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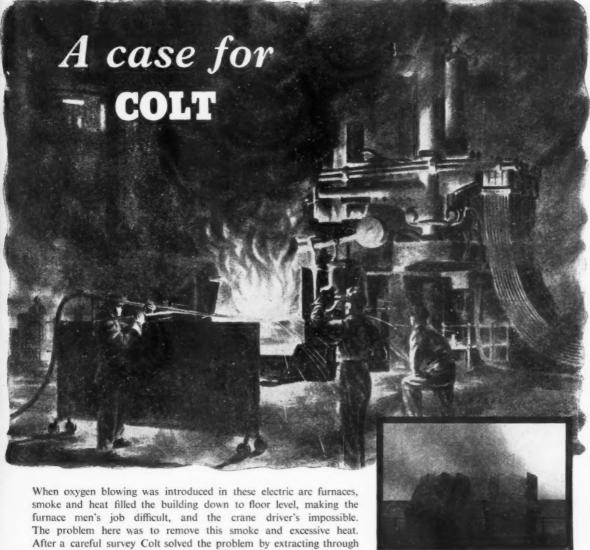
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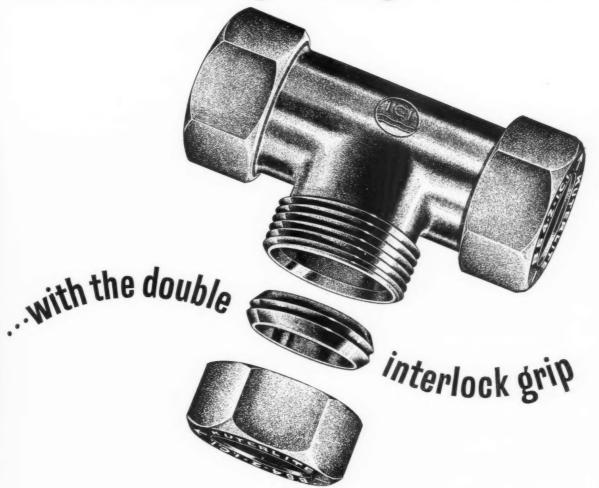
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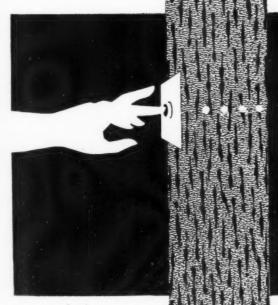
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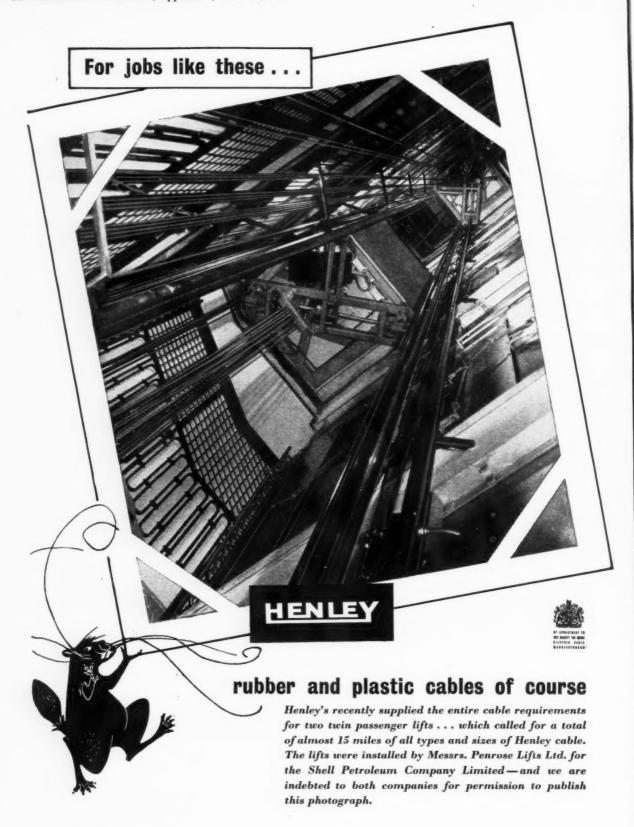


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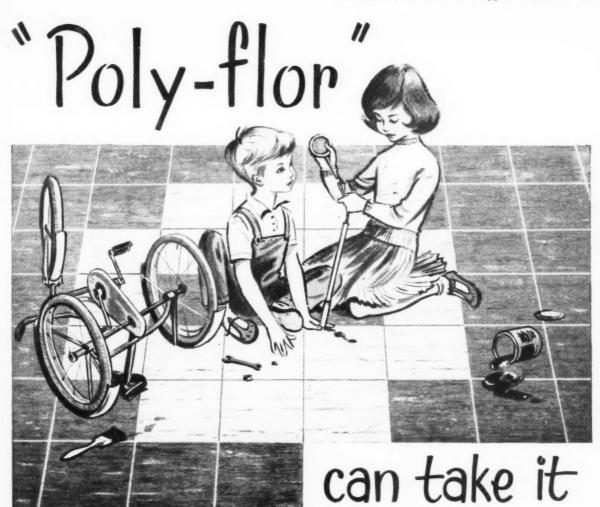
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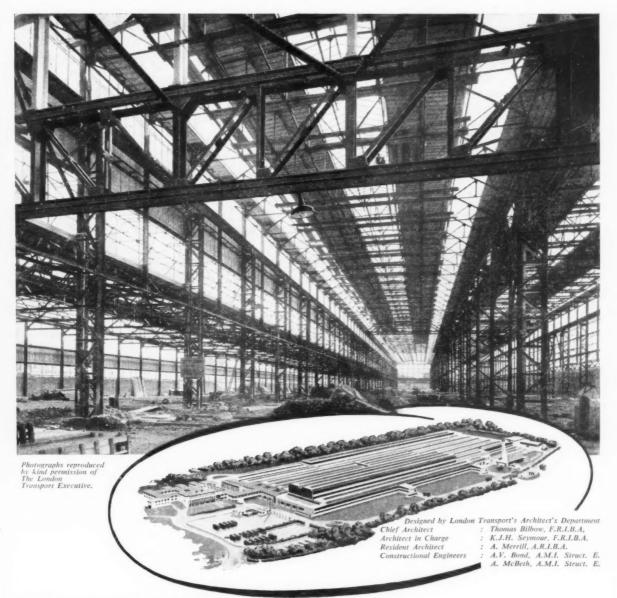
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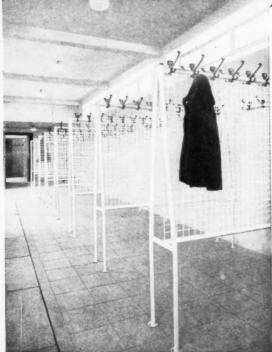
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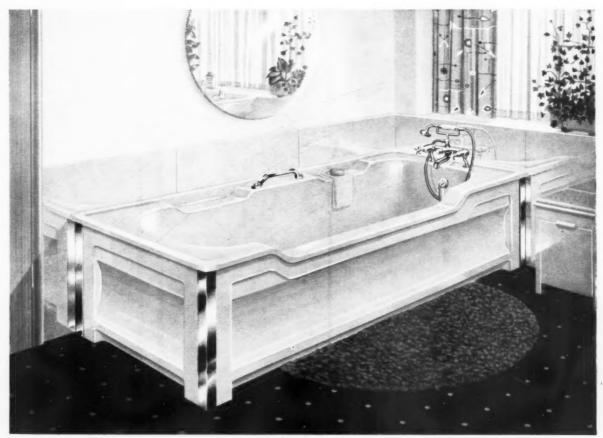
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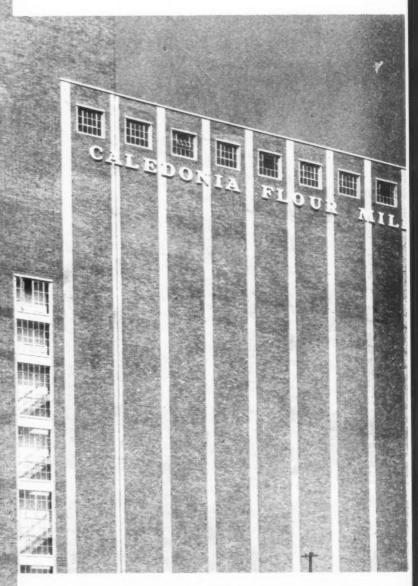
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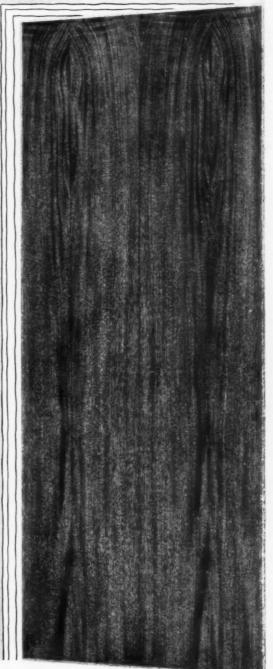


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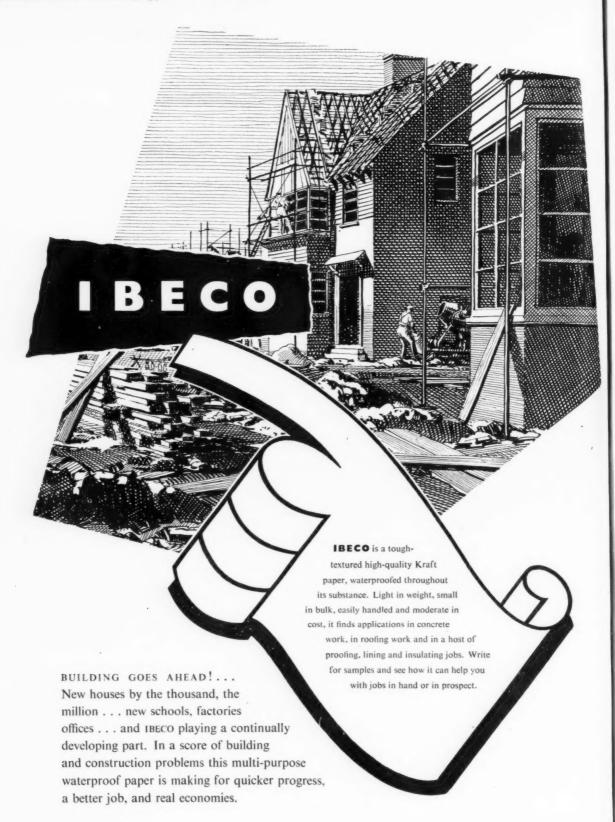


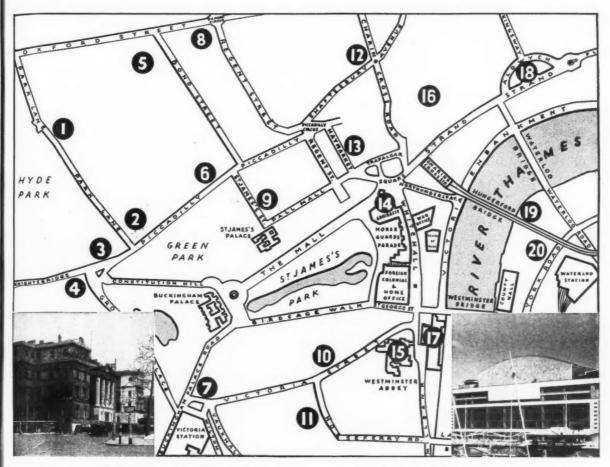






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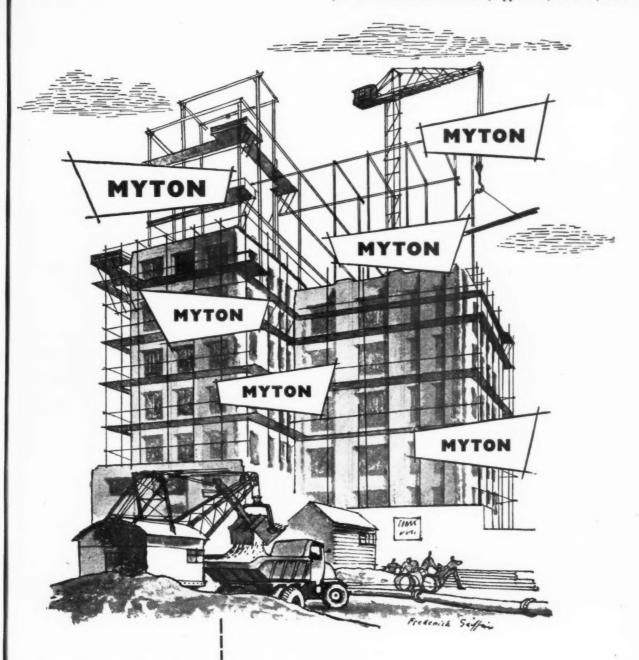
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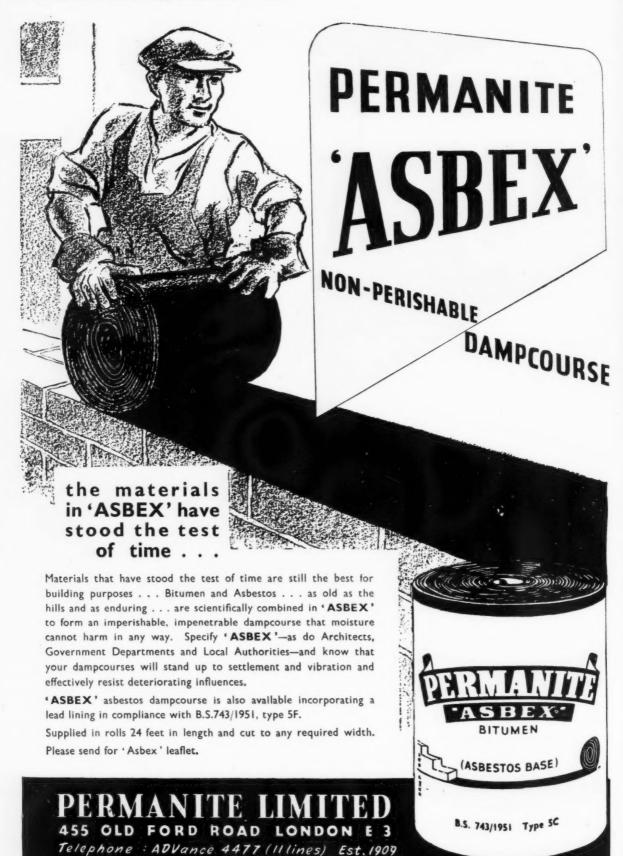
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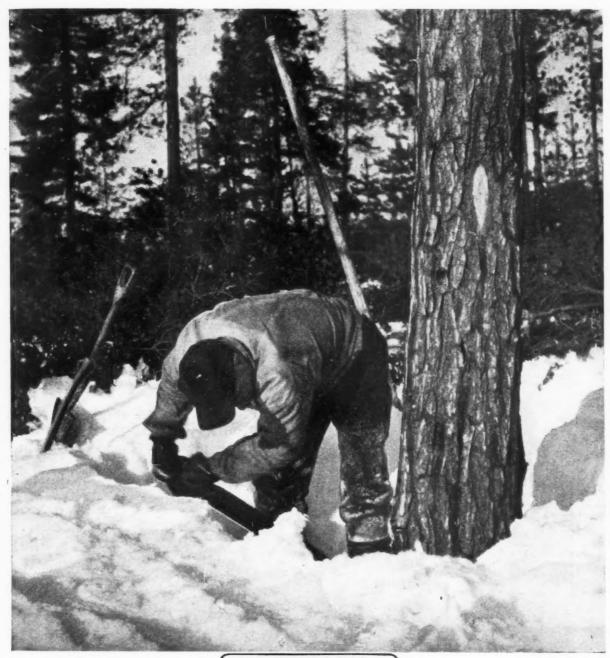
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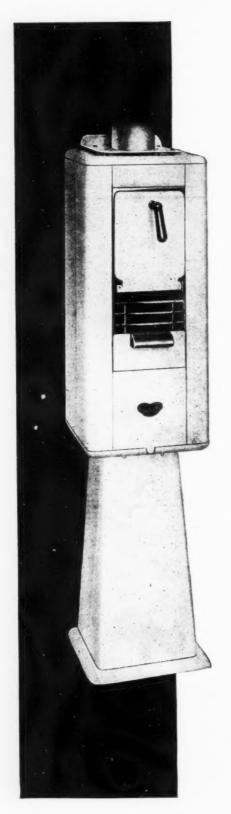
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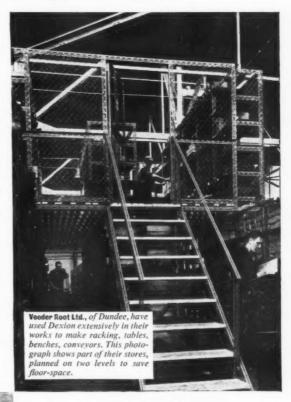
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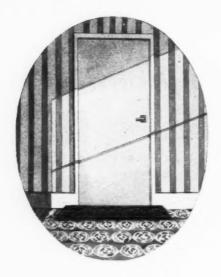
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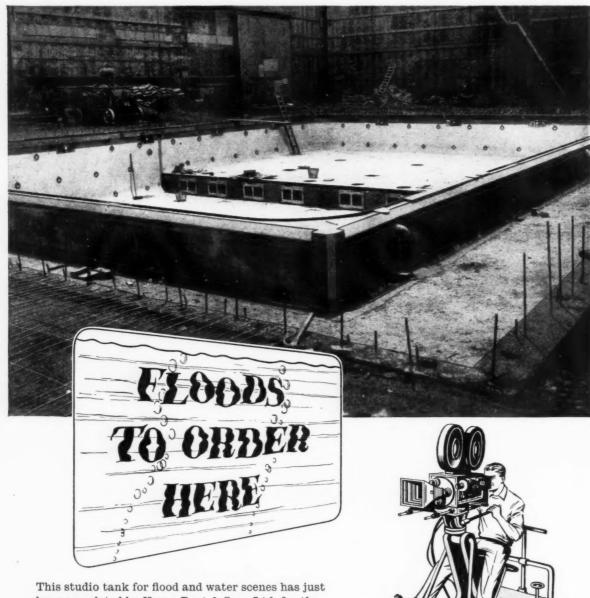
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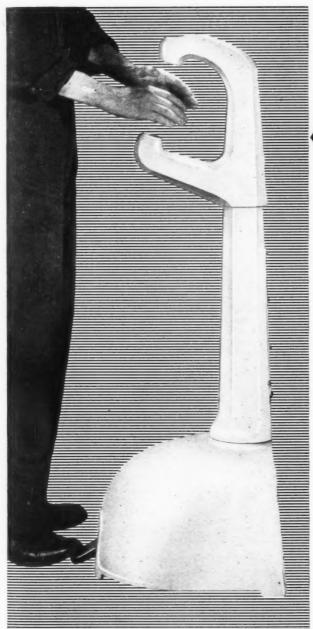
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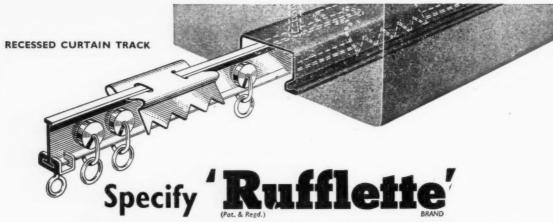
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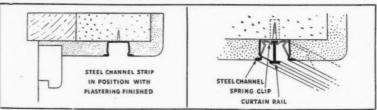
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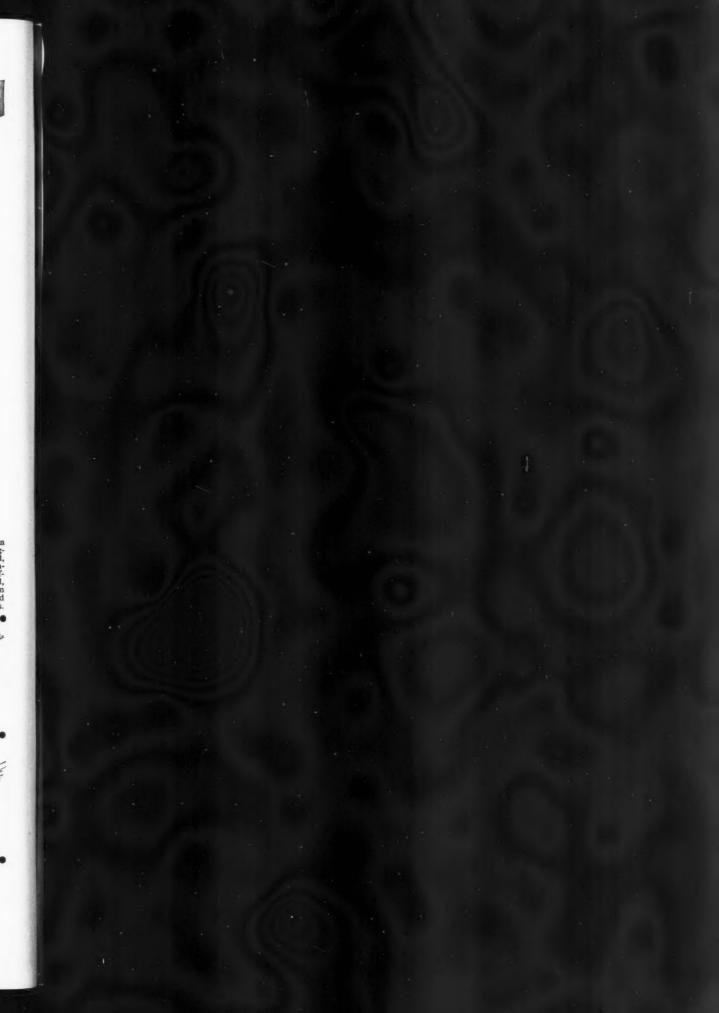
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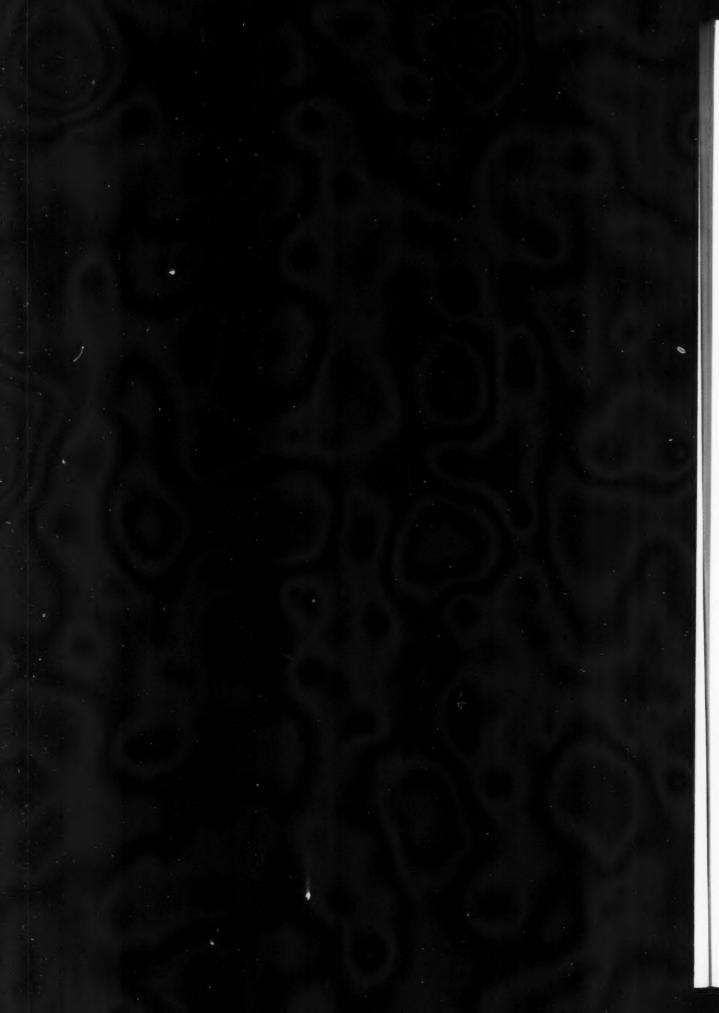
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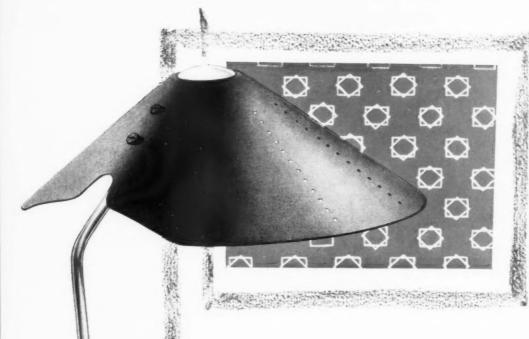
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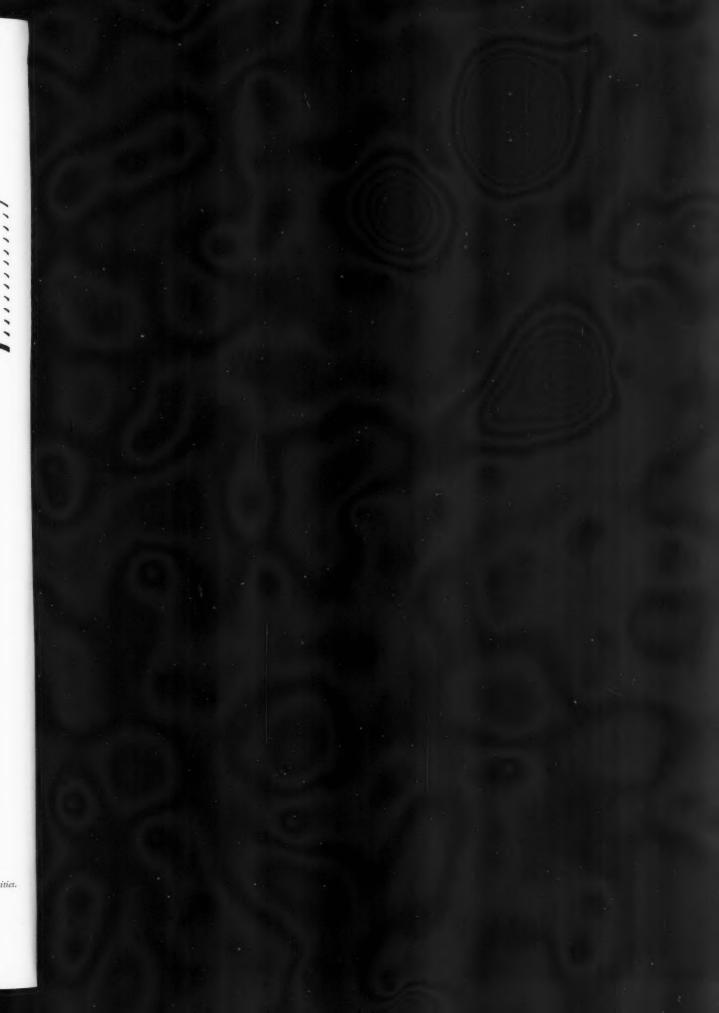
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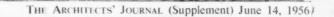
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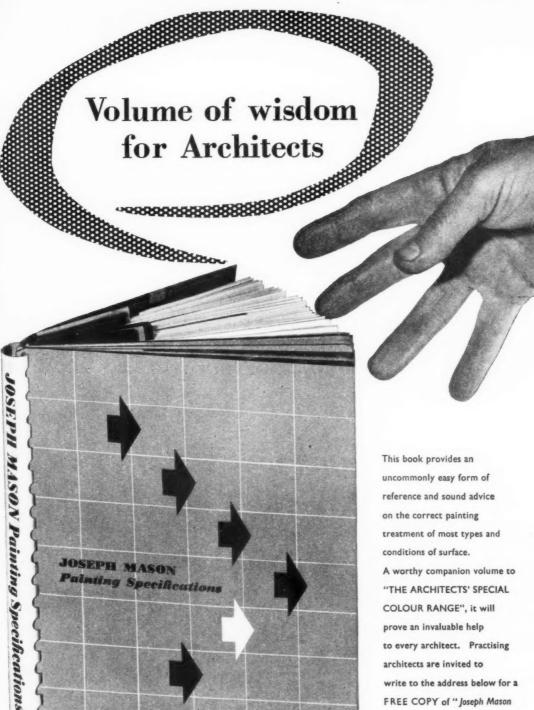
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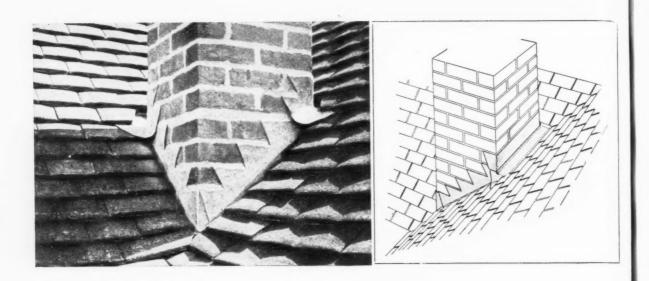
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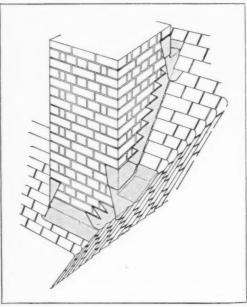
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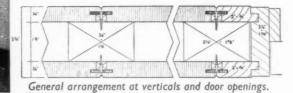
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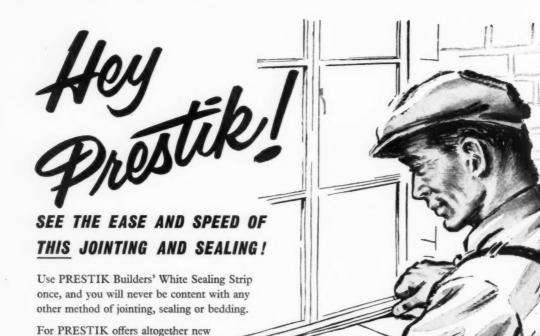
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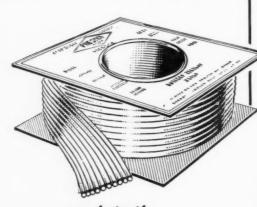


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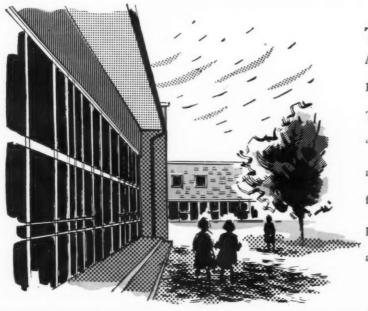
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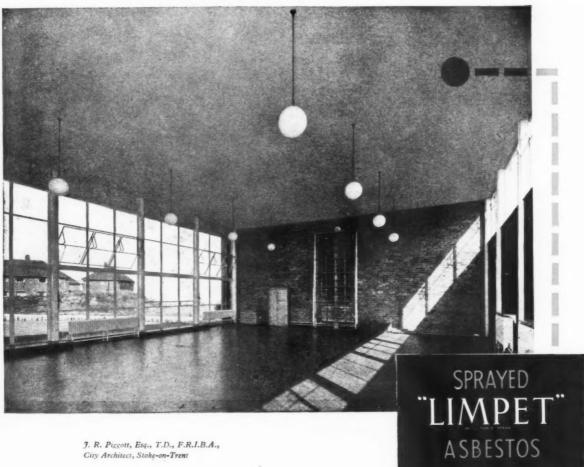
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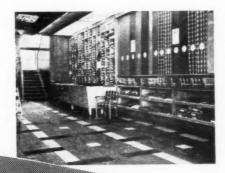
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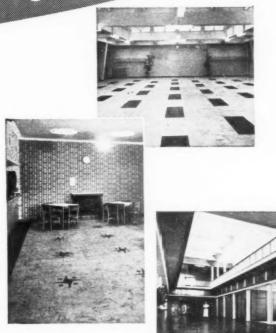
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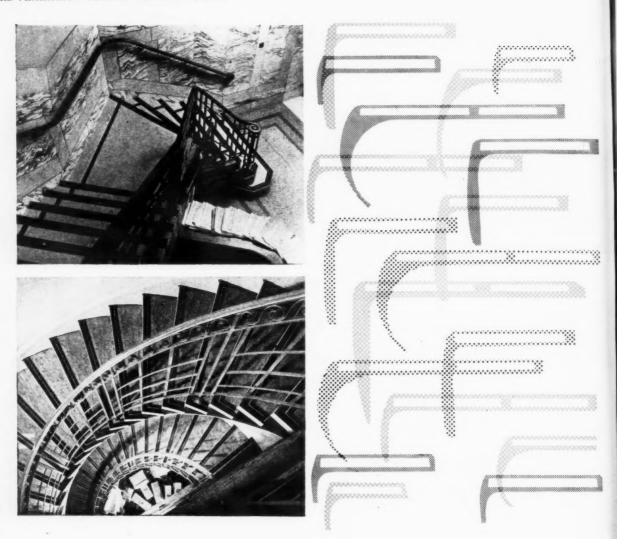
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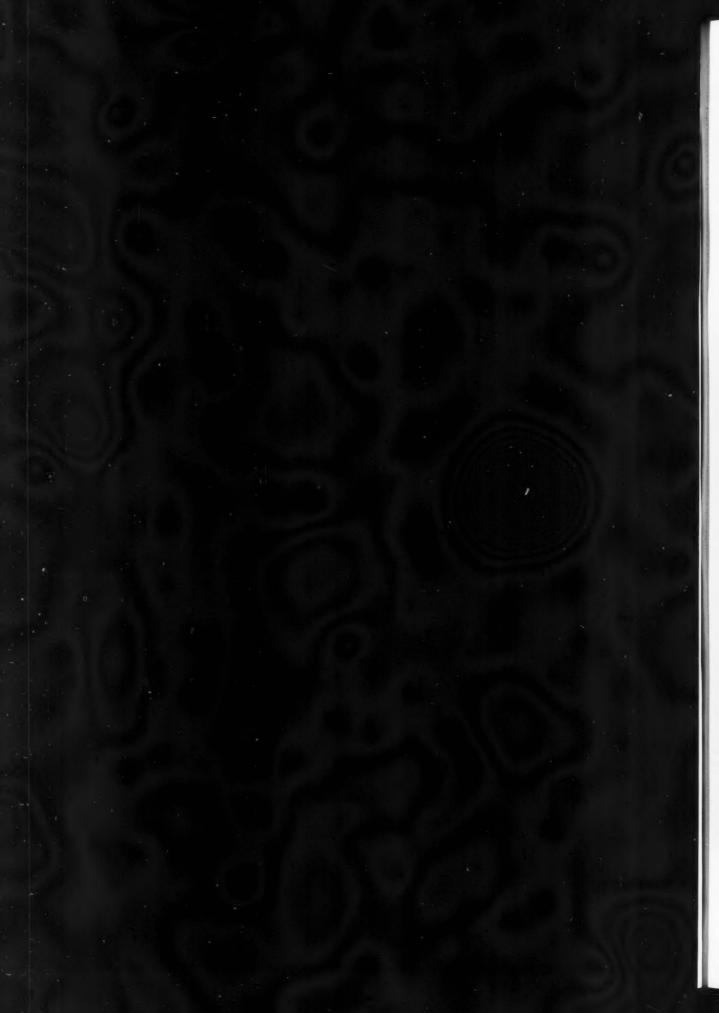
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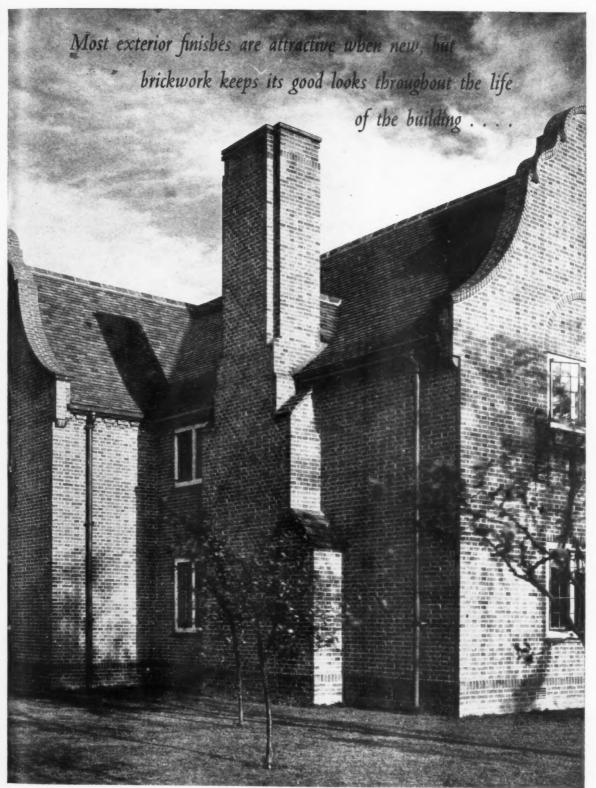
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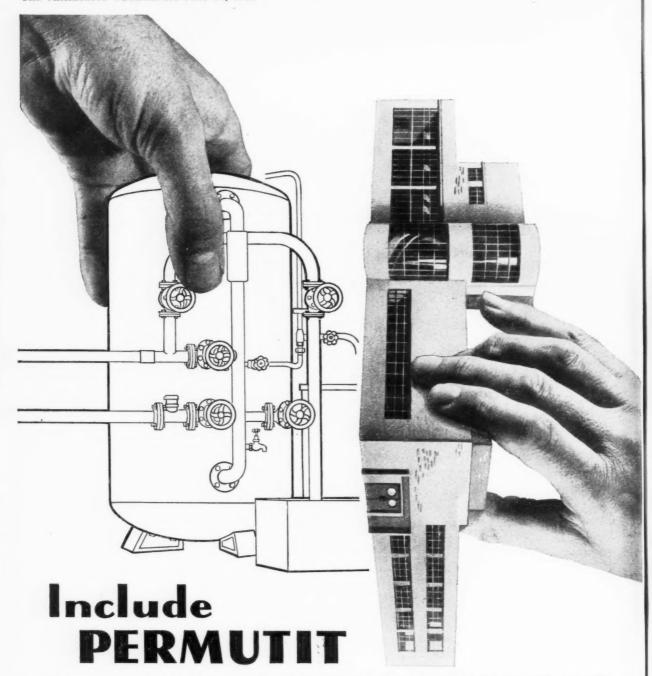




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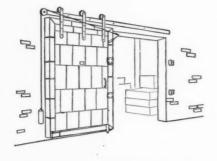
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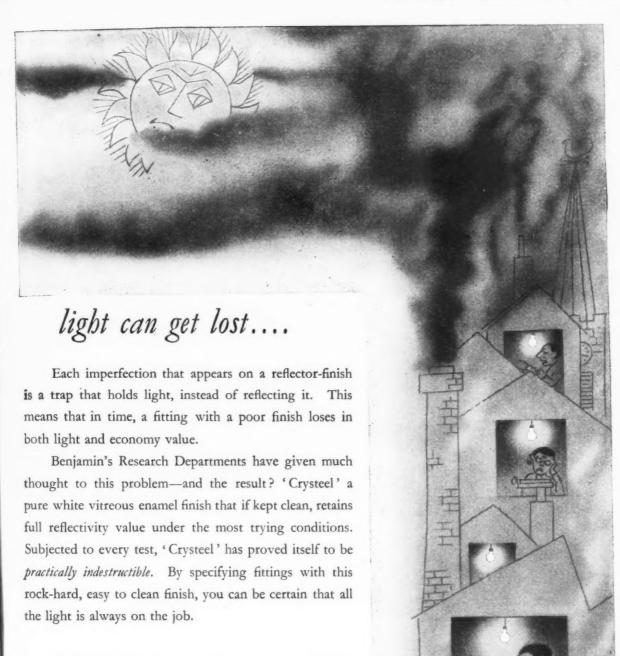
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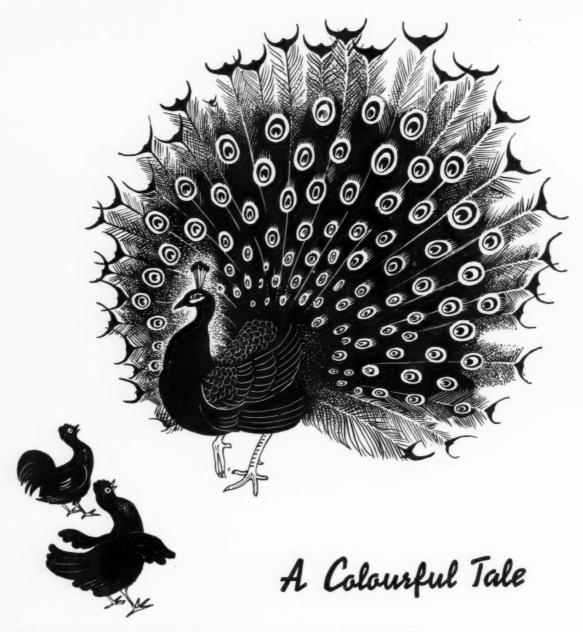
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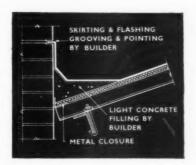
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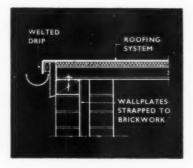


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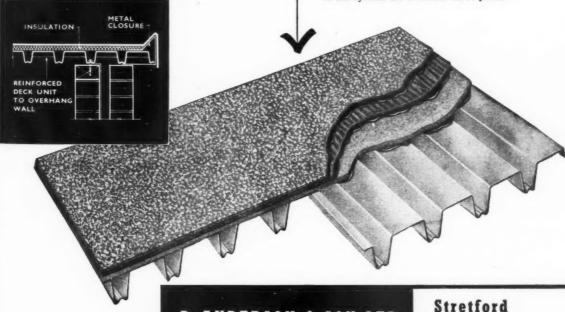


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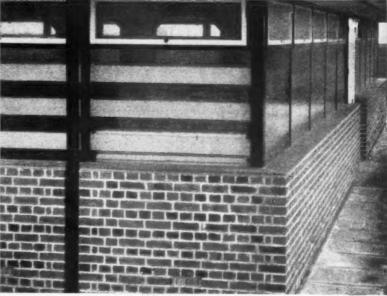
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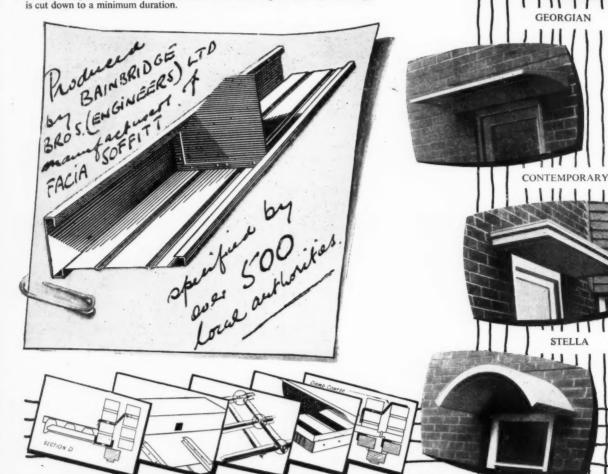
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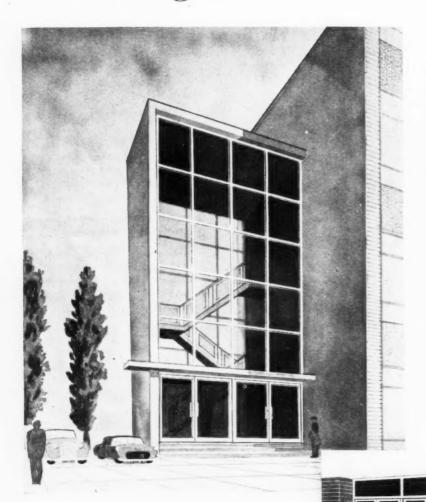


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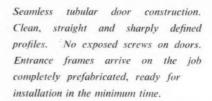




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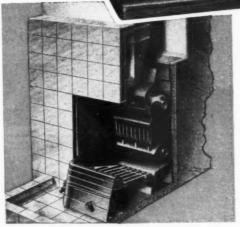
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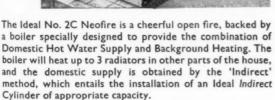
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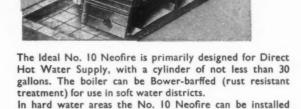


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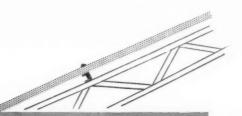
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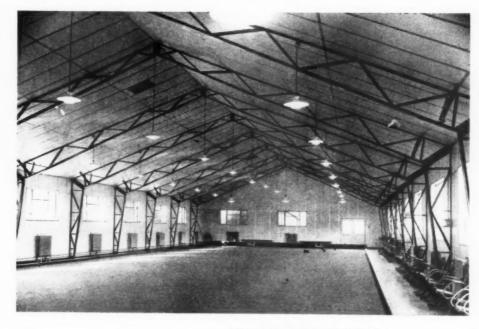


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NOT QUITE ARCHITECTURE*

OTHER VOICES, OTHER ROMES ...

Who goes to Rome—and how does he look at it when he gets there? These queries are prompted by James Lees-Milne's book Roman Mornings†, eight discursive essays on Roman monuments, written in a not-quite-architectural vein that allows historical and dynastic associations, political and religious reflections, a more-than-marginal showing. It is an essay in Deep-Tourism, the Rome of an intelligent and informed traveller who likes looking at architecture.

But only one man's Rome, and since the Eternal City is so nearly all things to all her visitors, this limits the usefulness of the book. The author probably didn't set out to be useful, but the publisher claims that like Ruskin's Mornings in Florence this also aims to "please and interest the intelligent layman in the place and its periods." But which layman? Not the stay-at-home who has never been, for the illustrations are nothing like informative enough to support a text which explains, rather than describes, the buildings.

Nor the intending visitor, for he, on examination, proves never to be a layman. Hot, woppish, Catholic, expensive and loud—Rome is everything that is calculated to upset the tourist from Penge or Chorlton-on-Medlock, and you can be pretty sure that the man leaning over the gate of "Dunroamin" has never done Rome, even if he has seen the stones of Venice or the drones of Capri. Apart from Americans. Rome is for the

Apart from Americans, Rome is for the professional—the pilgrim and the Rome

^{*}Meaning exactly what it says.

[†]Wingate 17s.









No. 1. St. Paul's Precinct

Writing at the invitation of Wiggins Teape, the occupants of the first post-war building (shown above) to be completed in the St. Paul's precinct, Sir Hugh Casson and Neville Condor state: "The architects of Gateway House have no doubt been over these hurdles (site boundaries, daylighting and density regulations, and byelaws), and from within this vastly constricted field of aesthetic choice they have emerged—not unscathed by the scars of compromise —with a reasonably worthy and discreet, if timid and unexciting building. In it's favour it can be said, that, unlike some of it's neighbours, it does not look a little the worse for dress. It pulls no faces and it tells no lies. The roof line is tidy, the facade pattern sensible rather than imaginative. But the sudden change of colour in the main facade—introduced perhaps to break up it's bulk—looks arbitrary and self-consciously contrived." J. M. Richards, writing in response to the same invitation, said: "Compared with some of the monstrous edifices that have gone up in the City since the war, Gateway House is shapely, relatively restrained in design and neatly finished. . . . I, personally, prefer the type of modern building that reveals the nature of its framed structure instead of concealing it behind brick walls which look as though they bore all the weight. This effect of looking more old-fashioned than it is, is emphasized in Gateway House by the proportions of the windows resembing those of a Georgian building and, more particularly, by the addition to the facade of classical-style cor-. The interior strikes meas particularly well finished.

Sir William Holford's statement included: "The main feature of the building which seems indeterminate in its relation to the design of the block as a whole is the cornice. The cornice in fact seems rather out of place, and serves to accentuate the difference between the two upper stories and the remainder of the building. The semi-circular West end of the pent-house story also seems out of character with that elevation, and with the rest of the building."

Misha Black wrote: "This is a building of architectural personality and quality. Both outside and within the building one is conscious of the architects' devoted interest in the problems of planning and appearance, of major massing and of minor detail."

And lastly, Jane Drew's comment contained the following: "The main plan form of the building with its long wing curving subtly is pleasant and it is well set in relation to both St. Paul's Churchyard and Cannon Street. . . . These frank, if contradictory, criticisms result from a commendable, enterprising policy. It is this interest by the users of buildings in the opinions of informed critics concerning their own architectural environment which can result in a more enlightened public opinion on design. One's only regret is that the criticism was not asked for by the owners and builders of the offices, Messrs. Trollope & Colls (rather than by the occupants), and at a very much earlier stage, when it might have had some influence on the eventual appearance of a building which will now inevitably form part of the St. Paul's precinct. Readers may judge the accuracy of some of the criticisms made in the comments above from the three general views shown, and from the detail of the entrance hall. The architects were Trehearne & Norman Preston & Partners.

scholar. Neither can decently be called a layman, neither would be satisfied with the author's particular blend of fact and opinion; the former would require a more reverent attitude to the Church, the latter a more reverent attitude to Art History. But supposing a hypothetical layman could be lured there, has Mr. Lees-Milne the eye or the mind needed to communicate with him? I doubt it. To say, for instance, that Rome, in the early morning, is not at all romantic, is to take too narrow a view of "romantic" for lay usage. The Pincian at dawn, Trastevere at breakfast time, the Colosseum from the air between street-lamp and sunrise; all these are variously romantic to that sophisticated lay sensibility which now exists, thanks to TV and Cinerama. Mr. Lees-Milne needs a more precise word, one of a number of scenic adjectives that are easily found for Rome, viz: "Magnanimous," meaning heroic, grave, splendid, "Scope-ish," resolute (Open City). meaning bright, brash, superfatted (Three Coins in the Fountain). "Sica-tious," meaning dim, grim, peeling and mean (Bicycle Thieves) or-and this is the word he really needs-" Audri-atic," meaning wishful, wistful, tender and thoroughly Spanish Steps (Roman Holiday).

That, certainly, is something that Rome is not in the early morning, but highly Sicatious, occasionally Magnanimous, and given the right fall of light across a baroque facade, sometimes Scopish.

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Information Centre. This week there are three reviews: the first deals with a book on schools in the USA, the second is about a book on laminated timber, and the third describes a DSIR handbook on hardwoods. Also referred to are an article on "semispheres" and two British Standards-the first on plumbing insulation, the second on steel refuse containers page 673

The Mod-X System. This system, which was designed by D. Dex Harrison, was first shown at the BIF in 1954, since when it has been commercially developed. A description is given of the standard parts from which any type, shape or size of structure can be designed and supplied for rapid erection by semi-skilled labour .. page 677

Information Sheets. One of these is a corrected version of the sheet on moulded hardboards which was published incorrectly on May 3: the other gives details of a gas water-heater.

Working Detail. This shows a low-level street light, designed so it is screened from the air, at Turnhouse

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ARCHITECTURE AND RISING PRICES

THOSE who are still unconvinced of the economic advantages of original thinking when applied to building whether by architects or building users or by the building industry-will do well to consider MOE'S new Circular 301. The immediate purpose of this is to establish that the permitted costs per place are not going to go up as a result of recent wage increases, even though these show a rise in the cost of educational building of over 3% according to the Ministry's index of costs. The circular goes on to point out that although since 1949, the cost of building has risen by 53% (which incidentally does not include the new wage increases) the costs per place have actually gone down, and have gone down substantially.

The average cost per place in primary schools in 1949 was £200, now the cost *limit* (i.e., the maximum allowable) is £154; for secondary schools the average cost in 1949 was £320, now the maximum allowable is £264. The significance of this architectural feat can only be realised when we consider other classes of building where this thinking has still to be done, such as housing, and where the smallest rise in prices is instantly felt.

The speculative builder is generally adept at cutting costs, yet it is calculated in The Surveyor of May 5 that a speculative house which could be sold for £2,000 last year would now have to be sold for £2,200. If only we had confronted the technical problem of housing ten years ago with the same vigour and comprehensiveness as we confronted that of schools, it might well be that we would by now have comparable ways of offsetting rising prices.

COST RESEARCH AT THE RICS

The RICS is to form a cost research panel and to provide it with financial backing. It is to be comprised mainly of surveyors, with representatives of BRS and other organizations, who will work on it part-time (see p. 631 in the AJ for June 7). This is welcome news, and we congratulate the RICS. The JOURNAL has for some time urged that quantity surveyors should arm themselves with more systematic methods of cost guidance for their architects. Indeed, one of our motives in publishing cost analyses was to make architects familiar with an analytical, as distinct from a "keep your fingers crossed" approach to costs.

The panel's terms of reference are given very briefly in the RICS annual report. We hope they do not exclude investigation of such methods of cost control as the rank and file of quantity surveyors could use. Architects and quantity surveyors obviously require the kind of knowledge that they could not obtain for themselves—the kind that BRS provides (after years of research). But they also need the kind of knowledge that they could get for themselves (fairly quickly) if only they knew how to get it.

Cost analysis and the elemental bill are examples of the latter—methods which delegates at the Norwich Conference agreed should be more widely used. Investigations of *this* kind—complementary to more fundamental research—are most urgently needed, and, on behalf of the architects, we hope the

panel will give them a high priority.



SOUTH BANK ON TV

If you had been walking, as ASTRAGAL was, along the South Bank one windy afternoon last week, you would have seen a tangle of cameras, cables and microphones surrounded by a ring of gaping onlookers. That would have been commercial TV's first attempt at a "live" architectural broadcast—a broadcast that I must assume no AJ readers actually saw, because, of course, they are all far too busy to watch TV in the middle of the afternoon.

Set up in the open air were models of the LCC's South Bank development scheme and sketches of Sir Howard Robertson's Shell buildings. Associated Rediffusion's commentator described the general scene and then got Dr. Leslie Martin to expound the LCC's plans over the model—and a most lucid and informative exposition it was. Others interviewed included a helicopter expert, a couple of theatre men (on the prospects of the National Theatre), the LCC Valuer (on his efforts to find a developer for the hotel site), and Sir Howard Robertson.

Sir Howard was then confronted by an architectural critic in the person of J. M. Richards, who was very aggressive about the design of the Shell buildings both from the point of view of planning and of architectural character. Sir Howard defended himself with his usual geniality.

It was all very lively. I don't know how clear an impression the viewer will have got of the issues at stake, but the real life flavour is important in architectural discussion, so I hope more programmes of this sort will be arranged.

ASTRAGAL GETS THE DRILL

In a room whose acoustic tile walls could not altogether disguise the fact that some-one had got a pneumatic drill stuck into the framing of some other part of the Embassy, Eero Saarineen held forth with becoming modesty and good sense about revisions to his prizewinning design for the new US Chancery in Grosvenor Square. He has recessed the ground floor and made it taller—more monumental, he said—to give better views over the greenery of the square; he has smoothed out the

circulation from the three main entrances and added a fountain court in the centre; he has set back the parapet, simplified the façade grid and decided to use only Portland stone for facings, and he has done away with bronze.

You want, he said, a building that will look nice in fifty years time, and he went on to eulogise the weathering of Portland stone in the London atmosphere, explaining how he had given his façade treatment deep reveals so as to get full value from the stone. It will be a curious twist of fate if smokeless zone regulations cheat him of his sootand-sulphuric weathering and the façade stays that horrible raw toffeecolour of fresh-cut Portland for the rest of its life. A small audience—too small for so important a Press conferenceasked the usual questions about planning permissions and costs, and got the usual sort of answers for such an early stage in the development of any project. And then Saarinen departed for Oslo (where he has another Embassy on the stocks) to the accompaniment of a valedictory outburst from the pneumatic drill.

A COST-OF-BUILDING INDEX

The Ministry of Works is now publishing a quarterly Cost-of-Building index. It is imperfect, but it is very much better than nothing. For those who are interested, the *Board of Trade Journal* for May 12 explains some of the statistical difficulties in preparing an index of this kind, which cannot be based on the prices of standard products, and points out that few buildings are standard and site conditions even less so.

Taking 1949 as the standard (100), the provisional figure for the first quarter of this year is 134. It is interesting to compare this with the BOT's figure for building and civil engineering *materials*, which, from the same datum, is 1419. This suggests that the quality of building has deteriorated, and though most of us knew this already, it is interesting to see it confirmed by official figures.

A GRISLY PILGRIMAGE

If you "seed" a pearl oyster too enthusiastically (ASTRAGAL has been told) you don't get pearls, but just a silly twisted mollusc. Likewise with politicians, p!anners, borough engineers and

the "Subtopia" campaign. They have been fed with enough of Ian Nairn's irritants to start them secreting, and now they need nourishment, not aggravation. Also anti-subtopian action now needs directing at the bulk of the public as well. The BBC ought to be able to do this admirably; but will it? The Corporation's handling of Sir Hugh Casson's first programme in a series called Journey through Subtopia struck me as little more than frivolous. That the programme should be on steam radio rather than TV was bad enough for a start—this is a field where a picture is worth a thousand words even of Cassonian prose, but to put it out at an hour when it would have to compete with "Pick of the Pops," "The Grove Family," and "Double your Money," seems almost a deliberate plot to make sure that it would not be heard by the people who needed to hear it.

The programme itself was a mixture of known-Nairn arguments and examples for study, but they came over fresh and urbane in Sir Hugh's rendering. One can't help wondering though, whether it was a good idea to give so much space to both the wrong attitudes about village re-housing. The routine council-house administrators and the tradition-blinded preservationists were each represented and their arguments were left largely unanswered. Nothing was said about the live solution for village housing-first-rate village infill with good modern dwellings. Perhaps we shall get this at a later stage of Sir Hugh's grisly pilgrimage.

TRADITION IN CONTEMPORARY SETTING

The First of Foot have certainly done themselves proud with their tercentenary exhibition, and ASTRAGAL, for one, will regard the Grenadiers hence-



Eero Saarinen explains his revised US Embassy design, shown in detail, left.

forth with enhanced respect for having staged the first exhibition that has been capable of standing up to the rather overwhelming decor of the State Rooms at St. James's Palace. To be more precise, the Grenadiers are to be respected for having turned over the staging of the show to the Royal College of Art, and the RCA is to be respected for having used entirely contemporary display equipment and methods.

The standards and battle-honours, documents and medals, drums and medals, uniforms and demountable camping tackle come across to the visitor with maximum impact. Even the un-military will get from this exhibition a sense of the continuity of regimental tradition such as reams of New-Elizabethan prose will never give; even the resolutely plebeian (like ASTRAGAL) will gain some sense of what being U is really all about. The show, which runs to June 23, illustrates (beyond what has already been mentioned) a curious factor in the British Way of Life and all that. In any other country, one suspects, a regiment so old, so crusty with tradition, stationed for two centuries in the Capital, would have been embroiled in any number of plots and Palace revolutions, yet the First, in Prince Albert's words, have always been "at the command of the Civil power to support law and order" and have never disturbed that order "by insolence or licentiousness."

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How far in the creation of a New Town do you get by the wholesale use of architects, and by conscientious, steady, planning and designing? Not nearly far enough. That, in all fairness, is the only answer ASTRAGAL can make after studying the neat, well-presented exhibition on view at the RIBA recently, entitled "Hemel Hempstead: New Town from Old." It is hard to know where to begin to criticise the work shown in an exhibition of this type. Granted that there are no spec.built horrors; that much of the housing is above average; that in the Adeyfield shopping centre there is a certain air (almost American) of shopping bustle; that some neat Herts schools lie like raisins in the dough; that trees and grass stand newly-planted and that everyone is better off in every way than they ever were. . . . Granted all this, there is still no New Town in the true sense of the word. If you don't believe me, then study the excellent photographs in the official pamphlet, which has the same title as the exhibition, published by the Development Corpor-

Hemel Hempstead bears out the sound point that Henry Morris made at the RIBA recently, that schools should be a focal point in a neighbourhood. In the plans and aerial views shown in the exhibition the schools are quite unrelated—or at least not related in any discernible way-to the housing. One of the best buildings shown, the Adeyfield Hall (illustrated in the JOURNAL, November 26, 1953), is spoilt by being ill-sited in relation to the shopping centre it flanks. Another attractive shopping centre has immense flights of steps before it, inviting shoppers to mount on to-and therefore eventually spoil—the strip of grass which runs along the top.

But the above are attractive buildings in themselves. For architect-perpetrated mediocrity ASTRAGAL suggests Bank Court. A symmetrical, axial layout of four banking houses each designed by a different architect and all markedly different in appearance. This is, perhaps, the nub of the matter. The Development Corporation are obviously not insisting enough that their architect's department gives a lead in the matter of design. The corporation

chairman, H. W. Wells, in his speech at the opening of the exhibition, showed that it was the corporation itself which tended to apply the brake on progress. "The Development Corporation," he said, "does not like deliberate attempts to break away from the traditional form or idiom." As a result there was not enough really imaginative and lively town planning to be seen in the exhibition. There is little coherence of design and hardly a really good building. Churches, pubs, shops and factories are mostly heavy-handed in design or timidly disposed. The most promising building to come—and the town will certainly need it-is the proposed town centre hall.

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COMPETITION

Scottish Technical College

Entries for a Paisley technical college competition (assessor, Professor R. Gardner-Medwin; prizes, (1) £1,500 (2) £1,000 and (3) £500) must be submitted by March 27. Questions must reach J. and A. Gardner, Clerks to the Governors, 3, County Place, Renfrewshire, by September 3. Applicants for the conditions (deposit £2) must send their registration numbers or the numbers of the receipts issued to them by the Architects' Registration Council in respect of the admission fee.

TRINIDAD

Results of Concert Hall Competition

Colin Laird, A.R.I.B.A., has won the \$1,500 first prize in a competition for the design of Trinidad's Community Centre Concert Hall, to be built in the King George V Park, Port of Spain. The other prizewinners in this competition, which was limited to architects practising in the West Indies, are O. G. Chase, who gets \$500 and Messrs. Mence and Moore, A./L.R.I.B.A., who gets \$250. Twelve designs were received. The assessor was Ronald Firth, A.R.I.B.A.

NORWICH

City Architect's Scheme Accepted

The scheme for a Norwich central library, which we illustrated briefly on May 31 together with notes about its designer, the new city architect, David Percival, has now been approved by the city council. Plans will be published in the JOURNAL shortly.

HERTS

Architects Appoint PRO

A public relations officer has been appointed by the Essex, Cambridge and Hertfordshire Society of Architects, Hertfordshire Chapter. He is H. J. Coates, and it will be his job to deal with any matters that members bring before him. Members are asked to tell him immediately of "(a) anything of architectural interest which they consider might with advantage be brought before the public; (b) anything of an adverse character which is derogatory to the profession including incorrect and misapplied statements in the Press, which require immediate correction; (c) in fact, anything which the members feel the Public Relations Officer can do in his capacity as an intermediary between us and the general public, in order to benefit the Profession, would be welcomed."

USSR

Films on Building

Two films were shown last week to an audience of architects and engineers of the architectural section of the Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR. The first (writes a correspondent) was on the reconstruction of Moscow and was really intended for lay audiences but was interesting for its good views of some of the Kremlin buildings, and for general views of the large-scale rebuilding which has been going on in Moscow since the war. The second film was intended for architects and the building industry generally and had a good commentary in English. It dealt mainly with the use of pre-stressed concrete, and especially with the large-scale use of large standardized pre-fabricated units.

There were very good and interesting detailed shots of a large and highly mechanized factory for the manufacture of units such as columns, stairs, and floor panels up to about 20 ft. × 13 ft. in size. There was not enough explanation about the effect of this on planning and design, nor as much as one would have liked to see about details such as jointing and finishes, but it was a real eye-opener to see the pace at which things have been developing, for units of this kind were only just beginning to be made less than three years ago when a party of architects reported on their visit to Russia. There is now a number of factories in operation, varying from the huge fully-automatic plant in Moscow to relatively-small manufacturing units in outlying areas where the products are used for farm buildings and cottages. It is said that over 400 plants will be operating in 1957. With units coming off each of four lines of one plant at the rate of one every fifteen minutes the total projected output must be enormous. Its effect on standardization of planning and (unless someone is very strong-minded) on retarding the development of new ideas is rather terrifying.

We print below, in shortened forms, the discussion which followed the three papers presented last week at Norwich to members of the British Architects' Conference. These papers, given in full in the RIBA Journal for May, were summarized by their authors. E. D. Jefferiss Mathews emphasized the need for economics to inform the whole of the designer's creative thinking; and the need for close collaboration between the architect, builder, quantity surveyor and engineer.

The leading themes of the discussion were these: 1. There should be more research into user requirements, more development work by local authorities and a better organized exchange of information within the profession and between the profession and sources of knowledge. 2. Cost analysis and cost planning should become familiar tools for architect and quantity surveyor (as "co-designers") and the elemental bill of quantities should be more widely used. 3. Economics should enter into the architect's training. Many speakers called for an officially-supported follow-up to the conference, in the form of study groups.

ARCHITECTURAL ECONOMICS:

WHAT DELEGATES SAID AT

THE NORWICH CONFERENCE

DR, J. C. WESTON: "The important questions for us to consider in this conference are the methods whereby cost information can be made available and can be made part of the thinking in the design process." It is important that data relating to previous jobs shall be available from the outset. Cost analysis has an important part to play. Many of you will have read the series of articles which has appeared recently in The Architects' Journal dealing with certain aspects of this method of collecting information. There is no real difficulty in obtaining infor-

After the first discussion at the Conference, members met at a garden party in the grounds of the Bishop's Palace. Here are (left to right) Humphrey Boardman, president of the local association; C. H. Aslin, RIBA president; Dr. J. L. Martin, architect to the LCC; and Dr. J. C. Weston, of BRS.

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On the conference platform: left to right, Cecil Howitt (standing), Humphrey Boardman, C. H. Aslin, C. D. Spragg (RIBA secretary), E. D. Jefferiss Mathews, Dr. J. L. Martin and Dr. J. C. Weston. Mr. Aslin, Mr. Spragg and Mr. Mathews are shown again in the photograph below, and beneath that are Dr. Martin and Dr. Weston.





mation in this way, even from the present type of priced bill. It does require close collaboration between the architect and his quantity surveyor but that in any case is all to the good. There is a developing interest in an alternative way of presenting bills of quantities themselves-what has become known as elemental billing. I think some of those here today have had experience of using bills in this form, and I hope they will make that experience available to us. In preparing cost analyses as a basis for future planning it is important to include information not only on cost but on the areas of the various elements of the building. These figures are quite useful. For example, we found in a recent study of high flats that the planning ratio of habitable area to the total area varies quite considerably from 0.7 to 0.9. Fairly close study of designs shows that something like 15 or 16 per cent, for access areas allows for good design. Flats with 30 per cent. access areas were quite a bit more expensive than they need have been. With flats costing approximately 50s. or 60s. per square foot gross, 10 per cent. on the area is quite a considerable thing.

"Another aspect of architectural economy to which I would draw your attention is the whole question of production aspects of building. Building stands alone among the major industries in the country in separating design from production. Whether in architectural training there should be more attention to production methods, whether close liaison between contractor and designer from the inception of the scheme is the solution or not, I leave to the conference to consider. . . . It is equally important and often more important to consider the subsequent running costs. I think everybody is aware of this problem, but there is no firmly established method whereby running costs may be converted into their equivalent capital costs."

After quoting the illustration in his paper, he said that another example sprang to mind in the planning of rural schools. "Is it better to centralize education, to build a limited number of large schools and have in consequence a large bill for transport, £50,000 to £150,000 per annum," he asked, "or would it be

better to spend more on a number of smaller buildings and reduce transport? Considerations of exchange rates between running costs and first costs would enable the problem to be approached on a rational basis."

NIGEL ROSE (a quantity surveyor in the MOE Architect and Buildings branch) opened the discussion on the papers. He began by describing the procedure of cost analysis and cost planning used at the MOE (this procedure was described by James Nisbet in the JOURNAL of May 10). He said: "The analyses we are producing today are rather more elaborate than those illustrated in Dr. Weston's paper. Those who

scattered and requiring collection before being sent out to sub-contractors, but nevertheless he sees each item in its exact context, as do also his planning and buying departments. The contractor's site representatives, after their initial surprise has subsided, are enthusiastic, for here is exactly the sort of document that is needed in their offices, from that of the organising agent to the bonussing clerk. If there is a slip in the quantities, it stands out a mile. Whilst for economic reasons it may have been easier for central and local government departments to pioneer this divergence from tradition, some private offices of both architects and quantity surveyors and several local authority offices are already experimenting with methods, not identical, but very



A section of the audience at one of the Conference discussions.

followed the Architects' Journal guest editor series last year will recognise the form. There is a good deal of tabulated information including quantities and ratios and brief specification notes. The quantities and ratios are calculated from the sketch design for the job with which we are concerned and we then have all the necessary information as assembled for commencing the cost plan."

He then described the process of cost planning and went on: "Having kept so close a hold on costs throughout the design when we put the bills out to tender we can be reasonably confident that there are not going to be any rude shocks. Of course, if a negotiated tender is contemplated a contractor can be brought into the cost checking, he and the quantity surveyor carrying out the process independently. As Dr. Martin has mentioned, there are other advantages of elemental bills. The architect is given a document which he can use with confidence for reference purposes. Drawing numbers are shown wherever possible. The quantity surveyor, while employing rather more paper but no more time than ordinarily, makes his duties immeasurably more efficient right up to and including the final account. The builder's estimator may be sorry to find the trades

similar to those which I have outlined."

CLIFFORD NOTT (chief quantity surveyor at Herts C.C. and co-author of "Architectural Economics" in the Journal for May 24) emphasised the importance of "pre-planning." He went on: "Building costs today carry a large element of risk which the contractor has to take on the locked-up capital because at no stage in the job can one get an accurate interim assessment to make him the proper payments for work he has done. If it became an established practice that the job could go through smoothly without these adjustments, contractors would not have to cover for that risk at 5½ per cent. on every £100 of locked-up capital." The fact that the tempo of building had been high since the war had also added to the costs. Pre-planning could have saved some of those costs. He suggested that we had to start thinking of the training of students, so that they grew up thinking of architects and quantity surveyors as a team, and got a very wide common background. Architectural students should be allowed to see a quantity surveyor or two during their training. Similarly quantity surveyors needed an applied economics examination paper.

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After the garden party which followed the first day's discussion, members attended a service in the cathedral.

Dr. Weston had asked who should accumulate data for cost analysis. Mr. Nott felt it must be the quantity surveyor's task to accumulate the very detailed information, but that did not exonerate the architect from trying to know as much about pricing as he knew about rates and prices today. Quantity surveyors should have the more exact knowledge of adjustments necessary to take into account rises in prices, variations in economic conditions, restrictions on site, etc. He had found that, although this approach to cost control was new, the architects with whom he had worked had found that the précis'd summaries led them to ask for the right sort of prices and right amount of information for designing. What they (the quantity surveyors) tried to do was to analyse the bill and then summarise each section and sub-section showing the relation of that element's cost to the whole building as a rate per foot super and also to show it as an over-all unit rate per foot super of floor area. With an elemental layout, the whole of the information was in one block and you gradually learned to handle the whole thing at one time and transpose the item you were dealing with for the item you had before.

If one was negotiating a tender the elemental bill was ideal and the number of elements and sub-sections could be mutually arranged to suit the future production of more detailed cost analysis data than usual to assist the general contractor in progressing the works, with far more detail than was afforded by the 19 elements for a multi-storey framed building. The pattern of this approach had not yet crystallised, and

what was needed now was for a large number of people to try these experiments in cost planning and cost control.

GORDON STEELE said that the purpose of research was to give the building industry the information to make the right decisions, and to give them the information quickly and in a useful form. Mr. Steele would like to see some form of organisation distributed regionally throughout the country with as many centres as could be managed, as a pivotal point of a two-way traffic. In one direction passing on information which came as a result of research, in the other direction answering the queries of architects, builders and engineers or referring them to quarters where answers could be given.

CLIFFORD CULPIN (chairman of the RIBA Housing and Town Planning Committee): "I should like to see this conference give the strongest support to the elemental bill of quantities and to send a resolution to our friends at the RICS to encourage them to adopt this system at the earliest moment. Quantity surveyors as a profession have always seemed to me to be singularly conservative. We must get them to adopt a more imaginative and flexible attitude and to co-operate with us in the very earliest design stage instead of, as so often happens, only coming in when the drawings are complete."

When the discussion was resumed on Friday morning, E. D. Jefferiss Mathews summarised the previous

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1. Cleeve Barr, deputy housing architect to the LCC. 2. Frank R. Yerbury, director of the Building Centre, is seen here photographing No. 5. 3. Eric Bird, on his last mission as editor of the RIBA Journal, Mrs. Bryan Westwood, C. St. Clair Oakes and F. R. Yerbury. 4. Bryan Westwood. 5. Miss Molly Taylor (architect). 6. The new Norwich city architect, David Percival, and his wife. 7. Donald Gibson, Nottingham city architect, with his successor as Coventry city architect, Arthur Ling, and Mrs. Ling. 8. E. D. Jefferiss Mathews, one of the principal speakers at the conference. 9. The Bishop of Norwich and H. Boardman. 10. Mrs. Boardman and C. D. Spragg, RIBA secretary. 11. Ian Leslie, editor of The Builder, Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. G. Mansell, the wife of the editor of The Architect and Building News.





















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day's discussion. Dr. Martin then spoke briefly about the dissemination of research, concluding with a suggestion that the conference should be followed up by study groups.

G. GRENFELL BAINES: "Perhaps some of the delegates may be interested in our experience of using cost control, by analysis and cost plan, as part of the design process.

"Though only short our experience has already shown the value of the methods described by the speakers, and initiated largely, I believe, by the Ministry of Education. We have also found the ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL helpful and consider that valuable work has already been done, and can still be done, by the Building Press generally to publicise results for the whole profession. We decided only last week to extend our experience even beyond the work of the AJ by circulating a number of architectural organisations, official and private, offering to exchange our cost analyses privately. As comparison is such an important process, firmer definitions of what comprises an element are necessary, otherwise comparisons are misleading.

"Different systems of construction can make definitions difficult, different methods of planning can do so, too; for instance, there is quite a difference in the work below ground, and roof elements in single or multistorey development, and so it is often helpful to compare combinations of elements in the cost plan. On one job, our structural design involving slender mullions at frequent intervals, resulted in an 8% contribution to the cladding if only the verticals were exposed, while to expose the horizontal members gave a further 12%. Naturally these economies had to be weighed with the resulting appearance. In drawing up a cost plan with the QS there is a real danger of the wishful thinking mentality developing. To keep the final details constantly in line with the cost plan requires the continuous joint effort of architect and quantity surveyor.

"For this reason we have our own quantity surveyors in the office, acting as co-designers and enjoying equal status. I hope that this Conference might start the free-est exchange of information, by both public and private channels, subject of course to clients' agreement.

"I could not follow Dr. Weston's figures of £285 for the maintenance in the life of a house—what life has he allowed? Most authorities are finding it impossible to maintain for £10 per annum, and on a sixty years' life that comes to more than a third of the original cost. Some time ago in one of our large housing projects we were forced to reduce flooring specifications to save capital cost. The new tenants complained it was costing them 1s. 10d. per week in polish and cloths to clean the floors. They would have been willing to pay 1s. per week more rent to have had floors like the original houses. At the rates of interest and repayment then prevailing this represented £65—the better floors would have only cost £35.

"We are finding that our cost analysis makes a good basis for estimating progress and now issue our clerks of works with the elements expressed in percentages; from these, by his estimate of the percentage completed he can build up a realistic assessment of how far the job is complete. Before long we can see this leading to more realistic interim valuations. We have found that by getting down to cost analysis we have earned the respect of clients, gained their understanding, and actually got them to spend more money because they were able to see what they were getting.

DR. WESTON, speaking of capital and running costs, said that the question was one of spending money now or over the years. If capital was spent at the moment, presumably it would have to be borrowed, and equivalent capital value was simply that sum of money which had to be paid off, capital and interest, over the period of the years. At $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on 20 years, the payment of £1 per annum would repay a loan of £12. They would, of course, have paid £20 over the years but that would not justify the spending of £20 at present, only £12. That represented the sum it was justifiable in spending now to save in the future.

PERCY F. BURNETT quoted the example of an office building in London. Preliminary planning consent took four months—a favourable time—and then working drawings and formal consent took another four or five months. On a not unusually large site the ground rent worked out at £400 a month and so his client who had waited eight or nine months to get his consents, had spent £3,500 or £3,600 which was quite unproductive.

The building had about 50,000 sq. ft. of floor space which worked out at 1s. 6d. per ft. super, there being nothing whatever that could be done about it. It could be taken further with the loss of rental value for eight or nine months at 15s. to 20s. a sq. foot which amounted to a large sum. A private client building an office block at the present time had to allow something like 10s. a foot super for the "cost of legis:ation."

A. G. SHEPPARD FIDLER said it would be valuable if the large local authority offices could be given guidance on certain points that they might look after and send information collected to the Building Research Station, the Ministry of Education or whoever was head of the research organisation.

In Birmingham they were running a collaboration experiment by negotiating with a firm of structural engineers working as contractors, and general contractors. It looked as if they would save a consideable amount of money through this collaboration and showed that it was well worth while doing the sort of experiment which the London County Council had been doing at Picton Street.

JOHN STILLMAN asked how cost analysis could help the private architect who did not have a series of jobs forming part of a programme. They would find an effective means of cost analysis a tremendous advantage for they were always conscious of the fact that they could not always produce tenders which matched up to estimates.

He asked these questions: Could cost analysis, as described and written about in the technical Press, give help with buildings which were not exactly In 21 colours...
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similar? If cost analysis could not be applied in that way would elemental bills help? Cost analysis presupposes that builders tender rationally, but they do not. How does this affect the use of analyses? Were there other ways of cost analysis than that discussed?

DR. WESTON replied that elemental bills were a way of facilitating cost analysis. It was perfectly possible to abstract cost analyses from bills in their ordinary form; obviously some extra work was involved in splitting the work down to the individual trades. Cost analysis could help in predicting the cost of a building which was only similar to the building for which there was already information. "Frankly," he said, "it would be difficult without cost analysis to approach the problem logically at all. I have no doubt that cost analysis will prove the suitable logical approach." He suggested that one needed data from a number of schemes and he thought that it was unwise to rely, for cost planning, on information from a single scheme.

CLEEVE BARR said that on the Picton Street job they had not followed the procedure suggested by the Ministry of Education for schools. On housing work so much was known about costs of unit dwellings. More important were such things as public access areas, balconies and so on and the department was working on the basis of breaking sketch plans down into a number of components and investigating a variety of ways of constructing each component. He thought 99 per cent. of quantity surveyors regarded bills of quantities as ends in themselves. Architects had to rub in that what they wanted was not a beautiful bill but some economic advice

He thought that Craig's paper published for the BRS recently was admirable in every respect except one. He had quoted 48 shillings per foot super of floor area for multi-storey flats. This was ridiculously low. The LCC had not got below 60 shillings for that kind of building, even after a good deal of effort. Contractors did not know all the answers. On the first of the LCC schemes at Wimbledon, at the design stage, comment was invited from three contractors on the best structure for the blocks. One firm said steel frame, a second concrete frame, and a third load-bearing concrete walls. Each might have been right within his own organisation, plant and so on. On a second scheme they approached six contractors, three were prepared to collaborate at the design stage knowing that later on they would have a chance to tender. One was all for a system of load-bearing walls with sliding shutters of Swedish pattern, another suggested a reinforced concrete frame designed by his own engineer with concrete cladding, and a third was in favour of a different kind of frame with different cladding. If these had been followed up the department would have had to produce three different sets of drawings and designs and there would be the deuce of a job comparing tenders when they came in. So at Picton Street one nominated contractor was given the job, and the department worked with him at the design stage to get the maximum economy. It had been a jolly interesting experience. Knowing the type of crane to be used and which parts could be made on site had been a great help. The actual cost saving would not really be known until the final accounts were ready.

"If one is going to work together as a team at the design stage, how can one guarantee to the client that the result will be economic? Here, it seems to me, the RIBA and BRS can do immediately a study of what forms of contract are going on at the moment by Mr. Fidler, Mr. Gibson, Coventry, and other authorities who are moving in this direction." Finally, there was the follow-on from the conference. He hoped the RIBA would extend the work of the Joint Consultative Committee to bring in a number of junior members. In recent years he had done some work on RIBA committees and Portland Place had had a soporific effect upon him. He felt that the council took its responsibilities too seriously. There was a lot of room for expression of opinion and for investigation which need not necessarily carry the weight of the RIBA Council.

DR. WESTON challenged Cleeve Barr on the target price for flats. The target suggested was based on current performance. Nearly half the blocks in the BRS survey were less than 60 shillings per foot super. The cost of high flats had a very wide range, from under 50 shillings to very nearly 90 shillings, and all were local authority dwellings which normally provided the same standard of accommodation for the occupant. 48 shillings has been beaten in five- to six-storey blocks and closely approached in six- to ten-storey blocks.

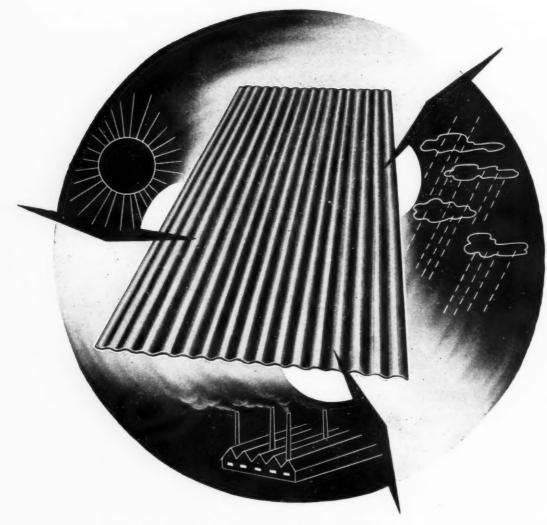
DR. MARTIN: "The building programmes that are going on throughout the country are excellent opportunities for investigation of costs. If that investigation is systematically carried out there is no reason why it should not be available to the whole profession. The thing we have to explain to the public, I think, is that sometimes you have to spend money if you want to save it. The point is fixed in people's minds that architects are men who spend a lot of money, and we have now to convince people we also have the means of saving a great deal of money.

NOEL TWEDDELL had experienced great difficulty in getting in what he thought was a good price on orthodox bill of quantities even when he had taken an immense amount of trouble in collaborating in a mild way or taking advantage of advice from contractors. Yet when the tenders came in he had realised the orthodox bill had been a barrier between himself and the contractor.

He hoped the Institute would do what it could to sponsor the development of elemental bills so that even if the present bills could not be scrapped an alternative method of tendering could be developed.

R. LLEWELYN DAVIES said the problem they were discussing that day was really part of a general problem of knowledge in relation to the practice of architecture. This knowledge could only be developed by specialised bodies, by teams including not only architects but also members of sister professions. They should know that the organisations already

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working in this field were not originated by the profession. He hoped that this pattern would change. The two main problems were: the recruiting of the right kind of architect to carry on the work and maintain the leadership of architects in this field; and the dissemination in the right form to practice. The question of dissemination was vital, because there was no point in doing the work unless it rapidly filtered down into practice. One of the most useful results of the conference would be for the profession as a whole to say how they would like the material. The work itself was also dependent on effective comments and criticism from practising architects.

LESSLIE K. WATSON said that the editors of architectural journals should make a point of putting in the cost per foot super when they published buildings intended to be a serious contribution. He also felt there was an opening for an annual book that would give records of buildings, perhaps in about two pages, telling the architect all he wanted to know, the cost being amended to bring it up-to date each year.

WILLIAM ALLEN said that BRS was to carry out a programme of research on factory design and construction over the next two or three years. He acknowledged help from the Midland Regional Board for Industry which had found the finance to extend the scheme to the extent necessary to carry out the work properly.

On the question raised by Mr. Watson, he suggested that the information given in the Architects' Journal was already a fairly complete record of the buildings dealt with.

Mr. Allen asked Dr. Martin to give a reply to Mr. Fidler as to whether it was practical to introduce research teams into local authorities' departments. He thought they could make a cast-iron case to afford them these days, the local authorities having the organisation capable of carrying them.

On Mr. Davies' point about the carrying out of operations inside the RIBA, Mr. Allen said it seemed to him something they had to learn to develop in the next few years if they were going to carry out the rapid changes inside the profession which obviously they were feeling would be needed to strengthen their position and cope with the volume of work they wanted to bring into their hands. They had to carry through a planned programme (for instance the inclusion of economics in architects' training), which had the general support of the profession. It was necessary that the broad body of the membership welcomed it. A committee had been doing something along these lines but it was localised in the London area to a great extent.

R. BADEN HELLARD said his firm had sent out elemental drawings when they did some small jobs, collaborating with the contractor on a negotiated contract. It speeded up the production of information the contractor required. The builder, however, did not agree. The estimator found he was missing things. He was collating information from one element and thinking he had missed it elsewhere and including it again.

It was also discovered that the trades foreman on the site had difficulty in reading "this rather logical drawing." "We came to the conclusion," he said "that the average trades foreman or the general foreman has never had a course in drawing interpretation." When there was any change, he had no basic knowledge to fall back on. The result was that a lot more time had to be spent explaining these elemental drawings to the operatives, but, as they continued with the contracts, it had begun to click. The point was that it was no use for architects to educate themselves alone to this approach. They had to go right back to the trade foreman on the job.

ARTHUR LING said he was concerned with an attempt to set up a development and research group in his office in Coventry. He found it exceedingly difficult. It was not possible to get the kind of staff needed for the job, and there was nowhere they could go, centrally, for all the work that had already been done. The intention was to have a sample room and a library of references where the staff could quickly look up information they required or find a reference to the source of that information. The question then arising was how to index.

He had become appalled at the idea that so many people would be covering the same sort of ground. If their office was going to have a development and research section, there seemed no reason why it should not serve private architects in Coventry and the surrounding area. In London one had the advantage of easy access to various centres; the farther from London the more difficult it became to get to a centre easily. We needed some system of building and research centres which would provide a simple framework within which information could be disseminated all over the country.

DR. MARTIN, replying to William Allen, said that the work that could be done in the public office, even in the largest possible office such as the LCC, was not research, but development—the application of research to practice. The cost of teams could be justified over and over again in development work in large public offices.

DONALD GIBSON, seconding a vote of thanks proposed by Howard Lobb, said that when he had commissioned twelve architects to design schools, eight hit about the right price, three were about £30,000 over and one about £30,000 below. This was a serious problem when more and more money was publicly granted or publicly controlled. In Coventry they had set up a cost analysis section, but found that there were no specialists and they had to do it themselves. The initiative had to come from the architect. He thought consideration might be given to things which unnecessarily increased cost such as elaborate fire protection, global insurance and subsidence allowances. His department had put themselves in the position of knowing all the facts by putting in a two year tender for 20 schools. They had got a very good tender and that meant that one chap would do the whole lot and the authority knew exactly what the price was going to be.



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10.148 design: building types AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Schools For The New Needs: Educational, Social, Economic. (F. W. Dodge Corporation, 1956. \$9.75.)

This book by the Editors of Architectural Record presents a cross-section of recent work in school building in the U.S.A. and attempts to define current trends. Sixtysix recent projects are illustrated together with articles of special interest, all having been previously published in the Architectural Record. They show the wide diversity one would expect from the geographic and social variety of the country. with its multifarious Local School Boards. each concerned with its own community problems, including finance. To our school architects, the lack of central guidance and regulation may seem strange but the constant emphasis on cost will dispel any illusions that we alone work within a strict budget in this field of building.

The book is divided into three sections; the first compares the cost of various projects, from the point of view of plan and structure. The methods of comparison, though useful in this particular context, seem relatively crude as compared with our own developing methods of elemental cost analysis. The other two sections deal respectively with the elementary (primary) and secondary schools. Several interesting solutions appear, but on the whole, particularly in the elementary schools, there seems to be a lack of "child scale," probably due to the higher space standards and the degree

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American problems and therefore, solutions, differ from our own, and consequently the book gives few answers which would be directly appropriate in our own case. It is with some surprise that one realises that no mention is made of component systems of construction, and that modular planning receives scant attention; this again underlines the basic differences of the structure of educational organisation of the U.S.A. and this country, as presumably few of the small Local School Boards have the size or continuity of building programmes which have made this approach a necessity in our own post-war building.

The book suffers from presenting "too much" rather than "too little" and this impression is reinforced by the rather confused layout of text and illustration.

13.130 materials: timber LAMINATED TIMBER

Laminated Timber. (The European Productivity Agency of The Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, Paris. 10s.)

A highly technical treatise completed by the Timber Committee of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and based on a programme of research in the U.S.A. It deals with the lamination of timber, principally for structural use, and the methods of production of four American firms are described in detail.

The book is mainly of value to specialists concerned with the manufacture of laminated structure, and possibly to engineers.

13.131 materials : timber HARDWOODS

A Handbook of Hardwoods. DSIR. (HMSO. 17s. 6d.)

This book, which describes fully 151 hardwoods and less fully a further 64, supersedes previous FPRL handbooks dealing with Empire and home grown timbers, but excludes softwoods which are to be grouped together in a further volume. It contains a lot of very useful information and it is well produced at a most reasonable price. The material is authoritative; the layout and the English are straightforward; there is a good index; it is well bound; and although

there are no illustrations it is not forbidding. It is, of course, a pity that there are no illustrations because one of the intentions of the book is to help the architect choose a suitable hardwood for whatever he has in mind, and whilst it is very necessary for him to know of any particular wood, its various names, its general description, its seasoning, mechanical and binding properties, its resistance to insect attack, its natural durability, its resistance to preservative treatment, its working properties, whether it can be obtained as a veneer and the uses to which it is generally put, it is also of the greatest significance to see what it looks like, because it is very largely on account of its appearance that a decision in its favour is likely to be made. However, coloured photographs would be out of the question at the price of this book and perhaps it is safer to be reminded of all the other characteristics, which are very clearly set out, and then to obtain samples of the timbers selected to decide finally about the appearance.

There is a table of the properties, which gives quick reference and which readily shows the differences between the timbers, and a kiln schedule is included for the trade.

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Although all the timbers listed are said to be available, it is understandable that reference cannot be made to the readiness with which they can be obtained or to their costs. It must not be assumed that they are all equally obtainable and one should hesitate perhaps before ordering a large quantity of "Waika Chewstick," whereas it would be fairly safe to assume that one could get any of the more familiar timbers such as the mahoganies!

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20.226 construction: complete structures ALUMINIUM DOME

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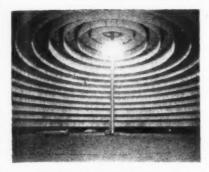
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26.122 services and equipment: miscellaneous REFUSE CONTAINERS

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7 PRACTICE
rating: how to appeal
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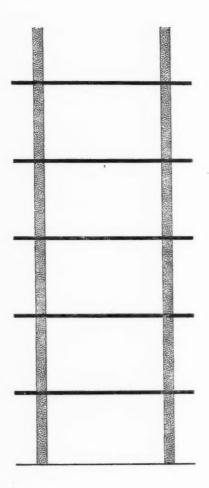
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Over £100	£20 plus 1/6th of the amount by which the gross value exceeds £100	£24, or £20 together with 1/6th of the amount by which the gross value exceeds £100, whichever is the greater

The net figure left is the rateable value, on which rates are charged at the appropriate poundage rate. In most cases where an actual rent was paid in 1939, it is a fairly simple matter for a ratepayer to check his assessment in order to find out whether he should appeal or

Where the 1939 rent is not known, i.e. where a property was not built until after 1939, or where a property is owner-occupied, or where the 1939 records are not available, the 1939 rental value is anybody's guess, and properties in these classes will produce the great majority of the appeals, and, they will be the most difficult types of appeal to conduct-not only for the ratepayer but also for the Valuation Officer. If you have not already appealed, do not be in too much of a hurry to do so. You have plenty of time and you can spend several months if necessary in finding out about the assessments on neighbouring properties, both in this revaluation and the last one. You can inspect both valuation lists if you wish, but there is a charge

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of 2s. 6d. for the inspection of any valuation list that is more than ten years old.

Before deciding to appeal, every ratepayer really needs to have some idea of his comparative position, i.e. how his rating increase compares with the average increase (in the same class of property, of course) for his town or county, for other towns and counties, and for the whole country.

A certain amount of information of this sort can be obtained locally, from friends, from residents' associations, and by personal inspection of the Valuation List. For a wider approach to the matter, I recommend a careful study of the White Paper on rates recently issued by the Stationery Office (" Distribution of Rateable Values between different Classes of Property "-post free, 1s. 7½d.). This White Paper gives (albeit indirectly) some valuable new information: it enables the percentage increases in different classes of property to be calculated for all the administrative counties and county boroughs in England & Wales. Thus, for England & Wales, the information given in the White Paper is:

In Millions of Pounds

	Total	Domestic	Shops	Miscell.	Industria!
New R.V.	623	308	89	170	35
Old R.V.	366	219	39	77	14

From these figures the percentage increases for each class of property can be calculated, as below:

Total	Domestic	Shops	Miscell.	Industrial
70	40	128	121	157

If your rating increase is above the average (in the same property class, of course) for your county or town, then you should certainly appeal. For instance, in Warwickshire, private houses have been put up, on the average, by 54 per cent. If your assessment has gone up by 55 per cent. or more, you are entitled to know why, but the Valuation Officer will not tell you why unless you force him to do so by taking him to appeal.

What counts as evidence

As regards the material to be used at an appeal, this will, of course, vary with each individual case, but the following extract from a successful appeal may provide some pointers. The grounds put forward were: 1. There is no street lighting, no made road, nor gas supply. 2. The hereditament was more highly rated than similar properties in the vicinity: and 3, the garage and stores are no use as such. The local valuation court dismissed the appeal, but the ratepayer took the case to the Lands Tribunal and appeared in person.

In giving judgment in favour of the ratepayer at the conclusion of the Lands Tribunal hearing, Mr. J. P. C. Done said that he had seen the building and compared it with another assessed at similar figures and fronting to a public highway. He thought it suffered from some disabilities: specifically, fundamentally bad construction of the roof and parapet walls of the outbuilding and garage, the elimination of which would involve reconstruction and not repair, the risk and discomfort of occasional flooding and the necessity of making damage good, and the necessity for the occupier to repair or at least tidy up the access road, which was not a public highway, and which was not the liability of the hypothetical landlord.

It will be seen that the chief ground of success in this appeal was entirely different from the grounds of the appeal, but appellants cannot always expect to obtain such a very close scrutiny of the property by the person or persons responsible for determining the

This case also gives a clue to architects, who are in a far better position than ordinary tenants to see and identify the defects of properties. All the constructional defects should be sought out and listed. These will be more valuable in support of an appeal than the usual complaints of bad lighting, airport noise, no refuse collection, and so on. The consideration of constructional defects in this case suggests that gross design defects might be taken into consideration provided these give rise to real inconvenience.

Whether or not to employ a valuer at the appeal is a question that is exercising the minds of many ratepayers. Where large assessments are involved, I would say, yes, but the average householder cannot expect to obtain sufficient benefit from his appeal to justify the expense of employing a valuer, and in my view private residents should conduct their own appeals, even before the Lands Tribunal.

Effect on Schedule A

Concern is felt about the possible effect of the rating increases on Income Tax, Schedule A assessments. Past practice has always been that the tax assessment follows the rating assessment. Indeed, the 1952 Finance Act contains a provision for a Schedule A revaluation in the following terms: "For such year of assessment as Parliament may hereafter determine and for each fifth year of assessment succeeding the year so determined, there shall be a revaluation of all properties in Great Britain in respect of which income tax is chargeable under Schedules A & B, and accordingly the annual values of all such properties shall be determined afresh. . . ."

Recent questions in Parliament about the effect of the rating revaluation on Schedule A assessments have only evoked the reply that no Schedule A revaluation can be made without Parliamentary authority. But it will be seen from the above quotation that the legal machinery already exists, and it is only necessary for Parliament to fix the date.

I think that Parliament will fix the date soon after the present uproar about rating has died down, unless the uproar is so great that the Government becomes convinced of the unwisdom of taking such a step. The larger the number of appeals against the present rating assessments, the less likely the Government will be to proceed with the Income Tax, Schedule A revaluation.





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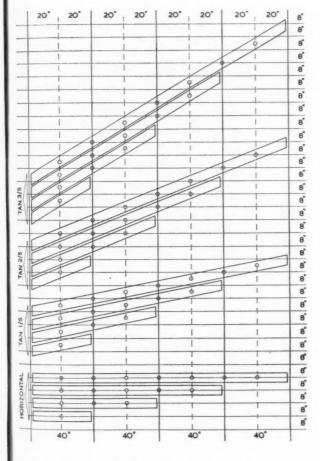


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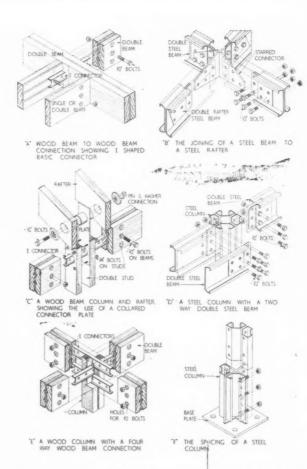
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THEORY OF SYSTEM: The essentials of the Mod-X system (designer D. Dex Harrison) lie in the production not of standard buildings, but of standard parts from which any type, shape or size of structure can be designed and supplied for rapid erection by semi-skilled labour. Mention was first made of this system in the JOURNAL, May 13, 1954, when it was shown at the B.I.F., since when it has been commercially developed. The system is based on a 4-in. module with a 40-in. planning grid. Connector

Mod-X standard beams are made to the following lengths—40, 80, 120 and 160 in., the actual length being slightly shorter than the nominal modular length to allow for end fixing. Beams are based on a 6-in. by $1\frac{3}{8}$ -in. section and galvanised "I" shaped connectors slot between two sections to make a 6-in. by 3-in. beam. In a similar fashion columns are built up from 3-in. by $1\frac{3}{8}$ -in. studs and are extended by splicing. As was stated earlier all beams can be fixed at 20-in. centres, where a 2-in. hole accom-



holes are formed in beams at 20-in. centres and it can be seen from the diagram above how this arrangement fits into a geometric sequence, tan 1/5 being equivalent to an angle of 11° 18′, tan 2/5 to an angle of 21° 48′ and tan 3/5 to an angle of 30° 58′. Further studies produce tan 4/5 or 38° 39′ and tan 1 or 45°. Fixing within the modular pattern can be made at 20-in centres—that is at each point where the fixing positions on the beam coincide with the intersection of the vertical and horizontal lines.



modates either the "I" shaped connectors or the collar and fixing plate (see drawing above of a rafter, beam and a column head). In this case fixing is simply achieved with a bolt and washers. From these first principles any number of conditions can be envisaged and easily resolved. Steel beams follow the same dimensions and fixing principles as the wood ones. Beam and column connections are similar in principle to timber and ½-in. galvanized bolts are common to all joints.

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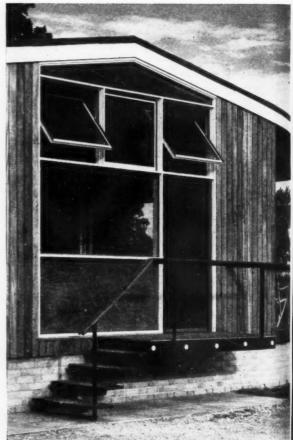
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APPLICATION: Timber components such as beams, columns and panels, etc., can be manufactured anywhere from materials differing with the locality. In this country both steel and wood frames are available and a comprehensive range of standard windows has been devised. Walls can be clad with aluminium sheeting or with interlocking braced panels made up of 4-in. moulded and grooved boards with plywood fixing plates attached to the framing. Corners are mitred and window linings rebated

Alternative linings include chipboard and asbestos insulating board. A recent example in this country is the sports pavilion for St. Catherine's Society at Oxford, illustrated on this page. This was developed in Mod-X timber construction from the original design by G. J. Beard of R. Fielding Dodd & Stevens. The cost of the Mod-X components for the superstructure complete was £2,212 15s. od. or 1s. 9d. per cu. ft. The wall cladding is Mod-X vertical boarded panels—in this case the







to the cladding panels. A prominent metal window firm is associated with Mod-X and a simple form of curtain walling has been devised using standard tubular mullions and standard metal frames as infill members. Roofs may be covered with aluminium or with built-up felt roofing laid on 2-in. strawboard slabs. The same 2-in. strawboard framed in metal channels and hardboard faced is used for internal partitions and wall linings.

boards being oiled West African mahogany. The 2-in. roof slah are supplied cut to modular size and covered with 3-ply bituminous felt and buff chippings. Fascias, frames and architrava are painted white, doors dark blue, and the internal lining of pitch pine is wax polished. The end window shown above is made a standard unit, but was designed by the architect to fit in with the structure.

building illustrated

WAREHOUSE and PROCESSING BUILDING

in STATION ROAD, WITHAM, ESSEX
designed by CHAMBERLIN, POWELL and BON
assistant-in-charge, J. R. HOLROYD; assistant architect, J. F. CONNAUGHTON
quantity surveyors, DAVIS, BELFIELD and EVEREST

The two interconnected blocks, for storage and processing of agricultural seeds, at Witham, are the first buildings of their kind to be analysed in the JOURNAL. The clients, a firm of wholesale seed merchants, purchase seeds from local farmers for processing (cleaning and sorting out) and then sale for re-germination. These blocks replace original buildings destroyed by fire.

Viewpoint 1: the processing building, left, and warehouse, right.



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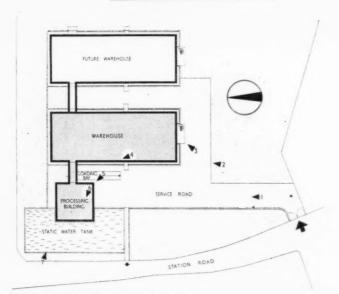
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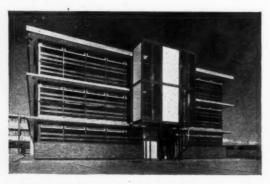
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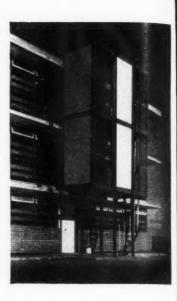
Key plan showing photographic viewpoints



Above, viewpoint 2: the south end of the warehouse. The steel-framed projection houses a circular staircase and a hoist which is used for the loading of vehicles with seed. The in situ concrete roof and suspended floors are cantilevered 7 ft. 6 in. from the internal perimeter columns and overhang the external glazing by 2 ft. 6 in. The overhang is designed as a fire precaution and provides perimeter access for window cleaners. The warehouse is surrounded at its base by a 12-in. wide open drain into which rainwater pipes from the warehouse roof discharge. The storm water is eventually directed into the static water tank. Colour: soffits to floor projection and opening lights, white; glazing, blue-green; rainwater pipes, black; stanchions, crimson; handrail, blue; frames to opening lights, white. Above right, viewpoint 3: staircase and hoist housing on the south end of the warehouse. Channel sections, m.s. angles and tees form the basis of the exposed frame. The solid panels appearing within the frame are of steel chequer plate and are calculated to assist in the rigidity of the frame. The remaining panels are of fixed clear glass. Because of the depth of the building and the wide floor overhang, large areas of glass were required for light penetration.



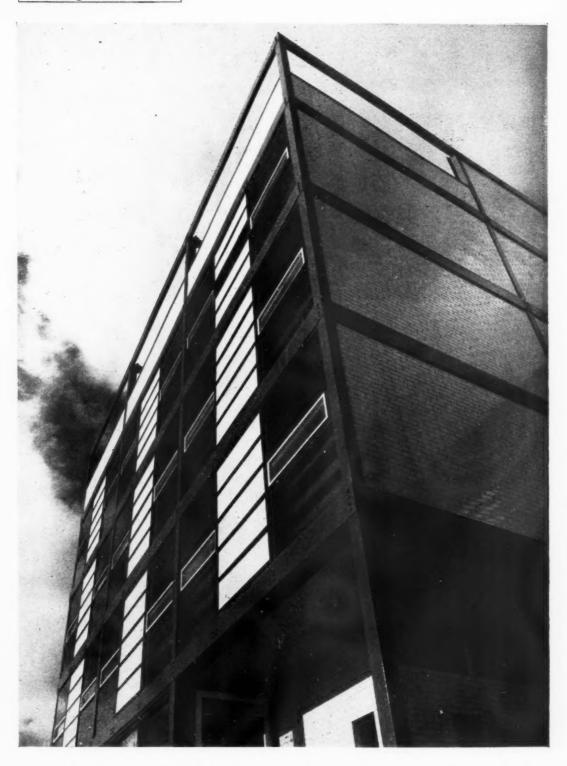
at WITHAM, ESSEX
designed by CHAMBERLIN, POWELL and BON



To prevent excessive heat germinating the seeds, heat absorbent glass, which absorbs 80-85% of the sun's heat and also prevents condensation, has been used. As a further precaution against heat build-up there are hit-andmiss ventilators below windows and opening lights at the top, ensuring a vertical flow of cool air behind the glass. The cladding to the escape stair was illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for April 26, 1956. Below, viewpoint 4: a general view of the processing block from the warehouse roof. The block projects into the static water tank, which is designed as a fire precaution due to shortage of local water supply. On the top floor are the enclosed (artificial) and open-air (natural) drying areas where newlyarrived seeds are spread out. Dried seed is then directed through chutes and hoppers to the floors below, being finally poured into sacks and transferred to the warehouse for storage across the connecting bridge.



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Viewpoint 5: the five-storey processing block. The exposed perimeter steelwork comprises standard r.s. channels and "H" and angle sections. The brickwork panels to the right are of white glazed brick, chosen because no maintenance is required. The white panels running vertically through the fenestration on the left consist of individually-controlled louvres constructed in vertical-hardwood tongued and grooved boarding on softwood framing. As most of the

glazing is again in coloured, heat-resistant glass, clear glass is used in the opening lights to give a view out. These sashes are on lift-off hinges as normally-hinged windows would foul the internal guard rails, which are designed to prevent sacks being leaned against the glass. The external walling in the processing block and the warehouse were illustrated as Working Details in the Journal for April 12, 1956. Colour: brickwork, white; glazing and ventilators, dark blue.

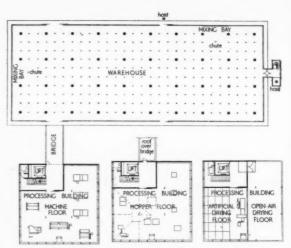
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Below, viewpoint 6: the open seed-drying area at the top of the processing block with the enclosed gas-heated drying-room on the right. The floor of the open area is finished with a cement-sand screed laid on the asphalt roof finish, thus protecting the asphalt from damage by wheelbarrows used in carrying the seed. The open area is surrounded on three sides by a low 4½-in. thick white glazed brick parapet wall.

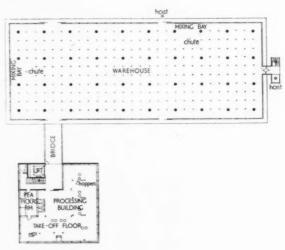


Below, viewpoint 7: the processing block with the warehouse block beyond, as seen from the public access road to the west. The static water tank in the foreground (approximately 3 ft. deep) is fed by an open storm-water channel which surrounds the warehouse block and into which the warehouse rainwater pipes discharge. Overflow from the tank is piped into the public storm-water drain. A blue engineering brick plinth surrounds the processing block adjacent to the tank, with a white glazed brick wall to window sill level to the ground floor office section.

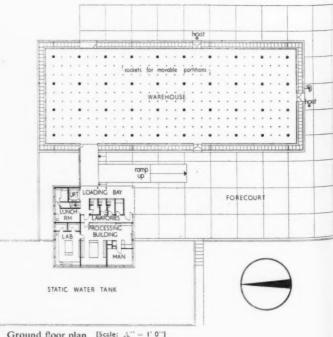




Second floor plan Third floor and Fourth floor plans

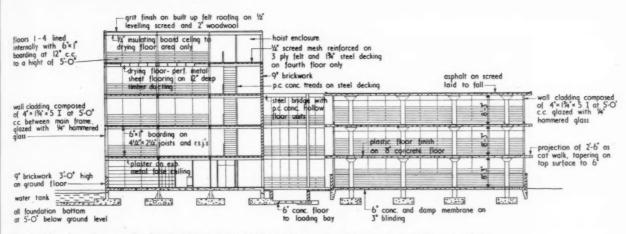


First floor plan



Ground floor plan [Scale: 46" = 1'0"]

building illustrated



Cross section through processing block and warehouse on W-E axis (link shown in elevation) [Scale: 24" = 1' 0"]

WAREHOUSE and PROCESSING BUILDING

at WITHAM, ESSEX

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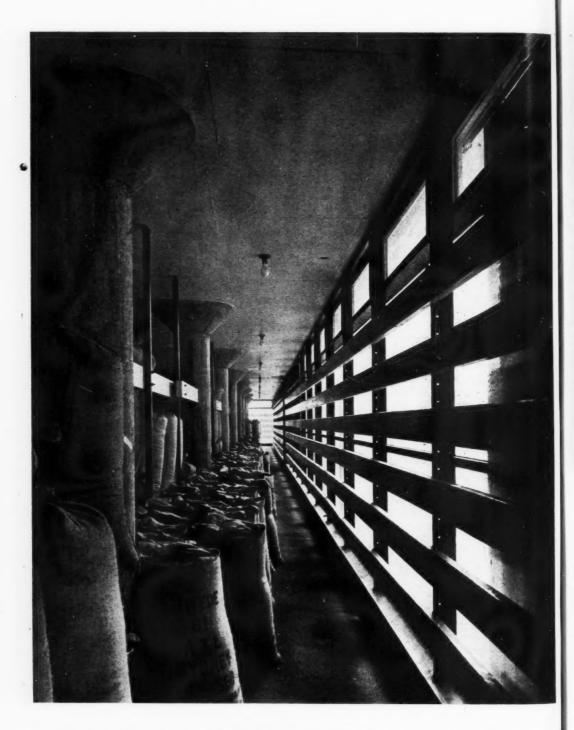
The bridge connecting the take-off floor of the processing block with the first floor of the warehouse. Fixed glazing occurs on the north side of the bridge to afford wind protection. The bridge floors are cast *in situ* reinforced concrete, finished fair-faced on the underside and granolithic paved on the top. Colour: steelwork—crimson; double doors, s.w. rails and ceiling, white.



The artificial drying room is located on the top floor of the processing block. The apparatus on the right comprises a gas heater, fan and ducting. The seed drying area on the left is warmed by air passing through floor ducts and grilles served from a gas heated plenum chamber. After drying, the seed is poured through chutes to the floors below for further processing. Colour: apparatus—yellow: ceiling and bottom hung vents—white; steelwork—crimson; sliding door—dark blue.

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A view within the warehouse. The soft wood stacking rails fixed to the steel mullions of the perimeter glazing on the right are continuous on all four sides to the three floors. Fixing points for tubular supports were left in the floor and ceiling at 5 ft. centres on the structural grid together with points located vertically on the face of the concrete columns to enable maximum flexibility in stacking rail and/or partition arrangements. These partitions were illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for April 26, 1956. The

mushroom capped columns and the soffit of the *in situ* floors are fair-faced and the pattern of the ply shuttering, regularly employed, is left exposed. Floor finish: mastic asphalt. Cross ventilation is achieved by a continuous line of bottom hung clear-glazed ventilators at the top of the perimeter cladding. Colour: floor—grey; columns—natural concrete (grey); ceiling—white; tubular supports—black; stacking rails—white; fixed glass—blue green; vent frames—white; s.w. framing to fixed lights—dark blue.

building illustrated



A view typical of the three floors of the processing block. The processing of seeds is primarily a vertical operation necessitating numerous perforations in the floors and in consequence the architects decided on a softwood boarded floor construction with soffits exposed on certain floors. The softwood stacking rails running around the perimeter of the rooms are fixed back to the structural steelwork and intermediate glazing mullions.

WAREHOUSE and PROCESSING BUILDING

at WITHAM, ESSEX

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analysis

CLIENT'S BRIEF: his stated requirements

Messrs. Cooper Taber & Co. Ltd., wholesale seed merchants, required new buildings to replace their former premises destroyed by fire. Total floor area of about 30,000 square feet was required to serve as a warehouse, to house the processing machinery and to provide accommodation for a small seed testing laboratory, retail shops, offices, and a staff lunch room. The likelihood of future expansion was to be allowed for. Natural cross ventilation was required in the warehouse. No heating was required, except in the offices and laboratory.

SITE: topography, surroundings, access, planting

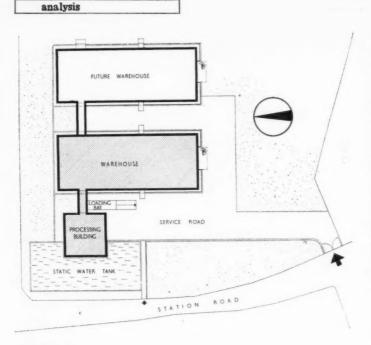
The level open site formerly occupied part of the company's seed testing grounds, being separated by an access road from the razed premises. Industrial buildings lie to the north, with residential buildings to the south and west and open country to the east. Access: minor road ½ mile off the main Chelmsford-Colchester road; Witham station 300 yards. There was no existing planting. The scheme was designed to provide small trees and shrubs between forecourt and access road to form, by their bulk, a low screen

giving greater definition to the grouping around the forecourt. Static water tank contains water lilies with decorative planting between its perimeter and the boundary fence.

PLAN: general appreciation and relation of units

The warehouse block is designed on three identical floors each having a floor area of 8,000 ft. sup. Importance of fire-resistance led to the decision that floors should be fireproof

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and unperforated so that all vertical circulation, by hoists and stairs, is kept outside the block. The processing block is designed on five floors, containing service lift and housing processing plant, drying areas, and smaller elements on the ground floor. The industrial process housed by this block is essentially vertical as the seed, on delivery to the premises, is hoisted to the top level where it is dried, dropped into the

appropriate hopper on the fourth floor, is cleaned by passing through machines on the second floor which depend on the gravity principle, is discharged via chutes on to the first floor, where it is bagged and transferred to the warehouse for storage. This vertical processing and circulation involved the making of so many holes through the floors that it was considered impossible to limit the spread of an outbreak of fire by struc-

tural fireproof divisions which were limited to the enclosure of the service lift and staircase. The processing block is separated from the warehouse block to obviate the risk of an outbreak of fire spreading from one element to another: for circulation they are linked by a bridge. The forecourt provides access, parking and turning space for cars and lorries. The main loading bay is south of the bridge and adjacent to the service lifts. A single storey garage block is to be built south of the warehouse which will assist in defining the forecourt. Owing to the limitations of the local water supply, the building of a 100,000 gallon static water tank was advised by the local authority and this has been introduced adjacent to the processing building (which represents the greatest fire hazard). An additional warehouse, identical in size and form to the present one, can be built to the east and separated from the existing warehouse by an access road and linked to it by a bridge similar to that already built between the warehouse and the processing block.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION: general appreciation

Warehouse block: design load 2 cwt. per foot super, reinforced concrete slabs on mushroom headed columns; columns of uniform diameter with column spacing at 15 ft. centres. Walls enclosed by non-load bearing glazed panels containing fixed obscured and opening clear areas of glazing. Processing block: design load 200 lbs. per foot super; steel frame (stanchions at 15 ft. centres) carrying boarded floor on soft wood joists. Walls enclosed by non-load bearing brick panels on the east face, with glazed panels containing vents elsewhere.

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Strip		Reinforced concrete	Exposed plinth painted black	c c		
Pad		Mass in-situ concrete				
				work below ground floor level	3	91
PROCESSING BLOCK						
Strip		Reinforced concrete	Plinth faced with blue brick			
Pad		Mass in-situ concrete				
				work below ground floor level	2	8
External walls and facings	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK						
Non-load-bearing	Ground floor	9-in. blue engineering brick	Fair face flush pointed	To protect otherwise glazed cladding		
Non-load-bearing	Generally	Fixed and free glazing in timber framework between rolled steel "H" sections	Frames painted	To allow maximum light penetration		

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In situ

1-in. mastic asphalt

Steel trowelled

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Impervious, dust proof, smooth

floor finishes

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Floor finishes (continued)	Location	Materials	Finish C	Cost per s	q.yd. Reasons and comments	S	d
PROCESSING BLOCK				s. d			
In situ		11-in. granolithic	Steel trowelled	8 9	Hard wearing		
Block		Hardwood block	Polished	43 0	Durable		
Tile		6 in. × 6 in. × ∦ in. blue quarries	Fairfaced	29 6	•		
Tile		Rubber	Polished	40 0			
Strip		6 in. × 12 in. softwood, tongued and grooved boards	Fairfaced	35 6		2	01
				-	floor finishes	3	81
Wall finishes WAREHOUSE BLOCK	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments		
Internal	Ground floor	Brickwork	Painted wa	ll finish	Maintain fresh appearance es—see external walls and facings		
PROCESSING BLOCK							
Internal	Ground floor	Plaster	Painted		Finish to wood wool inner skin		
					wall finishes	0	2‡
Ceiling finishes	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK							
Exposed structure		Fairfaced concrete	Painted		To assist in maximum light penetration		
					ceiling finishes	0	91/2
PROCESSING BLOCK							
Exposed structure	Upper floors	Exposed timbers	Painted				
Direct fixing	Ground floor	Skim coated plaster board	Painted		Smooth soffit over several rooms ceiling finishes	0	61
Decorations	Location	Paint types	Munsell or oth	er ref.	Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK AND PI		t ann Oper					
Exposed steelwork	Throughout	Hard gloss oil	Crimson 8		A limited number of colours were		
Fixed glazing frames, hand rail and metalwork	Throughout	Hard gloss oil	Dark blue		used, the choice being conditioned by the blue-green colour of the large areas of fixed glazing. A deliberate expression of the		
External doors, softwood ventilators, pivot sashes, ceilings	Throughout	Hard gloss oil and emulsion	White		separate identities of the various elements was the basis of the scheme. Service pipes of B.S. range		
					decorations: (warehouse block)	0	91
					(processing block)	1	41/2
Fittings	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK							
Hoists, enclosure and chutes		Metal	Painted		fittings	0	6
PROCESSING BLOCK							
Work benches and shelves	Ground floor	Hardwood	Polished		fittings	1	21
Plumbing external:	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments		21/2
Rain water disposal WAREHOUSE BLOCK	avence/f	47400CCT 05552	a erseaft		and othe commetted		
Rainwater pipes to open gutters, thence to static		Concealed jointed steel tube	Stove enamell	led	Good appearance		
water tank					rain water disposal	0	1
PROCESSING BLOCK							
Rainwater pipes direct to static water tank		Standard cast iron pipes	Painted				
					rain water disposal	0	11/2
Plumbing internal: waste disposal	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments		
Plumbing internal: waste disposal PROCESSING BLOCK Single stack	Location Lift shaft	Materials Cast iron	Finish Painted		Reasons and comments Avoidance of a multiplicity of pipes		

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Cold water storage	Location	Materials	Capacity	Reasons and comments		
PROCESSING BLOCK						
Lagged tank	Top floor	Galvanized iron	100 gallons			
			cold wa	ter storage—see plumbing internal		
Sanitary fittings PROCESSING BLOCK	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments		
Wash hand basin, sinks, water preventer, sinks, drinking four	r waste	Fireclay	White glazed	Strong and of good appearance		
preventer, sinks, drinking fou	ittails		sanita	ary fittings—see plumbing internal		
Heating installation: heat exchanger type	Location	Criteria temp.	Air change rate	Reasons and comments		
PROCESSING BLOCK Forced warm air (gas heater)	Top floor	Varies	15,000 cu. ft. per	To dry seeds. Economical for		
Radiators (gas, balanced flue)	Ground floor	65° with outside temperature 32° F.	minute	intermittent use No preheating period, no fumes		
		temperature ja 11		heating installation	4	5
Water heater type	Location	Fuel type	Stoking method	Reasons and comments		
PROCESSING BLOCK Instantaneous heater		Gas		Economical for occasional use by		
			water he	small staff eater type—see heating installation		
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Drainage: type of system	Location	Materials 12 in. diameter cast iro	Finish	Reasons and comments 6-in. salt glazed stoneware runs		
Separate	Public sewers in station road adjacent to site	12 in. diameter cast iro	и	as overflow from static water tank to storm drain		
Drain types	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK Storm		Open concrete gutter		Leading to static water tank		
PROCESSING BLOCK						
Foul		4-in. salt glazed stonewar 4-in. cast iron	re	To static water tank		
Storm		4-III. Cast IIOII		10 Static water talls		
Gas installation	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments		
PROCESSING BLOCK To seed heater and radiators		Barrelling and pipes etc. B.S.	to Painted	Meter on top floor adjacent to major user		
Indiators		2.0.		gas installation	0	2
Electrical installation: source and fitting type	Location	Illumination level	Quality	Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK				,		
Tungsten direct	Offices			Inverted cone baffled fitting		
	Generally			Exposed lamps		
				electrical installation	0	7
PROCESSING BLOCK Tungsten direct	Offices			Inverted cone baffled fitting		
	T.			electrical installation	2	2
Wiring and switching types	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments		
WAREHOUSE BLOCK	it Cast in clahe	Galvanised iron				
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Wiring and switching types (continued)

Location

Materials

Finish

PROCESSING BLOCK

Flush plate switches

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Tough rubber cable in conduit

Face fixed

Galvanised iron

Painted

B.M.A. finish

wiring and switching types—see electrical installation

Power supply type

Location

How distributed

Reasons and comments

PROCESSING BLOCK

Eastern Electricity Board. 415/240 v. Intake room in lift motor room 3 phase 4 wire 50 cycles

B.r.i. cables drawing into steel screwed conduit to sub-distribution boards

power supply type-see electrical installation

Lifts

Location

Capacity and speed

Motor room position

Reasons and comments

PROCESSING BLOCK

Passenger and goods

One ton; 50 ft. per minute Ground floor

lifts cost per sq. ft.: processing building

warehouse

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Location

Materials

Reasons and comments

Roads forecourt ramp WAREHOUSE BLOCK

Paved areas

Adjacent to both blocks

Pre-cast slabs

Concrete mesh reinforced

Divided into 15 ft. squares

To provide plinth as obstacle for vehicles

THERMAL INSULATION

Type

Slabs

Location

U-value

Reasons and comments

WAREHOUSE BLOCK

3-in. wood wool plastered

-in, insulation board on reinforced-PROCESSING BLOCK

Ground floor walls

To protect slab and also to cut down heat on top floor of warehouse

Areas occupied by sedentary staff

FIRE

21/2

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Structural precautions

Grade of protection apparatus

Sprinklers

Reasons and comments

WAREHOUSE BLOCK

Reinforced concrete columns and

2-hour fire resistance, CO2 bottles

Sprinklers are not provided as injurious to seeds. Projecting floor slabs prevent vertical spread

PROCESSING BLOCK

Brick walls to enclosure staircase

½-hour fire resistance. CO₂ bottles. Dry riser

Hard standings around both blocks

None

Reasons and comments

Planning precautions

Access for fighting

Means of escape

WAREHOUSE BLOCK

Spiral staircase

PROCESSING BLOCK

Concrete stairs, steel ladder

TIME SCHEDULE

Two blocks separated. Static water tank adjacent to highest fire risk (processing block)

Drawings

Tender date Contract signed

Work commenced Work completed

Foundations and structure

December 1953—February 1954 April 2, 1954

May 12, 1954 May 17, 1954

WAREHOUSE BLOCK November 21, 1954

Cladding and finishes December 1953-June 1954

September 20, 1954 November 10, 1954 November 18, 1954

All work completed September 17, 1955

PROCESSING BLOCK December 9, 1954

Type of contract

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	WAREHOUSE BLOCK	PROCESSING BLOCK		WAREHOUSE BLOCK	PROCESSING BLOCK
Area of enclosing walls	10,800	8,533	Windows and external door area	9,122	7,534
Total floor area	25,717	10,109	Total floor area	25,717	10,109
Area of solid walls	1 688	999	Total roof area	9,000	2,195
Total floor area	25,717	10,109	Total floor area	25,717	10,109

COST ANALYSIS

	WAREHOUSE BLOCK	PROCESSING BLOCK
Total ground floor area of superstructure	8,572 ft. sup.	2,195 ft. sup.
Total floor area of superstructure	25,717 ft. sup.	10,109 ft. sup.
Tender date: structural contract	Apri	1 2, 1954
Tender date: finishings contract	Sept	ember 27, 1954
Tender cost of superstructure	£27,714 18 10	£29,524 8 8
Tender cost of foundations	£4,836 6 6	£1,344 18 9
Cost per foot super	25s. 3åd.	61s. old.
Cost per foot cube	2s. 4d.	58. 11½d.

COST COMMENTS

This "two in one" analysis gives a good basis for comparison of differing multi-storey construction on one site and in one contract, namely a three-storey warehouse block and a five-storey office and processing block. At first glance it might appear that the work below ground floor level of the five-storey block, carrying a slightly lower design load per foot super, shows a marked decrease in cost over the three-storey block, i.e., 2s. 8d. and 3s. 9½d. respectively. But for a true comparison these figures must be related to the ground floor or foundation area only. These figures suitably rounded off are:

Processing block

2s. 8d. $\times \frac{10,100}{2,200}$ = 13s. 4d. per ft. super of ground floor area approx.

Warehouse

 $3s. 9d. \times \frac{25,700}{8,600} = 11s. 3d.$ per ft. super of $3s. 9d. \times \frac{25,700}{8,600}$ ground floor area approx. It may be that the depth of foundations to a part of the five-storey block is determined by the existence of the static water tank on two sides, but these details are not available in the analysis. It would also have been helpful for future cost planning to have a description of the soil conditions, e.g., the nature of soil, bearing pressure, water table, etc.

The three-storey warehouse is very economical in design. This shows in the ratio of enclosing wall area to total floor area: 10,80c 25,717 or 0.4

approximately. This low ratio is due to the large area enclosed in one virtually square block, the most economical plan shape when considering wall to floor ratios. Although both blocks have the same storey height, the wall to floor ratio in the processing block is 8,533

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o·8, which is double that of the three storey block because of the much smaller area enclosed. This means that with an identical form of construction we can expect the perimeter walling costs per foot super to be approximately twice that of the three-storey warehouse block (4s. 1½d.: 8s. 3d.). The fact that it is nearly four

times as great (4s. 11d.: 15s. 2d.) underlines the difference made to the cost of this element by the white glazed brick east wall. Information received from the Quantity Surveyors shows that of the total perimeter walling cost of 15s. 2d. per foot super of floor area, 6s. 3d. is attributable to the glazed brickwork, wood wool lining, etc. This leaves a sum of 8s. 11d. which can be directly compared with the three-storey block. The remaining difference (8s. 11d. : 8s. 3d.) is due to smaller variations in construction and the differing solid wall/window ratios. The analyses of the frame show together a threestorey block framed in reinforced concrete and a five-storey block framed in steel. The cost for the former also includes the elements "upper floor" and "roof construction," so that these must be grouped together before a comparison can be made between the two blocks.

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	Three-storey warehouse		e-storey cessing block	
	s. d.	S	d.	
Frame	7 51	12	1 2	
Upper floor	inc.	2	0	
Roof	I 3 (asphalt only)	1	61	
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With the two costs per foot super of floor area shown against each element, it is imperative to remember that each applies to the one particular building. If direct comparison is required of elements not directly related to floor area (e.g. floor finishes), use must be made of the accompanying ratios, or costs should be related back to unit rates, e.g. cost per yard super of perimeter walling.

SITE ORGANIZATION

SITE LABOUR AND EQUIPMENT: There was a resident general foreman, and local labour was employed. The following equipment was used: steel scaffolding; fixed and mobile hoists; concrete mixers and small electric tools.

S UB-LETTING: the following work, apart from architect-nominated sub-contractors, was sub-let: Scaffolding, plumbing and glazing: Esser Steel Scaffolding Company Limited, Mann & Wicks Limited. There were no "labour only" sub-contracts. JOB MANAGEMENT: Progress charts were used on the job, and an incentive scheme was set up. There was a resident clerk of works, and weekly visits were made to the site by the directors; monthly visits were made by the quantity surveyors.

CONTRACTORS

Clerk of works: G. F. Cox. General Contractors:
Helical Bar and Engineering Co. Ltd. (foundations and structure); Charles S. Foster and Sons Ltd. (cladding and finishes).

Sub-contractors: Steel structure: Daco Structures Ltd. Scaffolding: Essex Steel Scaffolding Co. Ltd. Electrical wiring: John Hearson Ltd. Electric light fixtures: Messrs. "Ventura' Glazed bricks: Leeds Fireclay Co. Ltd. Slate sills: Bow Slate & Enamel Co. Ltd. Asphalt and special roofings: Limmer & Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. Ltd. Glazing: Brown & Wick Ltd. Ironmongery: Rownson Drew & Clydesdale Ltd.; Stedall & Co. Ltd.; Alfred G. Roberts Ltd.; Nichols & Clarke Ltd. Gas-fired seed drying floor: G. F. Rider (Process Plant) Ltd. Venetian blinds: Venetian Vogue Ltd. Sliding door gear and folding gate: Messrs. Haskins Gas fitting: Mann & Partners; Eastern Gas Board. Gas fixtures: Ascot Water Heaters. Gas heating: Wm. Sugg & Co. Ltd. Joinery special casements and office fittings: Fosters (Woodworkers) Ltd. Plumbing: Mann & Partners Ltd. Glass: Pilkington Bros. Ltd. Mastic jointing: Secomastic Ltd. Site fencing and gates: Peerless Fence & Products Ltd. Ventilators: Morfax Ltd. Lift: London Lift Company Ltd. Hoists: Herbert Morris Ltd. Seed Machinery: Brian Corcoran Ltd.; Robert Boby Ltd. Spiral stair: S. W. Farmer & Son Ltd. Paint: W. & J. Leigh Ltd. Plasterers: Albert Willett & Sons Ltd. Sanitary fittings: Messrs. Rownson Drew & Clydesdale. Patent flooring: Runnymede Rubber Co. Ltd. Bricks: Erith & Co. Ltd.

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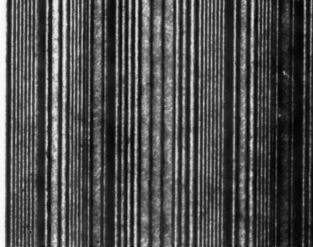
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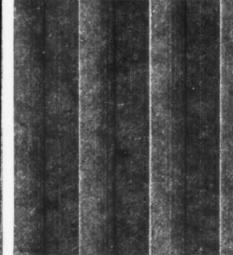


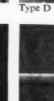
















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This Sheet deals with L.W. moulded hardboards which are primarily for interior decorative work. The photographs on the face show the range that is available and the following notes give general data.

General

The moulding of the hardboard takes place during manufacture and six patterns are obtainable as shown in the photographs on the face of the Sheet. It is available in standard or oil-tempered quality, the latter being suitable for exterior use. One great advantage of these boards for interior work is that the joints can be completely "lost" in the mouldings: cover strips are not necessary in most cases, neither are they recommended.

Sizes

The boards are 4 ft. 0 in. wide by 9 ft. 0 in. long by $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick.

Cutting

The boards should be cut from the face side with a fine-toothed saw or the equivalent. The back edge of the cut should be wiped with fine glass-paper. All tools used (e.g. chisels, drills, planes) should be as sharp as possible. Where possible the continuity of the pattern should be observed when cutting.

Conditioning of Boards Before Use

As with other types of hardboard, L.W. moulded boards should be conditioned before use. The boards should be laid in a clean space, free from dust. The first board is placed face downwards and water applied with a stiff brush or sponge at the rate of two pints approximately to each 4 ft. 0 in. by 9 ft. 0 in. panel. Succeeding boards should be similarly treated and piled back-to-back in pairs. They should be left for 48 hours after which they are ready for use at any time up to one week: after this period they may need remoistening.

Fixing

There are two methods of invisible fixing which may be employed. Panel pins may be "lost" in the mouldings or the boards may be fixed with adhesive. Nailing: The boards are fixed on timber frames which may be plugged to the wall or free-standing. Vertical battens should be at 1 ft. 4 in. maximum centres and horizontal battens at 4 ft. 0 in. maximum centres. Main battens should be not less than 2 in. wide and intermediate battens $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. Where boards are to be fixed to existing wall surfaces it is recommended that the timber frame be prefabricated in convenient sections so that plugging to the wall is reduced to a minimum. All edges of boards must be supported and additional horizontal supports may be provided if necessary, e.g. at "dado" height. Copper-coated or sherardized pins should be used, ³/₄ in. by 18 gauge, with small trumpet heads, and they should be driven with a light panel hammer. Nails should be spaced at 4-in. centres on all edges and at 6-in. centres on intermediate battens. They should be placed \{\} in. from the edge of the board and opposite those on the adjacent board. Alternate nails should be driven at opposing angles and the heads "lost" in the moulding or set just below the surface with a punch. Adjacent boards should be butt-jointed in moderate contact: the edges should never be forced together.

Fixing with adhesive: The boards may be fixed to timber framework or other suitable grounds with adhesive. A number of specially-prepared contact adhesives are obtainable for this type of work and they should be applied in every case in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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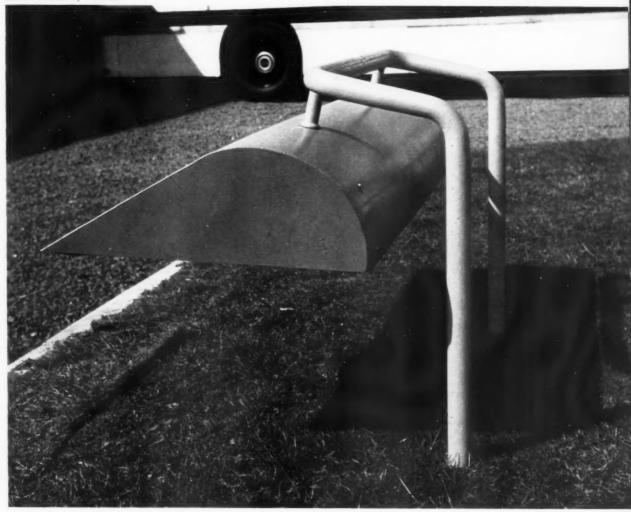
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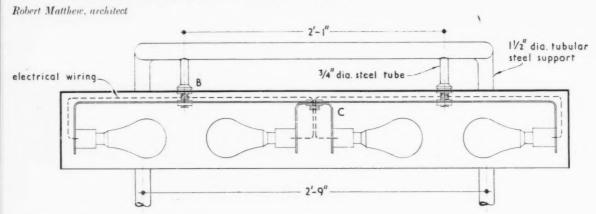


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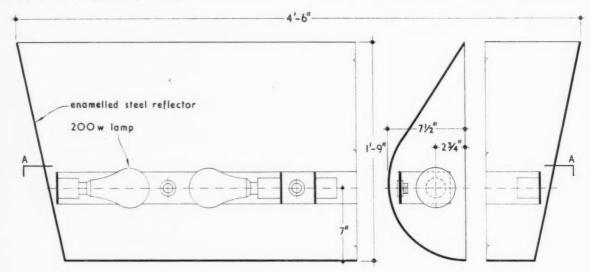
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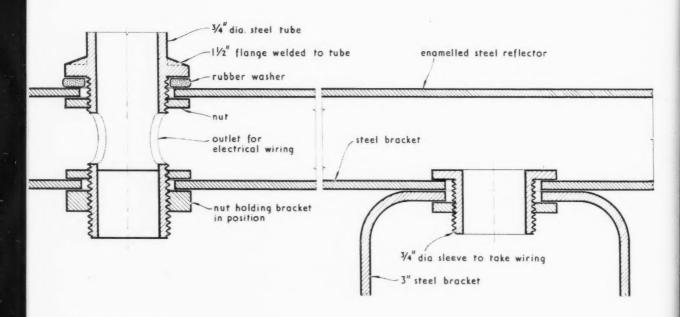
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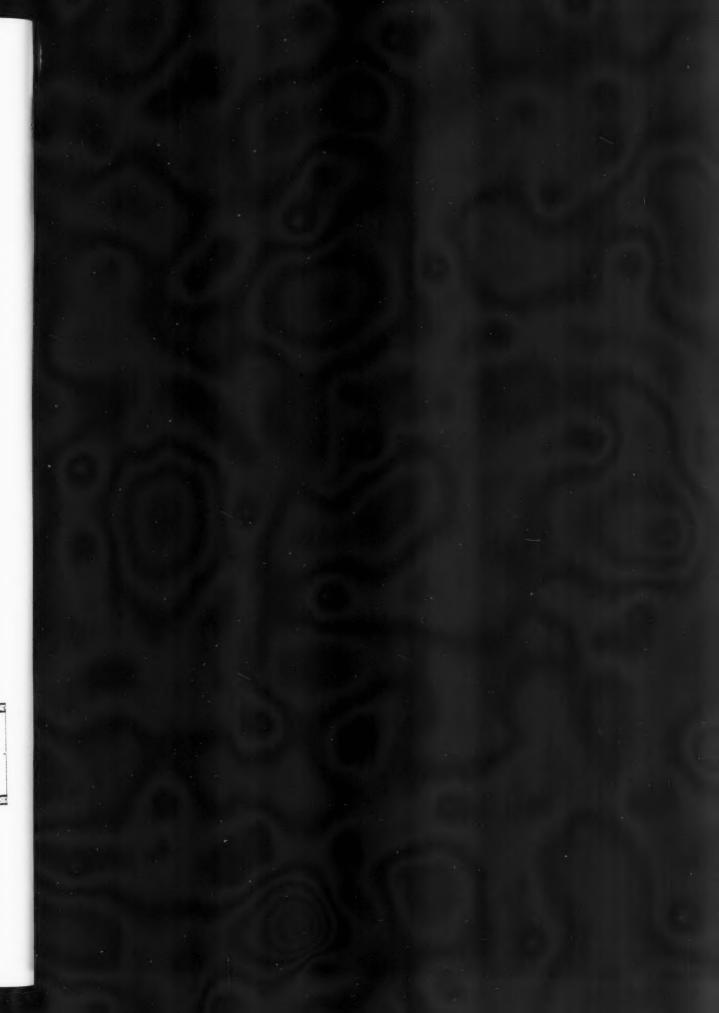


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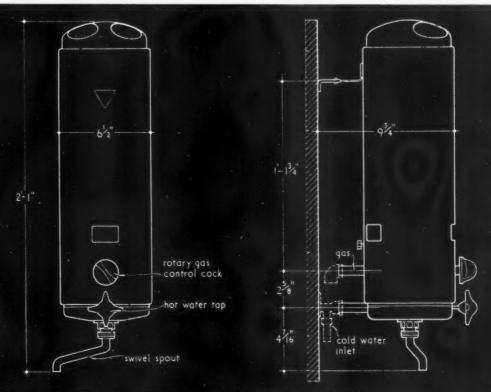






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Types of Heater

Single point: Types 503/0, 503/1 and 503/2 are designed to provide a hot water service to the kitchen sink for household purposes or for toilet use at a wash-hand basin. Hot water up to a temperature of approximately 150° F. is delivered through a swivel spout which may be used to serve two adjacent fittings.

Note: The above heaters are inlet controlled and must on no account be connected to any restriction in the form of taps,

valves, piping or fittings.

Multi-point: Types 503/4 and 503/6 are designed to provide a limited hot water service to two sinks or basins or a shower. Type 503/6 is also fitted with swivel spout in addition to the draw-off connection.

Characteristics

Output: 0.8 gal./min. raised through 60° F., or 0.6 gal./min. raised through 80° F., or 0.5 gal./min. raised through 100° F.

Input: 625 B.Th.U./minute, or 1.25 cu. ft./min. of 500 C.V. gas.

Automatic valve: Prevents gas passing to the burner unless a predetermined minimum flow of water is passing through the heater.

Heating body: Types 503/0, 503/1, 503/2—Cylindrical combustion chamber and two-stage finned type heat

Burner: Stainless steel luminous pinhole type incor-

porating pilot safety device

Gas controls: Types 503/0, 503/1.—The function of the normal main gas and pilot cocks and the main gas stop cock is performed by a single gas control cock which must be fitted as close as possible to the gas inlet of the heater. Special gas control cocks are available for fitting direct to the inlet of the heater; alternative types may be obtained for chased-in or

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Outlet spout: Chromium-plated swivel spout; standard 6 in., non-standard, at extra cost, 10 in., 14 in. and 18 in.

White or cream vitreous enamelled outer shell. Chromium-plated top and bottom covers.

Installation

Position: The heaters are free-standing, the weight being taken by the pipework, but a top wall-fixing clip (obtainable from the manufacturer) may be used to steady the heater at the top rear of the outer shell. Where the pipework cannot be secured to a wall or where specific installations require a highclass finish, a chromium-plated support pillar, which houses both gas and water piping, is available.

Connection: Straight union and lining threaded 4-in. B.S.P. male thread.

Supply pipe: Up to 15 ft. from the meter-1-in. int. dia.

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Meter: Rated capacity to be not less than 80 cu. ft. per hour in addition to requirements for all other gas appliances.

Stop cock: Must be fitted in the supply line close to the heater to facilitate maintenance.

Preferably from mains supply. Permission must be obtained from the Water Authority before connection. If a tank supply is used a minimum head of 15/20 ft. measured vertically from the level of water in the tank to the level of the heater tap or taps is required for types 503/0, 503/1 and 503/2. For types 503/4 and 503/6 the minimum head required is 18/20 ft. measured vertically from the level of water in the tank to the level of the heater tap or taps, or to the level of the highest draw-off point, whichever is the shorter distance.

Connection: Straight union lining threaded 1-in. B.S.P. male thread. Elbow union with wall plate and lining suitable for $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe available as an extra. Types 503/4 and 503/6 are fitted with a 3-in. connec-

tion for hot water draw-off.

Supply pipe: $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. depending on length of pipe run and available pressure. A stop cock (of pattern approved by Water Authority) must be fitted in the cold water supply close to the heater.

Types 503/0, 503/1 and 503/2: Normally, for intermittent operation, no flue is necessary but where ventilation of the room is inadequate or when the duration of a single operation is likely to exceed 10 minutes a flue should be fitted. A draught diverter for 3-in. internal diameter asbestos-cement pipe or 3½-in, internal diameter enamelled iron pipe is available as an extra from the manufacturer.

Types 503/4 and 503/6: The above is applicable but certain authorities require a 3-in. internal diameter flue to be fitted to these heaters. The flue must be terminated in a favourable position with a suitable terminal.

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LAW REPORT

Recently, the Court of Appeal affirmed the principle that where a property had been negligently surveyed the damages must be the difference between the value, based on the survey, and the actual value, not the cost of repair; such damages not being affected by subsequent falls in the value of money: "Philips v. Ward."

The defendant, a surveyor, examined an Elizabethan manor house, farm with cottages, oasthouses and over a hundred and thirty acres of land, for the plaintiff and furnished a favourable report, mentioning only minor defects. He estimated the value of the property at £25-£27,000. Unfortunately, he had failed to observe that the timbers of the house were seriously impaired by death watch beetle and worm to the extent that a new roof, new cellar timber, new wall plates, and so on were necessary. The cost of this work, in 1952, when the plaintiff moved in and discovered the matter, would have been about £7,000. The work was, in fact, deferred pending the result of the legal proceedings, and the plaintiff claimed an amount between £11,000 and £14,000 for the cost of repairs on the basis of current prices.

The official referee inspected the unrepaired house and found that the actual value of the property, at the time of purchase, was £21,000, not the £25,000 paid by the plaintiff and he awarded £4,000 damages only. The plaintiff, accordingly

appealed.

The Court of Appeal said it was clear law that the proper measure of damages was the amount which would put the plaintiff in as good a position as if the surveying contract had been properly fulfilled. The official referee had found, as a fact, that the property was worth £21,000,

If the surveyor had reported correctly, the plaintiff would either have refused to have anything to do with the house, or he would have bought it for a sum which represented its fair value in its bad condition. Their Lord-ships continued that, on the facts before them, there was apparently no other form of action the plaintiff could have taken, had he received a true report. Cases where a house was damaged or destroyed by the fault of another person were different but the general rule, again, was that the injured person should be fairly compensated for the damage, neither more nor less. Cases where a house was left out of repair by a tenant were also different because a surveyor did not enter into a covenant to repair or give any warranty as to the condition of the premises. There was a recent case where a purchaser bought a Georgian house and acres for £6,250 and then tried to recover £7,333 from the tenant for dilapidations, because that was the cost of repair. If the court had allowed the claim, he would have got the place for nothing and been £1.083 in pocket as well. So here, if the defendant recovered £7.000 it would mean he would get for £18,000 (£25,000 get for £18,000 (£25,000 paid received), a house and land £7,000 worth £21,000. That could not be right. So many factors; tax relief on repairs, land included in the price and so forth, came into play that the cost of repairs was not the test.

Their Lordships were no more prepared to take into account the fall in the value of money. The general principle of English law was that damages must be assessed as at the date when the damage occurred. It was not reasonable to postpone the work so that the state of the property should be available for inspection at the date of hearing. Inspections could have been made before it was started, and photographs could have been taken. Accordingly, the

plaintiff's damages were limited to £4,000. This method of approach to the question of damages is certainly satisfactory, at least from the standpoint of architects and surveyors. It may, sometimes, result in hardship to those who rely upon technical advice and who, in the light of correct information, might have decided against purchase and, thereby, saved themselves inconvenience and incidental expenses, However, the Court of Appeal did say that if the plaintiff had moved out after discovering the condition of the house and re-sold he would, probably, have been entitled to recover his expenses of moving in and out and of the re-sale (but not to recover loss incurred by selling at a lower figure).

Announcements

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Mr. J. C. Burman, J.P. was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tarmac Ltd. at a meeting held on Friday, May 18, 1956.

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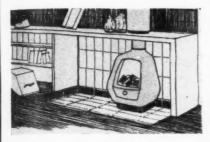
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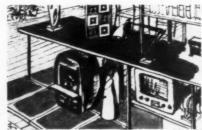


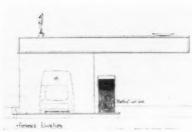
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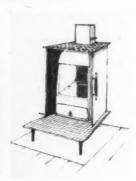


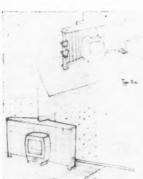








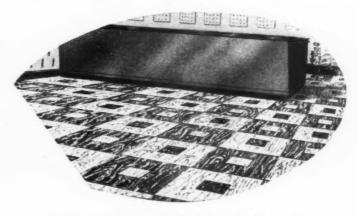




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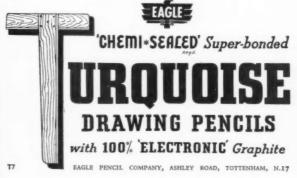
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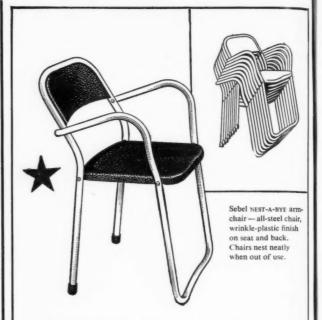
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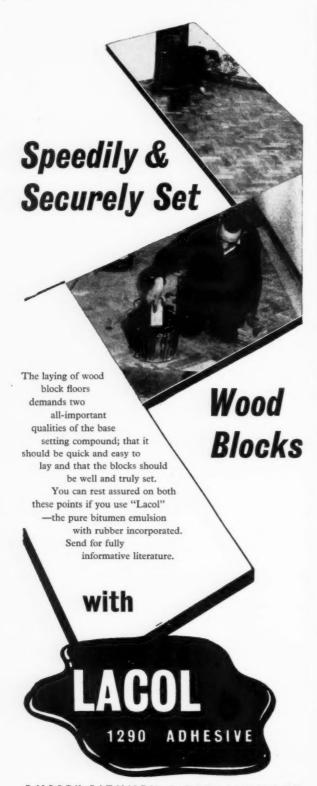
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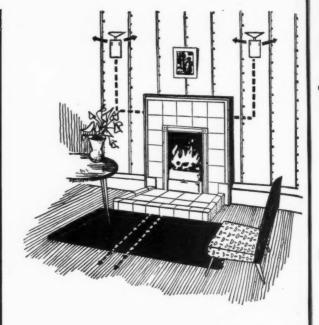
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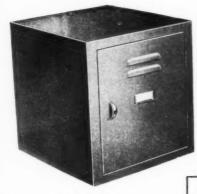
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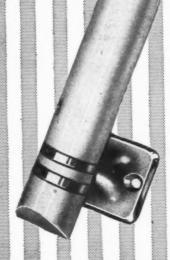
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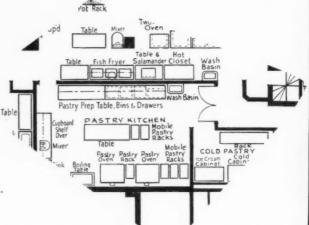
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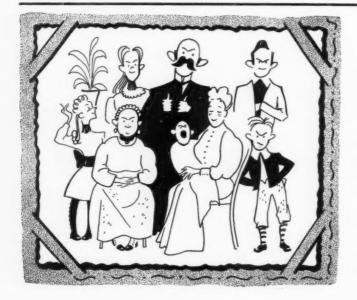
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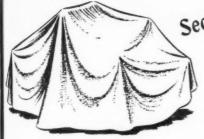
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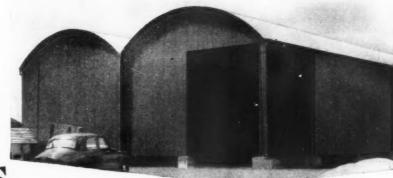


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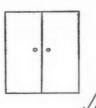


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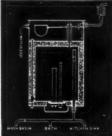
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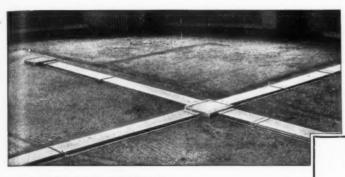
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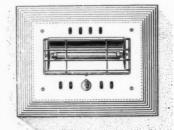


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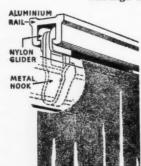




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The appointment will be subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service.
Applicants must have passed the Final Examination of the Town Planning Institute; an additional qualification in Architecture or Surveying would be an advantage.
Forms of application and further particulars as to the duties of the post can be obtained from Mr. John G. Jefferson, M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E., M.T.P.I., County Planning Officer, County Hall, Chichester, to whom applications should be sent not later than the 18th June, 1956.

T. C. HAYWARD,
Clerk of the County Council.

HAYES AND HARLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Applications are invited for:—

(a) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS (PERMANENT) (two vacancies) within Grade A.P.T. II, i.e., £995—£675 per annum. (b) SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (TEM-PORARY) within Grade A.P.T. IV, i.e., £710—£885 per annum, 26 years and over £30 per annum, 26 years and over £30 per annum. Candidates for (a) must have passed the R.I.B.A. Inter. Exam. good experience of housing work with local authority. Housing accommodation will be made available for one of these two appointments if necessary. (b) Must be a Registered Architect, have good general experience in design and construction in relation to municipal housing and other works, and capable of supervising large building contracts. Housing accommodation will be made available if necessary. 5-day week. Further particulars and form of application obtainable from the undersigned, which, when completed, must be returned as soon as possible.

(**Clerk and Solicitor**. Town Hall, Hayes, Middlesex**.

Town Hall, Hayes, Middlesex.

HAMPSHIRE

Applications are invited for the appointment of a RESEARCH OFFICER in the County Planning Department. The salary will be in accordance with the National Salary Scales, A.P.T. Grade V (1795-1970).

Candidates should preferably have a Degree of a British University in Geography, Economics, or Sociology, and have had practical experience in research and survey work. Ability in statistical analysis and graphic representation will be an advantage as will a qualification in Town Planning and some experience in the preparation of Development Plans.

The appointment is pensionable and will be subject to a satisfactory medical report. Officers using their own cars when travelling on County Council duties will receive travelling allowances on the County scale for the time being in force. In approved cases the County Council are prepared to assist newly appointed staff to meet removal and other expenses.

Applications, stating age, education, qualifications and experience, together with a copy of one testimonial and the names of two referes, should reach the County Planning Officer, Litton Lodge, Clifton Road, Winchester, by the 27th June.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOLTON
APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT
OF WORKS

(Amended Conditions)

Applications are invited for the appointment of Superintendent of Works in the Department of the Borough Architect, Mr. K. Martin Baxter, at a salary within Grade A.P.T. IV of the National Salary Scales (£710-£385 per annum). Commencing salary according to experience and qualifications.

The person appointed will be required to supervise the whole of the building works programme for new works, and maintenance, and to control and co-ordinate the Clerks of Works and Maintenance Section of the Department, in accordance with the terms and conditions of appointment. The successful candidate will have the benefit of a Casual Car User's allowance in accordance with the National Scheme of Conditions of Service.

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Service.

The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Acts and to the passing of a medical examination.

Application forms, together with the amended terms and conditions of appointment, may be obtained from my office, and should be returned to me not later than July 9th, 1956.

PHILIP S. RENNISON, Foun Clerk.

Town Hall, Bolton.

Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following appointments:—

(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Grade A.P.T. V (£795—£970). Applicants must be competent designers having a knowledge of modern methods of construction and be capable of handling large building projects from sketch plan stage to competent.

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(b) ARCHITECTS. Grade A.P.T. IV (£710—2885). Applicants must be competent designers having a good knowledge of construction and be capable of handling medium sized contracts.

(c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, Scale £590—2840. The successful applicants will work in teams on large projects but opportunity will be given to men with enthusiasm and ability to design and carry out smaller projects under the group architect.

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(d) SENIOR HEATING ENGINEER, A.P.T. V. (1975—2970). Applicants should be Associate Members of I.H.V.E. by examination or hold H.N.C. and have held a senior post of designer for several years with experience in the preparation of estimates, designs, specifications and bills of quantities and running of contracts for heating and allied services.

(e) ASSISTANT HEATING ENGINEER, Grade A.P.T. IV (£710—£885). Applicants should be Graduate Members of the I.H.V.E. or hold H.N.C. and have had some experience in the design of heating, ventilating and allied services, working under a senior engineer.

(f) ENGINEERING CLERK OF WORKS, Grade A.P.T. II (£596—£675). Applicants should have had several years' experience either on the site supervising the contracts for heating, water supplies and allied service, or as a contractor's foreman in charge of large contracts for similar work.

(a) CLERKS OF WORKS. Applications are.

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(g) CLERKS OF WORKS. Applications are invited for the appointment of clerks of works to supervise the erection of new school buildings in various parts of the County. Salary £14 per week.

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The commencing salaries can be within the grades according to the ability and experience. The appointments, except (g) are on the established staff and subject to the Scheme and Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities. All appointments are subject to the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937-1953. Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

The Council is unable to offer successful candidates housing accommodation.

Applications are to be on forms which can be obtained from G. R. BARNSLEY, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, Shire Hall, Warwick, Shire Hall,

Shire Hall, Warwick. June, 1956.

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TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT required by HAYES & HARLINGTON U.D.C. Salary within A.P.T. 1 (£550—£610 per annum plus London weighting. Applicants should have experience with a local authority in carrying out delegated planning functions and ability to prepare reports and plans. Duties of appointed person include consideration of planning applications, preparation of plans, enforcement inspections and reports and planning surveys in connection with tree preservation, etc. Application on forms available from the undersigned to be returned by 2nd July, 1956.

GEORGE HOOPER.

GEORGE HOOPER, Clerk and Solicitor.

Town Hall.

Hayes, Middlesex.

DEN BIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
The above Council invite applications from suitably qualified persons for the following appointments: to the Staff of the County Planning Department:

appointments to the Staff of the County Planning Department:—

(a) CHIEF TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for the County Headquarters Office at Ruthin. Salary A.P.T. Grade VI, £880—£1,080 per annum. Applicants must have had considerable experience in the control of development and general planning administration and be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute. An additional qualification in either engineering, surveying or architecture will be an advantage.

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(b) DEVELOPMENT SURVEYOR for the County Headquarters Office at Ruthin. Salary A.P.T. Grade IV. (2710—5285 per annum. This appointment is for the enforcement of planning control and applicants must be fully competent to undertake this class of work.

(c) AREA PLANNING ASSISTANT for the East Area Planning Office at Wrexham. Salary A.P.T. Grade II, £595—4675 per annum. Applicants must be competent to undertake the preparation of planning proposals, to assist in the control of development and should have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Town Planning Institute or hold an equivalent qualification.

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The foregoing appointments are subject to the terms and conditions of service applying to the administrative, technical and clerical officers of the County Council and will be terminable at the end of any month by one month's notice in writing on either side. The successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination and will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937. In respect of each appointment the successful applicant must provide and maintain a motor car, for which a travelling allowance will be paid in accordance with the Council's scale.

Applications stating appointment applied for, age, whether married or single, qualifications, present position and salary, previous positions and full details of experience obtained, together with the names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made must be sent to the undersigned by not later than the 30th day of June, 1956.

W. E. BUFTON.

Clerk of the County Council.

County Offices, Ruthin, Denbighshire.

Denbighshire.

4th June, 1956.

COUNTY OF LEICESTER

(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
£880 - £1,003.

(b) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
£795-£970.

(c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS
£690-£840.

(d) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
£595-£6575 or £640-£765.

Candidates for (a) and (b) must be registered architects experienced in the design of modern buildings and capable of carrying through large projects from inception to completion; for (c) must have passed parts I and II of the R.I.B.A.
Final; for (d) must be of intermediate standard with some experience. Lodging allowance and removal expenses may be paid to a married man in each case. Apply on form obtainable from County Architect, 123, London Road, Leicester.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURTON UPON TRENT
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following appointments:—
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT in Grade IV (£710-£885).

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(b) ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR in Grade IV (£710—£885).

Applicants for the post of Assistant Architect must be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Commencing salary in accordance with qualifications and experience. Appointments subject to satisfactory medical examination and to determination by one month's written notice on either side.

Housing accommodation, at a rent, will be provided for the successful candidates if required. Applications giving age, qualifications, full details of experience and names of two referees, should be submitted to the Borough Architect, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent, not later than Wednesday, the 27th June, 1956.

H. BAILEY CHAPMAN, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Burton upon Trent. 4th June, 1956.

LONDON ELECTRICITY BOARD
CIVIL/STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
ASSITANTS AND DRAUGHTSMEN
Applications are invited for the above positions
in the Construction Branch of the Chief Engineer's Department in Central London. ne construction Branch of the Chief Engineer's Department in Central London.
Conditions of service are in accordance with the National Joint Board agreement, Schedule "D." and salaries are inclusive of London Allowance. Applicants for the positions of Assistants should have experience in the design and detailing of reinforced concrete for foundations, framed buildings, etc., or in the design and detailing of structural steelwork for buildings, etc. Salary within Grade 5 = £735/£840 per annum.

Applicants for the positions of Draughtsmen should have experience in the preparation of drawings for either reinforced concrete or structural steelwork, or building work. Salary within Grade 6 = £588/£714 per annum.

Application forms obtainable from Personnel Officer, 46, New Broad Street, London, E.C.2. Please quote ref.: PER/V/2003/Å.

PEASU DON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND
PLANNING REOUIRE:
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade IVB.

(c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade VB, £530–6650.
Architects may work on Town Centre, Housing or Factories; experience and ability in contemporary design and the preparation of working drawings essential. Candidates for appointment (a) must also have experience in contract supervision and management.
Applicants p*sts (a) and (b) must hold professional qualification in Architecture. Post (c) must have passed intermediate R.I.B.A.
Appointments superannuable and subject to satisfactory medical examination.
Housing available for renting.
Applications on special form (obtainable from Chief Architect) to General Manager, Basildon Development Corporation, Gifford House, Basildon, Essex, endorsed with relevant appointment, by Monday, 25th June, 1956.

Monday, 25th June. 1956.

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD
Applications are invited for the following appointment on the permanent staff of the Regional Architect.
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
The commencing salary (fixed by reference to experience at full professional standard as a practising architect and to age) will be within the scale £640 × £25 (4) × £30 (4) × £35 (2) − £930, plus London Allowance. Applicants must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects and capable of preparing working and detailed drawings and specifications and specifications and specifications and specifications and specification such as the second of the sec

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Regional Hospital Board,
11a, Portland Place, W.1.

FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND
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VACANCIES: ASSISTANT QUANTITY
SURVEYORS, FEDERAL DEPT OF PUBLIC
WORKS

Applicants, under 35, must hold A.R.I.C.S.
(Quantities) or a qualification accepted by the
R.I.C.S. for exemption from their Associateship examinations. Duties include taking off and preparing Bills of Quantities for all types of public buildings, including measurement and valuation of builders' accounts. Starting salary, 1909—61,250, depending on qualifications and experience, on scale rising to £1,600 p.a. Successful applicants will probably be stationed in Salisbury but are liable to serve anywhere in the Federation. Application forms and further details from Secretary. Rhodesia House, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2. Closing date 7th July, 1956.

BOROUGH OF BARKING
DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH
ARCHITECT
QUANTITY SURVEYING ASSISTANT
Assistant for working-up required on a salary
scale of £530-£610 per annum plus London
Weighting £10-£30 per annum according to age.
Written Applications should reach the undersigned not later than 9 a.m. Friday, 22nd June,
1956.

E. R. FARR, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Barking.

Barking.

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING require ASSISTANT PLANNERS to assist in implementation of Master Plans. Experience and ability in planning design essential. Salary (A) Grade IVB £475-£485 post (A) is for an Architect Planner, qualified in both professions for Post (B) planning qualifications essential, Architectural experience desirable. Appointments superannuable. Housing available for renting. Applications on special form (obtainable from Chief Architect) to General Manager, Gifford House, Basildon, Essex, by Friday, 13th July, 1956.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following
appointments:—
(a) SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS,
A.P.T. IV-V (£710—£790),
(b) SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT,
A.P.T. IV (£710—£805),
(c) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT,
A.P.T. II (£70—£805),
APPOINTMENTS AND ASSISTANT,
A.P.T. III (£95—£765),
Appointments will be made within these grades
subject to qualifications and experience.
Further details and application forms may be
obtained from the County Architect, County
Buildings, Huntingdon. Completed application
forms should be forwarded by Friday, 29th June,
1956, to the undersigned.

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County Buildings, Huntingdon. 4th June, 1956.

Huntington.

4th June, 1956.

CITY OF WORCESTER

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ASSISTANT

ARCHITECT

Applications are invited from qualified architects for this appointment in the department of the City Engineer and Surveyor within A.P.T.

Grade V (salary £795—£970 per annum).

Candidates must be Registered Architects and Associate Members of the R.I.B.A. and should have had experience in municipal work.

Accommodation in a Corporation house will be made available to the successful candidate if required and a casual user's car allowance will also be available.

Applications with the names of two referes are to be sent to the City Engineer and Surveyor, 22, Bridge Street, Worcester, by 30th June, 1956.

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ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMAN required
by ADEN GOVERNMENT P.W.D. on contract for
tour of 18 to 24 months in first instance. Salary
according to experience in scale (including pay
differential) £930 rising to £1,452 a year. Gratuity
at rate £100/£150 a year. Outfit allowance £60.
Free passages for officer and wife. Free passages
for four children under age 18. Education allowance in lieu of passages for children between 8
and 18 years undergoing full time education in
U.K. Liberal leave on full salary. Candidates must
have sound knowledge of architectural drawing,
building construction and measurement of exising buildings. Candidates who have passed
R.I.B.A. Inter. Exam. or recognised equivalent
given preference. Write to the Crown Agents.
4. Millbank, London, S.W.I. State age, name
in block letters, full qualifications and experience
and quote M2B/41744/AG.

ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR required.
Applicants should be Associate Members of the
R.I.C.S. and be thoroughly experienced in takingoff, abstracting and billing of quantities, measurement of work in progress and settlement of final
accounts. Salary scale: £640 × £25 (4) × £35
(2) -£930 plus £20-£40 London Weighting.
Salary above minimum may be paid according
cation.
Applications, stating age, qualifications (with Guildhall, Worcester

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Applications, stating age, qualifications (with dates) and experience, together with names of two referees to Secretary, North West Metroplitan Regional Hospital Board, 11a, Portland Place, W.1, by 30th June.

LEYTON COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the permanent
appointment of a JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANT, A.P.T. GRADE I, £550—£640 per
annum including London Weighting (£30) which
is reduced according to scale where age is less
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Alternate Saturday mornings free of duty and canteen facilities available. Details and form of application from the Borough Education Officer, Kirkdale Rosd. Leytonstone, E.11, to whom they should be returned by Thursday, 5th July. 1956.

D. J. OSBORNE,

Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Leyton, E.10.

NATIONAL COAL BOARD
NORTH EASTERN DIVISION
Applications are invited for the foll
appointments in the office of the Divisional
Architect situated at Conisborough, near following nal Chief ear Don-

Architect situated at Conisborough, near Doucaster:—
QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade II.
(Salary Scale: £700 × £30-£1,000 per annum).
Qualifications: A.R.I.C.S.
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Grade II.
(Salary Scale: £520 × £20-£615 per annum).
Qualifications: Preferably Intermediate R.I.B.d.
or studying for such Examination.
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
(Salary Scale: according to age. £458. per week
at 18 to £8 158. per week at 25).
Full details and application forms obtainable
from Hugh Smith, F.R.I.B.A., Deputy Chief
drchitect, National Coal Board, P.O. Box No. 4,
Denaby, near Doncaster.

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NEWCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY REGIONAL ARCHITECT
Applications are invited for the appointment of Deputy Regional Architect on the permanent establishment of the Board's Headquarters Staf a salary of £1,95 × £50(4) × £30(1) — £1,425 per annum, subject to recently negotiated salaries increase.

at a salary of £1,195 × £50(4) × £30(1) — £1,425 per annum, subject to recently negotiated salaries increase.

Applicants must be Registered Architects and Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Good administrative and architectural experience is an essential qualification as are also ability to supervise technical staff efficiently and possession of an intimate knowledge of the design and construction of all types of hospital buildings.

The successful applicant will be expected to deputise whenever necessary in respect of the whole range of the Regional Architect's duties and responsibilities.

The conditions of service will be as laid down by the Whitley Council, and the appointment will be subject to superannuation and be terminable by one month's notice from either side. The successful applicant, if not already employed in the National Health Service, will be required to pass a medical examination before the appointment is confirmed.

Applicants should furnish full details as to age, training, qualifications, past and present appointments, present salary and professional experience, together with the names and addresses of three referees, and should reach the Secretary to the Board not later than Saturday the 50th June, 1986.

Walker Gate Hospital,

Roard not later than Saturday the 30th June, 1955.

Walker Gate Hospital,
Benfield Road,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 6.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
Applications are invited for the appointment of Assistant Architect. Salary £710—£885 per annum. Applicants must be qualified Architects and membership of the Town Planning Institute would be an advantage. Experience in the design and grouping of buildings, the re-development of building areas and the preparation of housing layouts required.

Further particulars from County Director of Planning, Shire Hall, Nottingham, to whom applications must be submitted not later than 28th June, 1956.

A. R. DAVIS,
Clerk of the County Council, 1370

NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING TRUST
SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
The Trust invites applications for the post of Senior Assistant Architect on the salary scale \$860 \times 800 - 41,050 \times 210 - 21,050 \times 210 - 21,050

which allows for the recipional translation witable cases.

Assistance in obtaining housing accommodation may be given in suitable circumstances to the successful candidate.

Please apply not later than 28th June, 1956, giving full details of age, education, qualifications and experience, including present post and salary, to the General Manager, Northern Ireland Housing Trust, 12, Hope Street, Belfast.

Please mark envelope 33/55.

MORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Applications are invited from Associate Members of the R.I.B.A. for the three following newly created posts. The Board are engaged on a number of new building projects including a new hospital at Welwyn.

SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS—Salary scale 2920×250/5 ×225—21,095 plus 640—250 London Weighting. Improvided scale awaited. Applicants must have had considerable experience in design and construction, preferably in hospitals and associated buildings. Apply, giving age, qualifications and experience, together with names of two referees, to Secretary, North Western Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, 11a, Portland Place, W.I., by 2nd July, 1867

Board. 11a, Portland Place. W.I., by 2nd July. 1367

LINDSEY COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the appointment of SENIOR ASSISTANT (ARCHITECTURAL), at Lincoln. Grade A.P.T. IV (47D—2885). Successful candidate should be suitably qualified and have some experience in dealing with redevelopment schemes, housing layouts, and architectural control. Superannuation and N.J.C. conditions of service as approved by the County Council, Post requires officer to provide own car for official journeys, for which allowance will be paid at essential user's rate for car not exceeding 10 h.p. or 1,199 c.c., subject to review according to Council's decision on application of new allowance scales. Canvassing will disqualify. Relationship to any member or senior officer of the Council to be disclosed in writing by apolicants.

Applications, with particulars of age, training, experience, and names and addresses of two referees, to County Planning Officer. The Castle, Lincoln, not later than 30th June, 1956. 1381

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL requires, in connection with extensive building programme, SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR, with experience in the preparation of estimates, bills of quantities, and final accounts. Candidates should be familiar with recent developments in cost analysis and cost planning, and must be Corporate Members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Quantity Surveying Section). Salary within scale £795—£970. Application forms from County Architect, Springfield, Maidstone. Closing date: 3rd July, 1956.

CITY OF EDMONTON, ALBERTA
Four qualified PLANNING ASSISTANTS are required in the Town Planning Department, at a salary between \$3.315 and \$4.750 per annum.
Applications, giving particulars of qualifications and experience, should be sent to the undersigned, from whom further details may be obtained.

W. R. BROWN,

W. R. BROWN, Town Planner

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W. R. BROWN,
Town Planner.

Civic Block, Edmonton, Alberta.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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PLANNING ASSISTANTS A.P.T. Grades IV/V
(£710—£970) required at PRESTON. WIGAN
AND MANCHESTER. Applicants should possess
a recognised qualification in architecture, surveying, engineering and/or town planning and should
have had experience in a planning office. The
commencing salary of the successful candidates
will be within A.P.T. IV (£710—£985).

Applications stating appointment applied for,
giving age, qualifications, present appointment,
experience, etc., and two referees to the County
Planning Officer, East Cliff County Offices,
Preston, by 25th June, 1956.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
EDUCATION ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
Applications are invited for the post of
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, in
the South-West Divisional Area, based at Dudley,
from persons having practical experience in the
building trade, the preparation of specifications
and estimates, and who are car owners. Salary
will be in accordance with Grade A.P.T., II
(£995—£675 per annum).

Forms of application, which must be returned
within 10 days from the date of this advertisement, may be obtained from A. C. H. Stillman,
F.R.I.B.A. County Education Architect, Green
Hall, Lichfield Road, Stafford.
T. H. EVANS,
Clerk of the County Council.

COUNTY LONDONDERRY EDUCATION
COMMITTEE
SECTION ARCHITECT
Applications are invited for the above position in the Committee's Offices in Coleraine. Applicants must be Associates of the R.I.B.A. or have equivalent qualifications. Remuneration, within the range £756-£1,150, point of entry according to experience and qualifications. Travelling expenses at County Council rates. Application forms and conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Director of Education, Education Offices, New Row, Coleraine, and completed forms should be returned not later than 21st June, 1956. 1379

COUNTY OF ESSEX
BOROUGH OF WALTHAMSTOW
COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION
Applications are invited for the appointment
of SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT in the
Office of the Education Architect, Mr. T. L.
Rampton, A.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.C.S.
Salary in accordance with A.P.T. Grade V.
4795 × 255 increments to 470 per annum, plus
London Weighting of 430 (under 26 years of age
420).

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Applicants must be Associate Members of the R.I.B.A. and have had experience in the design and construction of schools. Experience in contract administration and control of staff an ad-

vantage.

The appointment is superannuable and subject to medical examination.

Applications on forms to be obtained from and returned to the Borough Education Officer, Town Hall. Forest Road. Walthamstow. E.17. within two weeks of the appearance of this notice. 1345

CITY OF SHEFFIELD

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CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S

DEPARTMENT

SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT, GRADE

Applications are invited for the position of
Senior Planning Assistant, Grade A.P.T. VI
(1880-£1.080), on the Staff of the City Engineer
and Surveyor and Town Planning Officer (H.
Foster, M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E.).

Oualifications: A.M.T.P.I. or A.R.I.B.A. or
A.R.I.C.S.; preference will be given to candidates
with Planning and Architectural experience.

Housing accommodation will be made available
if required.
Superannuable post. N.J.C. conditions of
service medical examination.

Applications: stating age, education and training, qualifications: experience, present and past
appointments (with dates and salaries), and
quoting the names of two referees, should be
submitted to the undersigned by the 2nd July,
1956.

JOHN HEYS. Town Clerk

Town Hall Sheffield, 1.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DEWSBURY
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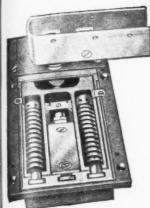
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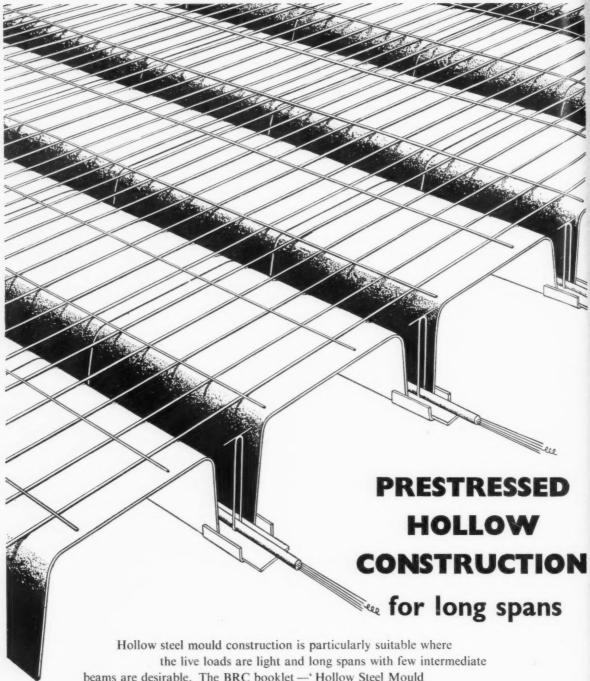


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