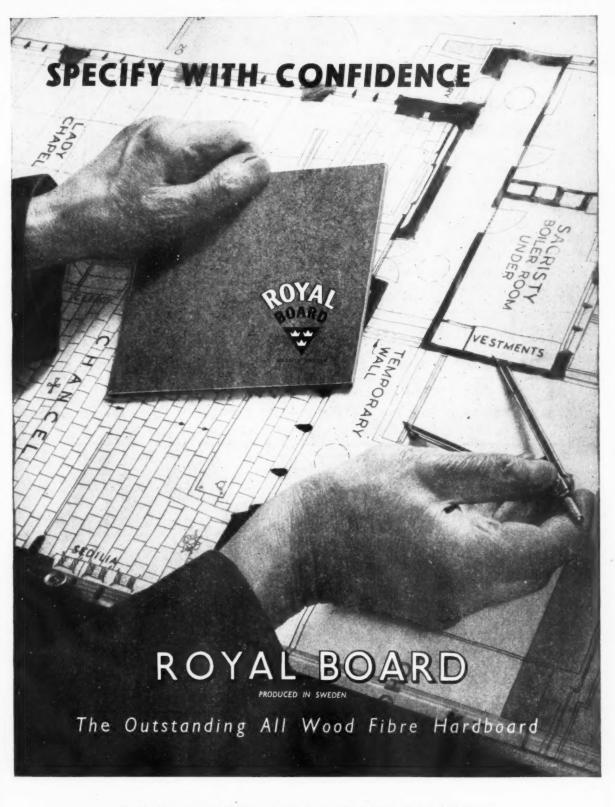
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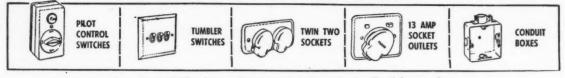
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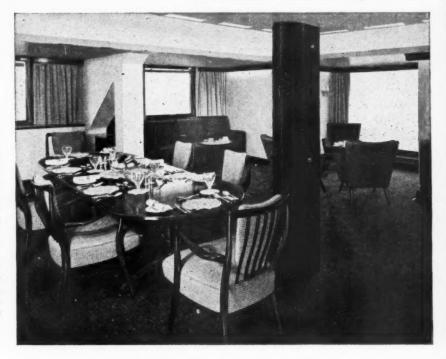
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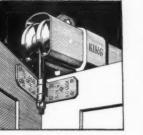
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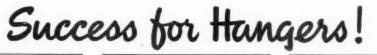
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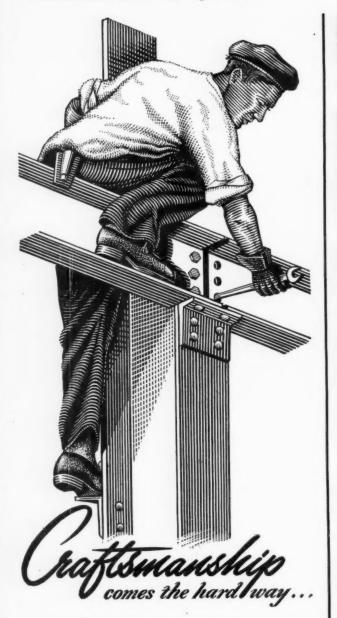




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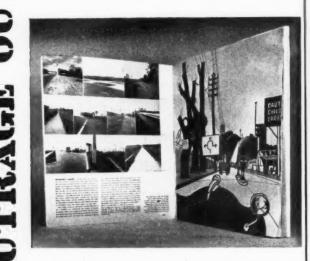
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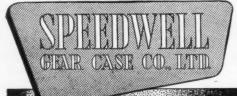
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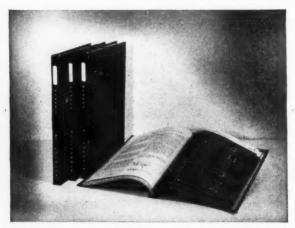
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examination. examination. Applications, stating age, qualifications and ex-perience, with the names of two persons to whom reference can be made, should be submitted to the Borough Architect, 30, Alexandra Street, Southend-on-Sea, forthwith. ARCHIBALD GLEN, Town Clerk. 2176

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2176 CITY OF SALFORD. TECHNICAL STAFF. Applications are invited for the under-mentioned appointments to the permanent establishment of the City Engineer and Surveyor's Department:---(a) TWO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS. A.P.T., Grade IV (£675 to £825). (b) ONE ASSISTANT QUANTITY SUR-VEYOR. A.P.T., Grade IV (£675 to £825). Candidates should possess qualifications as under:---

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(d) Professional Associates of the Royal Insti-ute of British Architects, and have had good veperience in the design and construction of chemes for houses, flats, schools and public tate

(b) Professional Associates of the Royal Insti-tation of Chartered Surveyors (Quantities tation Section). The

tation of Chartered Surveyors (Quantures Section). The appointments are pensionable and subject to the passing of a medical examination. Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with names and addresses of two referees, should be addressed to the City Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Salford, 3, appropriately endorsed, and be delivered not later than Wednesday, 7th September, 1955. Applicants must disclose, in writing, any known relationship to members or officers of the Coancil. R. RIBBLESDALE THORNTON, Town Clerk. 2220

2220 NATIONAL COAL BOARD. NORTHERN (N. & C.) DIVISION. VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. A vacancy has occurred for an ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, in the office of the Divisional Architect, at Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3, for work of interest and variety in large re-con-struction schemes. Current projects include work-aboratories, offices, bithead baths, fire stations, farms and housing. Malified is required; the commencing salary will be between £525 and £750 per annum, according to malifications and experience, together with stations (salary in past and prenent appointments, ARLEA, ARLES, Divisional Architect, abfeld Tower, Kenton Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-pon-Tyne, 3, by 31st August, 1952. 2060 2366

COUNTY BOROUGH OF EAST HAM. ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT-HOUSING DEPARTMENT. Applicants should have had experience in hous-ing work of a local authority. Salary 1650 × 125 -1775 per annum, plus London Weighting. Further details and form of application (return-able by 7th September, 1955), from the Town Clerk, Town Hail, East Ham, E.6. 2356 THE COPROPATION OF CLESCOW

Clerk, Town Hail, East Ham, E.6. 236 THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW. ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT. PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Applications are invited for the above position from suitably qualified persons who have had wide housing experience and have administrative ability. Applicants must be members of R.I.B.A. Salary scale £530 to £1,005 per annum. The appointment will be superannuable, subject to medical examination. Form of application may be obtained from the Principal Administrative Officer, 20, Trongate, Glasgow, C.1.

City Architect and Planning Office

COUNTY BOROUGH OF EAST HAM. HOUSING DEPARTMENT-SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (A.P. IV). Applicants should have had experience in hous-ing work of a local authority. Salary £675 × £30 -£825 per annum, plus London Weighting. Further details and form of application (return-able by 7th September, 1956) from the Town Clerk. Town Hall, East Ham, E.6. CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ADDRESS

Town Hall, East Ham, E.c. 2357 CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN. TOWN PLANNING DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the following

(a) PLANNING ASSISTANT—salary scale £565 (c) Placing according to qualifications and experience. (b) PLANNING DRAUGHTSMAN-salary scale

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ESIS-2560. Further particulars may be obtained from the Director of Town Planning, 5, Bon-Accord Crescent, Aberdeen, by whom applications should be received on or before 5th September, 1955. J. C. RENNIE, Town Clerk.

Town House, Aberdeen.

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Town House, Aberdeen. 2304 BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. APPOINTMENT OF MAINTENANCE SURVEYORS. Applications are invited for the established and superannuable posts of MAINTENANCE SUR-VEYORS on the staff of the Chief Estates Officer (John H. West, F.R.I.C.S.). Applicants should have passed the Final or Intermediate Braunination (Building Sub-Division) of the R.I.C.S. or hold an equivalent qualifications and Schedules of Dilapidation, and of supervising the maintenance and repair of buildings. Particularly during the contractor's maintenance period. Experience of taking over new buildings from contractors will be an advantage. Salary within the range of 250-2650 per annum according to qualifications and experience. Housing accommodation in approved cases. Applications stating age, education, qualifica-tions, present and previous appointments, with salary and experience in precise terms, and giv-ing the names of two referees, should reach the General Manager, Basildon Development Corpora-tion, Girford House, Basildon, Essex, by define-day, Jist August. COUNTY BOROUGH OF CARLISLE.

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 (2000) COUNTY BOROUGH OF CARLISLE.
 Applications are invited for the following poets in the City Surveyor's Department:
 (a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. IV, commencing salary 1765 × 230-2825.
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Town Clerk's Office, 15, Fisher Street, Oarlisle.

Carlisle. VACANCIES FOR ARCHITECTS. TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS (2) in the Office of Public Works. Rate of pay: Man: £11 19s. 7d.-£16 3s. 6d. a week; Woman: fey 13s. 7d.-£13 2s. 7d. a week, with higher start-ing pay in certain cases. Maximum age limit: 19 138. 7d.-413 28. 7d. a week, with nigher start-ing pay in certain cases. Maximum age limit: 40 years with extensions in certain cases. Appli-cation forms and further particulars from Secre-tary, Civil Service Commission, 45, Upper O'Con-nell Street, Dublin, Latest date for accepting completed application forms: 16th September, 1955. 2453

£640) (c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade I (£500-

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County Hall, Beverley, August, 1965. 2302 NORFOLK EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Applications are invited for the following

Applicants must be suitably qualified and mave experience in the planning and erection of large buildings. (2) JUNIOB ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT —Grade A.P.T. I. Salary £500-£580 per annum. Applicants should have at least four years' ex-perience in an Architect's office or equivalent. Forms of application from Chief Education Officer, County Education Office, Stracey Road, Norwich, to be returned not later than las Sep-tember, 1955. 2010 TY BOROUGH OF SOUTH SHIELDS. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF. The Council is proposing to carry out a ovariety of major works in both Building and Civil Engineering. Additional staff is required in the Borough Additional staff is required in the Borough reture from suitably qualified persons for the following appointments. (a) Town PLANNING SECTION-One Chief Assistant, £1,108-£1,228 per annum. One Principal Assistant, £825-£1,000 per

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annum. (b) ARCHITECTURAL SECTION— Two Principal Assistants, £825—£1,000 per

annum. (c) ENGINNERING SECTION— Two Principal Assistants, £825—£1,000 per

annum. (d) QUANTITY SURVEYING SECTION-One Principal Assistant, £825-£1,000 per

One Principal Assistant, £825-£1,000 per annum. The appointments are permanent and the Con-ditions of Service are those as adopted by the National Joint Council for Local Authority Staffs. Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination for superannuation pur-poses and housing accommodation will be made available if required. Application forms obtainable from the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, South Shields, should be returned to him not later than 10 a.m. Monday, 19th September, 1955. R. S. YOUNG, R. S. YOUNG, Town Clerk

2017 THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL. Applications are invited for the following posts in the School of Architecture:--(a) LECTURER AND STUDIO INSTRUCTOR in Building Science and Construction. (b) LECTURER AND STUDIO INSTRUCTOR. Post (a) is primarily concerned with the teach-ing of the application of structural detail and of building science; post (b) is concerned with general problems of planning and design. There are opportunities in both posts for research and for guiding post-graduate studies and limited architectural practice is encouraged. The initial salary for each post will be within the range of £650-£1,200 per anuum, according to qualifications and experience. Candidates should have had either at least three years' experience of office practice or build-ing research, or responsibility for the design and site supervision of at least one major building project. Annlications stating are academic gnulifica-

Applications, stating age, academic qualifica-tions and experience, together with the names of three referees, accompanied if possible by draw-ings or photographs of work, should be received not later than 5th September, 1955, by the under-signed, from whom further particulars of the conditions of appointment may be obtained. STANLEY DUMBELL, Registrar.

Registrar.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF TYNEMOUTH. BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the following

SENIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER, Grade IV,

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS, Special Grade, £650-£775. ASSISTANT ENGINEERS, Grade I and II,

ASSISTANT, Grade II, ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade II, 250 25

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade II, <u>6560-6640</u>. QUANTITY SUBVEYING ASSISTANT, Grade IV. <u>6675-6825</u>. GUANTITY SUBVEYING ASSISTANT, Grade II. <u>6560-6540</u>. <u>5ENIOR TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT</u>, <u>Grade IV. 2675-6825</u>. TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANTS, Grade I and II, <u>6500-6560</u>. <u>5600 E560 6560</u>. <u>6700 E560</u>, <u>6560 6640</u>. <u>Application forms together with conditions of <u>5000 appointment abould be obtained from D. M.</u> <u>0'Herliny, Esq. B.S. (Eng.), M.I.C.E., 16</u>, <u>Northumberland Square, North Shields, and re-<u>urned before the 1st September.</u> <u>1955</u>. The Corporation may be prepared to assist in the provision of housing accommodation in the <u>case of appointments above 6650 per annum</u>. <u>F. G. EGNER</u>. <u>Town Clerk</u>.</u></u>

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk. 2394 LONDON ELECTRICITY BOABD. STRUCTURAL ASSISTANTS AND STRUCTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN. Applications are invited for the above positions in the Construction Branch of the Chief Engineer's Department in Central London. Applicants for the positions of Structural Assistants in the Civil Engineer's Section should have experience in the design and detail-ing of either reinforced concrete or steelwork structural Draughtsmen should have a knowledge of building construction requirements of structural Draughtsmen should have a knowledge of building construction requirements erete or steel structures. The posts are graded under Schedule "D", National Joint Board agreement, as Grade 5-2572 to 2477 and Grade 6-2535 los. 0d. to 2610 los. 6d. per annum respectively, inclusive of London Allowance. Commencing salaries will be dependent on qualifications and experience. Application forms obtainable from Personnel Officer, 46/7, New Broad Street, London, E.C.2, to be returned completed by 2nd September, 1955. Please enclose addressed envelope and quote ref. 1/2003/A. 2222 COUNTY BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the following

- Applications are instant QUANTITY SUR-appointments: (a) SENIOR ASSISTANT QUANTITY SUR-VEYOR, A.P.T., Grade IV (£675-£825), commencing salary to be fixed within the grade, according to qualifications and ex-
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payment of 50% of removal expenses in approved cases. The appointments will be subject to (i) the Scheme of Conditions of Service for A.P.T.C. Staff (ii) any other general conditions of employment in operation within the Corporation from time to time (iii) one month's notice on either side and (iv) to the Local Government Superannuation Acts for which purpose the successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. Applications, stating age, present and previous appointments with dates, qualifications, experi-ence, etc., together with the names of two persons for reference, should reach the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, 14th September, 1955. Canvassing will disqualify. A. E. GILFILLAN, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Barnsley. August, 1955.

2423 SALOP COUNTY COUNCIL. Applications are invited for appointment of PLANNING ASSISTANT, Grade II, £560-£640 p.a. Applicants should have passed the Inter-mediate Examination of the Town Planning In-stitute or equivalent and have had experience in a Planning Office. The post is subject to National Joint Council conditions and is pension-able.

able. Applications, giving full particulars and names of iwo referees, to County Planning Officer, County Buildings, Shrewsbury, by the 5th Sep-tember, 1955. Canvassing disqualifies. G. C. GODBER, Clerk of the Council.

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ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. II., salary £560 to £640 per annum. Forms of application, particulars of post and conditions of service can be obtained from the undersigned. Applications, together with copies of three testimonials, must be forwarded to the County Architect, Queen's Hill, Newport, Mon., not later than Saturday, the 10th of Sentember, 1955. VERNON LAWRENCE, County Hall, Newport, Mon. 2467 BORDUCU OF TAUNTON

County Hall, Newport, Mon. 2467 BOROUGH OF TAUNTON. Annications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, salary (A.P.T. Grade II) 5560-1640 p.a. in the Borough Housing Architect's Department. Preference will be given to applicants who have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the appointment will be subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service and the pro-visions of the Local Government Superannuation Acts. Acts.

Acts. Consideration may be given to housing accom-modation if required. Applications together with the names of two referees should be submitted to C. Bacon, F.R.I.B.A., Borough Housing Architect. Flook House, Station Road, Taunton, not later than August 31st, 1955.

L. ATWELL, Town Clerk

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 CITY OF NOTTINGHAM.
 ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Grade A.P.T. V

 ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Grade A.P.T. V
 (2750-45900 per annum).

 Applications are invited from Associates of the Boyal Institute of British Architects for the above position in the City Engineer's Department, Commencing salary will depend on experience. Housing accommodation may be made available in suitable cases. Application forms from R. M. Finch, O.B.E. M.I.C.E., City Engineer and Surveyor, Guildhall, Nottingham, returnable by 14th September, 1955.

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 COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST BROMWICH. BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the undermentioned

Applications are inviced for the ARCHITECT: PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECT: Salary Grade A.P.T. V (£750-£900). ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS: Salary Grades A.P.T. II (£560-£640), III (£600-£725) and IV (£675-£825). TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANTS: Salary Grades A.P.T. II (£560-£640) and IV (£675-5250)

E825).
 ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR: Salary Grade A.P.T. II (£560-£640).
 N.J.C. Conditions of Service.
 Applications, naming two referees and stating appointment applied for, should be sent to Borough Surveyor, Town Hall, West Bromwich, by 10th September, 1955.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER. The Next Session commences on Thursday, h October, 1955. 2408 6th

Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR ARCHITECT, Public Works Department, Government of Pakistan. Pay-Rs. 1,400-1,800 p.m. plus allowances. Starting point according to qualifications and experience. Qualifications-A.R.I.B.A. or equiv-alent + 10 years' practical experience. 1 E = 1/6d. approximately. Pakistanis and candidates under 40 preferred. 1st Class return passages provided provided.

Application forms and further particulars from he Recruitment Officer, Education Division, Pakistan High Commission, 39, Lowndes Square, London, S.W.1. 2457 th

London, S.W.I. 2457 BOROUGH OF ERITH. THIRD ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. Applications are invited for the appointment of THIRD ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT Grade A.P.T. II £560 × £20-£640 per annum plus London weighting. Applicants should hold appropriate qualifica-tions.

Applicants should hold appropriate qualifications, Applications stating age, qualifications, previous appointments and experience, together with the mames and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, Town Hall, Erith, Kent, not later than Monday the 12th September, 1955. The Council is unable to assist in the provision of housing accommodation. J. A. CROMPTON, Town Clerk.

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The Council House, Dudley. 16th August, 1955. 2494

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 ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

 Applications are invited for the undermentioned appointment in the Department of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor (Mr. J. H. Melville Richards, A.M.IC.K., MI.Mun.E): 

 SENIOR
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 ASSISTANT,

 A.P.T. Grades III/IV. Salary commencing £650 

 £25, plus London "Weighting."

 Candidates for appointment should have passed

 Parts I and II of the R.I.B.A. final or special final examination, or equivalent, and to have had at least five years' experience.

 The appointment will be subject to the previsions of the Local Government Superannuation Acts, the passing of a medical examination, and the National Joint Council's Scheme of Conditions of Service.

of Service. The Council are unable to assist in obtaining housing accommodation for the successful candi-

Forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned, to whom they should be re-turned not later than Monday, the 12th Septem-ber, 1955.

per, 1955. D. H. PRITCHARD, *Town Clerk.* Council Offices, Harrow Weald Lodge, Harrow, Middlesex. 2452

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 CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY. EAST MIDLANDS DIVISION.

 Applications are invited for the following posi-tion within the Division:- SENIOR DRAUGHTSMAN (MECHANICAL), Generation (Construction) Department. (Vacancy No. 144/55/AJ.)

 Candidates should have experience on one or more of the following:--int, including turbo-alternators, boiler plant, coal and ash plant, and general station auxiliaries.

 (ii) H.P. and L.P. steam and feed pipework. Condensing plant and feed heating systems. and material handling of station auxiliary equipment.

and material handling of station auxiliary equipment. Salary will be in accordance with Grade 5 (6540×220-£740 per annum) or Grade 4 (£750× £20-£350 per annum) of Schedule D of the National Joint Board Agreement. Closing date for receipt of applications: 13th September, 1955. This appointment will be pensionable within the terms and provisions of the Central Electricity Authority and Area Boards Superannuation Scheme.

Scheme. Applications should be submitted on the official form AE6/ACT, which may be obtained from the Divisional Establishments Officer, Central Elec-tricity Authority, P.O. Box 25, Barker Gate, Nothingham, and should be returned to the under-signed by the date stated. Please quote Vacancy Number signed by Number. L. F. JEFFREY. Divisional Controller 2491

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ficial the Eleclate, nderancy 2491 METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF CAMBERWELL DEPARTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND BOROUGH ARCHITECT. (a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T., II/1V (£30-#265 inclusive of £30 London weighting). Qualification required: A.R.I.B.A. (b) JUNIOR ARCHITECT. A.P.T., II (£50-£670 inclusive). Qualification required: B.I.B.A. Intermediate Examination or its equivalent followed by a minimum of one year in an architectural office. Work of department includes design and con-struction of public buildings, housing estates in-cluding multi-storey construction. No housing provided. Application form from Town Clerk, Town Hall, S.E.5. Closing date 14th September, 1955. 2400

Town Hall, S.E.5. Closing date 14th September, 1955. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER Applications are invited for the post of ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNING OFFICER, om Scale A (£1,061 Se.-£1,282 15s, per annum), in the County Planning Department. The principal duties of the post will relate to the architectural and amenity aspects of Town and Country Plan-ning, and applicants must, in addition to being Corporate Members of the Town Planning Insti-tuée, be also Corporate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Previous experi-ence in a similar capacity in a Government or Local Government Planning Department would be an advantage, but the primary need is for a qualified architect-town-planner. The appointment is pensionable and subject to a satisfactory medical report. The officer appointed will be required to keep a car and will receive travelling allowance on the County scale torins, previous experience and present position, logether with a copy of one testimonial and the mease of two referees, should reach the County Planning Officer, Litton Lodge, Clifton Road, Winchester, by the 24th September. 2435 BOROUGH OF BARNES.

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Applications are include to appointments:-(a) QUANTITY SURVEYING ASSISTANT. Special Grade £650 × £25-£775. Applicatis should possess the Final Examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and have several years Quantity Surveying ex-mericance.

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 (b) TE M P O R A R Y ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS. (i) Special Grade 4650 × 425-4775. (ii) A.P.T. III. 4600 × 425-4725.
 Applicants should be good draughtsmen and have had experience in the preparation of plans and details for general architectural work. The above appointments carry, in addition to the salaries shown above. London Weighting Allowance of 210 to 220 according to age.
 Applications, giving the names of three persons to whom reference can be made, should be sent to the undersigned not later than Saturday, 3rd September, 1955.
 The Council cannot provide housing accommodation.

The Council cannot provide housing accommo-dation. W. R. SHEPHERD, A. M.I.C.E., F.R.I.C.S., Borough Engineer & Surceyor. Municipal Offices, Sheen Lane, S.W.14. 15th August, 1955. 2437

CITY OF WINCHESTER. Applications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT in the City Engineer's Office. It is essential that the appli-cant should be a neat and accurate draughtsman and should have had previous experience in an architect's office. Salary will be within Grade II of the National Scales, and the appointment is subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act.

Act. Applications stating age and details of experi-ence, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be addressed to the under-signed, and reach this office not later than WEDNESDAY. 14th September, 1955. Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify, R. H. McCALL, Town Clerk.

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Guildhall, Winchester. 16th August, 1955.

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 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
 DIVISIONAL PLANNING OFFICER required at WIGAN. Salary PL307 108. 04. rising by inrements of £52 105. 04. to £1.517 108. 04. The spoorintment is supersamuable and subject to a section of the sector o

NATAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION. VACANCIES FOR FOUR TOWN PLANNING OFFICERS. Applications are invited for appointment to the post of TOWN PLANNING OFFICER in the office of the Provincial Town and Regional Planner, at a salary on the scale £540 × 248-£1,020. Commencing salary will be determined according to qualifications and experience. In addition to the above salary, temporary cost of living allowance at the prevailing Public Service rates is payable, amounting at present to £234 for married officers only. Applicants should have an up-to-date know-ledge and preferably some experience of town and regional planning practice, and should be corporate members of the Town Planning Insti-tication. Baccessful applicants will be reimbursed to

cure, or more a recognised town planning qualification.
 Successful applicants will be reimbursed to cover the personal transport expenses of themselves and their immediate families, incurred in taking up their appointment in Pietermaritzburg, and will be paid at a rate equivalent to their basic salary during the period of the voyage. They will be required to enter into a contract to serve the Administration for a period of either 3 or 5 years on the satisfactory conclusion of which period their return transport expenses will be defrayed. During the period of the contract, officers may be offered a permanent appointment in the South African Public Service.
 The Provincial Town and Regional Planner is responsible for:

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(b) the preparation of town planning schemes for the smaller local authorities including detailed layouts for residential and indus-

(b) the preparation of town planning schemes for the smaller local authorities including detailed layouts for residential and industrial areas.
 (c) the preparation of reports on town planning schemes submitted for approval by the larger local authorities.
 (d) investigating all appeals lodged in terms of the Town Planning Ordinance.
 (e) investigating all appeals lodged in terms of application and research required for the formulation of a planning policy for Natal. Forms of application and further information on the scope of the work, conditions of employment and living conditions in Piterma; tourg may be obtained from the Staff Clerk, Boom 102, South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2.
 Applicants will be interviewed in London on or about the 3rd October, 1955, by the Provincial Town and Regional Planner.
 Application form smust be completed and returned, together with copies of not more than three testimonials, to the above address not later than 21st September, 1955.
 Applications are invited for the above appointments in the Borough Engineer's Department. Applications are invited for the above appointments in the Borough Engineer's Department. Applications of appointment may be obtained for the share tree sperience in the handling of large contracts sport be A.R.L.B.A. with wide administrative experience in the handling of large contracts appropriate to a senior post.
 HOUSING ACCOMPORTING WILL BE AVAILABL.
 Forms of application giving details of salary and conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Borough Engineer's Department. Application for the in an envelope endorsed "Senior Assistant Architect" by not later than the 5th September, 1955.

FARRA CONWAY. Town Hall, Gt. Yarmouth. <u>15th August, 1955.</u> <u>1256.</u> <u>1266.</u> <u>12</u>

Council Offices. Feltham. Middlesex. 2430 UBBAN DISTRICT OF EBBW VALE. ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT. Appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSIST-ANT, Grade II, 2560-2640. Applicants to be Inter R.I.B.A. or Inter R.I.C.S. Further details and Form of Application from Clerk to the Council, Council Offices, The Walk, Ebbw Vale. 2407

2407 PADDINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT A.P.T. II (£590-£670 inclusive). Candidates should have Inter, R.I.B.A. and be used to preparing working and detail drawings; be good draughtsman and been engaged on and interested in the best con-temporary architecture. Write age, qualifications, experience, present and past appointments and names and addresses of three referees to the undersigned by 30th Angust, 1955 (Quoting A.233). W. H. BENTLEY, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Paddington Green, W.2. 2384

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD. Department of the Regional Architect (Guy Aldis, A.R.I.B.A., A.A.Dipi) for planning of a scheme for the major development of a General Hospital which the Board is about to undertake. (1) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS-Candidates must be qualified and registered architects and possess good general experience in design, com-struction and specification writing. Knowledge of hospital work desirable. Salary £640-£930 per annum.

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 (2) SENIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEBR (Mechanical)-Candidates to be experienced in design and installation of heating, ventilating, steam boiler plant and services, etc., and must be A.M.I.Mech.E., or equivalent. Salary £920-£1,095 per annum.
 (3) ASSISTANT ENGINEER (Mechanical)-Candidates to be experienced in the work at (2) and should be A.M.I.H.V.E., or Graduate Members of the I.H.V.E., or Graduate Members of the I.H.V.E., or Graduate Members of I.E.E., or equivalent. Salary £640-£930 per annum.
 (4) ASSISTANT ENGINEER (Electrical)-Candidates to be experienced in design and installation of electrical engineering services and should be A.M.I.E.C., or Graduate Members of I.E.E., or equivalent. Salary £640-£930 per annum.

I.E.E., or equivalent. Galaxy annum. (5) ENGINEREING ASSISTANTS-Candidates to be experienced in work described above and possess Ordinary National Certificate (Mechani-cal or Electrical). Salary 4480 (at age 21 or over)-£670 per annum. (6) DRAUGHTSMEN (Engineering)-Candi-dates to have had suitable training and experi-ence. Salary £390 (at age 21 or over)-£580 per annum.

Additional increments within the scale based on experience and age may be granted in respect of posts (1), (3) and (4). Commencing salary for post (5) may be fixed at point above minimum but will not exceed £560 per annum. Applications indicating appropriate post and stating age, qualifications, experience and details of present position with names of three referees to Secretary of Board, 117, Chesterton Road, Cambridge, by 9th September, 1955. 2472 2472

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM. BOROUGH ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT. There are vacancies on the permanent staff

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(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS-A.P.T. IV (£675 £30-£25).
 (c) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS-A.P.T. (III (£600 × 220-£850); (£560 × 220-£640).
 (d) SENIOR ASSISTANT, PLANNING-A.P.T. IV (£675 × £30-£225), plus London allowance. Applications and experience.
 There is an extensive programme of redevelopment and the architect/plannars. There is an extensive programme of redevelopment and the architectural work includes Homsing, Schools and Public Buildings.
 Application Forms from Borongth Architect, 1965.
 (D) State (returnable by 6th September, 1965).
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2345 COUNTY COUNCIL OF ESSEX. COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. Applications are invited for the post of SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT A.P.T. Grade IV (£675-£25) ai Romford. Applicants must have had considerable experi-ence in the preparation of Development Plans and in detailed planning, design and layouts. They must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute or other comparable professional Institute.

Institute. Appointment subject to Superannuation and medical examination. Application forms from County Planning Adviser, Froomfield Place, Broomfield, Chelmsford, to whom they should be returned as soon as pos-sible. Canvassing disqualifies. 8th August, 1955. 2369

846 August, 1955. GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS required. Qualified Members of R.I.B.A. Grade IV (£655-£255), Grade III (£600-£725 : £560-£775 if at least five years' experience). Also ARCHITECTURAL ASSIS-TANTS, Grade II (£560-£640), Inter. R.I.B.A. Appointments open to both male and female can-didates. N.J.C. Conditions of Service. Medical Examination. Examination.

Examination. Apply giving age, experience, present position, salary and date of appointment, previous appoint-ments, names and addresses of two persons for references, Connty Architect, Shire Hall, Gloucester, by 31st August, 1996. GUY H. DAVIS, Clerk of the County Council. 2303

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL. ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT. Vacancies for ASSISTANTS (Structural Engineers or Building Surveyors) in the District Surveyor's Service. Commencing salary up to £783, according to experience and qualifications. Particulars and application form, returnable by 20th September, from Architect (AR/EK/ DSA/5), The County Hall, S.E.I. (1293) 2446

BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD. BOROUGH ENGINEER, SURVEYOR ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (Special 4550-4775 p.a.). ASSISTANT ENGINEER (Special 4550-4755 p.a.). AND

Grade Grade

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. I

(4500-4580). Applications are invited for these appointments, farther particulars of which can be obtained from the Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Architect's Department, Municipal Offices, Chelmsford. Closing date 9th September, 1955. B. A. FRANCIS, Town Clerk. 2005

CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF EDINBURGH ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, APT. IV/V, \$615-\$\lambda for the state of the state of the state examination and have had a good general ex-perionce. Applications, stating age, qualifica-tions, experience, present position and salary, together with the names of two referees should be lodged with the undersigned not later than fourteen days from the appearance of this advertisement, A. Steele, A.R.I.B.A., City Architect, City Chambers, Edinburgh, 1. 2410 LANCASHIER COUNTY COUNCUL

advertisement. A. Steele, A.R.I.B.A., City Architect, City Chambers, Edinburgh, J. 2410 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. There is a vacancy for a SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT requiring new experience on School building. Salary Scale 1750–2900. Application forms from the County Architect, P.O. Box 26, County Hall, Preston, to be returned by Monday. 12th September, 1956, quoting Ref. A/AI. 2412 BOBOUGH OP ROMFORD. Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department in Grade A.P.T.I, of the National Salary Scales (±500– £500 per aanum). The commencing salary will be fixed according to qualifications and experience. Particulars and Conditions of the appointment are obtainable from the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Romford, to whom completed applications must be forwarded not later than 5th September, 1955.

2463 BOROUGH OF REDCAR. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, GRADE II. Applications are invited for the above appoint-ment on the staff of the Borough Engineer. Applications must have had a good general ex-perience and be qualified in accordance with the N.J.C. Conditions of Service. Application forms may be obtained from the undersigned to whom they must be returned, not later than Monday. 12th September, 1955. The provision of housing will be considered, if necessary.

The provision necessary. Canvassing will disqualify. HUGH CALDWELL. *Town Clerk.* 2451

Municipal Buildings, Redcar.

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 COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURY.
 Applications invited from suitably qualified persons for the appointment of ABCHI-TECTURAL ASSISTANT. Borough Engineer's Department, Special Grade (2650—2775).
 Applications, stating age, details of training, qualifications, stating age, details of training, qualifications and experience, together with names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made must reach me not later than 3rd September.
 EDWARD S. SMITH.

 Town Clerk.

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Town Hall, Bury. 17th August, 1955.

Tth August, 1955. 2469 CITY AND COUNTY OF KINGSTON UPON HULL, City Architect's Department.-Applica-tions are invited for the following posts:-(a) ASSISTANTY QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade V, 4750-4900 per annum: (b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS (S.C. (b) (c), 4500-4640 per annum, according to experience. Housing accommodation will be provided for successful married candidates. Forms of application may be obtained from the undersigned and should be returned com-pleted not later than 9th September, 1955. A. RANKINE, City Architect.

City Architect.

Guildhall, Kingston upon Hull.

HARLOW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Architect Planner: Frederick Gibberd, C.B.E., F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I Executive Architect: Victor Hamnett, B.Sc., A.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.C.S., A.M.T.P.I, SSISTANT ARCHITECTS, GRADE V(b), SSISTANT ARCHITECTS, GRADE V(b), Superannuation. Accommodation available in due course in suitable cases. Detailed applications with names of two refer-ees to General Manager. "Terlings," Harlow, Essex, within 14 days. ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN

ees to General Manager. "Terlings," Harlow, Essex, within 14 days. ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN are required by the Victorian (Australian) Govern-ment in the Department of Public Works, Melbourne, for the Preparation of Contract draw-ings, details and specifications for all types of Government works. Salary ranging from £786 to £1,366 per annun, according to qualifications. Further particulars may be obtained from The Agent-General for Victoria, Victoria House, Melbourxe Place, Strand, London, W.C.2. 2492 METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HAMPSTEAD. Applications are invited for a TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. IV (£675 to £825, plus London Weighting). The successful candidate will be a member of a team engaged on housing and flat schemes and gain valuable experience both in an Architect's office and on the site. Applications to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3, with the mames of three referees, by 12th September, 1955. 2470

Architectural Appointments Vacant 1 lines or under, 7a. 6d.; each additional line, 23. The engagement of persons answering these advertisements must be made through 4 Local Offices of the Ministry of Labour or a Scheduled key the second of the model of the applicant is a man speed 18-64 inclusive or a woman aged 18-69 inclusive unless he or she or the employment is secopted from the provisions of the Notification of Yacancies Order, 1952. SSISTANT required in busy practice in West SLB.A. standard. Excellent opportunities for gaining all round experience. Box 1942. A SSISTANT wanted-apply Skinner, Bailey & Labotkin, 58, Queen's Gardens, W.2. PAD 1637. 234

RAMSEY, MURRAY & WHITE have a vacancy AMSEY, MURRAY & WHITE have a vacancy Intermediate standard, preferably with office ex-perience. Salary according to qualifications. Apply 32, Wigmore Street, London, W.I., or tele-phone WELbeck 1409. A DEMITECTYS ASSISTANT and in WI

phone WELbeck 1409. A RCHITECT'S ASSISTANT required in West End Office. Salary 2700 to £600. Write stat-ing age and experience to Box K531, Willings, 562, Grays Inn Road, W.C.L. 2240 A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Intermediately in busy established Architect's office, North of London. Varied work of contemporary character comprising industrial, commercial and housing projects. Blease reply, giving details of experience, qualifications, when available and salary required, to Box 2243.

to Box 2243. DUKE & SIMPSON urgently require SENIOR TANTS, with office experience. Progressive posts. Weeks' paid holiday if satisfactory after two months' probationary period. 'Phone LANgham 7317 for appointment at 6/7, Great Castle Street, Oxford Circus, W.1. 2376 IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED, WILTON WORKS. ENGINEERS CIVIL STRUCTURAL

LIMITED, WILKON WORKS. ENGINEERS CIVIL STRUCTURAL MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL DERMANENT STAFF APPOINTMENTS are available for young ENGINEERS with Honours Degrees. Wilton Works is a modern factory which pro-vides opportunities for young men of ability in many fields of engineering; the organisation is continuously expanding and offers training towards inter management. Wilton is situated in the North Riding of York-itor struated in the North Riding of York-profit Sharing Scheme and excellent internal recreation facilities. Du of pocket expenses are paid for applicants invaried for interview and after joining the staff married men will receive a refund of removal expenses. Schemes for assistance in housing are available, and for house purchase facilities. Write for application form to Staff Manager, More Agnetical Industries Limited, Wilton Works, Middlesbrough, quoting reference ICI/X/ 2840. ENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT re-

SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT re-quired in office in Charing Cross District. Must be experienced. Write stating age, experi-ence and salary required to Box L.532, Willings, 362, Grays Inn Road, W.C.1. 2341

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required, Intermediate to Final standard, with office experience, for small busy practice, Shaw & Lloyd, F.R.I.B.A., 74, Gt. Russell Street, W.C.1. MUSeum 9693. office SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS required for medium sized but busy West End Office, capable of controlling schemes throughout and working mainly on own initiative. Works in hand include Housing, Offices, Churches, etc.. Apply stating qualifications, experience, age and salary required, to Box 2221. RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS of R.I.B.A. Final or Intermediate Standard (or equiva-lent) required immediately for busy private prac-tice, 50 miles London. Salary is in accordance with age and experience. Assistance given with accommodation if required. Please send full details to Box 2229. A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required for

Actimination of the required of the second run details to fox 222. A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required for Coventry and London. All Grades. These positions offer excellent experience in wide variety of work, with salaries closely related to capabilities and reviewed September annually. Pension Scheme available. Travelling expenses paid to applicants selected for interview. W. 8. Hattrell & Partners, 1, Queen's Road, Coventry, and 14, Hanover Square, London, W.1. 2211 S entor ASSISTANT required for University and Hospital Work. Good salary, depen-dent on experience. Non-contributory pension scheme in being after probationary period. Three weeks holiday a year, and five day week, Reply, stating age and experience, to: -Thomas Worthington & Sons, 178, Oxford Road, Man-chester, 13. chester.

chester, 13. 2209 LEWELLYN SMITH & WATERS invite appli-the cations from (a) QUALIFIED ARCHITECTS to take charge of large industrial projects. Experi-ence of job management and knowledge of present-day constructional forms is essential. (b) QUALIFIED and UNQUALIFIED SENIOR and JUNIOR ASSISTANTS to work on these and other projects. (c) In Worcester Office. ASSIS-TANT of R.I.B.A. Inter. Standard with three years' office experience. Preferably with experi-ence of job supervision and specifications. Salary according to experience and ability. Write 103. Old Brompton Road, S.W.7. 2198 A RCHTECTURAL ASSISTANT with at least

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 A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT with at least
 there years' drawing office experience required by City firm. Knowledge of industrial and commercial buildings an advantage. Good salary and prospects. Box 2196.

 W E/F.R.I.B.A., urgently require a SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, A.R.I.B.A. standard, with office experience; also JUNIOR ASSISTANT. Apply in writing, giving qualifications, to 46, Baker Street, W.1.

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 RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required for work in the City. State age, experience, and common the tot Culfford Streame e London.

work in the City. State age, experience, and salary required, to Clifford Strange, 5, London Wall Buildings, E.C.2. 1910 RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required by

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required by Major Oil Company undergoing expansion, for its Sheffield office. Applicants should be of Intermediate standard, and must be capable of carrying out work on the design and re-modelling of service stations. Social Club, Pension and Life Assurance scheme, generous sickness benefits. Write, giving full details of experience, age and salary required, to Box 9052, quoting Bef. A.A. 583. salary required, to Box 9802, quoting ket. A.A. 588. RONALD WARD & PARTNERS require TANTS, with contemporary outlook and willing to use own initiative. Salary range £400 to £800. Interesting and varied work, home and abroad. Congenial working conditions. Apply 29, Chesham Place, Beigrave Square, S.W.I. Telephone: Beigravia 3361. STANTED, Caughber Intermediate standard

Beigravia 3361. WANTED-Capable Intermediate standard ASSISTANT in City Office, varied prac-tice, congenial working conditions. Please phone Avenue 5629 or 4430 for appointment. 2380

Avenue 523 or 4450 for appointment. 2380 SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMAN required for Southampton Architects. Good draughtsmanship and sound constructional know-ledge essential for a varied practice. Write giving full details, age, experience and salary required to Box 2349.

to Box 2349. JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, in early stages of training for full time employ-ment, required for office giving opportunity for varied experience. Ring Thomas F. Ford & Partners (VIC 4853) for appointment. 2342

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required in busy private office in Surrey-Intermediate standard-write stating age, experience and salary required to Box 2282.

standard-write stating age, experience and salary required to Box 2282. ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Intermediate standard) required at once for varied practice in City office. Write, stating age, experi-once, and salary required, to Henry C. Smart & Artners, L.E.I.B.A., 120, Moorgate, B.C.2. 161 A ECHITECT'S ASSISTANT required for the intermediate to Final B.I.B.A. standard. Saper-intermediate to Final B.I.B.A. standard. Saper-line wembley, Middleeex. J. 163. JOR ASSISTANT required by Industrial Design organization to work with architect and designers on varied projects. Must be experi-details and salary required. Box 246. REDERICK GIBBERD requires Inter-standard ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, with office experience. Please apply in writing stating experience and salary required to : 8, Percy Street, London, W.1. 2004

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ter. NT, TCY MAN NATIONAL COAL BOARD-EAST MIDLANDS DIVISION ARCHITECTS' DEPARTMENT, NUTTINGHAM. PPLICATIONS are invited for the following permanent and superannuated appointments. Superannuation rights under Local Authority schemes are transferable. S.V. 442-ARCHITECTS GRADE II.-Salary f600 × £25-£50 · £30-£900. Candidates should be Corporated Members of the R.I.B.A.

R.1.B.A. S.V. 443-ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, GRADE I.-Salary £525 × £25-£650 (exceptionally

GRADE I.-Salary 1525 × 125-1660 (exceptionally to 1800.) Candidates should be of R.I.B.A. Intermediate standard and have had not less than three years' swears' subsequent practical experience. S.Y. 444-ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, GRADE II.-Salary 1440 × 120-1540. Candidates should have passed or be studying for the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.B.A. Pacilities are granted in certain circumstances to Assistants for part-time study at the Nothing-ham School of Architecture. The point of entry into the salary scales of the respective grades will depend on the qualifica-tions, and experience of the application, gualifica-tions, stating age, education, qualifica-tions, stating age, education, qualifica-tions, stating Age, education, dualifica-tions, present appointment and salary should be submitted within 14 days of publication to :-The Secretary, National Coal Board, East Mid-ands Division, Sherwood Lodge, Arnold, Notts. Envelopes and applications should be marked with the appropriate "S.V." reference number. Orginal testimonials should not be sent. 2426

CHESTER Architect with small busy practice, requires ASSISTANT, Inter. R.I.B.A. stan-dard or recently qualified, seeking good experience. Previous office experience not essential. Please apply in writing stating age, experience and salary required, to Ronald S. Biggins, Richmond House, 123, Boughton, Chester. 2465

A MBITIOUS JUNIOR ASSISTANT required in busy "young" office. Capable of working on varied industrial, commercial and domestic schemes under seniors. Ability and experience main criterion; salary £350-£450 p.a. David Stern, 24, Gloncester Place, Portman Square, W.1. HUN 0451. 2448

Two really capable ASSISTANTS required in active young office. Common sense and experience more important than qualifications. Salary by agreement. 'Phone Hunter 0451 or write Box 2495.

FIRST ASSISTANT required for new London practice. Preferably office trained with several years' experience. Good opportunity for energetic man. Salary by arrangement. Write full particulars, Box 2460.

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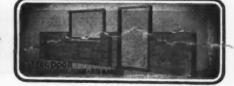
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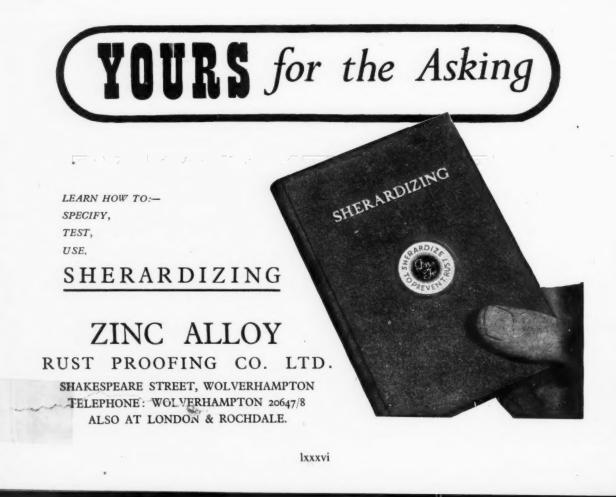
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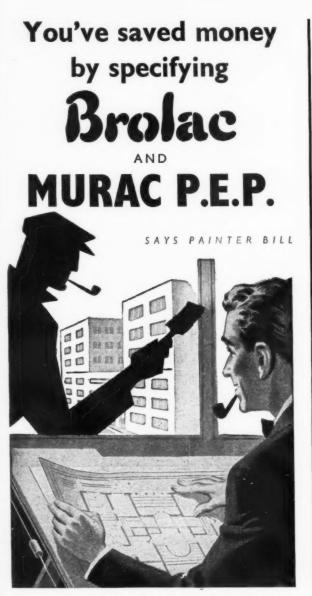
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